

Author Biography for **DAVID PLATT**



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David Platt is the pastor of the Church at Brook Hills, a four-thousand-member congregation in Birmingham, Alabama, comprised of world-impacting disciples who really believe that as a church they can shake the nations for God's glory.

David's first love in ministry is disciple-making—the simple biblical model of teaching God's Word, mentoring others and sharing faith. He has traveled extensively to teach the Bible and church leaders throughout the United States and around the world. Atlanta natives, he and his wife, Heather, made their home in New Orleans until they were displaced by flooding following Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

In 2010, David's first book, *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith From The American Dream*, launched a word-of-mouth phenomenon in evangelical Christianity. Enjoying more than a year on *The New York Times* bestseller list, the book continues to impact people around the world. A second bestselling book, *Radical Together* (2011), expanded David's message in the context of Christian community. The books grew out of a challenge David issued to the members of his church he called "The Radical Experiment." By calling his congregation to take Jesus at his word in several specific ways, The Radical Experiment led to dozens of Brook Hills families relocating to urban areas of Birmingham to invest in neighborhood renewal, hundreds of families beginning the process to become foster or adoptive parents, and hundreds of thousands of dollars given to help children in India through Compassion International.

A life-long learner, David has earned two undergraduate and three advanced degrees. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (A.B.J.) from the University of Georgia, and a Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Master of Theology (Th.M.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has previously served at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary as Dean of Chapel and Assistant Professor of Expository Preaching and Apologetics, and as Staff Evangelist at Edgewater Baptist Church in New Orleans.



David holds a deep and abiding passion for global disciple-making. "I believe that God has uniquely created every one of His people to impact the world. Some may count it as idealistic, but I believe it is thoroughly biblical, rooted in Psalm 67:1-2, yet covering Scripture from beginning to end. God is in the business of blessing His people so that His ways and His salvation might be made known among all people."

David practices what he preaches through his travel nationally and internationally, teaching from God's Word in churches, seminaries, the underground church or even under a shade tree in Africa or Latin America.

David and Heather were married in 1999. They are the parents of two sons, Caleb and Joshua, and a daughter, Mara Ruth.