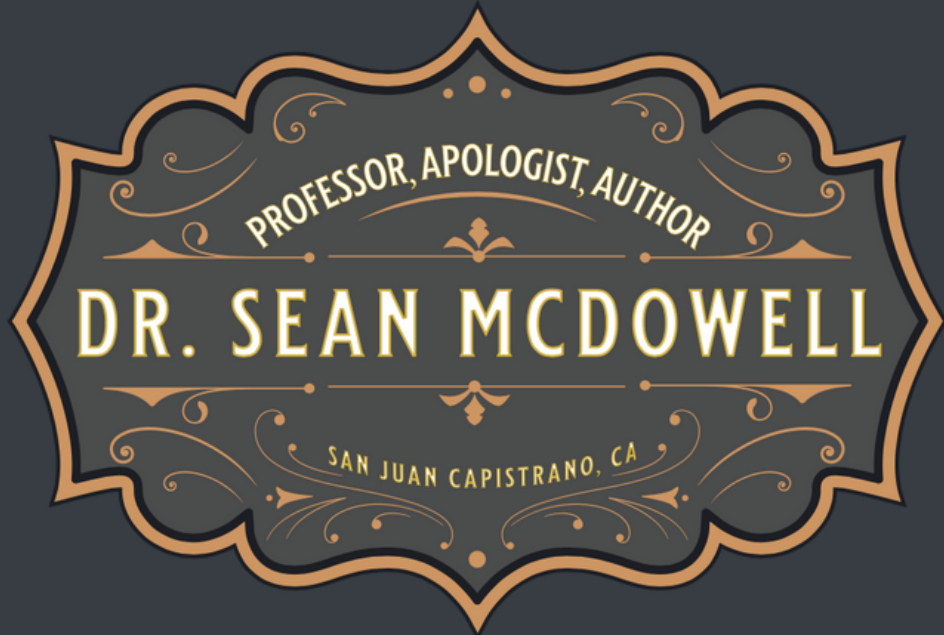




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- M.A. Theology, Talbot School of Theology (summa cum laude, 2003)
- Professor at Biola
- 25 years as an international speaker
- Co-host of the popular Think Biblically podcast
- Author of over 20 books. Find them [here](#).

EXPERTISE

- Apologetics
- Cultural Engagement
- Reaching the Next Generation
- Gen Z
- Sexuality and Identity

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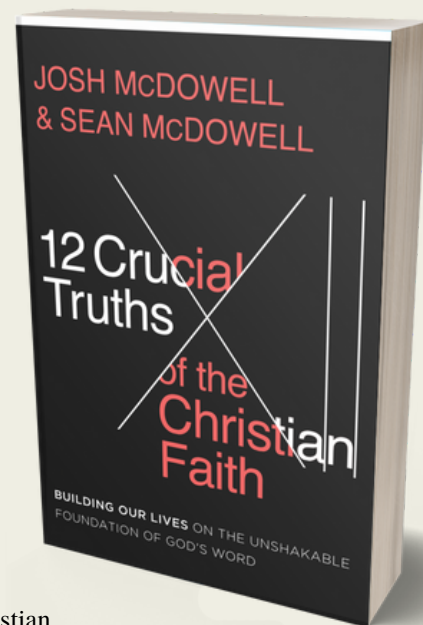


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Relational apologetics for this generation—and the next. Mounting disenchantment with the Christian faith has resulted in a growing concern for the future of the church, particularly as it relates to the most recent generations. But as we seek to reach young unbelievers with the truth, transformation, and joy only Jesus can provide, we must first understand it for ourselves. In *The 12 Crucial Truths of the Christian Faith*, acclaimed apologists Josh and Sean McDowell clearly and winsomely distill the essentials of a living Christian faith. More than just intellectual ideas, these truths are reflections of a way of life exemplified by God, helping readers:

- Deepen their understanding of what they believe, why they believe it, and how they can align their actions with these beliefs
- Live in right relationship with God, themselves and others
- Establish a transformative foundation of faith in the lives of generations to come

WHY IS IT NEWSWORTHY?

- Denominational fractures. Culture wars. A culture of ever-increasing skepticism and hostility demands truth is relative and rages against our attempts to live out the Great Commission.
- This book tackles the pressing issue of mounting disenchantment with the Christian faith, especially among younger generations (church dropout rates were up to 64% in recent years). In an era where faith is often questioned and doubted, it provides valuable insights and accessible answers in a way that allows for relationships to be built and, therefore, the truth to be learned, shared, known.
- The concept of “relational apologetics” is a fresh and necessary approach to engaging with today's culture.
- Going beyond theoretical theology, arguments and debate tactics, Sean provides practical guidance on how we can deepen our faith by living it ... and create disciples relationally.

READERS WILL ...

- Be helped to understand apologetics relationally, seeing how right believing affects not only them, but also the people they encounter
- Learn to lovingly and boldly engage an increasingly deteriorating culture
- Learn how to engage with others in a way that is honest, gracious, relational
- Gain a deep understanding of the core doctrines and beliefs that underpin the Christian faith (these aren't just intellectual ideas but are explored as reflections of a way of life!).
- Become armed with a knowledge of what they believe and *why* — an essential component of living a life of faith and sharing God with others

CONVERSATION STARTERS

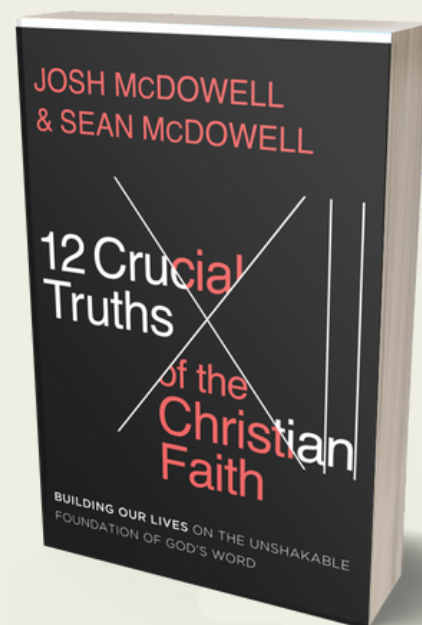
- What makes this book unique?
- This is a book written by a father and son. How does your relationship with your dad inform the writing of this book?
- You first published this book in 2010 under the title: *The Unshakable Truth*. What did you change in this update?
- The book is titled *12 Crucial Truths*. Is truth itself under attack today? Is there confusion about it? Why is truth even important?
- What makes something a “crucial truth”? How did you decide what to include in the book?
- What are the three questions you address in each chapter?
- The first truth is that God exists. How do we know God is real and why does that truth matter for our identity and relationships?
- Truth #3 is “All have sinned.” This chapter is perhaps the most updated of all chapters. Why did you change this chapter so dramatically?
- The fourth truth is that God became human. That is a radical claim. How do we know Jesus is God and what does that truth mean for our relationships with God and others?
- Truth #9 is “We worship one God in three persons.” What do we mean that God is triune and why is this truth so important?
- How do you hope people will use this book?

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“More than ever, followers of Jesus Christ must lovingly and boldly engage an increasingly deteriorating culture with a biblical worldview. Dynamic father-son duo Josh and Sean McDowell have provided to the church of our Lord Jesus Christ a compelling, credible, and accessible answer to this urgent need. I fully recommend *12 Crucial Truths of the Christian Faith*.”

—Dr. Mark Yarbrough, President of Dallas Theological Seminary

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—J.P. Moreland, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Talbot School of Theology, author of *The God Question*

“Josh and Sean have created a great apologetics primer for our modern society. Their book *12 Crucial Truths of the Christian Faith* explains the eternal truths of Christianity from an apologetics perspective (i.e., giving reasons why we should believe each truth). However, it also goes beyond traditional theology/apologetic books by highlighting why these truths are important for today's biggest questions. The existence of God, the reliability of Scripture, and the humanity of Jesus are not just important concepts for understanding Christianity. Each of these truths ground other cultural issues—such as our identities as humans, sexuality, marriage, and our understanding of love—all hotly contested issues in our modern world. Essentially, this book gets beneath the theological and evidential questions and emphasizes what these truths mean for our existential questions. The pages are filled with stories from Josh's and Sean's childhood and parenting journeys, showing caregivers and mentors how to make these truths relevant to the needs of today's generation.”

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“Josh and Sean McDowell have done an incredible job of creating a definitive work on developing a biblical worldview while at the same time making it personal. Just like other resources written by them, this will be a classic and the go-to book to help us understand how these 12 essential truths are keys to our faith. What I like so much about the McDowells is this doesn't read like a stodgy theology book, but rather a book filled with life-changing information presented in a very practical and readable manner.”

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“With all the chaos in today's culture, it's easy for Christians to lose sight of the essentials of the faith, but those foundational truths could not be more important. This book is an indispensable resource for anyone who wants to get back to the basics of what Christians believe and why. It's accessible, practical, and full of valuable theological insights for believers young and old.”

—Natasha Crain, speaker, podcaster and author of four books, including *Faithfully Different*

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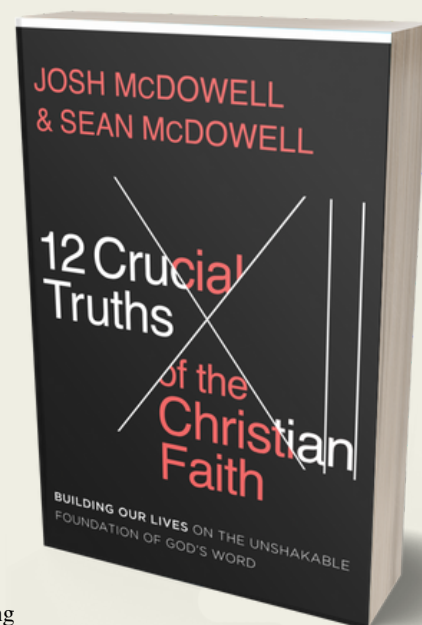
—Skip Heitzig, author of *The Bible From 30,000 Feet*, pastor of Calvary Church, Albuquerque

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—**Jeff Myers, PhD, President of Summit Ministries**

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—**Reverend Samuel Rodriguez, author of many best-selling books, including *Your Mess, God's Miracle***

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