

Marilyn Hickey: Do You Need to Fall in Love With God All Over Again?

Do you have a passion for the Word of God, or do you need to fall in love with God all over again?

Take heart; *The Passion Translation*, written by Brian Simmons, will bless you. A modern, easy-to-read Bible translation, *The Passion Translation* unlocks the passion of God's heart and expresses His fiery love.

Reading the Bible and understanding the Bible are two different things. Brian, a former missionary linguist and pastor, felt God leading him to a new commission, one that set him on a years-long quest to translate the Bible into a new, dynamic form to impact generations of English speakers. His goal was to help people understand the Bible and the heart of God.

From his radical conversion to Christianity in the early 1970s during the Jesus movement, Brian's passion was to bring the Word to the masses and to be a part of the world harvest. In his career Brian was a missionary to Panama and Colombia, and then he went on to pastor a church in New England. He'd thought his path was set, and then God told him to hand the church over to a younger team. "What now?" he asked the Lord.

"What now" became a 12-year-long commission to create this new Bible translation. Brian admits he doesn't feel worthy to do this work, but he dove in because he felt called to it. "God looks at faithfulness. Obey Him and the reward and fruit will come."

No translation is perfect, but the Spirit of the Lord helped him and two other scholars to create the translation.

Brian explained, “When you communicate from one language to another, you have to move words around. So, every translation is a paraphrase in that you move the sentence structure around to fit the receptor language.” The result is a stirring, dynamic version of ancient Scripture.

The experience of working on this translation blessed Brian. His observation is an encouragement to all of us: “Our faith level rises in difficulties and joys. The Word of God is true no matter what is happening around us.” {eoa}

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