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Beautifully designed and featuring stunning black-and-white photographs, this moving book will appeal to fans of *Crowns* and to Christians of all denominations and colors who seek a deeper understanding of the meaning and the glories of their faith.

David Ritz recently embraced Christianity, and *Messengers* is a tribute to the people who awakened his personal faith and to others, both famous and unknown, whose words—sometimes set to music—have inspired millions of believers. The gifted photographer Nicola Goode contributes glowing portraits of each of them.

The messengers are an extraordinarily diverse group: women and men; ministers and musicians; singers and teachers; preachers known throughout the world and preachers known only in their neighborhoods. There are stories and reflections from Bishop Noel Jones (brother of Grace); Harlem's own Rev. Dr. Calvin Butts; Rev. Peter J. Gomes of Harvard; gospel mega-stars Donnie McClurkin, Kirk Franklin, Marvin Winans, Smokey Norful, and Candi Staton; Christian life coach Dr. Arlene Churn; Dr. Mable John, a Los Angeles evangelist and former backup vocalist for Ray Charles; Chris Burge, a former Wall Street executive salesman who is saving souls in New York City and is also now a well known author; and a Washington, D.C., pastor who also runs a window-washing business. In voices joyful, clear, and strong, these mighty men and women of God convey messages of faith, love, and hope addressed directly to the heart.

### CONTRIBUTORS:

Dr. Mable John—SATURATE THE HOUSE WITH PRAISE

Reverend Professor Peter J. Gomes—ENNOBLING, ENABLING, POWERFUL

Smokie Norful—A TEACHABLE HEART

Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry—I HAVE HEARD THE VOICE OF GOD AND I WILL ANSWER HIM

Pastor Jesse Andrus—JESUS IS ABOUT CHANGE

Dr. Arlene Churn—WALKING EPISTLES

Reverend Calvin Butts—CRY OUT TO HIM IN PAIN

Reverend Elliott Greene—THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY

Candi Staton—HE’S NO FARTHER THAN A THOUGHT AWAY

Pastor Reginald T. Johnson, Jr.—TURN, TURN, TURN

Chris Burge—THE BEAUTIFUL BUSINESS OF DOING GOD’S WILL

The Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.—MY JOB IS TO PROCLAIM HIM

Pastor Willette A. Burgie—JESUS MEETS US WHEREVER WE ARE

Pastor Marvin L. Winans—HE IS THE SONG

Bishop Alice Pope—I AM A SERVANT

Reverend Altagracia Perez—ENCOMPASSED IN TRANQUILITY

Bishop Noel Jones—GOD IS SETTING YOU UP: SITUATIONS FOR REVELATIONS

Reverend Georgia Hill Thompson—THE IRRESISTIBLE PULL

Kirk Whalum—SACRED FOUNTAIN OF CREATIVE BEAUTY

Reverend Anthony Trufant—TURN OUR EYES INTO EARS

Pastor Jackie McCullough—THE LOVER OF OUR SOUL, THE HONEY IN THE ROCK

Pastor Donnie McClurkin—DELIVERANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Kirk Franklin—HEALED AND SEALED IN GRACE

Bishop Kenneth Ulmer—BUILDING CHAMPIONS FOR DIVINE DEPLOYMENT

Patrick Henderson—PRAISING GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE, WORSHIPPING HIM FOR WHO HE IS

“ . . . he who receives and welcomes and takes into his heart any messenger of mine receives me.” —John 13:20 (Amplified Bible)

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