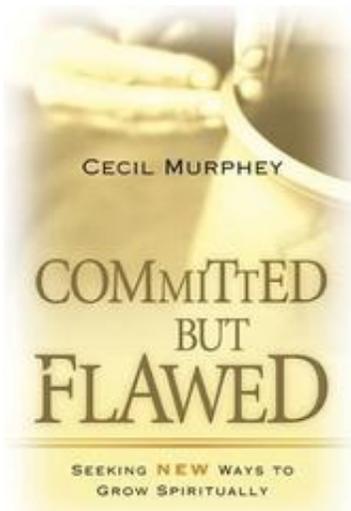


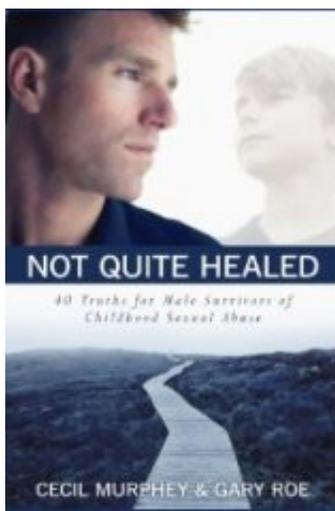


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Do you want to enhance your prayer life? Are you seeking new ways to grow spiritually? This book will help.



Not Quite Healed is a good resource for sexual abuse survivors who want to overcome the challenges they face.

It Takes So Little

"Maria's" nephew had taken his own life. Deb Nayrocker emailed to tell me she had called the woman. "I'm touched that you called," Maria told her.

"I was the only one who called her," Deb wrote. "I didn't understand why no one had talked to the grieving woman about her nephew's death."

Because Deb had read an illustration in [*Committed But Flawed*](#), a book I wrote a decade ago, she wrote to me. In that book, I mentioned I served on the church council in Atlanta for our monthly business meeting. Instead of giving his report, one pastor lost control. For several minutes, through his tears, he told us about the painful division in his church and the personal attacks he'd received.

Although other members seemed embarrassed, after he stopped, we went on with business. Everyone acted as if nothing unusual had taken place.

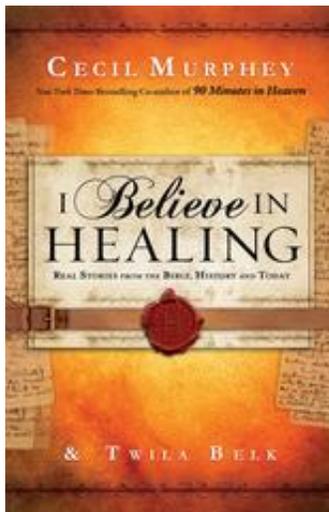
For a couple of days afterward, I hesitated to do anything, assuming he had been inundated with compassionate calls. I finally phoned him to express my concern. For several minutes he unburdened himself. The situation was so bad it was affecting his health and his marriage.

One of the last things he said was, "You're the only one who has called."

The only one. Deb's experience. My experience. Both of us had reached out, assuming others had also expressed compassion. To hear there had been no others shocked us.

"It takes so little effort to encourage most people," I told my wife. "But it does take effort."

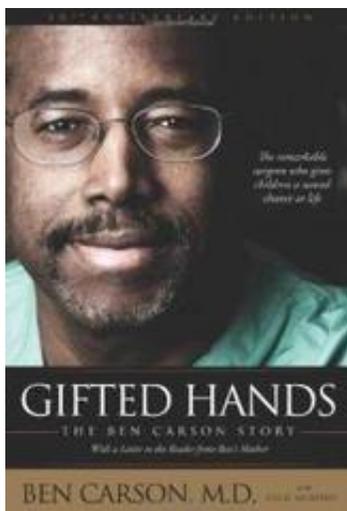
Isn't it sad that we don't reach out more often to those who hurt? We offer excellent excuses for our inaction: We don't know what to say; we



Powerful stories of divine healing from the Bible, history, and today will remind you that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.



Written in a compassionate and empathetic way, this book provides thoughtful tips and helpful resources for those facing the imminent death of a loved one.



Gifted Hands is the dramatic and intimate story of Ben Carson's struggle to beat the odds and of the faith and

assume others are reaching out; we don't feel qualified.

Years ago, I decided that I could claim such excuses (and perhaps a few additional ones), but that shouldn't stop me. I stopped worrying whether I might say the correct words or be number 400 to make contact.

When people hurt, I need to reach out. No matter how hesitantly or badly I speak, my message will get across: *I care*.

Yes, it takes so little effort, but it does take effort.

Personal News

Several of you have asked about my wife. At the pain clinic, they gave Shirley a steroid injection and she's better. They want to do it every three months.

I'm scheduled for two radio interviews this month.

On March 15-16, I'll drive to Greenville, SC to teach and speak at the [Write2Ignite conference](#).

Two of my books release this month: [Not Quite Healed: 40 Truths for Male Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse](#) (written with Gary Roe) and [Believe in Healing: Real Stories from the Bible, History and Today](#) (written with Twila Belk).

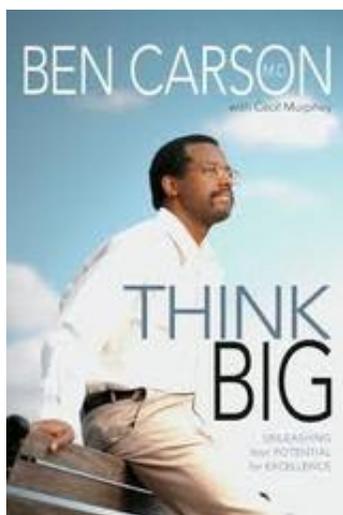
The Twila Zone—Words from My Assistant, Twila Belk

After Dr. Ben Carson spoke at the National Prayer Breakfast in February, he gained a lot of media attention. During his talk, he mentioned his background and growing up years. Cec wrote Ben's story, and you can read it in [Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story](#). First published in 1990, the book continues to sell well. The movie is on DVD and stars Cuba Gooding, Jr. The follow-up book is [Think Big: Unleashing Your Potential for Excellence](#).

We appreciate those who take time to write reviews for Cec's books. Thank you to Judith Robl for her thoughtful words about Cec's newest gift book, [Saying Goodbye: Facing the Loss of a Loved One](#).

"If you are in the midst of losing a family member or close friend this book will help you gain some perspective and become less uncomfortable with what is happening and how to deal with it," she wrote. "If you are not now engaged in saying goodbye to someone you love, the chances are you will be at some point. When that time comes, you will be grateful to have read this book and to have kept it close at

genius that make him one of the most celebrated neurosurgeons in the world. An inspiring read!



Dr. Ben Carson is a role model for anyone who attempts the seemingly impossible. Learn the principles he applied that helped him accomplish big things after a life of hardship and struggle.

hand.”

Do you have a care ministry, grief ministry, or Stephen Ministry at your church? Cec has written several gift books that might be a good fit. Each one is warmly written and accompanied by beautiful pictures: (1) [When Someone You Love Has Cancer](#), (2) [Words of Comfort for Times of Loss](#), (3) [When Someone You Love No Longer Remembers](#), (4) [Because You Care: Spiritual Encouragement for Caregivers](#), and (5) [Saying Goodbye: Facing the Loss of a Loved One](#).

For an excerpt from [Not Quite Healed](#), see the article at *Charisma Magazine*: [“Should I Be Healed by Now?”](#)

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