

Foreword

This is an important book because it deals with the difference between the attributed righteousness, which we received by faith in Jesus Christ, and the righteousness that comes from walking in obedience to God. Os Hillman addresses spiritual issues that sometimes are viewed as difficult or even contrary to the joy, liberty, and freedom we experienced when we first came to the Lord. This book is a treasure that needs to be read, reread, and digested many times over.

The kingdom of God is not mentioned in these pages all that much, and yet this book speaks about life in the kingdom of God. In God's plan of salvation, he purposed for the church to be an expression of the kingdom and to demonstrate the hope of the kingdom as it will come in its fullness. This involves the glorious experiences of the power of God, but also the sharing of death to self, in order for Christ to be revealed in us, as the Scripture says, "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27 NKJV). This process is often difficult and painful, but it is necessary and is a work of the Holy Spirit.

In the *Joseph Calling: Six Stages to Understand, Navigate, and Fulfill Your Purpose*, Os Hillman has found a wonderful way of expressing these deeper things of the Lord. This will cause many to mirror their own lives in the experiences he has shared and bring confirmation to their calling from God. This is of utmost importance as we all share in God's primary purpose—the coming of his kingdom, and that God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven—anything else would be to receive God's grace for selfish purposes.

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