

# Reviews: ‘Reset’ and ‘Broken and Whole’

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***Reset: Jesus Changes Everything***

**By Nick Hall (Multnomah)**

Author Nick Hall presents *Reset* in two parts. Part One introduces the author to the reader. Hall’s honesty is inspiring, as he shares stories from his past explaining how God captured his heart at an early age. Hall’s college years gave birth to the ministry Pulse, and later, his visionary Together 2016 rally on the Washington Mall became reality. The biblical illustrations bring life to the pages, relating past stories to modern-day issues. Hall’s personality fills Part One and leaves the reader hungry to discover the dynamics of *Reset*.



Part Two, “Hitting Reset,” provides the reader with a simple solution, “If you start with Jesus, everything can change.” The information gathered from student surveys is the subject of the eight chapters, each speaking to the hearts of members of the student generation. The chapter titles begin with a cry to Jesus for a reset. The author addresses the following resets in a straightforward manner and with biblical truth, calling on Jesus to “rest my faith ... my plans ... my self-image ... my relationship ... my purity ... my habits ... my affections ... (and) my generation.” Hall challenges the reader with a series of simple action items at the end of each section.

*Reset* is a must-read, as Hall fills each page with encouragement and hope.

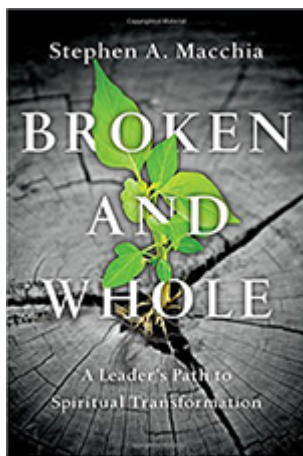
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## ***Broken and Whole: A Leader's Path to Spiritual Transformation***

**By Stephen A. Macchia (IVP)**

Stephen A. Macchia, author of 10 books, including *Becoming a Healthy Church*, directs his latest work to leaders. But each of us has experienced the pitfalls he lists in *Broken and Whole*.



Macchia, founding president of Leadership Transformation and director of the Pierce Center for Disciple-Building at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, addresses leaders, sometimes speaking of his own failures and other times dealing with failures and/or sin in general. He takes 1 Corinthians 13—the biblical “love chapter”— phrase by phrase as the subtitle for each chapter, and he encourages readers to see and implement a specific aspect of love that can overcome each failure. For instance, the title of Chapter 7 is “The Destructive Power of Unbridled Anger,” and the subtitle is “Love is not easily angered.”

Each chapter ends with a “Spiritual Leadership Audit”—a spiritual inventory of where the reader is with regard to what he or she has just read. Embracing this is what leads to spiritual transformation. Christian leaders will appreciate this helpful book as they labor in God’s kingdom.

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