

# Jesus saved Beth Moore's life; Twitter blew it up

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HOUSTON (RNS)—For the past few years, Bible teacher and best-selling author Beth Moore has been one tweet away from disaster.

Moore, perhaps the best-known ex-Southern Baptist in the country, will recount her Twitter battles, her split with her former denomination and—more importantly—her lifelong journey with Jesus, in a new memoir titled *All My Knotted-Up Life*, due out next spring from Tyndale.

News of the memoir first was reported by [Cathy Grossman of Publishers Weekly](#). Tyndale publisher Karen Watson told *Publishers Weekly* the memoir will be a “southern literary reflection on an unlikely and winsomely remarkable life.”

Among the characters in the memoir will be Moore's tobacco-chewing great-grandmother Miss Ruthie, known for her floor-length silver locks.

“My whole family—well, for the most part—is like this. Spitting in a can, all spool-headed, one minute. Sleek and lovely and mesmerizing the next,” Moore writes in the memoir, according to *Publishers Weekly*.

## Parting ways with Southern Baptists

For decades, Moore was beloved among Southern Baptists and other evangelicals for best-selling Bible studies and sold-out Living Proof events for women, named for Moore's ministry.

She ran afoul of Southern Baptist leaders for her criticism of Donald Trump during the 2016 election, especially after the Access Hollywood tapes

surfaced of the candidate making lewd remarks about women—and seemed to be met with shrugged shoulders by evangelical leaders.

“I expected Donald Trump to be Donald Trump,” she said during a 2021 speaking engagement in Nashville, Tenn. “That was not a shock to me. I did not expect us to be us.”

That criticism led to a backlash from pastors and churches, who stopped buying Moore’s Bible studies, which were published by Lifeway Christian Resources at the time. Her ministry lost millions in the years after Trump’s election.

Then Moore posted what she thought was an innocuous comment on Twitter about speaking at a Mother’s Day church service, which sparked a national controversy over the role of women in the church. That debate overshadowed other issues in the Southern Baptist Convention, including the denomination’s reckoning with sexual abuse in churches.

“We were in the middle of the biggest sexual abuse scandal that has ever hit our denomination,” Moore told Religion News Service in March 2021. “And suddenly, the most important thing to talk about was whether or not a woman could stand at the pulpit and give a message.”

Eventually Moore cut ties with Lifeway and left the SBC. She now attends an Anglican church and frequently tweets about her experiences as a newcomer to a liturgical tradition.

Still, she told RNS in 2021, she was grateful for the role SBC churches played in her life, saying that her home church was a “safe place” during a difficult childhood.

“I love so many Southern Baptist people, so many Southern Baptist churches, but I don’t identify with some of the things in our heritage that haven’t remained in the past,” she told RNS in March 2021, in discussing

her departure from the SBC.

Despite social media controversies, Moore had remained an active Twitter user, connecting with just under a million followers and mixing in photos from her life, thoughts about cooking and family, and reflections on the Bible.

Recently she [tweeted](#) about how social media algorithms have “made us crazy.”

“I don’t want to be their fool,” she tweeted recently. “Now I’m mostly on here these days for the fun of it & for the community of people I interact with here that I don’t have anywhere else in my life so I’m staying on for now. But I, at least, want to learn how to be less, how shall I put this, stupid.”