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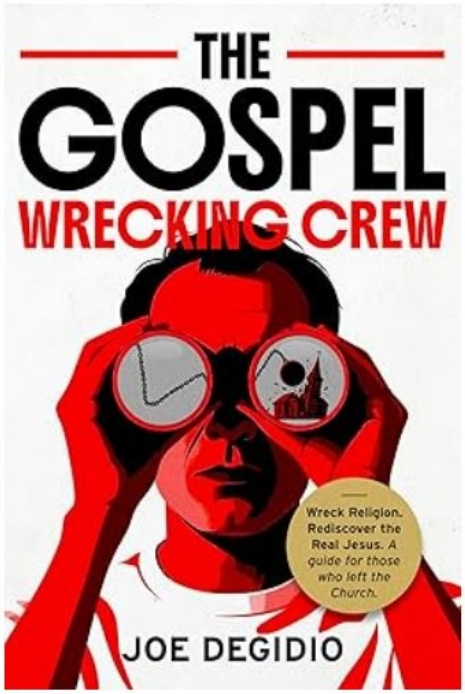
Joe Degidio

Author of *The Gospel Wrecking Crew*



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BOOK AT A GLANCE

TITLE The Gospel Wrecking Crew

SUBTITLE Wreck Religion. Rediscover the Real Jesus.

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ELEVATOR PITCH (30 WORDS)

A book for people who left the church. Joe Degidio cuts through religious wreckage and points to the real Jesus underneath. Kind, direct, unapologetic about the truth.

SHORT PITCH (100 WORDS)

Joe Degidio almost lost his faith the day his megachurch explained a pastor's death with three words: "God took him." Thirty years of asking better questions later, he wrote The Gospel Wrecking Crew, the book his younger self needed. Written for the millions of Americans who left organized religion, those still healing from religious damage, and anyone wondering if the Jesus they walked away from was ever the real one. Joe is not a pastor. He is the wise friend who tells you your questions are not a sign of weak faith. They are the beginning of real faith.

LONG PITCH (250 WORDS)

The American church has a problem. Millions of people who used to fill its pews have walked out and never come back. Joe Degidio almost became one of them.

The breaking point came in a Bible study, the day his megachurch explained the death of a pastor on a mission trip with three words: "God took him." A grieving wife. Two children. A faithful man dead. The best answer offered was a casual sentence that nearly cost Joe his faith on the spot.

He stayed. But he stopped trusting the version of Christianity he had been handed. He spent the next three decades asking harder questions and looking past the building to what the first century followers actually believed before the church machine got built around it.

The result is The Gospel Wrecking Crew, a book for people who left church and never went back, people who stayed but never felt at home, and anyone wondering if the Jesus they walked away from was ever the real one.

Readers describe Joe as "a wise friend who tells you it's OK to question the status quo of most western church assumptions" and the book as "a healing balm" for those still working through their own deconstruction.

Joe writes for the skeptical, the wounded, and the exhausted. He brings the patience of a man who took thirty years to find his answers, the bluntness of someone with nothing to lose by being honest, and the kindness of someone who knows exactly how much pain the reader is carrying.

KEY THEMES & TALKING POINTS

- Religious deconstruction without abandoning faith
- Why millions have left organized Christianity and what the church is missing about them
- First century Christianity vs. modern church culture
- Suffering and the failure of "God took him" theology
- What faith actually is and how it grows
- Jesus vs. the church machine
- Political Christianity, prosperity culture, and other distortions of the message
- Permission to question without losing belief
- Reconstruction after leaving organized religion
- Following Jesus without going back to a building

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

SHORT BIO (50 WORDS)

Joe Degidio is the author of The Gospel Wrecking Crew. Not a pastor. Not a theologian. A man who almost walked out of a megachurch Bible study and spent thirty years asking better questions. He writes for skeptics, wounded Christians, and anyone the church could not hold.

MEDIUM BIO (150 WORDS)

Joe Degidio is the author of The Gospel Wrecking Crew, a book for people leaving the church without leaving Jesus. The book came out of a faith crisis that started in a Bible study, the day a megachurch leader explained the death of a pastor with three words: "God took him." Joe almost walked out for good. He stayed, but he stopped settling for answers that did not hold up.

Three decades of historical study, hard questions, and honest conversations with a group of men he calls the Wrecking Crew became the book. Joe writes the way a trusted friend speaks. Kind, direct, and unapologetic about the truth. Readers describe him as the friend they wish they had during their hardest years.

LONG BIO (300 WORDS)

Joe Degidio is the author of The Gospel Wrecking Crew, a book written for the millions of Americans who left organized Christianity and the millions more still inside who suspect the version they were handed is not the original.

For most of his adult life, Joe tried to balance work, family, and faith inside churches that often felt political, corporate, or disconnected from the Jesus of the gospels. The breaking point came in a Bible study, the day his megachurch explained a pastor's death on a mission trip with three words: "God took him." Joe sat there with the grieving wife and two children and felt his faith almost leave him on the spot.

He stayed. But he stopped trusting the framework he had been operating inside. He spent the next thirty years asking harder questions and looking past the building to the historical record of what the first century followers actually believed before the church machine got built around it.

Along the way, a small group of men formed around the same questions. Doctors, business owners, fathers, sons of pastors who walked away. They argued. They studied. They called themselves the Wrecking Crew because what they were doing felt like demolition before construction.

The Gospel Wrecking Crew is the work of that crew, written down. Joe writes for skeptics, wounded Christians, counselors and pastors working with the walking wounded, and anyone whose questions got labeled weak faith by people who could not answer them.

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Pre-built questions for podcast hosts, journalists, and event interviewers. Use any of them. Cut, adapt, or rearrange. Joe is comfortable taking any of these in any direction.

01. The book opens with a pastor's death and three words: "God took him." Walk us through what happened that day.

02. You spent thirty years asking the questions this book answers. Why so long?

03. The Wrecking Crew is a real group. Who are they and how did they form?

04. You distinguish between Jesus and the church machine. What is the difference?

05. Millions of Americans have left organized Christianity. What is the church missing about them?

06. The book has gotten praise from both skeptics and wounded Christians. Who is it not for?

07. You take a hard position on prosperity preaching and political Christianity. Why?

08. What did first century followers believe that modern churches do not teach?

09. You give people permission to leave the building without leaving Jesus. Why is that controversial?

10. What do you say to someone whose deconstruction has taken them past Jesus entirely?

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

> *The author becomes a wise friend who tells you it's not only OK to question the status quo of most western church assumptions, but boldly guides you through the confusion right to Jesus's own words. Joe is kind and respectful, but unapologetic in cutting through the ignorant assumptions even some well meaning churches spread that adds confusion to really finding the true Jesus. This book would have been so helpful then, and is still a healing balm now.*
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> **— Verified Amazon Reader**

More reader endorsements available on request.

PULLABLE QUOTES FROM THE BOOK

Cleared for use in articles, social posts, and broadcast.

"It is 34 AD. There are no churches. There are no popes. There is only a message spreading like a brush fire across an empire that tried to silence it."

"The come-as-you-are message became a dress code. The God who pursued you became the God who punished you."

"Your soul needs to be connected to something this world cannot provide. The restlessness you feel is not a malfunction. It is a signal."

"The cross was never a flag."

"Your questions are not a sign of weak faith. They are the beginning of real faith."

"Throw away the old Jesus, the one your church weaponized, the one your culture caricatured. That was never him."

AVAILABLE ASSETS

Email joe@gospelwreckingcrew.com to request any of the following:

- Author bios (short, medium, long) in text format
- Headshots and lifestyle photos in high resolution
- Book cover in multiple formats, with and without text
- Sample chapters in PDF
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