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# Discipleship 101: The Difficulties of Discipleship

## Philippians 1:12-26



“Some believe that Marines are forged in a furnace of shared hardship and tough training. Shared, intense experience creates a bond so strong between Marines that nothing can stop them from accomplishing their mission.”

- *Military.com*







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And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. **Philippians 1:14**





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2. Alienation (v. 15-18a)
3. Death (v. 18b-26)



“Through the half-open door in one room of the huts I saw Pastor Bonhoeffer, before taking off his prison garb, kneeling on the floor praying fervently to his God. I was most deeply moved by the way this lovable man prayed, so devout and so certain that God heard his prayer. At the place of execution he said a short prayer and then climbed the steps to the gallows, brave and composed. ... In the almost fifty years that I have worked as a doctor, I have hardly ever seen a man die so entirely submissive to the will of God.”

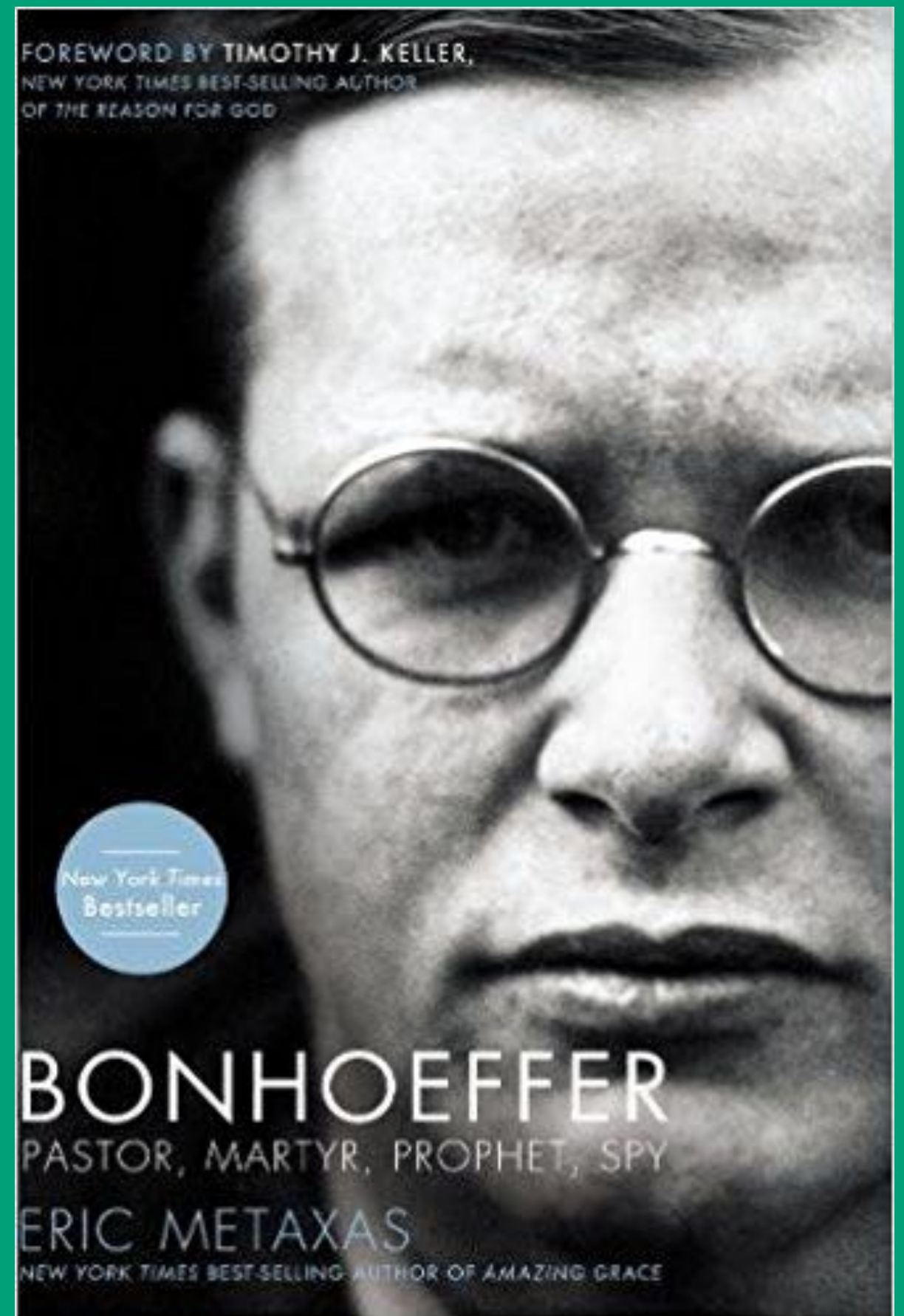




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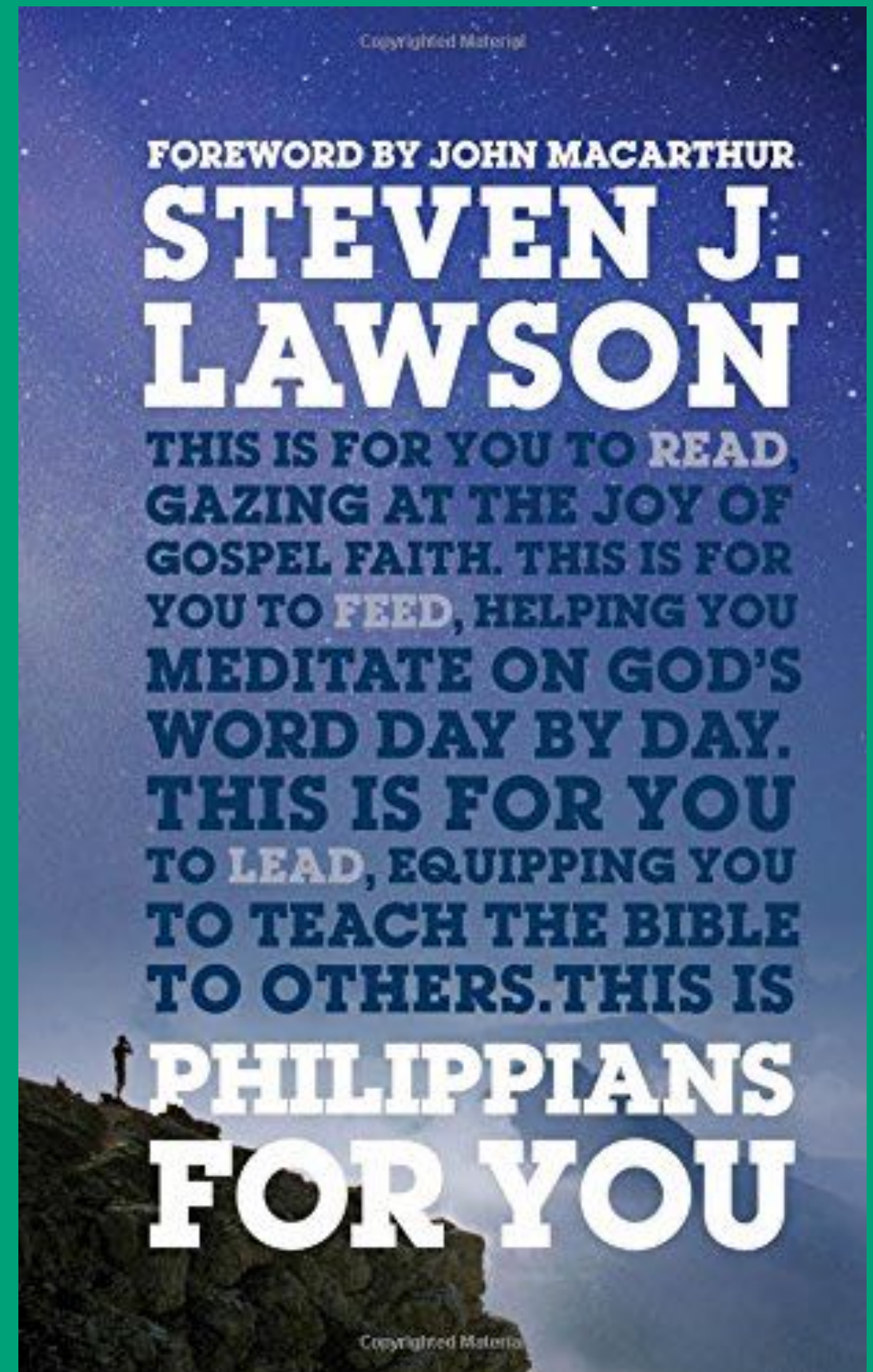
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1. For the lost (v. 12-14)

“You are not where you are by accident. You are where you are by divine appointment, for the purposes of sharing the gospel.”

- Steven Lawson



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All God's people here send you  
greetings, especially those who belong  
to Caesar's household..

**Philippians 4:22**



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2. For our Savior (v. 15-18a)





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1. For the lost (v. 12-14)
2. For our Savior (v. 15-18a)
3. For the church (v. 18b-26)



*We embrace hardship for Christ and life for each other.*