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More Richly, Deeply, Fully

**360°
LIFE**

**BILLY JOE
DAUGHERTY**

FOREWORD BY DODIE OSTEEN

Praise for
360° Life and Billy Joe Daugherty

“The life, witness, character, and ministry of Billy Joe Daugherty are a light and extend a quality of leadership that will continue to influence the church everywhere. *360° Life* is a special gift at this moment, so soon after his home-going to eternal glory. But it is preceded, and will long be exceeded, by the harvest his ministry will continue to garner through the sowing of his life and teaching. My respect for Billy Joe in every regard was and remains as high as I have felt for any leader I have known through my fifty-plus years as a pastor and friend to the body of Christ. His consistency at every pivotal point of life—as a believer in Jesus, a disciple under His lordship, and as a servant to His church—underwrites the credibility and worth of what each reader will find in this book.”

—JACK W. HAYFORD, founding pastor of The Church
On The Way and chancellor of The King's College
and Seminary

“In *360° Life*, Billy Joe Daugherty extrapolates the essence of faith, ushering in a hope that overcomes life's greatest challenges. He masterfully leads us back to the resurrection power of Christ that breaks us free from the fears of our past to live a victorious life.”

—T. D. JAKES, pastor of The Potter's House

“Pastor Billy Joe Daugherty had a profound influence on my life. There are few men who exemplified such integrity and character as Billy Joe. He loved well his wife, family, and the church they both founded. He lived the life he preached and honored God in all he did. In light of this, it's fitting that his final book should be called *360° Life*, because he truly lived this book. Even after his passing, Billy Joe's life continues to

multiply. Everything he did was motivated by his desire to build lives and the kingdom of God. This book has the potential to radically transform and infuse your life with faith and a new level of trust in God.”

—JOHN BEVERE, international speaker, best-selling author, and founder of Messenger International

“*360° Life* is a legacy piece from a friend and mentor who always made faith the practical solution to whatever you faced.”

—RON LUCE, president and founder of Teen Mania Ministries

From the Foreword

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—DODIE OSTEEN, co-founder of Lakewood Church in Houston



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*This book is dedicated to the memory and honor of my beloved husband,
Pastor Billy Joe Daugherty,
a great leader among leaders in his community
and in the body of Christ throughout the world.*

*He truly understood and lived a life of faith
in Jesus Christ from every angle.*

*My life and the lives of our family, friends, ministry staff,
and congregation will never be the same because of knowing him.*

—Sharon Daugherty

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—Sharon Daugherty

Note from the Publisher

Sadly, on November 22, 2009, during the process of writing this significant book, author Billy Joe Daugherty passed away. It is both ironic and notable that at the time of his death, the work that Billy Joe was writing was titled *360° Life*. It is fitting that his legacy includes this call to live out the full and vibrant life God intends for each and every one of us.

The writing of the manuscript was almost complete at the time of Pastor Daugherty's untimely death. With the assistance of Sharon Daugherty, Larry Walker, and Tom Newman, final touches were applied and the book was finished.

We are particularly grateful to Sharon Daugherty (with assistance from others in the Daugherty family) for her willingness to write an epilogue to this work. Her insights on Billy Joe's life and ministry—as well as the role of *360° Life*—provide a meaningful overview of her husband's passionate faith. It helps make this book an enduring tribute to one of God's mighty saints.

We offer our prayers to Billy Joe's family, his church, and the many, many people he touched in life. Although Billy Joe Daugherty is now among the great cloud of witnesses in heaven, we trust that through this publication his words will continue to touch people's hearts for years to come.

Foreword by Dodie Osteen

Billy Joe Daugherty was a great man of God and a friend of my family for years. He was lovable, kind, compassionate, merciful, and, in fact, walked like Jesus did. He was a man of integrity and honesty, and he deeply cared about people.

You can look at his family and see that his children have the same traits and characteristics of their father. That means he not only cared about his sheep (people all around the world who he ministered to), but he loved, cared about, and spent time with his family. He loved them as our heavenly Father loves us. They are all in the ministry now because their father was the same at home as he was in the pulpit. Billy Joe and Sharon were so proud of their four children.

Billy Joe was a man of many titles. He labored long and hard at whatever God led him to do. Not only did he pastor a great church, but he also started the Victory World Missions Training Center and the Tulsa Dream Center. Hundreds of missionaries were supported by Billy Joe, and they are prospering and carrying on because this pastor had a love and calling to do what he did for them. They will be forever grateful to this man—and so is Jesus!

All five of my children attended Oral Roberts University, and Billy Joe Daugherty made a lasting impression on them. One of my daughters taught at Victory Christian School and loved it. I know that all the students were grateful that their parents chose Victory Christian School for them to attend.

The Bible says we won't stumble if we walk in integrity. Billy Joe walked in integrity, and God helped him in all that he did. His precious

mother told me that Billy Joe was a great football player. He was good in all sports, except he was not a really fast runner in track. She related the story about the time he was running and saw someone running behind him. When he looked back, he saw his dad. I know for a fact that even though Billy Joe has left us for his eternal reward, he is running in the spirit with Sharon, the children, and the work, not only in Tulsa, but all around the world.

I think when Billy Joe got to heaven, he was greeted first by the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "Very well done, my good and faithful servant," and then Billy Joe was greeted by all the ones he won to Jesus from around the world who had gone home before him.

I salute Billy Joe Daugherty and his remarkable family. I am so glad they have been a part of my life. I hold them all in high esteem and honor.

—Dodie Osteen
Co-Founder of Lakewood Church, Houston

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Resurrection



What if you only had a few days to live?

Would you love?

Would you laugh?

Would you give?

Would you live differently from the way you do
right now?

Now **imagine** for a moment that you are...*dead*.
(Because eventually, it's gonna happen.)

But then one day someone (Jesus) gives you
a second chance at life.

A resurrection.

A fresh start.

A clean slate.

A do-over.

Would you be happier?
Would you be more compassionate?
Would you laugh more?
Would you give more?
Would you forgive more?

Now **imagine** what would happen...

to your hopes
to your dreams
to your marriage
to your relationships
to your family
...if you lived every day like **Resurrection day.**

This thing called the Resurrection changed everything! Everyone who witnessed the execution of Jesus Christ thought it was over when He was nailed to a Roman cross and brutally crucified.

The great man was suddenly a dead man.

His friends wiped away their tears and buried Jesus in a borrowed stone tomb. His enemies were excited—and suspicious. They pressed the Roman governor until he posted a squad of Roman soldiers at the sealed tomb. They didn't want any monkey business.

Their problem was larger than monkeys, however: they were trying to interfere with God's plan. From the beginning of time, He had intended for humankind—His highest creation—to experience a wonder-filled life: a life spent with Him, a life that was free of disease, hatred, anger, violence, hunger, and loneliness.

From their beginning at Creation, Adam and Eve enjoyed that blessed life, but they lost it when they disobeyed God's warnings and chose their own way in the Garden of Eden. (See the Bible account in Genesis 3.)

That first sin of rejecting God's way tainted our entire human race with sin and death—we all have inherited their defective DNA of the soul. This spiritual disease called sin was passed from one generation to the next, with a death sentence that was unavoidable.

The result wasn't God's intention. It was humankind's choice.

But God loved us so much that He gave His innocent Son, His only Son, to save us. Jesus shed His blood and washed away our sins and failures through the wounds He experienced on the cross and in the savage beating by temple guards and Roman soldiers lashing away with their bone-and-stone-embedded scourges.

He died in your place. He paid for your sins. If you receive Him, He declares you, "Not guilty!" He justified you just as if you had never sinned. This is the mercy and grace of God.

Everyone, friend and enemy alike, thought it was over after the followers of the Carpenter placed His battered body in that cold stone tomb. Few remembered and no one believed that Jesus would rise from the grave on the third day.

He knew it, believed it, and willingly laid down His life in full confidence that His Father was able and committed to raise Him from death. The Bible says the Spirit of God entered His dead body and raised Him from death (see Romans 8:11).

WE ALL FEAR DEATH

The Resurrection is important because we all fear death. We work hard to mask it, reframe it, or pretend otherwise. Yet death is a hot topic in our culture. It dominates our television dramas, novels, TV and Internet news, and blog sites. We watch and read about death by war, disease, murder, and natural disaster—as told by victims, survivors, crime-scene

investigators, and the mourners left behind. We are fascinated by death. We just don't want it to visit our house.

A dark fear lurks inside the human heart, framed in the burning question: "What will happen to me when I die?"

I have good news on this topic! God broke the power of death on the third day when He raised Jesus from the grave! He stripped Satan of the power he had gained through Adam's sin. And that was when Jesus, fresh from His resurrection, said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18, NASB).

Jesus regained what Adam had lost. He paid the ultimate price—His life—to purchase eternal life for you and me. His resurrection from the dead declared He was the only Son of God. He is alive forevermore!

Now do you see why the Resurrection is so important?

That same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead can come to live inside of you! You can be transformed and born again from the inside out. The old you will pass away, and you will be a new creation in Christ Jesus (see 2 Corinthians 5:17).

This is how you become a child of God! And this is why the fear of death should have no power over you! With Christ as your Savior, when your body is finally laid to rest, your spirit—the real you—will slip out of your body and remain alive forever with God.

If you put your hand in a glove, that glove moves when you move. Once you pull your hand out of the glove, it lies motionless and empty. Your hand represents your "spirit man," and your body is your "earth glove." When the earth glove wears out, the same power that raised Christ from the dead also removes your spirit man from the empty body—and your life continues.

That is the power of the Resurrection! Now you can live without the fear of death and fully enjoy life! Because He lives, you can live—with

joy, peace, and right standing with God. Fear will release its grip on your life.

“O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?... But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:55, 57).

During His stay on earth, Jesus showed that He had power over death. The report of one incident reveals His love and compassion toward those dealing with the painful reality of death:

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him....

While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, “Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher.”

But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.” When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Little girl, arise.” Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. (Luke 8:41–42, 49–55)

But the power Jesus displayed over death did not disappear when He ascended to heaven. Just ask Heather.

Clinically Dead, Supernaturally Raised!

THE HEATHER ROSS STORY

The family doctor thought he had a simple case with an obvious treatment when seventeen-year-old Heather came to his office.

Heather's mother had brought her in the moment she realized Heather's symptoms were worse than usual. The doctor decided she had strep throat. "The doctor prescribed penicillin—even though everyone else in my family was very allergic to it. I told him I'd never taken the antibiotic before, but he wasn't worried about it."

The doctor wasn't worried, so Heather didn't worry either. Once she took the penicillin, things took a sudden turn... "I got really ill and laid down. When I woke up, I felt like I needed to vomit so I started to get up, but I could barely stand.

"When I started down the hall to the bathroom (about twenty feet), I was so unsteady that my head was bouncing against both walls. I finally made it, but as I began to vomit I passed out and everything lodged into my throat while I was unconscious."

The normal flow of oxygen to Heather's brain had been interrupted. She was dying minute by minute. She passed out around 11:30 that morning, after her mother had gone to work. Her mother returned from work just after 4:30 p.m. and discovered Heather sprawled on the floor. Five long hours had gone by.

"Oh, God, just get me through this. Just give me one more chance, just one more day!"

Panic hit because Heather was a type 1 diabetic. Her mother feared that Heather's blood sugar levels had dropped to dangerous

levels. When none of the usual procedures she did seemed to work, Heather's mother called the paramedics.

Once the doctors at the hospital completed their initial examination, they came out with some shocking news: Heather was clinically brain dead. (Her mother remembers the doctors saying, "She is a vegetable.") No one knew at the time that Heather was much more aware of her surroundings than anyone suspected. Heather said, "I could hear people around me talking! I remember the nurse who told my aunt and uncle, 'You know, she's pretty much gone.'

"During that time, God asked me, *What are you doing for Me? What are you doing with your life? What is the purpose of your life?* And I didn't have any answers.

"I was a typical teenager who thought, *Hey, I'm seventeen. I'll do whatever I want. After all, it doesn't affect anyone else!* But now in my heart I was crying out, *Oh, God, just get me through this. Just give me one more chance, just one more day!*"

Heather's mother finally left the hospital room to pray. In the middle of her tears and brokenhearted pleas, God spoke to her heart: *You can give up, or you can fight. It's up to you.* She knew the answer. "Okay, I'm gonna fight for this!" She renewed her battle for the life of her child and began to pour out her heart in urgent prayer and determined intercession in the name of Jesus.

"For the first time in two and a half days, I opened my eyes. And within a week I was out of the hospital, walking and talking! I was just as good as I was before I got sick, only twelve times better!

"Once you die and come back to life again, you have a new realization of what true life can be. I am living proof of God's hope and healing." (Adapted from videotaped interview.)

GOD LOVES YOU: THE RESURRECTION IS THE PROOF!

Jesus did not die for Himself; He died for you and me. It was the greatest act of love in all of history: Jesus died for people who didn't even know Him or care!

We all need forgiveness, and we need someone who is innocent to pay for our sins. Jesus, the pure and holy Son of God, took the blame for our sins and paid the price so that we could be forgiven and enjoy a brand-new start! Have you messed up? Have things gone wrong? This is your time—right now—to receive forgiveness for your sin and healing for your brokenness. Before you were born, God knew what you would need. Because Jesus loved you, you can start a new life and leave your past behind. He will help you overcome every obstacle that you will face! Let God wipe your slate clean.

This is the beginning of your new day! Decide now. Receive Jesus. Know that He is waiting to embrace you and celebrate your life!

Are you thinking, *Well, how does He feel about me with all of the bad things that I've done?* He loves you and when you admit your wrongs and turn away from them, He will forgive you of them forever! Actually, He loved and forgave you before you were born! He only requires that you repent. Simply pray, *Jesus, forgive me. I receive Your love.* Let it happen in your life—now! Here's an incredible story of what Jesus can do!

“I’m Saved! Love Healed and Delivered Me!”

THE KIRBY MCCAULEY STORY

Kirby remembers the adult whispers about her father’s “strange relationship” with her, but as a little girl she had no clue they were talking

about sexual abuse. He died when she was ten years old, and she still can't pinpoint when the abuse started.

"Quite a few cousins and younger siblings lived at home with us, and they were being molested too.

"Since my mom had been molested during her childhood too, I think it was hard for her to acknowledge the problem and stop it."

Kirby grew up in a family of nine in a home with no love. "I didn't know what love was," Kirby said. After her dad died, Kirby's mother had to leave the children in the care of the eldest sister while she went to work each day. She was only twelve herself, so she really couldn't provide parental guidance to her siblings.

"We started to experiment sexually during that time, and we did a lot of things that the average child probably wouldn't do," Kirby said.

"I began to 'experiment' with a guy who was seventeen years old. I'm sure he knew what he was doing, but I didn't.

"Mom always worked, and when she finally got home at night, she didn't have much time or energy for us. When Mom finally realized what had happened and told me (I was going to have a baby), I was already five months pregnant but still playing out in the backyard with my brothers and sisters!"

Despite having a baby, Kirby still didn't know how she had gotten pregnant. Predictably, she had a second baby at sixteen. Her experimentation also led to drug addiction and truancy. Eventually, it even led Kirby into prostitution.

When Kirby's mother learned her daughter was pregnant the second time, she said, "Kirby, if you go out there and you have those kids, then you're gonna have to provide for them." So Kirby moved out of her mother's house and into a relationship at age seventeen.

"This guy noticed I wanted a father figure in my young son's life.

He started coming over and acted as if he would meet that need, but he actually wanted an 'exchange.'

"He would invest his money if I would provide sex. I thought it was love, because love to me was sex. I had never known anything else.

"He was a drug dealer and his activities put us all in jeopardy. Several times people came to my home with handguns or shotguns looking for him. I lived in constant fear for almost three years."

The man beat Kirby, and on the last day before she escaped from that relationship, he threatened her children as well. She slipped out of the back door and called the police from her neighbor's house. They took her boyfriend to jail, and they also took her children into protective custody.

"I couldn't help it. In my joy, I just kept saying, "I'm saved! I'm saved!"

"I'll never forget that night. I was already an alcoholic, so I left my apartment to find something to drink. I wanted to drown my pain with alcohol.

"It was hard seeing my kids placed in such a bad situation. I felt as if I couldn't do anything about it. Then I was introduced to cocaine, and my behavior and personality quickly took a more dangerous turn. I wasn't even myself. I could tell the addiction was taking over, but I didn't know what to do."

Some friends invited Kirby to church services sometimes, but she always came back unchanged...because she still hadn't encountered Jesus personally.

"After I lost the kids, I smoked crack and drank beer for four straight months. Then I found out I was four months pregnant!

"It didn't change a thing; I still tried to stay high on crack cocaine for the entire nine months of my pregnancy to erase my pain.

"Things got so bad that when I went to the crack house to buy drugs, I moved in there! It was awful."

Kirby didn't want to face her past or her miserable present because it brought her torment. She wanted to drown out those thoughts by any means possible, but time was running out. She discovered that even when she injected crack cocaine she wasn't getting high anymore. Kirby began to walk the streets at night, crying out to "somebody, anybody" for help.

"I'll never forget the nineteenth of June," Kirby said. "I was walking down a street when I heard some live music that just seemed to draw me, and I didn't know why." A woman noticed that Kirby was crying and asked what was going on.

"I thought I wanted to kill myself, but something inside me really wanted to live. This lady said, 'Well, just come down here. We have a street ministry.'

"I don't remember what the message was, but afterward a guy called me up and started praying over me. That's when a feeling came over me. Something literally came up out of my body! All of the heaviness that had been weighing on me just disappeared!

"I just kept saying, 'I'm saved!' It must have been God, because I didn't even know what 'I'm saved' meant. I couldn't help it. In my joy, I just kept saying, 'I'm saved! I'm saved!'

"Today I can tell you that through His resurrection Jesus saved me from hell, from the dark world, and from the destructive hurts and pain I was experiencing. He literally saved me from 'where I was going.'

"God's love for me is the greatest thing that could have ever happened. Love is what healed and delivered me!" (Adapted from videotaped interview.)

EMBRACE JESUS, EMBRACE YOUR NEW LIFE

There are no limits to God's power! It is the power made available through the resurrection of Jesus. And that same resurrection power can be right where you are this very moment!

Do you sense the Holy Spirit drawing near to you right now? He may be whispering to your heart, "You can have a resurrection in your life too! I can raise the dreams that have died. I can restore what has been destroyed, wasted, or ruined."

Jesus can resurrect broken families, rebuild destroyed marriages, and restore wasted lives. Just pray, "Yes, Lord. I receive what You did for me." Simply believe and receive. Put your trust in Jesus and receive eternal life from Him through the power of the Resurrection.

Are you wondering, *How do I believe?*

You begin by believing what you have heard from the Word of God: Jesus was declared to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead (see Romans 1:4). Only in Jesus can you know that you will live with God forever!

"How do you know?" you ask. Jesus puts His Spirit on the inside of you. He is God's living "witness" or confirmation in your heart. It produces an unshakable "knowing" that you belong to God as one of His children, a member of God's family.

God is saying to you, *I desire you and love you so much that I gave My only Son so that you who believe in Him would not perish—would not go to hell—would not be destroyed, but would have everlasting life!* (see John 3:16).

Once your life is under new management from heaven, God's resurrection life inside you transforms who you are and gives you hope, peace, joy, and confidence.

Why wait to accept this gift of eternal life from God? Just pray this

prayer out loud: "Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God. I believe You died for me. I believe You were raised from the dead, and I confess You as my Lord. This day, Jesus, I receive Your resurrection power inside of me."

Now find another Christian, and tell him or her what God has done in your life! Find a church that preaches the Bible, and study the Bible for yourself (begin with the gospel of John in the New Testament).

Finally, make sure you talk to the Lord every day. He is the Friend who will never leave you. He always hears and has your very best in mind.

Receive your good news! This is the new beginning you have longed for!

Welcome to the family!

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