

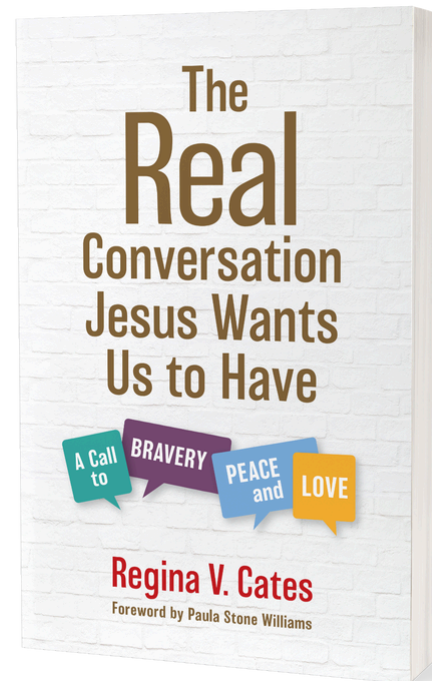
JESUS WASN'T AFRAID TO CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO. LET'S JOIN HIM.

Jesus didn't shy away from difficult conversations.

He had the courage to confront his era's entrenched systems of social, political, and religious injustice. In a society where power and wealth were markers of success, Jesus embraced those who were poor, marginalized, and oppressed.

He turned the tables on conventional ideologies and reminded us of the true wealth that lies in kindness, compassion, and acceptance. And, he paid the ultimate price for it.

In her compelling new book, *The Real Conversation Jesus Wants Us to Have*, Regina V. Cates invites her reader to imagine Jesus pulling up a seat for a chat. What conversations would he want to have? She believes that Jesus would push beyond surface-level pleasantries and dive into the heart of what it means to live out his teachings in our complex world: to deeply love one another, despite our differences.



This book is meant to do more than just challenge our assumptions about Jesus's teachings; it's meant to compel us to have the kinds of conversations he would want us to have about our modern world.

Contemporary conversations in Regina's book include:

- Why Jesus would want us to confront ancient religious ideas that promote inequality and oppression instead of love and acceptance.
- Why we should actively be fighting racism, homophobia, and xenophobia being practiced in the Christian religion and standing up for those considered the "other" instead of persecuting them.
- Why Jesus would support women as his equal and be a full advocate of their independence.
- Why, in this time of political corruption and upheaval, Jesus would be encouraging us to love our neighbors – regardless of who they voted for.

WHY NOW?

The *Real Conversation Jesus Wants Us to Have* is more than a reflection on the life of Jesus—it's a call to action. Regina challenges us to look at our world through the eyes of compassion, and to engage in conversations that may be uncomfortable but necessary for healing and transformation. Drawing upon Jesus's own life and teachings, Regina invites us to explore the deeper, more difficult aspects of his message. She asks us to scrutinize those moments where he boldly confronted the status quo and engaged in tough-love conversations that sparked transformation.

Reflecting on her own challenging faith journey, Regina encourages us to rethink our assumptions, confront our own biases, and embrace the transformative power of love and acceptance as we grapple with issues of inequality, religious persecution, and the very real struggles faced by those on the margins of society.



What People Are Saying:

“Regina expresses one of the best understandings of Jesus the man of anyone I’ve encountered.”

– **Reverend Dick Dobbins**

“As a Christian, I really thought I understood God, Jesus, and his teachings. I now know how much deeper our relationship to God, Jesus, and one another can be when we honestly confront the hypocrisy of what too many of us are taught.”

– **Rose Marie Higgins**

“A must-read, not only for those of us who have been wounded by organized religion but for those of us who have been complicit in the wounding of others as well.”

– **Reverend Britt Skarda**

“Though you may not agree with all her conclusions, Regina’s questions hold the potential to draw the church into deeper compassion, faithfulness, and love.”

– **Reverend Mark DeVries**

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