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"Jesus' best-known command, 'Love one another,' is also the least obeyed. It's the most difficult thing Jesus asked us to do. Jerry Sittser doesn't make it any easier, but he shows how it is possible."

—**Eugene H. Peterson**,
translator of *The Message*

Gerald L. Sittser is an award-winning author and professor and the proud father of three children.

Professor

Gerald L. Sittser is professor of theology at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. He earned his B.A. in chemistry from Hope College and his M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary. After serving as a pastor and college chaplain for a total of ten years, he earned his Ph.D. in the history of Christianity from the University of Chicago in 1989. Sittser won the Javitts National Graduate Fellowship while at the University of Chicago. Sittser has taught at Whitworth since 1989, where he's received both junior and senior faculty teaching awards. Whitworth senior classes have also voted him Most Influential Professor seven times. He speaks frequently at churches, college campuses, and scholarly and Christian conferences.

Writer

Sittser is the author of *When God Doesn't Answer Your Prayer* (2003, Zondervan), which won the 2005 Gold Medallion Award in the Christian Living category from the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association. Sittser is also the author of *The Will of God as a Way of Life: Finding and Following the Will of God* (2000, Zondervan), the bestseller *A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows Through Loss* (1996, Zondervan), *A Cautious Patriotism: The American Churches & the Second World War* (1997, University of North Carolina Press), *The Adventure: Putting Energy into Your Walk with God* (1985, InterVarsity Press) and *Water from a Deep Well: Christian Spirituality from Early Martyrs to Modern Missionaries* (2007, InterVarsity Press). His newest title from InterVarsity Press is *Love One Another: Becoming the Church Jesus Longs For*.

Father

Sittser is the father of three children: Catherine, David and John. He likes coaching his kids in sports and enjoying music with them, hiking and backpacking, woodworking, and beekeeping (he and Catherine have a small honey business called C & J Honey; they harvested 430 pounds of honey in September of 1997).



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