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Choosing the Radical Middle Instead of Picking a Side

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Finding Courage to Press into the Hard Stuff

In a world that's loud, divided, and constantly shifting, it's easy to feel overwhelmed, lost, or cynical. For many, finding a home between the right and the left can seem impossible. But what if this tension isn't something to escape but a space to grow into?

Embrace the Tension touches on the following questions, and more:

- How do I engage with a divided world?
- What do I do if I don't identify with the left or the right?
- How do I surround myself with people that don't just believe what I believe?
- What if I'm uncomfortable with living in tension?
- Where do I find courage to step into tension? Why is tension better than avoidance?
- Does the Radical Middle mean never picking a side?
- Would Jesus vote with the left or with the right?
- Is truth able to be known?
- How do we embrace nuance?
- Why is curiosity so important in our relationships?
- How do we confront our own hypocrisy and the hypocrisy of others?
- What does it look like to have compassion for those that are suffering?

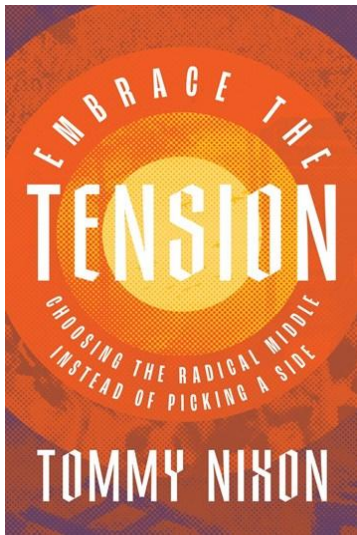


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In Embrace the Tension, pastor and trusted ministry voice Tommy Nixon offers a pathway for those feeling untethered in today's divisive landscape. Nixon guides readers on the "Radical Middle" pathway, a fresh framework with Jesus as the foundation for navigating complexity not with fear or nostalgia but with courage.

Urban Ministry Leader Finds Footing Between Extremes

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Tommy has spent over twenty-five years in urban ministry, training thousands of leaders across urban contexts. He is the host of *The Radical Middle* and *The Future Is Here* podcasts.

He bridges academic insight with street-level experience, helping leaders navigate polarization without picking sides, preventing burnout through sustainable leadership frameworks, and equipping organizations for multiethnic, urban futures through strategic planning, social enterprise development, and fundraising strategy.

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