

**keys
to
fellowship**

¹⁹This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

1 John 3:19-22 (NIV)

STOP AGREEING

Condemnation:

the act of declaring something awful or evil - sometimes over ourselves.



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The Gospel Provides Salvation in Two Ways:

1. Judicially: Jesus paid the debt and lived out the sentence for our sin.

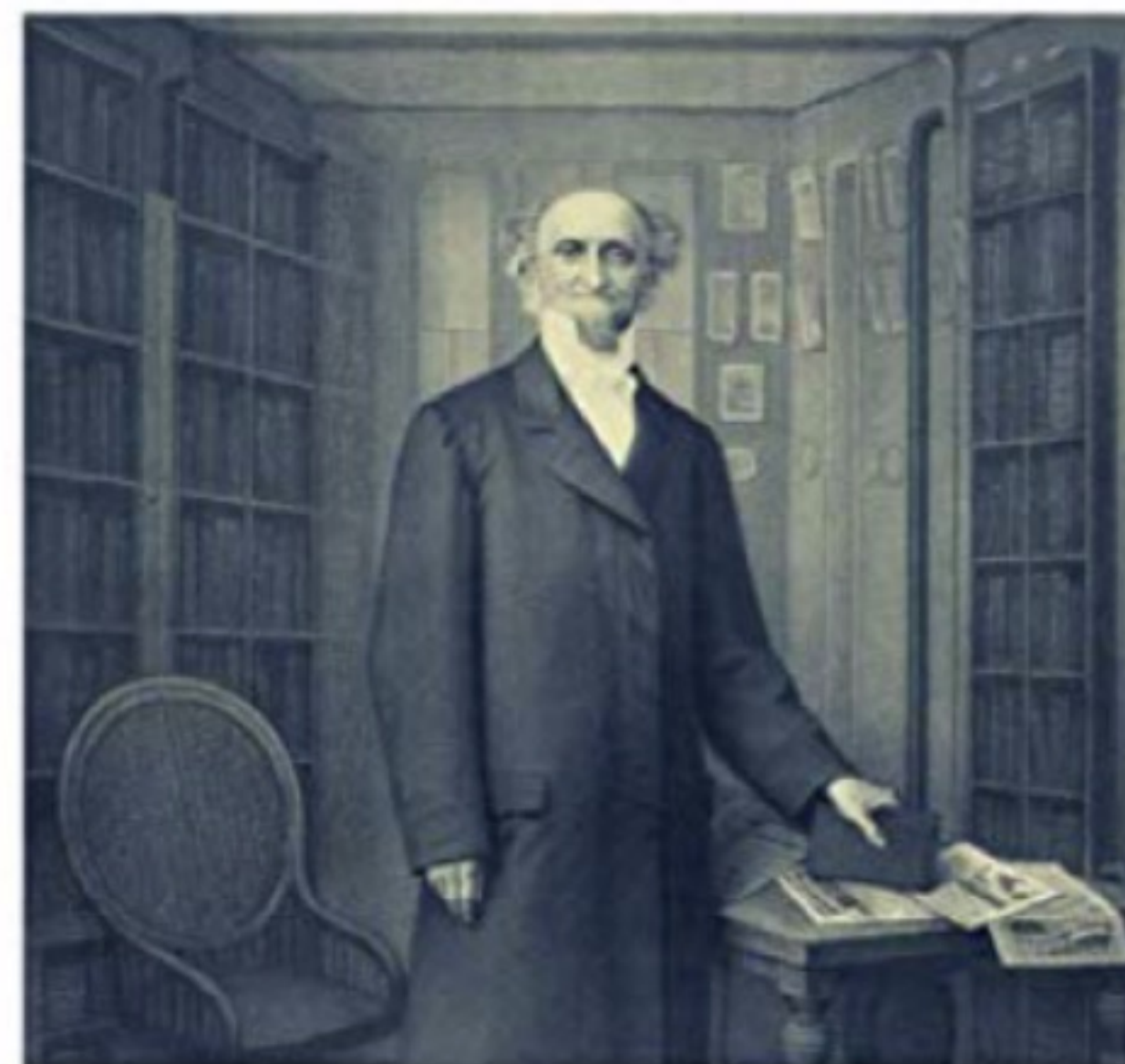
2. Practically: Jesus provides His power and nearness so that we can walk in victory.

“The Law and The Gospel differ by the promises each holds out. Both promise eternal life. But the Law’s promise has an impossible catch: ‘I’ll give you life IF you keep me perfectly and without sin.’ The Gospel promises eternal life without condition: ‘For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works’ (Eph. 2:8–9).”

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**THE PROPER
DISTINCTION BETWEEN
LAW AND GOSPEL**

Based on a Series of Lectures by
C.F.W. WALTHER



Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:8 (NIV)

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:15 (NIV)

Fellowship Happens When We Continue to Seek Despite Failing Because:

- 1. Jesus Paid It All**
- 2. Jesus is Our Helper**
- 3. God is Merciful and Good**

Break Agreement With Condemnation

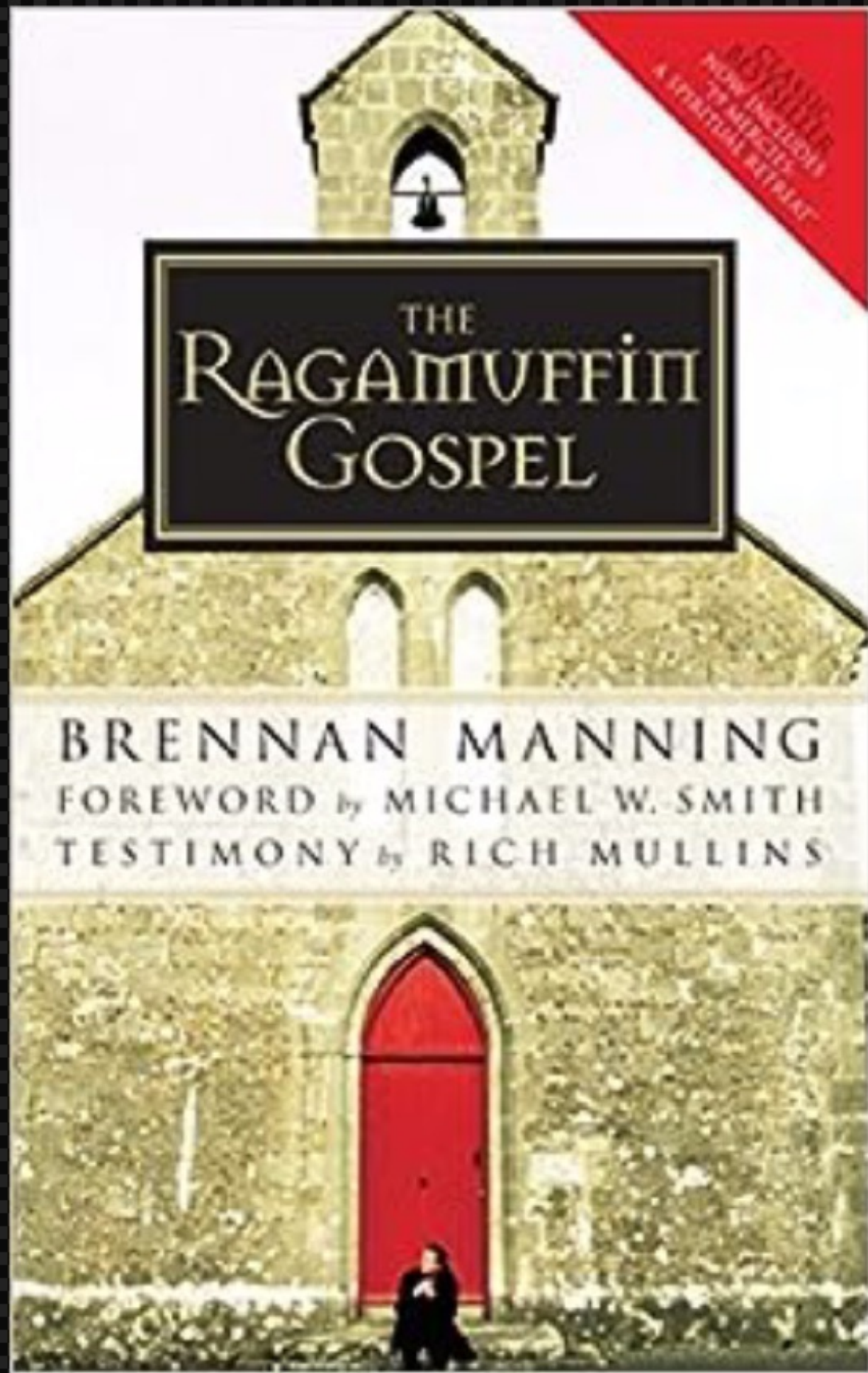
**When you agree with condemnation,
you're disagreeing with God.**

**When you disagree with God, you're
breaking fellowship.**

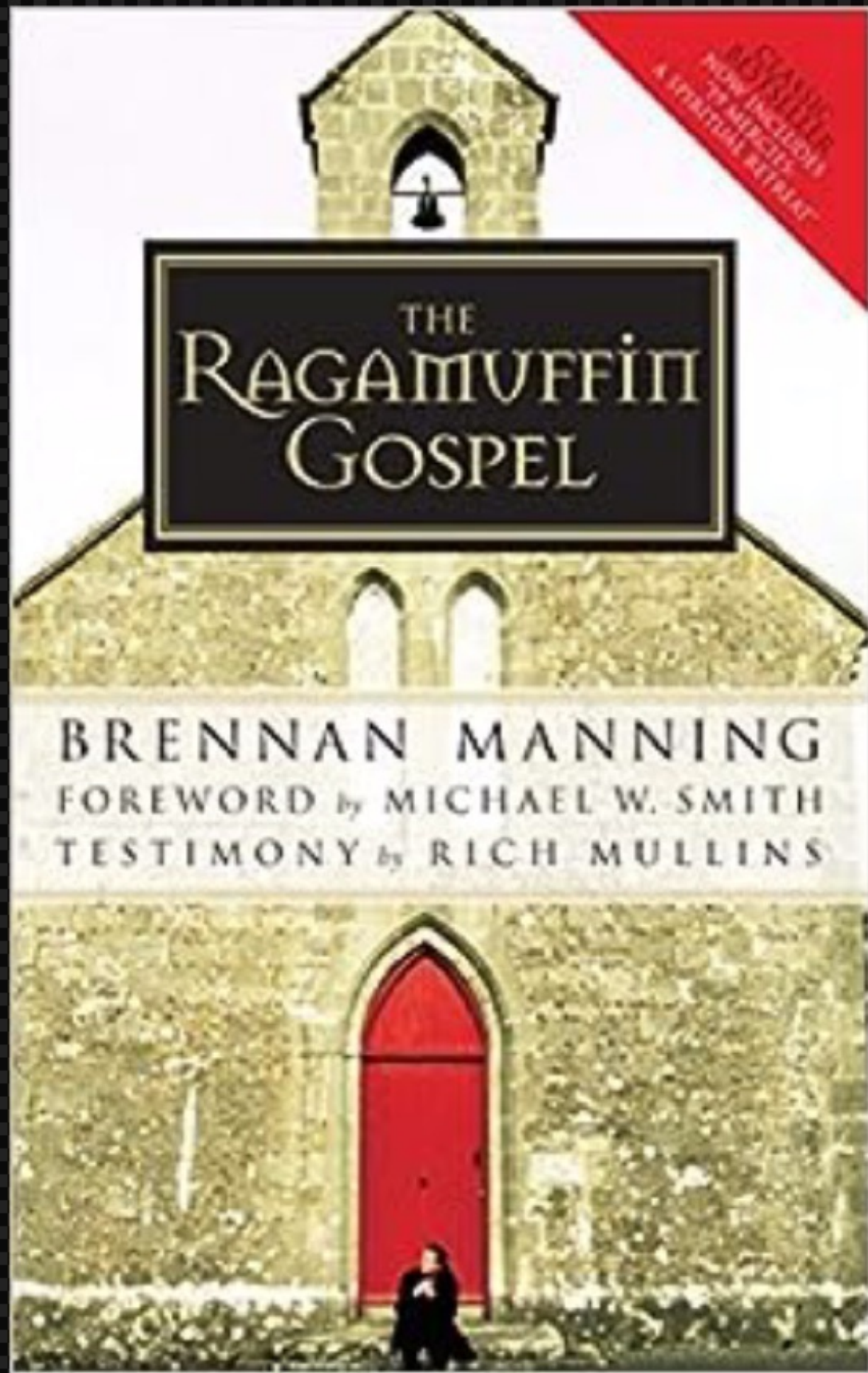
David's Self Talk

You, LORD, are all I have, and you give me all I need; my future is in your hands. How wonderful are your gifts to me; how good they are! I praise the LORD, because he guides me, and in the night my conscience warns me. I am always aware of the LORD's presence; he is near, and nothing can shake me.

Psalm 16:5-8 (GNT)



“One morning at prayer, I heard this word: Little brother, I witnessed a Peter who claimed that he did not know Me, a James who wanted power in return for service to the kingdom, a Philip who failed to see the Father in Me, and scores of disciples who were convinced I was finished on Calvary. The New Testament has many examples of men and women who started out well and then faltered along the way . . .



... “Yet on Easter night I appeared to Peter. James is not remembered for his ambition but for the sacrifice of his life for Me. Philip did see the Father in Me when I pointed the way, and the disciples who despaired had enough courage to recognize Me when we broke bread at the end of the road to Emmaus. My point, little brother, is this: I expect more failure from you than you expect from yourself.”

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV)

**Breaking Agreement With Condemnation
Means Breaking Agreement With:**

- 1. Negative Self-Talk**
- 2. Diminishing-Christ Talk**

Agree With His Goodness

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39 (NIV)

“ ‘There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus,’ because the payment for our sins has already been provided, offered, and accepted in Heaven.”

Marcus Rainsford