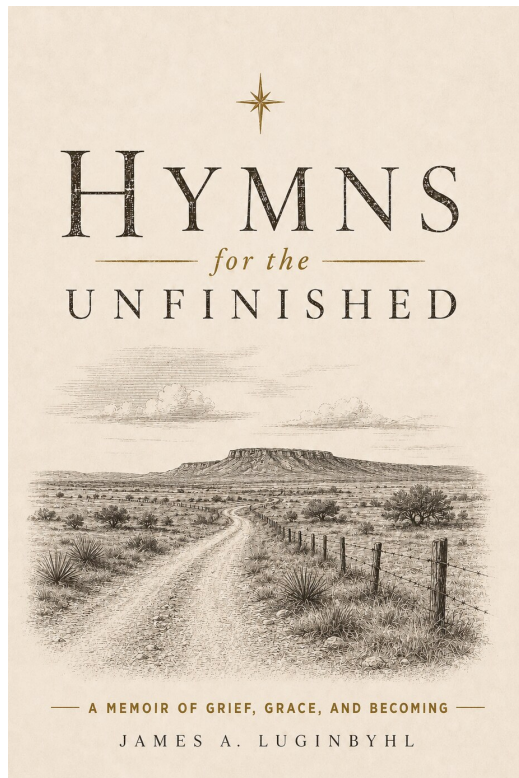


Hymns for the Unfinished

A Memoir of Grief, Grace, and Becoming



“Christ is faithful to unfinished people.”

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THE BOOK

What do we do with the parts of our lives that cannot be repaired? In *Hymns for the Unfinished*, James A. Luginbyhl searches for grace where certainty has failed him: a West Texas ranch, the death of his father, a broken family, years of regret, and the loss of his relationship with his daughters.

Through personal essays shaped by Scripture, memory, and ordinary life, the book returns to the people and places that formed him. These are not stories of easy answers or wounds neatly healed. They are stories of a man learning that faith is not the reward for finally getting everything right, but the stubborn hope that Christ remains present in what is broken and unfinished.

FOR READERS OF

- Christian memoir and reflective devotional writing
- Grief, loss, forgiveness, and spiritual formation
- Fatherhood, masculinity, and the limits of self-reliance
- Faith shaped by Scripture, prayer, and grace

LOCAL CONNECTION

James lives in Royse City and was raised beneath the wide skies of West Texas. He is available for conversations, readings, book signings, church groups, and events centered on grief, faith, fatherhood, and grace.

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James A. Luginbyhl is a Texas writer whose work explores faith, grief, masculinity, memory, and grace. He is the author of *Hymns for the Unfinished* and host of *CREDO*, a podcast about what he believes, why he believes it, and whether faith can hold up in ordinary life.