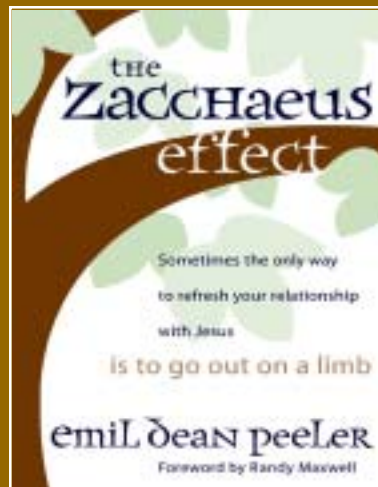


# Meet Emil Peeler



# Author Biography

## Emil D. Peeler



**Dr. Emil Peeler** is an international speaker, pastor and motivational therapist who serves as the director/speaker for Open Bible Ministries, Inc.

He has over 20 years of pastoral and evangelistic experience. Emil currently is the pastor at the DuPont Park Church in Washington, D.C. He was previously the senior pastor at the Maranatha Adventist Church in San Diego, CA.

Emil has worked with at-risk teens, and has spoken around the globe. He is an engaging speaker with a great sense of humor. His first book, *The Zacchaeus Effect*, has just been released from Pacific Press®.

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## **International Evangelist Dr. Emil Peeler Releases First Book As Study Reveals Religion is Losing Influence in America**

Nampa, Idaho (April 21, 2004) — Studies conducted recently by the Barna Research Group found that 66% of American adults feel that religion is losing influence in America. The same research revealed that 84% of the population says their religious faith is very important in their own life. Barna Research Group studies have also revealed that 85% of pastors claimed that the leaders in their churches felt the single, most pressing issue facing American churches today is the need for spiritual revival. And, if sales from books like *The Purpose Driven Life* (Zondervan, 2002) are any indication, a revival seems to be going on—or at least has begun.

Many people today are looking to revitalize their faith, and to find out if God really does have a divine plan for their life. International evangelist Dr. Emil Peeler has released a book, *The Zacchaeus Effect* (Pacific Press 2004), to help people revitalize their relationship with Jesus and find God's divine plan for their lives. *The Zacchaeus Effect* takes the reader on a 12-step journey of discovery with New Testament character Zacchaeus as his life is changed by his encounter with Jesus.

Peeler says the book isn't just for Christians, but is a practical guide for seekers who are trying to find Christ in a real and personal way. The book reveals the unspeakable joy that comes from intimacy with God and the blessings of being forgiven and loved beyond your wildest dreams, while still being honest about the trials and roadblocks of the Christian journey, says Peeler.

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Peeler is the director/speaker of Open Bible Ministries and pastor of the DuPont Park Church in Washington, D.C. He has a bachelor's degree from Loma Linda University in California, a master's of divinity from Andrews University in Michigan, and a doctorate of ministry from the Claremont School of Theology in California. Emil has worked with at-risk teens, and has spoken around the globe.

To purchase a copy of *The Zacchaeus Effect*, call (800) 765-6955. The book is also available online at [AdventistBookCenter.com](http://AdventistBookCenter.com). It retails for \$8.99.

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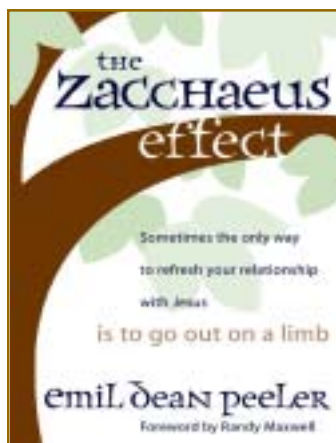
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## Interview Questions

- 1) Studies are showing that religion is losing influence in America. Do you think anything can be done about this?
- 2) Some people say there is a spiritual revival happening in America. Do you agree? If so, what evidence do you see of this?
- 3) What inspired you to write *The Zacchaeus Effect*?
- 4) What message(s) do you wish to convey in your book?
- 5) Who do you feel would benefit from reading it?
- 6) Your book isn't only for Christians looking for spiritual refreshment, but also for anyone who is seeking to know the way to the Lord. You call *The Zacchaeus Effect* a "practical guidebook." Why?
- 7) Can you briefly describe the steps to knowing Christ as outlined in your book through Zacchaeus' journey?
- 8) Your book is very easy to read, yet the message is so powerful. How would you describe it?

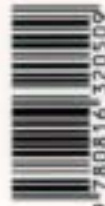
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A pastor and evangelist for over twenty years, Dr. Peeler is also the director/speaker of Open Bible Ministries, Inc., and has been used by God to preach hope and salvation to tens of thousands around the globe. *The Zacchaeus Effect* is his first book. He is joined in ministry by his wife, Brenda, and three daughters, LaDonna, Nicole, and Alliba.



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