Ministry Panel Chat

Building Kingdom Influence Through Substack

Panel Bios, Book Blurbs, and More Social Tips

Tanner Olson



Tanner Olson is a poet, author, and speaker known for his work at the intersection of faith and creativity. He shares poetry and reflections that aim to bring hope and encouragement to readers. Tanner's work often explores themes of grace, doubt, and the everyday journey of faith. His newest book for children is called ***All The Things I Say to God: Learning to Pray Anytime, Anywhere.***

Find Tanner on Substack, Facebook, Instagram, or view his website.

Tanner's Best Tip for Connection & Growth on Socials: Remain consistent. Give what you have. Don't focus on growth, but on connecting with readers. Pray.

All The Things I Say to God: Learning to Pray Anytime, Anywhere
In this heartfelt children's picture book, Tanner Olson introduces young readers to the joy of prayer through the story of Abby, a child discovering that talking to God can happen anywhere, anytime, and about anything. With gentle prose and inviting illustrations, this book encourages children to express gratitude, ask questions, and embrace silence in their conversations with God. It is a perfect resource for families and churches aiming to nurture a child's spiritual life. Learn more or order.

Jon Seidl



Jonathon M. Seidl is a bestselling author, speaker, and mental health advocate. With over 15 years in storytelling, he has written extensively on faith, mental health, and addiction. His books, including ***Finding Rest*** and the upcoming ***Confessions of a Christian Alcoholic***, offer candid insights into his personal journey and aim to help others navigate their own struggles.

Find Jon on Substack, Facebook, Instagram, or view his website.

Finding Rest: A Survivor's Guide to Navigating the Valleys of Anxiety, Faith, and Life
Jon Seidl offers a candid and compassionate guide for those grappling with anxiety, blending personal narrative with practical advice rooted in faith. Drawing from his own experiences, Seidl provides readers with tools to find peace and purpose amidst life's challenges. Learn more or order.

Confessions of a Christian Alcoholic
In this forthcoming memoir, Jon Seidl opens up about his struggles with alcoholism, offering an honest and raw account of his journey toward recovery. Through his story, Seidl aims to break the stigma surrounding addiction and provide hope to others facing similar battles. Learn more or order.

Caroline Beidler



Caroline Beidler, MSW, is an author, speaker, and Managing Editor of Recovery.com, where she combines expert guidance with independent research to help people find the best path to healing. She is the author of Downstairs Church, You Are Not Your Trauma, When Anxiety Won't Let Go, and When You Love Someone in Recovery: A Hopeful Guide for Understanding Addiction (Nelson Books, Spring 2026). Drawing from her own recovery journey through addiction, mental health challenges, and trauma, and training as a mental health provider and addiction recovery expert, Caroline inspires others to believe that healing is possible.

Find Caroline on Substack, Facebook, Instagram, or view her website.

You Are Not Your Trauma: Uproot Unhealthy Patterns and Heal the Family Tree
Mental health and addiction recovery expert Caroline Beidler, MSW, uncovers the profound connection between generational trauma and personal healing—and how we can rewrite our stories of pain into recovery. Through personal storytelling, insightful research, and actionable guidance, Beidler shows that while trauma may be inherited, healing can be too. Learn more or order.



Kate Orson

Kate Orson is a freelance writer, parent educator, and creative writing teacher. With a passion for helping others express themselves, she offers workshops and resources that combine her expertise in parenting and writing. Kate's work encourages individuals to explore their creativity and find their voice through the written word.

Find Kate on Substack, Facebook, Instagram, or view her website.

Kate's Best Tip for Connection & Growth on Socials: Just let the Holy Spirit guide you in what to say and when. Don't try to force it too much, or come up with a plan or a schedule (at least that's my way of doing things). I just write what pops into my mind. Be bold and be honest. I find that the more vulnerable and open I am, the more people appreciate the writing.

Learn Italian With The Bible: A 30-Day Devotional
This language learning devotional is a unique way to meditate on and memorize God's word while also learning Italian. Each day, you will read, meditate on, and memorize scriptures in English and Italian. Learn more or order.

Ashley Dudek



Moderator Ashley Dudek and her husband, Jon, co-founded Isaiah Ministries, a ministry dedicated to teaching and mentoring others in the Word of God. Together, they are passionate about guiding people to the heart of God and bringing restoration to the broken.

Find Ashley on Substack, YouTube, or view her website.

Ashley's Best Tips for Connection & Growth on Socials:
Jesus has to be your number one priority; nothing comes before Him. Then share, post, teach, and minister from the overflow of your time with Him!

COMING SOON! ***Discovering the Secret Place: Encouraging, Equipping, and Enhancing Your Personal Relationship with Jesus***
In Discovering the Secret Place, Ashley Dudek provides a heartfelt guide to help readers deepen their spiritual journey and cultivate a more intimate relationship with Jesus. Explore powerful topics such as learning to hear the voice of God, understanding the depth of Jesus' love for each of us, and discovering ten transformative practices to strengthen your walk with the Lord. Whether you're new to faith or seeking to grow in your relationship with Christ, this book offers practical tools and encouragement to enhance your spiritual life and draw closer to the heart of God. Learn more here.



Julie Bonn Blank

Julie Bonn Blank is an author, speaker, certified domestic abuse advocate, and survivor. After a profound near-death experience in August, she felt a renewed calling to share stories that inspire, heal, and bring hope. Through her writing and advocacy, Julie supports those navigating the aftermath of abuse and trauma. She shares insights about heaven on her Substack blog, where she writes with clarity, faith, and encouragement. Julie serves as the president of Cascade Christian Writers, equipping and encouraging fellow Christian writers in their craft and calling. Julie is the author of a fiction trilogy about healing from human trafficking. Book 3, ***Innocent Souls,*** will release in June.

Find Julie on her Substack Heaven Blog, see the rest of her links on Linktree, or view her website.

Download a freebie, "Glimpses of Heaven: A Mini Collection of Divine Encounters" as an ebook or PDF.

Julie's Best Tips for Connection & Growth on Socials:
My tips vary per platform. However, with Substack, here is some of what I have learned:

Post consistently. At least once a week for in-depth posts (1,000+ words). Twice a week, if you prefer shorter content. Your readers want to hear from you—don't ghost them.

Avoid duplicate content. Don't copy/paste posts between Substack and your website. Google penalizes that, and Substack readers prefer to stay on-platform. Instead, split your content. I post about heaven and my near-death experience on Substack and reserve my website blog for other topics.

Use Notes strategically. Pay attention to what gets hearts. I used to post notes once a day with little traction. Now I post what people have shown that they like, twice a day (with an occasional day off)—and my following shows growth.

Engage. Take 10 minutes a couple times a day to read, heart, and comment. You can't outsource authenticity. This is community-building.

Write for mobile. Substack readers are usually on their phones. Use short paragraphs, four to five sentences at the most. Six is almost too long unless they are super short. Make your points clear and fast. Save the long stuff for a reader magnet. 😊 Add subtitles. Break up paragraphs in places where you usually wouldn't in longer pieces, but where it feels natural to do so.

Innocent Lives: Guardians of Grace, Book 1
In this gripping debut novel, Julie Bonn Blank delves into the harrowing realities of human trafficking through the intertwined stories of Jasmine and Cienna. Twelve-year-old Jasmine wakes up in a brothel, locked away in the "Trouble Room," believing she's done something unforgivable. Fourteen-year-old Cienna is sold to a man named Mike, who initially appears kind but harbors dark secrets. As both girls endure unimaginable trials, they find strength in resilience and the unexpected presence of guardian angels. This suspenseful, domestic thriller offers a poignant look at the shattered innocence of its young protagonists while highlighting the enduring power of hope and faith. Learn more or order.

Thank you to our panel participants and to everyone who joined! Please thank your panelists by following them, subscribing to them, or checking out their books! Books specials up next...

Books and Special Deals

Tanner





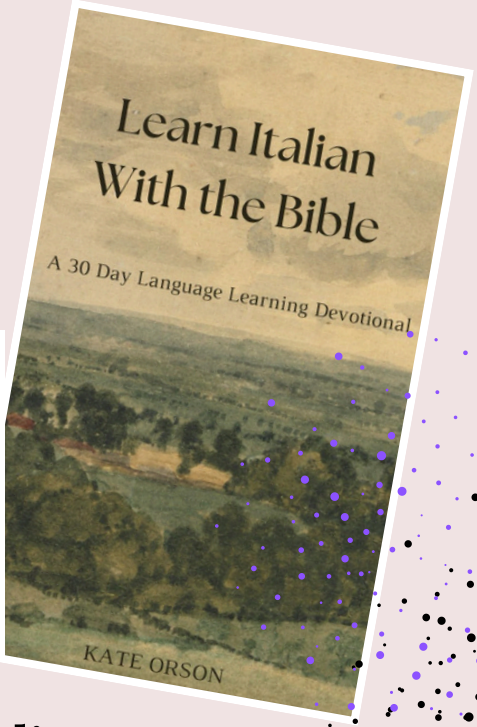
Currently on sale at Amazon! Just follow the link!

All the Things I Say to God premiered at the number one release in New Releases on Amazon.

My family absolutely loves this book! Tanner has a way of going deep, making you smile, and making you think - all at once. The illustrations are beautiful. The storyline is relatable... A must-read for anyone wanting to talk about prayer with their kids! - Harmon

Kate





Learn Italian with the Bible: A 30 Day Language Devotional

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Thank you! - CA



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Julie

Innocent Lives has received the following awards: Bookfest Award Winner, Hope PYX International Award Winner, American Bookfest Finalist.

Julie's book sheds light on this urgent issue. In her unique writing style, Julie uses vivid descriptions and powerful storytelling to educate readers on this issue's devastating impact on individuals and communities.

Her book is a must-read for anyone interested in understanding it and what we can do to combat it. Her words can open your eyes, touch your heart, and inspire you to take action. - Midwest Book Review

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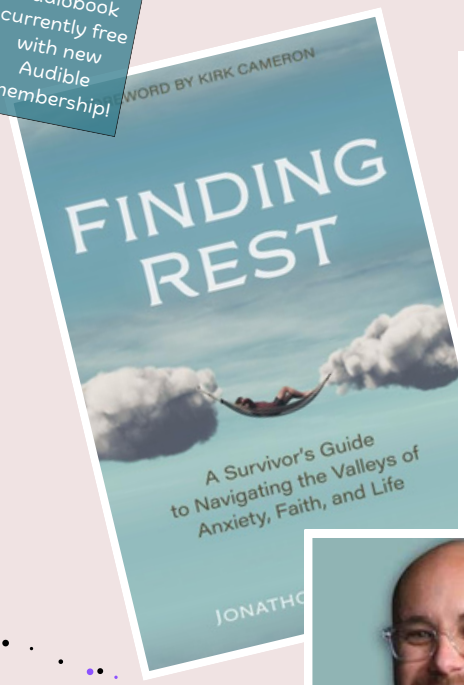

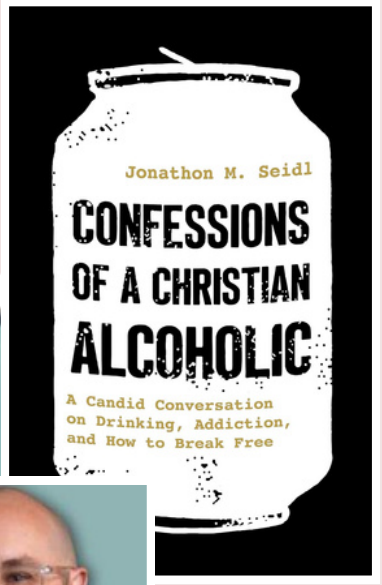



Jon

Finding Rest: A Survivor's Guide to Navigating the Valleys of Anxiety, Faith, and Life

Jon knows, better than most, what it means to battle anxiety and how to forge a path to victory. He also treats it with care, and pushes the conversation to places that it hasn't often gone in the church.
--Kirk Cameron

"A practical, spiritually driven primer on dealing with anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, and depression. . . . Excellent advice. . . . A cogent, revealing guide."
--Publishers Weekly

Caroline

You Are Not Your Trauma: Uproot Unhealthy Patterns, Heal the Family Tree

A transformative guide that empowers readers to heal from personal and generational trauma. She offers practical steps and heartfelt insights...this book is a relatable and inspiring journey towards breaking free from the past and embracing a healthier future...I found Beidler's approach both comforting and motivating. Highly recommended for anyone seeking healing and growth. - Tara B.

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