

Defeating body shame with body acceptance

MEETING AT THE RIVER

A Tale of Naked Truth



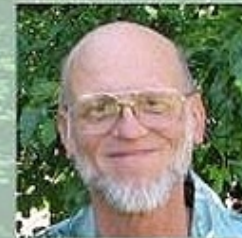
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through godly wisdom
from the ancient past

This story and its supplemental material confront modern society's unhealthy body shame with wholesome body acceptance. The central issue in these conflicting attitudes is the naked human body itself. We who routinely see nonsexual nudity—in contexts of healthcare, figurative art and cross-cultural or counter-cultural experience—discover a realistic view of the body. But it's quite a challenge to discuss the liberating truth we've found with those who look at nakedness exclusively as a sexually erotic event or who treat body shame as a "holy" virtue. This book nakedly exposes the ungodliness of both these popular ideas, and it does so in biblically sound and relevant terms.

From the back cover . . .

"Our naked bodies are normal, and nudity doesn't have to be sexual." — Rhoda (in Chapter 6)



Rhoda is one of four Bible college students boldly expressing her insights while still having her first skinny-dipping experience. Amazingly, her words summarize what the author has just learned during an unexplainable interaction with a large group of believers from Christian antiquity.

David, a bivocational nurse and pastor, has worked routinely with nakedness for over 25 years. When asked why his exposure to female nudity fails to bring him the sexual temptations predicted by society, he still has no satisfying answer, even for himself. A mental wall divides his mind into two opposite attitudes toward the naked human body. It blocks the simple truth he knows as a nurse from ever confronting the stubborn taboos taught by his upbringing.

His strange, enlightening encounter with the ancient past topples that wall, giving him a new perspective on life in Bible times, a deeper theological understanding of human embodiment, and a pricked conscience about the root cause of our culture's obsession with pornography. He will never be the same.

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