



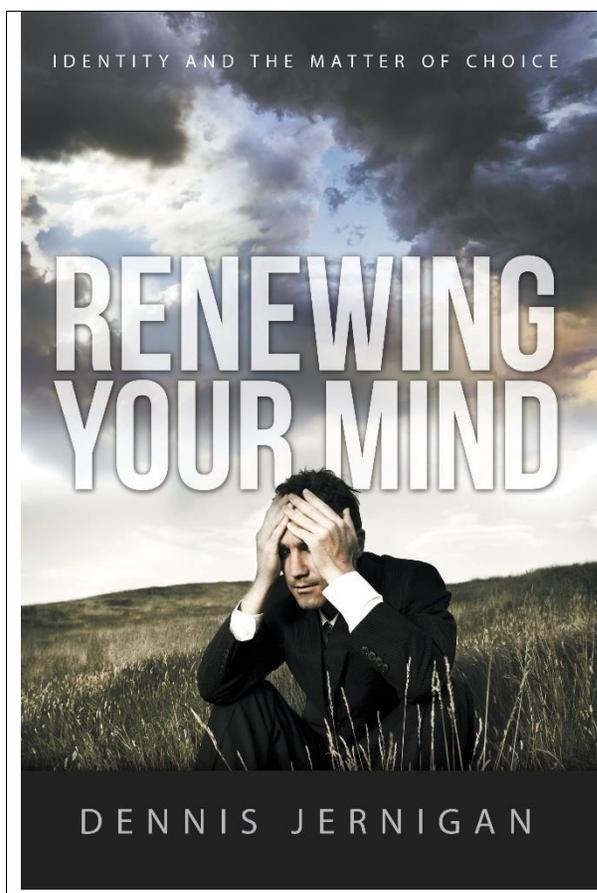
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Renewing Your Mind: Identity and the Matter of Choice, a new book by author Dennis Jernigan, addresses the following question: How does one walk out of one identity and into another? Dennis gets that question a lot. Walking out of a homosexual identity in 1981 and living life since then in a brand new identity—a new creation in Christ—you can imagine the curiosity such a life might produce. Dennis set out to answer this question, and in so doing, the book *Renewing Your Mind* was born.

At one time, Dennis felt attracted to other men. When he began to replace the lies concerning himself with the truth of God's Word, something close to miraculous began to take place: his feelings began to change! What Dennis has discovered is that the main battle of his life is the mental battle of discovering his true identity according to God's Word. In the process of seeking God relationally, Dennis discovered the power of God's Word to transform his mind. Two specific passages gave him strength to pursue God for a change in his thinking, and the end result is a brand new identity not defined by feelings, temptations, circumstances, other people or groups, or even himself. Dennis Jernigan is defined by his Maker.

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EXCERPTS

“I did not want to be defined as an angry man. I did not want to be defined as a fearful man. I did not want to be defined as a homosexual. I did not want to be defined as a recovering homosexual. I did not want to be defined as an emotional basket case—yet at one time in my life, I felt all those things. I felt that those things defined me, since that was the way I felt. Feelings define no one. Feelings simply tell us what we are thinking about. If we can change the way we think, we can change the way we feel. Easier said than done, right?”

“I find it very interesting that when a government agent is being taught how to discern real US currency from counterfeit, he or she is never shown the counterfeit. They get to know the real money so well that when the counterfeit crosses their path, it is easily recognized as the fake it is. Deciding how you will view the world will be derived from that which you seek. If you seek to view the world from a humanistic point of view, you will one day find yourself let down by the weakness of such a perspective. May I challenge you to seek God through a relationship with Jesus Christ as the better—the real—perspective from which to operate?”

“While this is fascinating to know, for our intents and purposes I will conclude that identity begins and ends with the way we think about ourselves in our mind. What does it mean to know something in one’s mind? Could it be said that one is defined by what one thinks of him/herself? Could it be that, ultimately, we should define ourselves according to the way our Maker designed us? If we have as our thought-foundation a Christ-centric worldview, then we must come to this conclusion found in God’s Word: *For as he thinks within himself, so he is. (Proverbs 23:7)*”

“The guilt and shame sin produces causes us to walk in pride more often than not. What else could you call it when you fear what others might think of you for confessing your sin? Only pride would keep you isolated. It would be like suffering a major health issue and going to the doctor. The first thing the doctor would ask would be, “Can you show me where it hurts?” If we responded with, “I can’t allow someone else to see that. What would people think?” Such a response does not lead to healing. It leads to death. Do not confuse shame and guilt with pride. Pride keeps you from honest confession. Honest confession leads to Truth—and Truth sets you free!”

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ENDORSEMENTS

“I’ve had the blessed opportunity to minister with many godly and anointed people in my life time. But I have never met or stood alongside someone with the uniqueness of gifting, calling, and spirit as Dennis. His ability to live and manifest Father’s love had my jaw on the ground so many times I lost count. The love of God saved him, healed him, and now flows through him in such undeniable ways. It is an honor to know him and was such a blessing to experience the power of that love first hand. *Renewing Your Mind* is just another manifestation of Father’s love flowing through Dennis. This book is not another mind lesson, or technique in behavior modification. Rather it’s filled with the life of someone who has obviously walked with the Master, been filled with His love, and had the power of His Word transform his life. I love that this is not just another man’s opinion on what you should do. But rather, it’s a road map and journey through Father’s Word on a course to health and healing. The church is filled with wounded individuals, and this book is an excellent tool for the Holy Spirit to use in the “implantation of the Word for the healing of the soul” (Ja. 1:21). Dennis is a seeker. And I love the precious truths Father let him find to share with us all.”

—John Levens, Businessman, Ft. Worth, Texas

“Dennis Jernigan's new book, *Renewing Your Mind*, is a miracle of wisdom and brevity. It is fearless, yet simple; approachable, yet transforming. It pulls no punches, yet every word is a balm of grace and hope. Having known Dennis for many years, I know how deeply he cares for those trapped in gender confusion. I also know the remarkable freedom he embodies in his own life and is therefore uniquely qualified to impart to others. *Renewing Your Mind* is practical sanctification at its finest—a truth bomb of great frankness, candor, and insight that can truly liberate your soul. Many miracle stories are about to be told and retold by those who read this book.”

—Dean Briggs, author of *Ekklesia Rising*, *Consumed*, and *The Legends of Karac Tor*, Kansas City, MO

“Dennis Jernigan's latest book, *Renewing Your Mind*, is a symphony of love from a heart that has been transformed by Jesus Christ! In our broken world, we are too often influenced by secular culture's false constructs of outward beauty, pleasure, power, and success. In Jernigan's book, he reminds us of the important truth of who God says we are and how we can renew our minds to embrace an identity as a child of a loving heavenly Father! Through his own personal trials of overcoming brokenness and pain, Jernigan's wisdom shines through in his inspirational story of healing. Both practical and spiritually rich, *Renewing Your Mind* is a must-read for Christians seeking hope and healing for sexual and relational brokenness!”

—Christopher Doyle, MA, LPC, LCPC, Executive Director of the Institute for Healthy Families, Author of *The Meaning of Sex: A New Christian Ethos*

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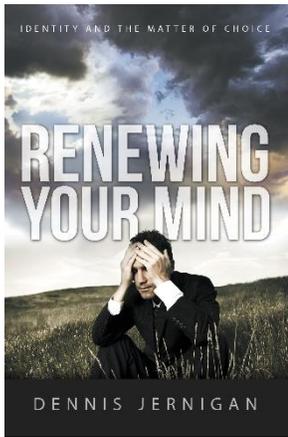
Dennis Jernigan is best known for his music. Songs like, “You Are My All in All,” “We Will Worship the Lamb of Glory,” “Thank You,” and “Who Can Satisfy My Soul (There Is a Fountain),” are still used widely in churches around the world. Dennis, along with his wife, Melinda, raised their nine children together on a farm in northeastern Oklahoma. Now they are investing their lives in the lives of their many grandchildren. To read more of Jernigan’s story, read his autobiography, *Sing Over Me*. For more on his heart for God, listen to his music. For information on how to get both, go to www.dennisjernigan.com.



Author Dennis Jernigan is available for interviews and book signings. If interested, please contact Innovo Publishing LLC.

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Suggested Interview Questions:

1. How did you select the title for your book?
2. You have written other stories about the process you went through to overcome identity issues and homosexuality. How does this one stand out?
3. Are there any authors who inspired your writing?
4. How did you feel God's hand guiding you as you wrote this book?
5. What do you hope individuals take away from reading this book?
6. What has been your greatest joy in writing about this topic?
7. What has been challenging for you in writing about this topic?
8. Do you plan to write more books on this topic?
9. You seem to be very busy with all of your writing/singing endeavors. How do you find the time to write a book?
10. Who is the intended audience for the book?
11. Could you see this book used in a classroom/small group setting?
12. What does your family think about all of your writing success and numerous publications?
13. How has writing this book affected you personally?
14. How can we get a copy?