



Cecil Taylor Ministries

Teaching Christians How to Live
a Seven-Day Practical Faith

"My goal is to help people apply scripture and faith to life situations."

Cecil Taylor The Practical Faith Speaker

Regardless of denomination, Christians often struggle with a common problem: how to put their faith into daily practice. Cecil Taylor's mission as **The Practical Faith Speaker** is to address this very issue, teaching Christians how to live a seven-day practical faith.

Cecil goes beyond the basics of faith management to suggest how to engage the variety of life's challenges in a scripturally-based, Spirit-connected way. His books, videos, and speaking topics dive into specific life situations and show how to faithfully navigate each of them.

Churches and small groups wanting fresh ideas for putting faith into practice can turn to this *Chicken Soup for the Soul* and *Guideposts* author. Cecil is a dynamic speaker whose presentations have been described as "**endearing and authentic**," "**energetic and enthusiastic**," and "**inspiring and challenging**."

"People want to know whether they should read the Bible or pray more often. Of course! But living a seven-day practical faith is also about implementing intentional strategies to live with God each day."

- Cecil Taylor

Beyond speaking, Cecil also authors books, writes his Seven-Day Practical Faith blog, and hosts the Practical Faith Academy podcast. In just four years since entering his ministry full-time, this industrious Jesus follower has authored four award-winning books, contributed to nine anthology books, and developed seven video studies for churches and small groups.

Cecil reaches into a wide range of experiences to inform his writing and fuel his faith-based talks.

- Cecil's dual careers of sportscasting and software development / marketing mean he understands the pressure and grind of everyday work life.
- A preacher's son who has spent his entire adult life teaching adult Sunday School and 30 years volunteering in church youth ministry, Cecil is deeply connected to the church experience.
- His 40-year marriage and parenting of three now-adult children, along with 15 years teaching parenting classes to 700 families in his church, has given Cecil extensive insight into the family adventure.

Cecil is available to present Signature Talks, lead retreats, and serve as keynote speaker at your event. Bring The Practical Faith Speaker's wisdom, energy, and experience to your next event!



What event organizers say about Cecil's speaking . . .

"Your presentation and testimony were perfect examples of scripture. Your message was a powerful challenge to us all."

- Ted Hyde, men's group coordinator

"Your presentation pointed out a good way to frame our decision-making in our everyday lives."

- Sharon Hosack, women's group coordinator

*"I highly recommend Cecil Taylor Ministries to any church seeking **dynamic and impactful teaching**. His ministry has been **a valuable resource for our congregation!**"*

- Patrick Jackson, Sr. Pastor, Oxford United Methodist, San Antonio, TX

"Whenever Cecil has taught our large Sunday class, the class has been anxious to let me know that I ought to invite him back."

- Scott Engle, Teaching Pastor, St. Andrew Church, Plano, TX

"Cecil was engaging, personal, and you can tell he both has a passion for his teaching and genuinely wanted to be with us."

- David Lessner, Sr. Pastor, Creekwood United Methodist, Allen, TX

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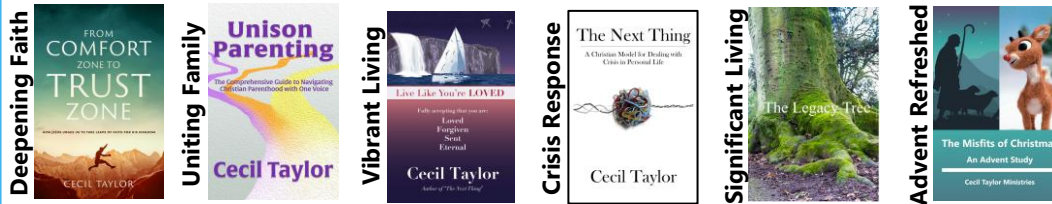
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Book a Signature Talk!

Cecil's signature talks emerge from his award-winning books and related video studies.



These are designed to introduce participants to useful, actionable concepts without overwhelming information. Cecil adds "beyond the book" content to the presentation. Signature talks consume one hour but can be scaled to your needs, such as retreats.

"Uncertainty is the Soil in which Faith Grows"

Based on **From Comfort Zone to Trust Zone**, Cecil dives into and adds to one of the book's key chapters, called "Relinquishing Certainty, Embracing Uncertainty." Perhaps our greatest issue in leaving comfort zones is relinquishing certainty. Jesus never promises the kind of certainty we crave, yet we're always struggling to attain certainty in this life.

As Hebrews 11:1 states, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Cecil builds the case that uncertainty is indeed the soil in which faith grows; therefore, to grow our faith, we must embrace and even seek out uncertainty.

Participants will take away a pattern for being open to uncertainty and risk for Christ's sake.

"Setting a Family Context and Culture"

Cecil draws from the first two chapters of **Unison Parenting** to lay a family culture foundation for all parents, teaching proactive and reactive parenting.

- Proactive Parenting is planning a structured policy for how you are going to parent, then implementing it. The parents agree on core values, a framework for behavior, and policies which implement, monitor, and reward or assign consequences for child behaviors. This is steady-state parenting.
- Reactive Parenting addresses when life throws a curve. Cecil shares a model for how parents can remain unified when dealing with the unexpected and the confusing.

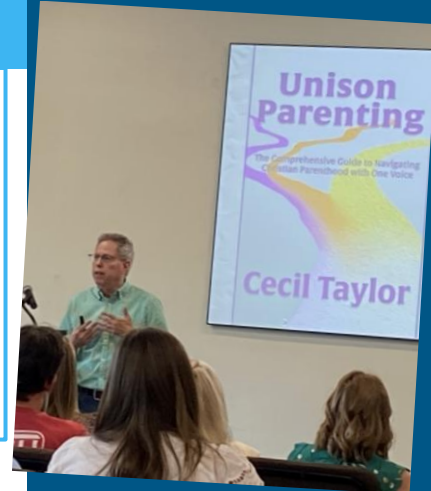
Parents should come away with the basics for setting a family framework and some key introductory points for staying in unison as parents and as a family.

"Partnering with Your Teen for Safety"

In this straight-talk **Unison Parenting** session for families with teens, Cecil suggests ways to protect your teens from trouble even as you send them out into the world. He shares 11 ways to prevent such issues.

Cecil then introduces a basic three-part framework for being attentive to teen situations and how to follow up on the preventative practices you've established.

Parents should come away with tactical ways to collaborate with their teens for both growth and safety.



What readers and course participants say about *From Comfort Zone to Trust Zone*

"I just received a great, inspirational sermon from a truly dedicated and knowledgeable disciple of Jesus."

– David Inman

"For anyone wanting to take a look inward and discover things they never knew about themselves."

– Nilam Patel, Amazon reviewer

"An educational eye-opener, even for those of us who have been Christians for many years."

– Peggy van Wunnik, participant

*"Taylor does not shy away from the uncomfortable aspects of faith. 'Trust Zone' is an essential read for anyone seeking to **deepen their faith, challenge their personal status quo, and engage more fully with Jesus's teachings.**"*

– Sung Sik Yoon, Amazon reviewer

What course participants say about *Unison Parenting*

"The knowledge my husband and I gained through Cecil's course brought us closer together as a couple and urged us to be more intentional and decisive in how we parent."

– Kelly Sullivan

"I don't think I would have had the courage (or the knowledge) to have such meaningful discussions with my daughter without your class."

– Denise Renter

"I can't tell you how many times we have used hints from you when raising our three kids."

– Angela Huge

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Some groups awarding Cecil's books



More Signature Talks

"Accepting the Crisis"

Cecil draws from and adds to ***The Next Thing*** to discuss a key first step in dealing with crisis in personal life. One of our inclinations when a crisis occurs is to deny that it's happening. But we cannot effectively address the crisis until we accept the crisis.

Acceptance doesn't mean we're "OK" with what has happened. Instead, acceptance is engaging with the reality of the crisis, then adapting, coping, and responding skillfully to that reality.

Participants will be equipped to move from the stuck place of denial to the active stance of addressing the crisis with unique techniques and mindset.

"Living in the Freedom and Immediacy of God's Love"

Echoing his book ***Live Like You're Loved***, Cecil shares the powerful concept that your life can be transformed quickly when you accept God's love. This day, you can experience love, forgiveness, being sent with purpose, and a close walk with God that stretches into eternity. Yes, full healing of wounds takes time, but transformation can begin.

Cecil explores how God's immediacy is present via the Holy Spirit, and how God's freedom looks different from what we might expect.

Participants will learn steps to transform their lives and what it looks like to live a transformed life.

"Caring for the Human Forest"

Did you know that trees take care of each other? Using an underground mycorrhizal network, trees can shuttle nutrients and even "messages" to each other. The legacy trees are the most mature trees and tend to the others. The entire forest benefits when trees care for each other.

In this talk based on ***The Legacy Tree*** video series, Cecil discusses how to use the model of the trees in caring for our neighbors in the human forest.

Participants will take away concepts of kindness and vulnerability that enhance human relationships.

Follow up Cecil's speaking with a book or video study

** Under development*

"From Comfort Zone to Trust Zone" – 6-week study

"Becoming a Loving and Firm Unison Parent" – 5-week study *

"Creating a Unison Family" – 4-week study *

"Building Disciples through Unison Parenting" – 5-week study *

"The Next Thing" – 5-week study

"Live Like You're Loved" – 5 week study

"The Legacy Tree" – 3 connected video studies of 4 weeks each for a total of 12 weeks

"The Misfits of Christmas" – 4-week Advent video study

Book and video studies are available through **Store.CecilTaylorMinistries.com**.



What readers and course participants say

*"Since my husband's death, there have been times when suddenly I was overwhelmed with emotions. From *The Next Thing*, I learned to put a name on what I was feeling. Such a wonderful tool to quiet my confusion and help me move forward!"* – **Marjorie Ditolla, reader**

*"Your vulnerability allowed our *Next Thing* study group to open up and be vulnerable as well."* – **Joan Hogge, book study leader**

*"*The Next Thing* helped me breathe during a storm, coming into my life at the perfect moment. Cecil offered a lifeline - a practical, faith-based approach to crisis that actually made sense."* – **Eyinmofe, Amazon reviewer**

*"*Live Like You're Loved* is a transformative read that powerfully tackles the crippling feelings of guilt, shame, and self-loathing."* – **Lewis Charles, Amazon reviewer**

*"There is a rawness to *Live Like You're Loved* that causes people to be more vulnerable in the discussion."* – **Trevor Kennedy, Sr. Pastor, Good News Church, Leander, TX**

"Cecil is a great teacher!" – **Julie Stelly, Live Like You're Loved video study leader**

*"*The Legacy Tree* is a wonderful study in reminding us who we are as Christians and why we do what we do in Jesus's name."* – **Joe Rule, video study leader**

Recent Media Appearances

Podcasts: Power of Man, Mista Yu, Book 101, Making the Leap, Wake Up the Lions

TV: WATC-57 Atlanta, WBPI-49 Augusta (GA)

Radio: Faith Radio, WOW Radio (both Florida)

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