



## Cecil Taylor's bio

With more than 30 years' experience as an adult Sunday School teacher and as many in youth ministry, Cecil Taylor has impacted lives in local churches throughout his adult life. He founded Cecil Taylor Ministries to broaden that impact, teaching Christians to live a 7-day practical faith through books, video studies, and speaking engagements. His ministry is cross-denominational, focused on the common struggle Christians face in putting their faith into practice and applying scripture and faith principles to life situations.

Cecil's books have been honored with the following awards:

- **The 2023 Living Water Award** (runner-up, Nonfiction) from the Blue Lake Christian Writers' Conference for his first book, *The Next Thing: A Christian Model for Dealing with Crisis in Personal Life*.
- **Finalist in the Christian Indie Awards** (Christian Living category) for *The Next Thing*. Winners will be named in April 2024.
- **The 2023 Oasis Award** (top prize, Nonfiction) for his second book, *Live Like You're Loved: Living in the Freedom and Immediacy of God's Love*.

Cecil writes a video study for each book, so small groups can either conduct book studies or video studies.

Other books/video studies available or in progress:

- *From Comfort Zone to Trust Zone: How Jesus Urges Us to Take Leaps of Faith for His Kingdom* (released: Jan. 2024)
- *Unison Parenting: A Comprehensive Guide to Navigating Christian Parenthood with One Voice* (release date: Spring 2024)

In addition to his web site, Cecil is a contributing writer for Inspiration.org.

## Publications and Guest Appearances

- Original work:

Title	Publisher	Book	Video Study	Study Guide
From Comfort Zone to Trust Zone: How Jesus Urges Us to Take Leaps of Faith for His Kingdom	Inscript	1/2024	2/2024	TBD
The Next Thing: A Christian Model for Dealing with Crisis in Personal Life	Inscript	5/2022	7/2022	7/2022
Live Like You're Loved: Living in the Freedom and Immediacy of God's Love	Inscript	12/2022	9/2020	2/2023
The Legacy Tree: A Christian Model for a Life of Significance		TBD	8/2018	TBD

- Guest Articles:
  - Latest on Inspiration.org: <https://inspiration.org/entertainment/sharing-god-in-a-golf-cart> and others
  - <https://www.inviteresources.com/article-details/7-ways-the-holy-spirit-speaks-to-us>
- 2023 Guest Podcasts:
  - Da Willhouse (Aug. '23) – 7 Day Practical Faith <https://youtu.be/8N2uS-RgA90>
  - Hanging Out with Jesus (Jul. '23) – “Living Life as God’s Beloved Child” <https://www.buzzsprout.com/727185>
  - Hanging Out with Jesus (Jul. '23) – “Embracing God’s Power During a Crisis” <https://www.buzzsprout.com/727185>
  - Pursue Your Passion (May '23) <https://scwguild.com/.../pursue-your-passion-cecil-taylor/>

## Deeper background

- Son of a United Methodist minister; Cecil’s perspective comes from the Arminian / Wesleyan tradition, although his ministry is cross-denominational and intends to avoid denominational arguments, instead focusing on the Christian tenets agreed by all denominations.
- Lifelong resident of Texas.
- Before Cecil Taylor Ministries, his career (his “day job”) has included:
  - Software development, including senior management roles.
  - Senior product manager within a telecom company
  - Sports and news broadcasting
    - Announced more than 300 games on the radio, spanning football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, soccer, and dirt track racing.

- Founded and hosted the first national radio show on women's sports, "The Women's Sports Hour," on Prime Sports Radio (later Fox Sports Radio), 1994-96.
  - Was awarded by the Women's Sports Foundation for his interview with pro baseball player Dottie Hinson, featured in "A League of Their Own."
- Small business ownership
- His career took him to eighteen countries (he has added five others on personal travel).
- Bachelor's in Computer Science from the University of Texas
- MBA in Corporate Entrepreneurship from the University of North Alabama.
- Married 38 years with three adult children.
- Hobbies and interests: Sports in general, fantasy football, music, miniature golf, pin collecting, saxophone, travel.

### **How to find Cecil Taylor Ministries and its offerings**

- [www.CecilTaylorMinistries.com](http://www.CecilTaylorMinistries.com)
  - Contains descriptions of its products (paid content like books and videos), free content (blogs, podcasts, etc.), and services (such as speaking and retreat leadership).
  - Products such as books, video studies, and printed study guides can be found at [Store.CecilTaylorMinistries.com](http://Store.CecilTaylorMinistries.com).
- To stay up to date on the ministry, please visit [Facebook.com/CecilTaylorMinistries](https://Facebook.com/CecilTaylorMinistries).
- Blogs are found on the web site under "Free Content", the Cecil Taylor Ministries Facebook page, LinkedIn personal page, and Medium.com (search for Cecil Taylor Ministries).
- Podcasts are found on the web site under "Free Content" and on Apple, Audacy, Spotify, and Podbean by searching for "Cecil Taylor Monthly Podcasts." The Cecil Taylor Ministries YouTube channel also carries the podcast.
- The books and study guides are available from the publisher (Inscript, via [DoveChristianPublishing.com](http://DoveChristianPublishing.com)) and on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Google Books, and other online sellers.

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