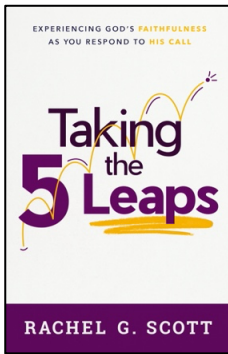


## ***TAKING THE 5 LEAPS***

### ***Experiencing God's Faithfulness as You Respond to His Call***

Bible teacher and author Rachel G. Scott mentors others on the different leaps that reflect our obedience and trust in God's calling on our lives



**Chicago, IL:** Many people long to find greater fulfillment in life but don't know how to move from beyond their current circumstances to their God-ordained calling. Without faith and direction, fear and uncertainty can hold us back from surrendering our desires, and fully trusting God to live boldly in His calling for our lives.

In ***Taking the 5 Leaps: Experiencing God's Faithfulness as You Respond to His Call*** (Moody Publishers), Bible teacher, podcaster, and leaping mentor **Rachel G. Scott** reveals five types of leaps we take to propel ourselves into fulfilling God's destiny for us.

Rachel introduces to readers a fresh perspective on the importance of embracing risk, building confidence, and finding peace when we relinquish our own desires to pursue God's vision. When we follow the Word, pray, choose to persevere, and take the leaps, we gain a deeper sense of fulfillment, purpose, and spiritual maturity.

With biblical illustrations, scriptures for meditation, and personal leap stories, *Taking the 5 Leaps* celebrates God's transformative power when we learn how to prepare, plan, and execute an exciting, and at times intimidating, leap. The featured leaps that Rachel illustrates include:

- **The Leaper's Setup:** Each leap comes with challenges that teach us new lessons that are meant to build our spiritual strength. Even if we feel unqualified or unprepared, God will provide all that we need for the leap that He has called us to take. The sooner we start our mission and leap, the sooner He can receive the glory. (Romans 8:28)
- **The Fisherman's Leap (Peter):** This leap requires a person to leave what is familiar to them (job or career) to pursue God's direction. This leap is not about *what* one will do but *who* they will serve. When we trust God to lead us into the unfamiliar, we accept His ability to do more with our willingness than with our worthiness. (Matthew 14:23–27)
- **The Shepherd's Leap (Abraham):** In this leap, a person is called to a physical relocation. Although all the details may not be determined, we have faith that God will provide a preordained path and predetermined provision. We are required to let go of people and places close to us and believe that what we are walking *into* is just as important to God as what we are walking away *from*. (Genesis 12:1–7)
- **The Builder's Leap (Nehemiah):** This leap requires a person to temporarily leave their job to fulfill God's work or care for a loved one with the possibility of a future return. While we may struggle with required commitments and adjustments during this time, we must seek God's leading regarding when and how the season will conclude. (Nehemiah 5:8–12)
- **The Tentmaker's Leap (Paul):** This leap occurs when our job helps fund our calling. It requires us to co-labor with God and others in advancing God's work. We can fulfill our spiritual assignment while pursuing our current job and keep an open heart to what or where God may call us next. (John 10:27)

- **The Trailblazer’s Leap (Jesus):** Jesus is our example for this leap because He completed the other four leaps while His earthly position coexisted with His heavenly purpose. With a surrendered life and willing heart, we can confidently choose obedience and boldly step into the unknown, uncomfortable, and unfamiliar territory of God’s plans. We are called to disciple and serve others as we partner with God’s vision in their lives. (John 6:38)

Throughout *Taking the 5 Leaps*, Rachel reminds readers that although our leaps may change during different seasons of our life, God will provide us with the knowledge and requirement for each leap. She also shares insight on the difference between a calling and a vision, setting a prayer plan, preparing for spiritual warfare, embracing hurdles, and how to pray for perseverance.

“When we pray for God to show us how He can use our lives, we can become intimidated by the responsibility or questions when we should consider it a remarkable opportunity to adventure and strategize with our Creator,” says Rachel. “If we take the time to become silent and listen, God will speak to us regarding His vision and we can become confident through our God-partnered leaps.

Whether you are a stay-at-home mom, a retiree or a business executive looking to follow God's calling, remember that God wants to propel you for His divine purpose through your leaps of obedience. Although you may encounter challenges along the way, you will also experience beautiful, historic, and glorious moments with God.

### About the Author:



**Rachel G. Scott** is a devoted wife, mother, entrepreneur, and Ohio native. She holds a bachelor of science from Kansas State University and an MBA from the University of Mary. Rachel is the founder of the I Can’t Come Down Movement, the host of the podcast *Taking the Leaps*, and a Bible teacher.

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### Suggested Interview Questions:

- 1) Rachel, share with us a synopsis and the importance of your book, *Taking the 5 Leaps*?
- 2) Can you give us a brief overview of the five leaps and their biblical examples?
- 3) Is there a specific leap that can be the most challenging?
- 4) Why does Peter’s obedience to God make him an example of the Fisherman’s Leap?
- 5) How can we surrender our fears and become confident when we pursue a leap?
- 6) What leaps have you experienced, and what were the outcomes?
- 7) What should we expect as part of the pruning or purging process of the Shepherd’s Leap?
- 8) How can we prepare for the sacrifices required for the Builders Leap?
- 9) In what ways does the Tentmaker’s Leap require us to co-labor with God and others?
- 10) How does Christ best reflect the Trailblazer’s Leap? Why is everyone called to take this leap?
- 11) How does prayer play a part in trusting and strategizing with God and the vision He gives us?
- 12) How do we prepare for these leaps, and how does a time of rest reflect our trust in God?
- 13) How should we understand hurdles or incidents that cause delays in our leaps?
- 14) You and your husband have a blended family with seven children -what is your advice on raising children with other parents involved?
- 15) Where can we find out more about you and your ministry?

## Notable Quotes from *Taking the 5 Leaps*:

Our calling often presents itself through the unsettled feeling we have when what we are living to do isn't lining up with what we are longing to do. Or when we realize that we have a desire to aid in something far bigger than we have the capacity to understand. Ultimately, our calling reveals itself through a sudden or gradual awareness about a way that we can influence, impact, or transform a situation. God knows how to impart His plans to each of us. He knows exactly how to share His agenda with His children. Each leap or action that we feel led to take is essentially birthed from the vision of a visionary. And that visionary is God. (pp.18, 20)

Why is our view of God so important to purpose? A tainted view of God compromises the assignment and gives the enemy room to contradict God's purpose. It allows the enemy input on what should only be accessible to God and His master plan for our lives. When the enemy gets access to those things, his mission is to steal, kill, or destroy the vision (John 10:10). A proper view of God is one led by truth about His nature and love for His children: you and me. As you walk out the purpose, remember that it is God whose purpose defines the direction your life should go. God knows what we can and can't do. It's about our willingness to be obedient. God can do more with our willingness than He could ever do with our worthiness. (p.46)

The enemy creates fear that paralyzes us through theories that lack evidence, mental images that are not part of our present or proven reality, and negative opinions and beliefs that don't line up with the truth of God. Fear begins in our minds and plays out in our lives when we allow it. Discernment is an invitation to see the situation as God intended and not as our emotions intend. Fear can work as a trigger, telling a story that may not be true. The truth is, no matter what comes our way as we journey in obedience to God's will, we have to remember that God plans and Satan plots. God is planning a good future for us; Satan is plotting a dead end. That dead end is not what God wants and neither do you. (p. 64)

When wisdom and worry are difficult to distinguish, this is an indicator that we don't have our ear turned completely to God's heart. I want you to remember that although unknowns may be unavoidable, anxiousness is a choice. Remember what the Bible tells us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philemon 4:6). Scripture also encourages us to, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). Just like God gave Abram a clear path and provision, He will do the same for you. He will be a lamp unto your feet, allowing you to see the next step and a light unto your path (see Psalm 119:105), making the road ahead clear and bright. (p. 91)

Jesus spent three of His thirty-three years on earth teaching, preaching, and performing miracles and healings to reveal He came to redeem us from the hand of death and bring us into salvation (John 3:17). Along the way, He came across doubters, demons, and danger, but He never lost sight of His ultimate goal of salvation of souls. Jesus knew His time was limited, so He warned the disciples and followers through parables and teachings during His three years of active ministry. He came because there was a need that went beyond our human ability to navigate. Humanity requires His help, and He wants our hearts. He came for us and to be with us because He loves us. The astounding truth is that when we are in Christ, we are eternal ambassadors of heaven, while being temporary expatriates on earth. We are called to coexist in both places and honor God through our workings and our waiting, just as Jesus did. (p. 123)

Transitions led by inconveniences often threaten our comfort but lead us to our calling. They take life as we know it and turn it upside down. Comfort and consecration are not companions in this life. We have to choose one or the other. That's why we are told to deny ourselves, pick up our cross, and follow Jesus (see Matthew 16:24). To deny ourselves is an act of surrender and an acknowledgement that we will be inconvenienced for the sake of the gospel and the will of our heavenly Father. Our willingness to be inconvenienced lets God know that He has first and final say in our lives, which is exactly what He needs in order to propel us for His glory. (p. 165)