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**Book Helps Christians Examine Their Motives  
for Ministry, Service in Church and Community**

GARLAND, TX—Steve Hunter had impeccable credentials—a doctoral degree in counseling, a seminary education, and a prestigious job as caregiver for the emotional needs of missionaries in Central and Eastern Europe. A beautiful wife and four children completed the picture of Hunter’s prize accomplishments.

Yet, in a crisis moment, he discovered that his desire to succeed was driven by the wrong motives—a “pleaser” mentality to win the approval of God and others to cover hidden, past pain that he had dealt with inadequately.

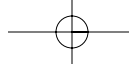
As God shone His illuminating spotlight on Hunter, the missionary saw that his life resembled a theatrical performance, as he hid behind the mask of ministry to make him feel good about himself. He resigned his missionary post and returned home to learn to live a more authentic Christian life.

In his new book, *Make-Believers: Ending the Pretending to Live Happily Ever After*, Hunter shares his personal journey of learning to relinquish control to God and how people can be the real Christians God desires them to be.

Now a professor at The Criswell College and a staff member at First Baptist Church of Dallas, Hunter gives readers several checklists and guides to help them determine the role of maintaining the proper “Christian image” in their lives and evaluate why they are serving in their churches and communities. Each chapter concludes with study questions which make the book adaptable for small-group study.

“When the pretending ends, you will have a blockbuster season,” writes Hunter, whose book borrows a theatrical motif throughout. “You will be transformed in how you view God, in how you view yourself, in how you relate to others, and in how you see your circumstances as you live a life of obedience filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit.”

*Make-Believers: Ending the Pretending to Live Happily Ever After* is endorsed by June Hunt, founder of Hope for the Heart Ministries in Dallas; Mac Brunson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas; and Jerry Johnson, president of The Criswell College, among others. Avery T. Willis, emeritus senior vice-president for overseas operations of the International Mission Board, wrote the book’s foreword.



“Steve’s personal catharsis will provide others with the courage to face their past disappointments, sins, failures, and hurts. In this book people can find a path of relief and a plan of forgiveness through Jesus Christ,” wrote another endorser, Jim Richards, executive director of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

Hunter, a native of xxx, also has been a pastor and youth pastor in Texas. He and his wife, Karen, now have six children and live in Rowlett.

*Make-Believers: Ending the Pretending to Live Happily Ever After* , ISBN 0-929292-36-7, is available for \$12.95 at [Hannibalbooks.com](http://Hannibalbooks.com).

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