

# Life Untapped!™

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Welcome to **Life Untapped!**™ - a monthly newsletter for readers, writers and others desiring to be enlightened and uplifted.

I hope the information you find here, including brief profiles of inspiring personalities, books to consider and updates on my writing projects, will encourage you on your journey.

I'm honored to feature in this issue an article from a recent interview with **Bishop T.D. Jakes**. You'll also meet a talented composer and learn more about the work of my writer friends.

Sit back and enjoy, and trust that God will bless the dreams He placed in your heart - when *you're* ready to live... Life Untapped!™

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*What is an untapped life? One filled with love, laughter, faith, service and hope. One that believes simply because you lived to see this day, all of the possibilities it holds are within your reach. ©*

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## Stacy's News

I finished my third novel two weeks ago and submitted it to my publisher for editing. The book will reacquaint, or introduce, readers to Serena Jasper McDaniels, Erika Tyler Wilson and Tawana Carter, three women at very different places in their lives, who each longs to be transformed into something beautiful. I'll share more details as we near the **October 2007** release date, so stay tuned!

In the meantime, check out some of my

## A Message from Bishop T.D. Jakes ... The Minister and the Author

Not Easily Broken - Bishop T.D. Jakes' new novel on marriage, faith and forgiveness



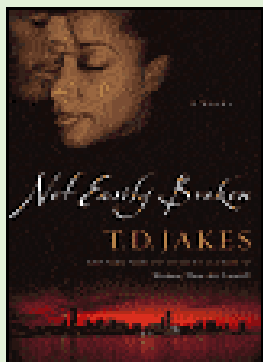
According to biblical Scripture, God hates divorce.

What happens, however, when two people of faith decide they no longer love,

cherish and respect each other enough to live as husband and wife?

Bishop T.D. Jakes paused when I posed that question last week, just days before his novel, **Not Easily Broken**, was nationally released.

This compelling story centers on a couple who find themselves so wrapped up in chasing the American dream that they've forgotten the importance of chasing after each other's heart.



The realistic depiction of the rejection and temptation they face will leave readers wondering why they don't give up and move on. However, the same readers will likely understand the characters' longing to honor the promises they made before God.

I won't give away the ending, but the book illuminates a serious issue in this nation: the crumbling family.

Jakes' answer to my query was thoughtful:

"The Bible didn't say (God) hates the divorcee," Jakes said. "We've got many people who have gone through divorce and have been able to find love. But I'm a reconciler and bridge builder. I've been married 25 years.

"Now, like never before, we are seeing a huge deficit in marriages across the country. We're losing the battle for the home."

Jakes said people of faith often focus on being "equally yoked," or choosing a partner who is also a Christian. However, he believes faith alone isn't enough to sustain a marriage.

"How do we mesh two personalities together? Being 'equally yoked' exemplifies being yoked in your vision, in parenting the children, in how you pay the bills," he said. "That's why pre-marital counseling is so important."

Some may wonder why he uses works of fiction, such as movies and novels, to spread the gospel. From his perspective, they are excellent tools.

Novels and movies go "beyond the preachy element

freelance work, which appears in the September/October issue of **The Crisis** magazine (a profile of Kimberly Oliver, the National Teacher of the Year) and **Heart & Soul** magazine (a brief interview with Hydeia Broadbent, the college student who became the public face of AIDS in the African American community when she was just 6).

### CHAT WITH STACY!

I'm scheduling **Speakerphone Chats** for 2007 with book clubs around the country that select one of my novels as their monthly club read. If your club would like to call me for a 30-minute chat to discuss **Speak To My Heart** or **Nothing But the Right Thing**, shoot me an email at [stacy@stacyhawkinsadams.com](mailto:stacy@stacyhawkinsadams.com) so we can reserve the date.

### Book Club Corner - Your Book Club Photo & Profile Could Be Featured Here!

Beginning in November, I'll feature a book club every month and share the following with readers and with fellow writers across the nation:

- \* **Your Book Club's Name**
- \* **Location** (City & State)

\* **Type of Books You Read**, i.e. literary and commercial fiction, women's fiction, Christian fiction, nonfiction or a variety of everything.

If your club is interested in participating, please email me the information listed above and a **photo** of club members, to be posted on my website and in the Life Untapped!™ newsletter.

' Also answer **ONE** of the following questions:

- \* What makes your book club unique?
- \* How has participating in this book club helped members grow or change for the better?

Please email this information to

down to the practical," Jakes said. "It's a provocative way to deal with challenges."

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### Quote of the Month:

*"A musician must make music, an artist must paint, a poet must write, if he is to be ultimately at peace with himself."* Abraham Maslow, American philosopher and psychologist

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### The Untapped Life...

John Keltonic's Music & Mission

If you're raising young children, the soon-to-be-released **Veggie Tales** movie, **Gideon: Tuba Warrior** (Nov. 7) may find its way into your shopping cart.

Emmy-award winning composer **John Keltonic**, wrote some of the music for the film, which teaches children a lesson about trusting God.

John also has composed musical scores for the PBS children's series, **Zoofari**, a PBS film about the Everglades entitled **Water's Journey**, and countless other films, documentaries and radio projects.

The most unassuming thing about him is also the most powerful - his faith.

He doesn't preach or tote a Bible, yet when he talks about orphaned children in Uganda, his eyes glow.

John has led numerous teams of volunteer missionaries from his suburban Richmond, Va. church to the Canaan Children's Home in Buziika, Uganda.

While most of them teach, pray, feed and nurture the youths living in the orphanage, John travels t o

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### What's On Stacy's Bookshelf?

More accurate would be 'What's on Stacy's nightstand, in her car, near the kitchen table?'

I pick up a book whenever I have a spare moment, and now that I have one major writing project behind me, I'm enjoying the opportunity to catch up on some great titles. These are ones you don't want to miss:

\* **Murder, Mayhem, And a Fine Man: An Amanda Bell Brown Mystery** by Claudia Muir Burney

\* **A Sundog Moment** by Sharon Baldacci

\* **Saved Folk in the House** by Sonnie Beverly

\* **Writing for the Soul: Instruction And Advice from an Extraordinary Writing Life** by Jerry B. Jenkins

### Readers ages 8 to 17, might enjoy:

\* **Simply Divine** by Jacquelin Thomas

\* **The Palomino** by Katy Pistole (This is the first book in the Sonrise Farm Series)

the dangerous northern part of the country to rescue children from the threat of becoming murderous child soldiers.

Ask him why he does it and John asks in return, how could he not. His ability to live his dream compels him to give others a similar chance, even if it means putting himself at risk.

For John, it's life untapped personified.

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The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. *John 10:10 (NKJV)*

## Stacy's October Schedule

I'm honored to be assisting with a writing seminar at the Richmond Baptist Seminary led by Cecil Murphey, the lead author for the bestselling **90 Minutes in Heaven** by Don Piper and **Gifted Hands**, the autobiography of neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson.

I'll be participating in several private readings and signings this month, but I'm looking forward to meeting some of you at public book signings in November.

Congrats to Christian fiction authors **Kendra Norman-Bellamy** and **Tia McCollors** for being honored at the recent **2006 Literary Awards Show**. Kendra was named Christian Fiction Author of the Year and Tia was named BreakOut Author of the Year. Continued blessings, ladies!

## Coming Soon - The Midnight Clear

Next month you'll be able to purchase **The Midnight Clear**, the Christmas anthology which includes short stories by me, Kendra Norman-Bellamy, Patricia Haley, Tia McCollors and more than a dozen other authors. Prepare to be entertained and impacted by these inspiring tales of faith and hope, just in time for the holidays!

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- [Listen to John Keltonic's Musical Compositions](#)
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