

Sex Slaves in the US: Who Will Help Them?

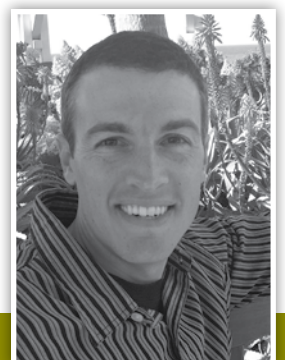
An estimated 18,000-20,000 people are trafficked annually into the United States as sex slaves, the *New York Times* reports. Yes, slavery still exists today—right here in the United States. While many are deeply disturbed by this problem, they feel powerless to help. So who will speak for those who can't speak for themselves? Who will help the vulnerable and the exploited? Eric Ludy, bestselling author of *When God Writes Your Love Story*, heads up a multi-organizational task force aimed at championing the cause of the overlooked and the oppressed. According to Ludy, modern-day sex trafficking is exactly the type of issue that historical Christians would have tackled head on. But what about the Christians of today? Ludy makes the case that there's something missing in modern Christianity—the world is affecting us, but we're not affecting the world. Over time, Christians have:

- ✝ **Grown to have more in common with the world than with Christ**
- ✝ **Become more concerned about pleasing men than God**
- ✝ **Set aside the pursuit of eternal truth for the pursuit of temporal pleasures**

According to Ludy, the once brave-hearted constitution of Christ's church has been lost. There is a "new" sort of Christian that has emerged, and this soft, Bible-massaging "new" Christianity is laboring long and hard to hijack the historic faith. The Word of God is under direct attack, and those threatening its integrity are not secularists—they are significant voices in the Christian leadership of today. In contrast, Ludy presents Christianity as the most extraordinary force on Earth as he urges believers to return to the ancient moorings of the faith.

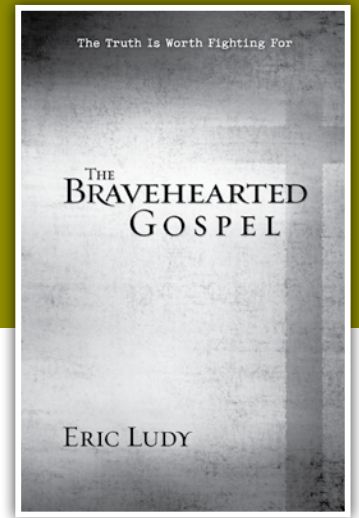
"This world, its orphans, its widows, its lame, and its destitute are waiting in darkness for the Light of Life, whom only the church can bring. What are we going to do about it?"

Ludy makes a compelling case that the sterile, weak version of North American Christianity we see today is largely due to a lack of masculine expression in the church—the "manly stuff" has been unconsciously removed from the body of Christ. He challenges us to recapture the grit and gusto that has long been missing from Christianity as he unveils the path to a vibrant, life-giving faith—the path of *The Bravehearted Gospel*.



Job 29

The Original Bravehearted Gospel



¹And Job again took up his discourse and said,
²“Oh that I were as in months gone by,
As in the days when God watched over me;
³When His lamp shone over my head,
And by His light I walked through darkness;
⁴As I was in the prime of my days,
When the friendship of God was over my
tent;
⁵When the Almighty was yet with me,
And my children were around me;
⁶When my steps were bathed in butter,
And the rock poured out for me streams of
oil!
⁷“When I went out to the gate of the city,
When I took my seat in the square,
⁸The young men saw me and hid themselves,
And the old men arose and stood.
⁹“The princes stopped talking
And put their hands on their mouths;
¹⁰The voice of the nobles was hushed,
And their tongue stuck to their palate.
¹¹“For when the ear heard, it called me blessed,
And when the eye saw, it gave witness of me,
¹²Because I delivered the poor who cried for
help,
And the orphan who had no helper.
¹³“The blessing of the one ready to perish came
upon me,
And I made the widow’s heart sing for joy.
¹⁴“I put on righteousness, and it clothed me;

My justice was like a
robe and a turban.
¹⁵“I was eyes to the blind
And feet to the lame.
¹⁶“I was a father to the needy,
And I investigated the case which I did not
know.
¹⁷“I broke the jaws of the wicked
And snatched the prey from his teeth.
¹⁸“Then I thought, ‘I shall die in my nest,
And I shall multiply my days as the sand.
¹⁹“My root is spread out to the waters,
And dew lies all night on my branch.
²⁰“My glory is ever new with me,
And my bow is renewed in my hand.’
²¹“To me they listened and waited,
And kept silent for my counsel.
²²“After my words they did not speak again,
And my speech dropped on them.
²³“They waited for me as for the rain,
And opened their mouth as for the spring
rain.
²⁴“I smiled on them when they did not believe,
And the light of my face they did not cast
down.
²⁵“I chose a way for them and sat as chief,
And dwelt as a king among the troops,
As one who comforted the mourners.



Bio Sketch

ERIC LUDY

Author of *The Bravehearted Gospel*

Eric Ludy is a best-selling author who has penned ten books, including the popular *When God Writes Your Love Story*, coauthored with his wife, Leslie. He heads up a multi-organizational task force aimed at championing the cause of the overlooked and the oppressed.

Eric and Leslie Ludy have spoken to thousands of teens, college students, and parents around the United States and abroad. By integrating original music, powerful motivational speaking, and a poignant, Biblically-based message, they have won the hearts of audiences everywhere. They are esteemed by both younger and older generations and have garnered applause from marriage, family, and youth experts around the country.

Their national bestseller, *When God Writes Your Love Story*, has been listed as the number one selling relationship book by CBA Marketplace and gained a Top 10 ranking on its bestsellers list several times since 1999. Leslie and Eric's other books include *When Dreams Come True*, *God's Gift to Women*, *Teaching True Love to a Sex-at-Thirteen Generation*, *The First 90 Days of Marriage*, and *Meet Mr. Smith*.

In his powerful new release, *The Bravehearted Gospel*, Ludy shares his conviction that many today have inherited a faith that has no real life or power. Once upon a time, Christianity was the stuff of legends, and Christ's loyalists were the kind of men and women who literally turned the world upside-down. But over time, something has happened to that once fervent and bravehearted band who dared to be called Christians. Instead of zeal there is apathy. Instead of courage there is timidity. But, as Ludy reveals, there is an ancient blood-stained trail, trod by the greatest men and women in history, beckoning us once again to explore its epic and grand terrain. For all those hungry for a Christianity that actually works, a faith that possesses the power to rescue this dying world, this trail must not be ignored. For it is the path of heroes and of real-world change—it's the path of *The Bravehearted Gospel*.

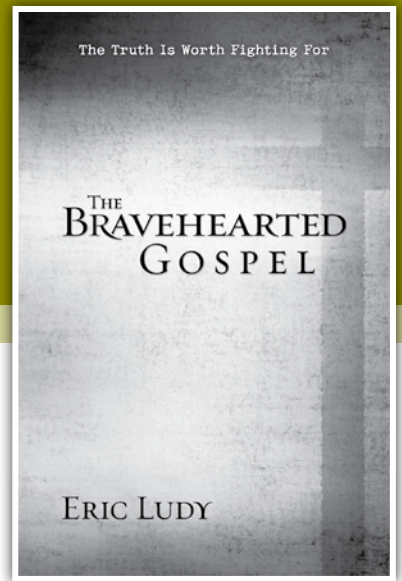
In addition to fighting on the front lines of Christian thought, Ludy relishes the opportunity to work with eager young men and women around the world. He leads a discipleship training program based in Colorado, known as The Stone Mountain Project, which enables men and women not only to hear the Word of God—but to make it a vibrant, living, powerful reality in their daily lives. In addition, the Ludys are preparing to launch an international rescue mission for orphans and enslaved children across the globe.

Enthusiastic media guests, the Ludys have shared insightful messages and music on many television and radio shows produced by Crossroads Christian Communications, Moody Broadcasting, LeSEA Broadcasting, and other networks. In 2002 and 2006 they were among the top ten Focus on the Family radio broadcasts.

Eric and Leslie Ludy reside in Colorado with their two children, Hudson and Harper.

Interview Questions

for Eric Ludy, author of
The Bravehearted Gospel



- ✝ Where does this title, *The Bravehearted Gospel*, come from?
- ✝ You believe that modern Christianity has lost a lot of its passion and has become fairly apathetic. Why? How have we gotten to this point?
- ✝ You say that Job 29 is for Christian men what Proverbs 31 is for women. Why?
- ✝ A quote from your book says, “Every male in my generation has been encouraged to get in touch with his *feminine side*, but I would like to propose in this book that the Body of Christ needs to get in touch with its *masculine side*.” Please explain.
- ✝ What exactly is the “manly stuff” that you claim is missing from our modern Church experience?
- ✝ What are you suggesting we, as the modern church, need to do in order to get back to Historic Christianity?
- ✝ Eric, you are 37 and the prime age to be a postmodern, emergent-thinking Christian. Is *The Bravehearted Gospel* an “emergent” book?
- ✝ You say the Word of God is under attack—not by secularists, but by those in Christian leadership. How so?
- ✝ It seems that you’re a bit perturbed with modern Christianity’s attempt to be “cool.” Is that correct?
- ✝ You have a website to go along with this book. Tell us about TheBraveheartedGospel.com

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