

ORGANIC FAITH

*A Revival Call to a
Disillusioned Church*

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*One Young Christian's Journey
to Greater Intimacy with God*

Notice: If you only have time to read one book today, I would like to suggest a better one. Pick up the Bible, the living Word of God, and delve into the heart of the Lord. Many shy away from the Bible opting to read more “contemporary” Christian literature. There is nothing wrong with these books (including *Organic Faith*) when read as a supplement to the Bible. But only the Bible contains the complete inspired truth of God. All other books are a poor substitute for the real thing.

Organic Faith shows my progression from a disillusioned Christian raised in the Church to a more mature believer walking in faith and focusing on a deeper walk with Christ. Please read the book in its entirety to understand my journey. The inner conflict and pain revealed in the first few chapters turns into joy, peace and freedom as I learn to focus on Christ and allow Him to transform me page after page.

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DEDICATION

To all of those who
are searching for something more.



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- Michael Brown – Your prophetic words strike right at the heart.
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INTRODUCTION

Toward the end of writing this book I almost gutted the entire project. I would tell people about the book. Then they would ask me to explain the concept. I struggled to capture the essence of ‘Organic Faith’ in a short sound bite. My mind journeyed back to lessons learned in journalism school and the pr business. In journalism, you write a catchy headline and lead paragraph; then you cut the essentials down into one paragraph describing the essence of the story. In marketing, a concept must be shortened to a few catchy words or phrases. I began to wonder, ‘If I can’t explain the book concept in two sentences or less, do I really have something here?’

Thank God for His mercy. The Lord used others and His Spirit to keep me from making a big mistake. In times of confusion, I reverted back to what I had always heard to be true even though the ‘conventional wisdom’ conflicted with my spirit.

The following pages include my journal notes, short stories, poems and prayers over the past year. Unlike most Christian books today, *Organic Faith* does not cover just one theme or follow any logical progression. It deals with my life and struggles as a single, young Christian man trying to dive deeper into Christ’s love and intimacy with Him. Just like life, you never know what will come on the next page, yet the Master weaves it all together to create something spectacular. We try to fit God and His work into boxes and easy-to-figure-out formulas. But faith requires steadfast obedience and trust

through chaos. *Organic Faith* cannot be melted down into one key concept because it continues to evolve as the Lord reveals more and more of His heart to me. The adventure lies in your own journey of faith.

Having grown up in a Christian family, I learned as a child how to play church really well. The religious trappings of modern Christianity took deep root in my life, and the Holy Spirit has spent most of the last year helping me unlearn everything that I thought I knew. If you don't want to be challenged to seek a deeper walk with Christ, do not read this book. According to the Bible, you are held accountable for your level of understanding; hence it is better to be blissfully ignorant than tortured by unheeded knowledge. But if you, like me, look around on Sundays and know that something is amiss, if you long for something more yet can't seem to grasp it, listen up. My journey may help you.

Some sections contain very strong rebukes to the Church. These words are written in love. I am applying all of these words first to myself. I believe the Lord has given me a message to tell other believers. The cry of God's heart is for intimacy with His children. The following pages do not come from a man who has it all together. Like everyone else on this planet, I'm still a work in progress. And I stand as guilty as the next man for allowing my life to be much less than what God desires. But I have learned that the failures of the messenger do not change the truth of the message, especially when God is the source of the message. May the Church have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying in these last days.

Please feel free to e-mail me your comments or questions to **chaille@organicfaith.com**.





Let's pray before we begin:

Father, in the name of Jesus, reveal Yourself to me as I read Organic Faith. Show me the areas in my life where I have not walked in faith. Open my eyes to spiritual truths that I have not seen. Help me to see things as You see them. Oh, Holy Spirit, consume my life and cause me to burn with passion for a greater relationship with Jesus.

Cause me to repent and turn from any sin within my heart. Help me to grow and forgive any of those within the Church, who have hurt me. As I seek Your face, reveal to me in greater measure Your love for me. As I read, help me to hear Your voice.

I am here seeking a deeper walk with You, meet with me. Transform me page after page. For this, I give You all the praise, honor and glory. Thank You for all You have done are doing and will do in the future. Amen.

-Chaille Brindley

-You, the reader of *Organic Faith*