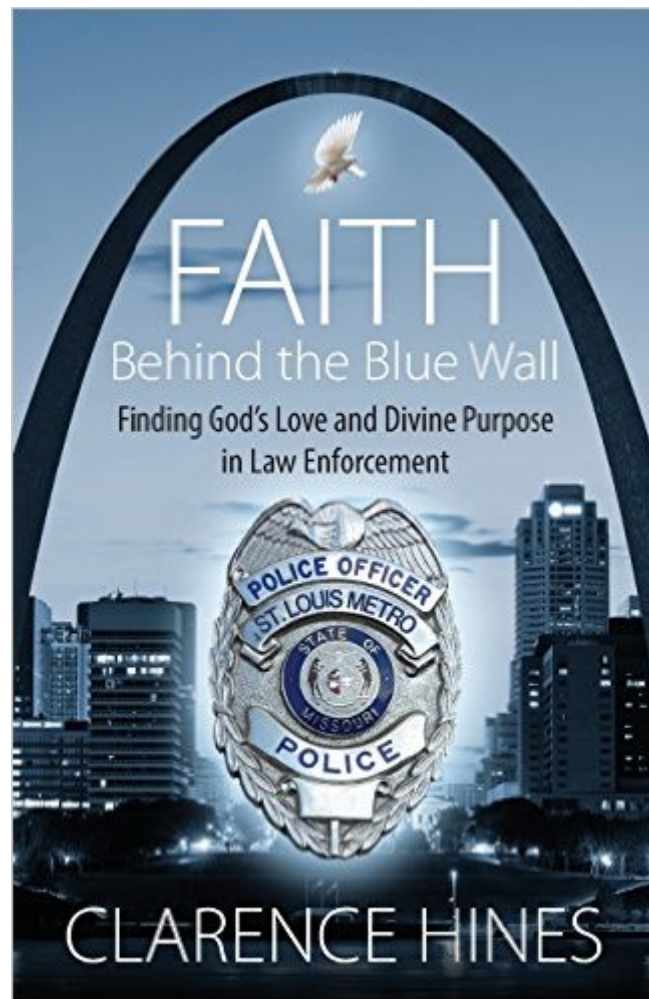


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Faith Behind The Blue Wall: Finding God's Love And Divine Purpose In Law Enforcement



Synopsis

Often referred to as the "Blue Wall of Silence", most people give little consideration to the sub community that is law enforcement. Most officers and soldiers accept the inherent dangers of their vocation without reservation; however, are rarely prepared to deal with the residual emotional effects of policing a community and defending our borders. Because of the strong professional standards and polished uniformed image of our warriors of justice, most people never stop to consider that because officers and soldiers encounter so much brokenness on a daily basis, they themselves can eventually break. This book is a personal career devotional for the entire law enforcement community and their families to bring them face to face with the loving presence of the God of Grace who called them, understands them, protects them, loves them and seeks to heal them. Throughout its pages, the law enforcement community will find transformative vocational meaning and purpose as they favorably live out their faith in the tough terrain of defending a city or nation. Through the often overlooked stories of soldiers and law enforcement officers in the bible, they will learn valuable lessons and gain priceless pearls of wisdom to better protect and serve our communities. Families and Communities will have never before seen access to the inner struggles and daily obstacles officers must overcome to serve them. Chaplains and clergy will be better informed and equipped to minister to the needs of their law enforcement congregants and parishioners.

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I don't doubt Mr. Hines' Christianity; it shines like a beacon from his writing; even though I like books

with a story and this one has no story, I'll eventually give the book four stars, but will criticize it first. Mr. Hines gives the impression he thinks only policemen have problems. He writes of sacrifices, hurts, and pains. He says new policemen don't know what they're getting into. I wonder if anyone escapes sacrifices, hurts, and pains, or if any person knows what he/she is getting into when she or he begins to serve God. Mr. Hines also seems to think God's call to be a policeman is more important than His call to do something else. For example, he writes God considers police special (doesn't He consider everybody special?), and that churches should partner with law enforcement. If all police are perfect, maybe that last is true. I knew a good police officer, and he was a wonderful thing--but should a church entangle itself with all police? Proverbs 20:2 says, "A king's wrath strikes terror like the roar of a lion; those who anger him forfeit their lives." An armed policeman strikes the same terror, and for me, is to be avoided. He writes that police are why we live in peace, but I think it's also true that farmers are why we're not hungry, autoworkers are why we don't walk everywhere, plumbers are why we no longer use outdoor privys, . . . He writes that no other profession (except police officers) has the unique skill set they have. But could not farmers, autoworkers, plumbers, and others say the same? To leave aside Mr. Hines' glorified perception of the police, he writes the book in first person, with himself as narrator. He begins the book with a discussion of his boyhood in St. Louis and of his grandfather's store there.

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