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The Shack is one of the most surprising best-sellers of our time. Wm. Paul Young, the author, wrote this novel as a Christmas gift for his six children. Some of his friends read the book and urged him to publish it for the general public. After several publishers turned him down, Young and three partners published the book themselves. This unique book quickly became a phenomenon. It didn't take long for The Shack to reach the top of The New York Times best seller list. As I write this article, Young's novel has spent 86 weeks at or near the top of the best seller list.

Why are so many Christians and non-Christians reading The Shack? Why has it caused such a stir? The book's subtitle is, “Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity.” The author tells a highly original story of the loss of a daughter and an unexpected encounter with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The questions that Young wrestles with in this book clearly connect with many readers today. Why is there evil in the world? Why do good people suffer? What is the best way to handle grief and loss? Is God listening to me?

I invite you to a class on The Shack that will begin on Sunday, February 7th in classroom 4 of Smead Hall. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday until we cover the whole book. Don't worry if you do not have a copy of The Shack, I will hand out summary sheets of the chapters. I hope that you can join us and explore this book.

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