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ENDORSEMENTS

The Door to More reminds us all that we will encounter open doors, closed doors, and locked doors. God knows what's on the other side of each, and He will guide you if you stay close to Him.

—**Jentezen Franklin**

Senior Pastor, Free Chapel

New York Times best-selling author

In his new book, *The Door to More*, my friend Tony Stewart explains the various kinds of doors we encounter in our lifetime. Some people choose to avoid doors altogether, thinking that staying where they are involves no risk. However, God never intended for you to stay where you are or the way you are right now. He desires for you to experience more of His presence, His power, and His blessing. Tony brilliantly outlines the revelation you need to step through the door to more with boldness and confidence.

—**Dr. Rod Parsley**

Pastor and Founder, World Harvest Church

Columbus, Ohio

The life of a Christian believer is a series of doors and the opportunities they represent. It is our spiritual challenge to discern these symbolic doors, whether they be open pathways or an idea slammed shut. In *The Door to More*, Pastor Tony Stewart provides Biblically based guidance and instruction in crossing these thresholds into greater glory.

—**Dr. Tim Hill**

Church of God General Overseer

Cleveland, Tennessee

My brother Tony has written such a prescient and necessary read for everyone who's ever wondered what their role and gift might be. We can all open doors for others. Tony didn't just come up with a cool concept; he has lived, bled, sweated, and cried this message. The tireless and selfless way he has opened doors for me and so many like me over-qualifies him to speak directly to your life and future!

—Israel Houghton

Grammy award winning recording artist

I have known my good friend Tony Stewart for a long time. Hence, I know firsthand how he has seized open doors of opportunity and overcome the disappointment of closed doors. I have no doubt *The Door to More* will encourage, inspire, and motivate you to push past complacency and step into your next season.

—Dr. Sam Chand

Best-selling author and leadership expert

As a believer trying to follow God's will, I have lived my life going through open doors, trying to understand closed doors, and always anticipating new doors of opportunity. In Pastor Tony Stewart's new book, he helps answer the questions about spiritual doors in our lives. I believe in the season we are living, we must be fine-tuned to know clearly what doors are the correct to go through. This book will bring understanding and insight that you need to make right decisions that line up with the Word of God.

—Joni Lamb

Co-founder, Daystar Television Network

When designing a building, architects carefully construct a plan to ensure that doors are properly placed. These entrances and exits have great power—to open possibilities or shut for your protection. Likewise, in the spiritual realm, we encounter doors every day. In *The Door to More*, my good friend Tony Stewart inspires us to look at these doors from another perspective. As you read this book, your spiritual eyes will open, and you will begin recognizing the doors God has placed in front of you. I pray you will have the courage to walk through the door to more.

—**Dr. Dave Martin**

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FOREWORD

We enter through doors every day. From bedroom to kitchen. From the house into morning light and into the car for our daily commute. From the chilly night air into the familiar warmth of a family home after a long day. These are, of course, physical doors in our life that lead from one place to another. Yet there also are invisible spiritual doors all around us. Sometimes God opens them. Sometimes He locks them. Often He leaves it up to us whether to enter or exit.

How do we find these doors? And how do we decide if we should go through them? After all, not all of them lead to the same place, and just because there is a door does not mean we ought to go through it. Sometimes *when* we go through a door matters as much as *where* it leads. In *The Door to More*, my friend Tony Stewart opens Scripture to teach us how to see the doors around us with spiritual eyes.

The story of Noah reminds us it sometimes takes faith to see the other side of the doorway. David challenges us to seize the moment when the right time comes and the door swings open before us. Paul shows us we should not walk lightly through a door just because it is open—often, we will face challenges on the other side.

Once we start recognizing these doorways, it may be intimidating to think about them. As humans, we tend to overthink what is before us. But Tony reminds us that whatever may be awaiting us, we can cross every threshold with Spirit-filled confidence, knowing God is with us.

—**Samuel Rodriguez**

Lead pastor, New Season Church

President/CEO of *National Hispanic
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Author of *Persevere With Power:
What Heaven Starts, Hell Cannot Stop!*

Executive producer of the movies
Breakthrough and *Flamin' Hot*



PREFACE

Do you feel change is on the horizon, in your not-too-distant future, or maybe even knocking at your door?

That's good news: You are standing at the doorway of a new season with greater possibilities than you've ever had before!

The reality is we all change, and change is necessary for growth and, in many cases, even survival. The challenges of change, the constancy of change, and the cost of change can be overwhelming, however. What we are settling into and embracing today is changing in our tomorrow, and the adjustment and challenges it demands of us at times seems more than we can handle and bear.

The cost—mentally, emotionally, and spiritually—of change seems more than we can afford. I find the most challenging times of change in my life, family, and ministry are in seasons of comfort and familiarity, when I don't want to change or even see or feel the need for change. The reality is, it's in those times that I probably need change the most. When things are comfortable and too familiar, my life is less fruitful and change is required.

God's plan is always progressive; it is always defining, aligning, preparing and even repairing us when needed for something greater that is in our future. His plan moves us from glory to

glory, season to season, to embrace the prophetic declaration the Father has spoken over our lives. The challenge is navigating, embracing, and stepping into those moments with faith and expectation—moments that unlock and lead to new seasons of abundance and fruitfulness.

The good news is the Father has given us a manual for embracing changing culture and times, a roadmap on how to navigate from one season to the next; it is called the Bible. From Genesis to Revelation—from the beginning to the end of the Bible—He gives us examples and stories of ordinary people who by faith walked through doorways that led to change and even supernatural testimonies of God’s power and plan for their life.

In the Book of Exodus, God opens a door for His people that will lead them out of bondage and into a place of freedom and promise. He uses the Hebrew word *bo*, which means to “exit,” but it also means to “enter”; and it has so much more depth and promise. *Bo* can also mean the following:

advance, apply, approach, arrive, associate, border, bring, bring to pass, come to pass, enter, enter and go, get, give, go, go through, harbor, harvest, indeed come, invade, keep on coming, present, proceed, reach, reenter, replace, return, set, spring, stand, sundown, sunset, sunrise, support, take, take place, visit, and so much more.

This small word, with such great weight and possibilities, is what the door that is opening in your life holds for you and your journey—endless possibilities.

We are going to look at the story of a family in the Old Testament who sensed God was doing something in their life in a difficult and fruitless season. We will unpack what was required of them and how they stepped into the threshold of a doorway. We will witness the powerful story of how an Ephesians 3:20 moment in their life unfolded—something more than they expected and beyond their comprehension.

In this verse, God says to His people, “When you come to the end of your thoughts and the end of your imagination, I start there.” So if you are sensing God is doing something big in your life, something beyond your own abilities, then you are in the right place at the right time. You are getting ready to embrace the John 10:10 promise for your life, where the enemy of your destiny is silenced and the promise of purpose, provision, and prosperity is released. You are ready to walk through your *Door to More*.