

## The Cross And The Switchblade

Step up to your Kingdom destiny! At this present hour, Christianity is at a crossroads. The people of God desperately need prophetic voices that awaken and encourage passionate Kingdom advancement. David Wilkerson had such a voice and it resounds with urgency to this day. Wilkerson was a true general of the faith, recognized for his world-impacting ministries Teen Challenge, World Challenge, and Times Square Church, as well as his bestselling book, *The Cross and the Switchblade*. He was known worldwide for his fiery passion for evangelism. During his 80 years on earth, Wilkerson brought the love of God to gangs and drug dealers, helping countless individuals defeat the giants of addiction, violence, and torment. David Wilkerson impacted many lives for eternity but some were close enough to him to walk in his footsteps. Charles Simpson was one of these. In *Walking in the Footsteps of David Wilkerson*, Simpson shares his experiences, as well as the deep revelations he received under Wilkerson's leadership. Today, David Wilkerson's example is your invitation to be used by God in supernatural ways. Awaken to the call of your destiny! While reading this book, discover... Your Kingdom assignment is found in the place of prayer. The golden treasure of mentorship and the importance of spiritual sonship. Strategies to overcome your giants and fulfill your purpose. Learn from this general in God's army through the journey and reflections of one of his spiritual sons. Rise up and conquer the giants in your life and in

your generation!

A preacher's fight against teenage crime in the slums of New York City.

Everyone experiences times of sadness, trials, and pain. But what happens when grief and depression seem so overwhelming that we feel like giving up? As the founder of World Challenge, Inc., David Wilkerson worked with troubled people of every type: students, parents, alcoholics, delinquents, businessmen, pastors, teachers, and drug addicts. In this hopeful and encouraging book, Wilkerson examines the universal problem of discouragement. He shows readers how to let God heal their wounds, restore their faith, and give them genuine, lasting peace.

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"Go to New York City and help those boys." When David Wilkerson heard those words in his heart late one night, he was dumbfounded. The boys in question were members of a violent gang and on trial for murder. He himself was a young country preacher settled comfortably in a little mountain church in Pennsylvania. What could God possibly expect him to accomplish? But those words took root in his heart, and he knew he had to go. Risking everything--his career, his marriage, even his life--he found himself walking the streets of New York City and sharing the gospel with the most violent gangs and drug users, sometimes at knife point. With over 15 million copies sold, this is the powerful, riveting true story of how God can use the most unlikely of people to do the impossible--and save those we think are beyond saving.

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One of the most influential Christian books of modern times, with over 12 million copies sold worldwide. The book is being re-issued with a compelling foreword by Tim Dilena to emphasize its relevance today. Nicky Cruz's powerful story of redemption, salvation and transformation is a powerful testament to the glorious transformative power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A vicious fighter, criminal, drug user, drunkard and thief he was the leader of one of New York City's most violent gangs, the Mau Mau. But all that changed when he met David Wilkerson, author of *The Cross and the Switchblade*, who refused to give up on Nicky Cruz. When he finally met Jesus and accepted Him as his Savior, Nicky Cruz left his violent life and gang to start a ministry that impacts young people today. His story proves that anyone can be reached with the gospel of Christ. "The story of Nicky Cruz is remarkable. It has all the elements of tragedy, violence and intrigue - plus the greatest of all ingredients: the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In this expanded version of an earlier book, Wilkerson takes readers on a journey of faith as she discovers firsthand that the power of God can conquer pain, disease, and heartache. She teaches by experience how to abide in God's strength and actually see miracles take place.

This short book makes the case that deacons are model servants called to meet tangible needs, organize and mobilize service, preserve the unity of the flock, support the ministry of the elders, and further the mission of the church.

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Draw closer to the Father heart of God with these 365 inspiring devotional thoughts from the beloved, bestselling author of *The Cross and the Switchblade*.

This is the story of David Wilkerson, the man who believed against the odds that God could do great things in the rejected and ignored of New York City, who refused to give up on those on the streets even when they had given up on themselves, and who saw in the eyes of the drug addicts and gang members what others failed to see—the love of Jesus Christ. But who was David Wilkerson? Many Christians don't really know. More often than not, we saw the fruit of his faith in God rather than the man himself. When Wilkerson moved to New York from rural Pennsylvania in 1958 to confront the gangs who ran the streets, he was a skinny, 120-pound man. After the initial publicity that brought him face to face with some of the most dangerous young men of the city, he largely flew under the radar of the media, using the Word of God and a bit of tough love to help men and women of the street escape the destructive spiral of drugs and violence. Wilkerson was always the real deal, full of passion and conviction, not interested in what others said was the "right" or political thing to do. Wilkerson later founded the Times Square Church, now a non-denominational mega-church of 8,000 members, to this day a crossroads for those battling sin, drugs, and pornography, and a place where the message of Christ is discussed. He created the faith-based program Teen Challenge to wean addicts off drugs, and then World Challenge, dedicated since its beginning to promoting and spreading the Gospel throughout the world. Both now have branches worldwide, continuing the work that God began in the life of one man who believed David Wilkerson was a man of faith who trusted

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God would give him what he needed to enter a world of crime and killing. He was a man of conviction who took the dream God gave him and marched forward without ever looking back. And he was a man of vision who could not be shaken from his beliefs—sometimes even when counseled otherwise. David Wilkerson was the preacher of New York City.

A play adaptation of the book by David Wilkerson. Set in 1958, *The Cross and the Switchblade* follows the true story of Wilkerson as a young pastor led by God into the dangerous tenements of Bedford-Stuyvesant in New York City, an area even the police were afraid to enter because of the viciousness of the rival gangs who ruled their 'turf' with ruthless violence. The story unfolds as the naive but dedicated young man faces his fears, confronting death threats with compassion and honesty, eventually gaining the respect and friendship of formerly unreachable gangsters and drug addicts.

The True Story of a Man Who Risked It All for God With over 15 million sold, this modern-day classic is now available in a new edition especially for young readers ages 9 to 12, complete with 30 illustrations that bring the story to life. This riveting story follows the young David Wilkerson--then a simple country preacher--as he risks everything, including his life, to go to the heart of New York City to bring the gospel to the violent gangs and drug users who were taking over the streets. The courage, resilience, and faith of this young preacher will inspire a new generation of readers as they see how God's love can pierce the darkest of circumstances and save those who we think are beyond saving. Let this powerful story show the young people in your life how God can use anyone with faith to do the impossible.

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In this 45th anniversary edition of *The Cross and the Switchblade*, readers will experience anew the dramatic story that started Teen Challenge ministry.

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The tortured face of a young killer, one of seven boys on trial for a brutal murder, started country preacher David Wilkerson on his lonely crusade to the most dangerous streets in the world. Violent gangs ruled by warlords, drug pushers and pimps held the streets of New York's ghettos in an iron grip. It was into this world that David Wilkerson stepped, armed only with the simple message of God's love and the promise of the Holy Spirit's power. Then the miracles began to happen... *The Cross and the Switchblade* is one of the most inspiring and challenging true stories of all time. It has

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sold millions of copies throughout the world and has been made into a feature film.

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