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“If you're on a journey through the deconstruction of your religious identity, this book will serve as a much-needed companion along the way. Flanery is a wise guide, and this book is a true gift.”

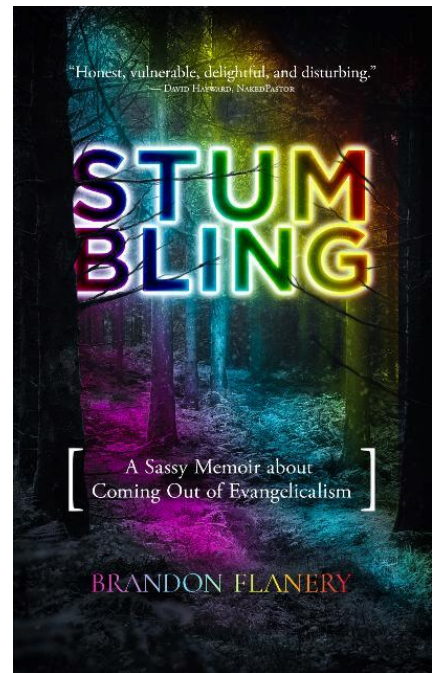
— Brandon Robertson, author of *Dry Bones and Holy Wars*

If you're happily sitting in church on Sundays and contentedly attending Bible study on Thursdays, you'll likely hate this book. However, if you doubt and you're angry, if you're confused and hurting, if Sundays feel weird, this book is for you.

As millions exit the church due to its politics and treatment of LGBTQ+ people, Brandon Flanery brings us ***Stumbling: A Sassy Memoir about Coming Out of Evangelicalism*** to give us a glimpse into why he and others are leaving and to show us the hope he's found on the other side.

Flanery drank deep of the evangelical waters: growing up in a megachurch, working as a missionary and pastor, all while wearing a purity ring and Relient K t-shirt. Flanery gave his life to the church, but everything changed once he came out. Using moving and candid anecdotes, Flanery shares stories of hitchhiking and sex, betrayal and forgiveness, despair and hope, all with a sarcastic-yet-sincere sense of humor that will have you snort laughing about religious trauma.

Ultimately, ***Stumbling*** is a story of rediscovery and forging oneself post-evangelicalism, inviting you, the reader, to find your own way, a way that's absolutely not perfect but definitely good. Happy stumbling.



Stumbling: A Sassy Memoir about Coming Out of Evangelicalism

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TALKING POINTS

- LGBTQIA+ acceptance is the #1 reason people are leaving church.
- Evangelicals and their style of theology have direct culpability affecting LGBTQ community.
- Evangelicals can't be "middle of the road" and not realize it just causes more suffering.
- The deconstruction journey and finding a new identity beyond

Brandon Flanery is an ex-pastor, ex-missionary, ex-evangelical who writes about the tenuous intersection of faith and sexuality. He's conducted research on the consequences of beliefs and why people are leaving Christianity and published with *The Scribe*, *Baptist News Global*, the University of Colorado, and the *Colorado Springs Indy* where he won first place with the Society of Professional Journalists. In addition to writing, he co-founded the LGBTQ+ Christian dating app—believr—and lives in Atlanta. Follow along at brandonflanery.com.



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