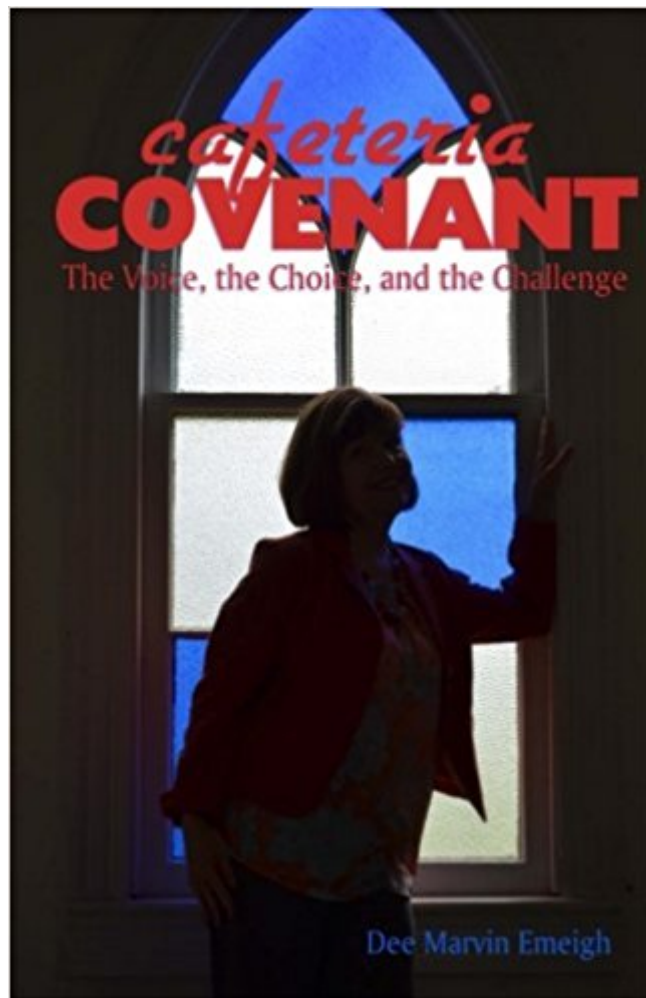




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# Cafeteria Covenant: The Voice, The Choice, And The Challenge



## Synopsis

Dee Emeigh spent forty years in captivity to a doctrine of abuse and power that left her with the stark revelation of the pretty, but powerless church of the modern age. "Cafeteria Covenant: the voice, the choice, and the challenge" will cause you to look deeply into what you really believe about God and why. This well-written, first-hand account of a journey to find a place in the institution called "church," leads the reader to a fresh insight of what New Testament Christianity was meant to be. Moreover, Emeigh encourages the individual reader to hear God's voice, contending that this is the most vital lesson anyone can learn. Far from writing a routine prescription of self-help, the message of "Cafeteria Covenant..." is one that restores faith in a God who has been grossly misrepresented. Emeigh issues a challenge to believer and unbeliever alike to lay aside their misconceptions based on tradition and personal preference and to choose, instead, to follow a God who truly is alive.

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"Wonderful writer who shares her special gifts." Tamera Lawrence, Reader's Favorite - Take a deeper look into one woman's journey to find inner peace and inner joy as she tries to find out what God's will is for her. "Cafeteria Covenant" points out that there is more to God than church walls - there is the future promise of eternal life through his grace. "One of several texts a student of Christianity should study." Lee Ashford - Reader's Favorite - Presents a very real challenge to the global Christian Church. Dee begins by sharing her painful struggle to become a "normal" Christian, compliant with whatever doctrine was being taught at whatever denominational facility she was

attending at that moment in time...There is wisdom to be gained in this book."Great insights for helping the believer move forward in the faith." Darin Godby - Readers' Favorite - The author provides great insights for helping the believer move forward in the faith. She also reminds believers to listen to the voice of God and not allow the church or the world to cause them to give up and quit. This is a very encouraging and supportive book that anyone within the church would benefit from.

Dee Marvin Emeigh is primarily a creative non-fiction author. She holds a BS in Literature and Graduate degrees as a Reading Specialist and TESOL. These credentials, however, were acquired well past her mid-life mark, after she had earned, what she once referred to as "The Master's Degree in Christian Doctrinal Error." As a survivor of domestic abuse prolonged by doctrinal error and abuse from the evangelical church, Emeigh has an incisive perspective on these issues. She has been described as an excellent writer whose transparency gives the reader liberty to look at one's self honestly. This, she believes, is by far one of her finest achievements.

Cafeteria Covenant comes from the thought "I will gladly feast on all he has given his life to give me..." This little book is not an easy or sweet read, it's a tale of why the author ended up flitting from congregation to congregation, "A participating visitor at many area churches." This is the story of more than a series of unfortunate events; it's a challenge for readers to become a mission of encouragement in today's church life. Was it better for us when there were few choices of what church to attend? I don't know. I've only changed congregations one time in my married life of thirty years, but once I read what the author had been through in her worship and relationship experiences, I was able to "hear" what some of my other friends had known as well. Was it simply unfortunate choices, or was it an expression of today's fallen world? Some of each. An opening message from the book during a high school English class lesson: don't go along with things just to be accepted - assert yourself" has a great analogy in Chapter 9: "Before we look with disdain and horror on the custom of another culture (foot-binding in China), albeit one from the past, let us take a closer look at what kept this tradition alive for so long. The women were crippled in order to provide their husbands with peace of mind that they were chaste and unable to compete with them as providers. Another word for this is helpless."The author candidly shares her experience, her journey toward richness in a life that follows the truths of Christ; of fulfilling the ministry to which you've been called no matter other voices that try to intrude; of being the light and appreciating the sacrifice to allow us to come to the feast. Great for those who have experienced hard places in life in general, as well as in their faith walk.

I knew my friend and colleague was writing a book, but I had no idea the impact it would have on my own spiritual walk and our friendship. Reflecting as I read page-by-page and even chapter-by-chapter, and double-checking scripture references with my own study/teaching Bible, I realized that I had taken so much of what I had heard and learned at my church for granted. Rarely had I questioned anything or anyone. I guess I took most everything as "the gospel truth". Now, I try to be more reflective and not quite so accepting. I keep forgetting that not everyone was raised in the church. Emeigh (pronounced as the name Amy) provided the catalyst for me to rethink and question basic truths and to reassess my role and function with the Church, the church, and the church. Not only do I marvel at the warmth and candid honesty of this memoir, devotional, and autobiographical narrative, I truly stand in awe of her many talents: photographer, songwriter, author, and teacher. Dee Marvin Emeigh is a talented Christian artist. If you take the time to read Cafeteria COVENANT with an open mind, your heart will be opened wider than you ever imagined.

Emeigh has a way of pulling you into her story right from the start. I had no idea what this book was going to be about, but I found myself drawn in. She moves from her story of a bad marriage and moving from one church to the next, to how she emerged into the New Covenant of grace, which she described as a cafeteria covenant of sorts, where we can choose our blessings by faith as we abide in Him. She found it is not a covenant of works, trying to please God in different ways as she had tried in her earlier years. She's had a long journey, but one that we can learn from. You'll be blessed to read Cafeteria Covenant, by Dee Marvin Emeigh.

Cafeteria Covenant by Dee Marvin Emeigh is a great book about the author's coming to grips with her walk with God in a world of "religion." It is hard hitting and tells it like it is. I really liked the way the author opened up with her own failings and shortcomings and showed the hypocrisy of the world as she turned to religion. She showed how, as she stayed true to her walk with God, she began to find who God really is and his unending love he has for his children. Dee Marvin Emeigh did an excellent job of developing her story. By sharing her experiences and making them real it is easy for a reader, and myself, to identify with her and grow in our own walk. I really like Cafeteria Covenant by Dee Marvin Emeigh and recommend it to all readers. [Please note: I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.]

Cafeteria Covenant: The Voice, the Choice, and the Challenge This autobiography by Dee Marvin

Emeigh will resonate with many readers I'm sure. Read how she faced stumbling blocks that life and people threw her way--and overcame them to regain her self esteem!

I read this hard-hitting, and fascinating book all in one day. At its humble beginnings, the author, Dee Emeigh, takes the reader on a tumultuous roller-coaster ride of personal, spiritual, and relational struggles with identifying whom she is as a person, and her place in the body of Christ pre-empting her spiritual maturity in her relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ. The first seven chapters left me a little lost in transition and translation, but resolutely comes together in chapters 8-12. She drives home the importance of salvation, and making one's election sure in her epilogue. Overall, I found her book to be intelligent, articulate, engaging, and inspirational.

If I wasn't sure what to expect from the title of this book, I needn't have worried. "Cafeteria Covenant: The Voice, the Choice, and the Challenge" is eye opening and I was drawn in from the start. This is a book I can enjoy and read again. As inspirational, articulate and encouraging, I respect the author's viewpoints and can find no Scriptural inaccuracies. I can commend author Dee Marvin Emeigh and this work. May we hear more of her. God bless.

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