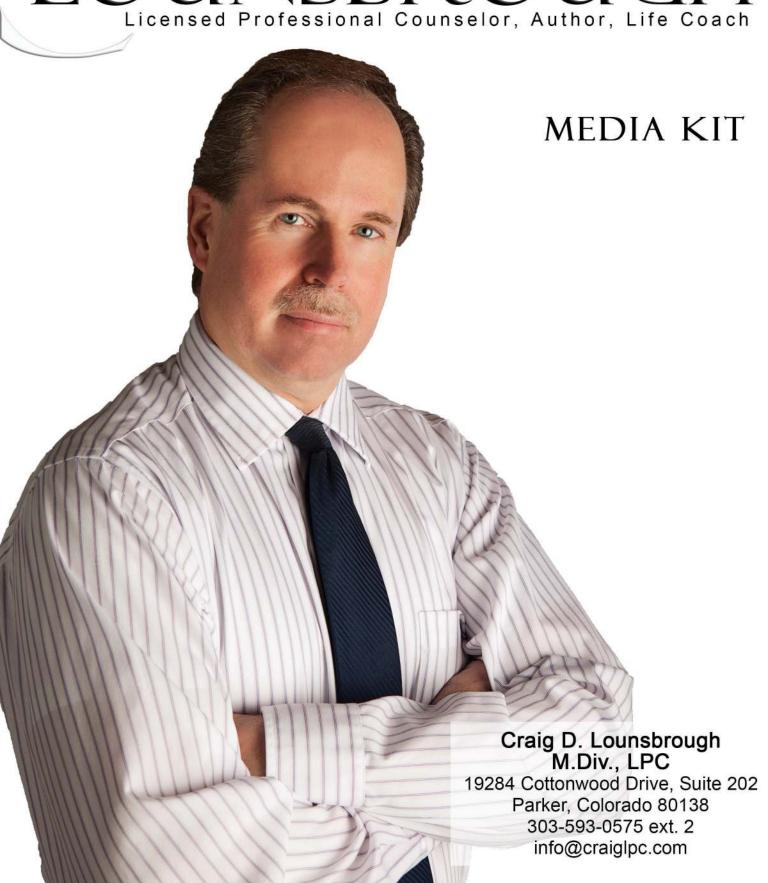
# LOUNSBROUGH



### BIOGRAPHY

Craig's background includes over twenty-eight years of experience as a counselor in a variety of treatment settings that include psychiatric hospitals, outpatient clinics, facilities for the blind, agencies that serve both the physically handicapped and developmentally disturbed, churches and various ministries. Craig also possess ten years of experience in pastoral ministry as a youth, associate and senior pastor. Craig spent two years broadcasting in Christian radio and has published both nationally and internationally. To date Craig has published four books. Fifteen years ago Craig launched a private, outpatient counseling practice in Parker, Colorado which has grown into a full-fledged practice providing counseling, coaching and consulting services to individuals, marriages, families, various businesses as well as church and ministry organizations. Craig is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Colorado, a Certified Professional Life Coach, and an ordained minister. Craig is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors. Craig has completed the coursework toward a Doctor of Ministry degree in Marriage and Family Counseling at Denver Seminary. A full vitae is available upon request.

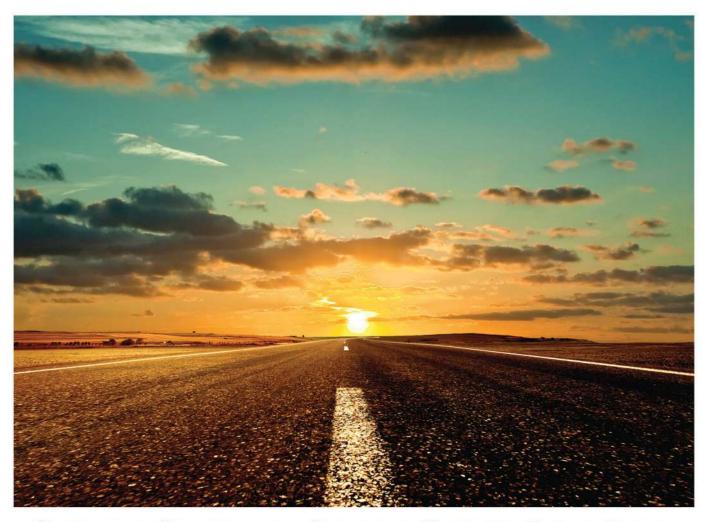
### Previous Writing

Craig has written locally in a number of newsletters published both by Christian and secular publishers. Craig has published articles and blogs in numerous Christian magazines. Likewise, Craig has extensively published on Social Media which includes Facebook, Pinterest, Linkedin, Twitter, Vertical Response, i-Tunes, Youtube, and Instagram. His quotations are broadly found throughout the Internet. Finally, Craig produces his own quarterly emagazine entitled "Thriving."

To date Craig has published five books; "A View From the Front Porch," "An Autumn's Journey - Deep Growth in the Grief and Loss of Life's Seasons," "Flecks of Gold on a Path of Stone - Simple Truths for Life's Complex Journey," and "Flecks of Gold on a Path of Stone - Simple Truths for Profound Living," and "An Intimate Collision - Encounters with Life and Jesus."

## AN INTIMATE COLLISION

**ENCOUNTERS WITH LIFE AND JESUS** 



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### An Intimate Collision

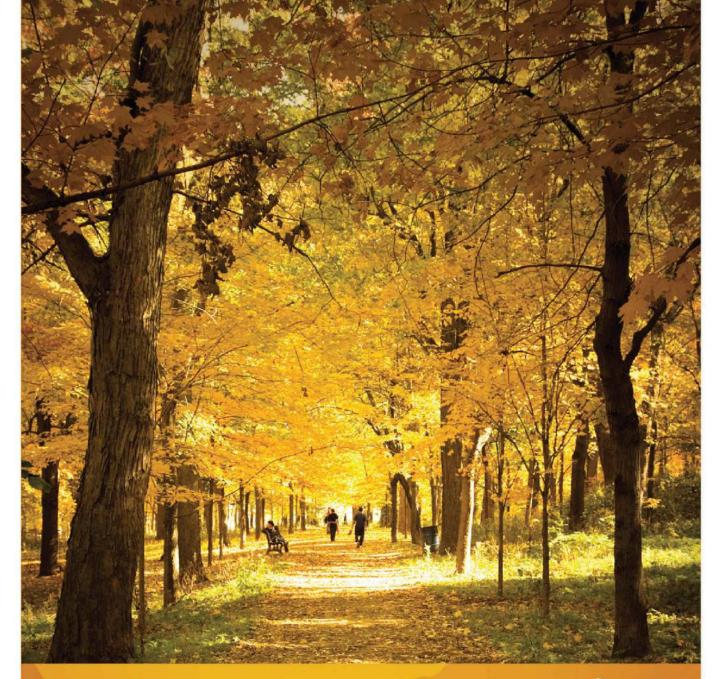
### Encounters with Life and Jesus

### Premise

The writer contends that we fall desperately short of robustly conceptualizing, intimately embracing, and deeply interjecting the truths of scripture into the everyday realities of our lives as we live them out amidst the profound challenges of the 21st century. In a very real sense, this deficit has resulted in the Christian community lacking a voice that presents itself as strong enough and sufficiently legitimate to deal with the daunting challenges of our times. Subsequently, we miss a transforming infusion of what God intends for our individual lives and the broader culture. Consequently, we are left living out a blatantly lackluster and frequently hopeless existence that has little appeal and no power.

The premise of this work lies in the repeated observation that people are desperate to believe that somewhere there is a far greater reality to our portrayal of God and the Christian life than that which has been demonstrated. This yearning seems deeply inherent in many believers as they walk out uninspiring and ineffectual lives. Yet, at times this persistent longing seems ever more predominant in a culture that largely denies God, but unbeknownst to themselves, is yet desperate for Him. Tragically, the inability of the Christian community to potently exemplify the magnitude of this God has left both Christians and the secular community with a pasty and unappealing representation of God.

In an attempt to offset this crippling dynamic, this book was strategically written to intimately interweave deeply transformational personal events experienced by the author, with vividly portrayed scriptural accounts that share the same foundational principles. This striking blending of past and present in a moving literary format provides the reader a compelling sense of the profound relevancy of scripture by convincingly importing it into the present. This structure serves to effectively integrate the relevancy of scriptural truths soundly into the stark and frequently foreboding realities of 21st century life. It is the writer's passion that this book pointedly brings infinitely relevant truths to both the individual, as well as a culture mired in darkness and paralyzed by hopelessness. In doing so, the possibilities are as vast as the God who hands them to us.



## ANAUTUMN'S LOURNEY

Deep Growth in the Grief and Loss of Life's Seasons

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### An Autumn's Journey

### Deep Growth in Grief and Loss of Life's Seasons

### **Premise**

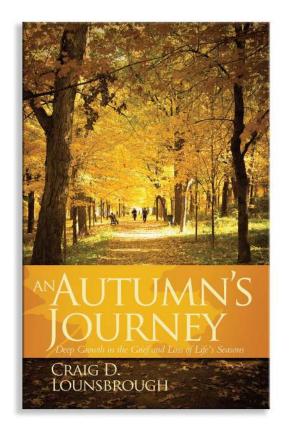
We live in a culture that is desperate to avoid loss. It seems that we precariously clutch everything around us in an effort to avoid loss in order to maintain stability. Our culture is largely based on a mentality of acquisition and the perpetual accumulation of material wealth. There is a hoarding mentality of sorts that fundamentally and rather powerfully predisposes how we view this existence of ours. Once we possess something as part of this mentality, our focus then shifts to doing everything within our power to keep it. Therefore, loss is entirely contrary to our understanding of life.

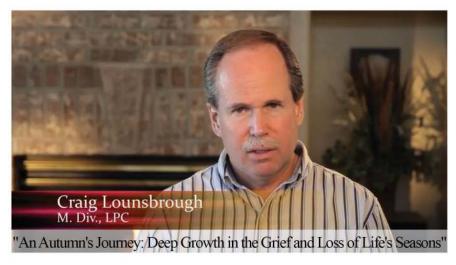
It's in loss however that some of the richest life lessons lay buried, eagerly waiting to be deeply mined and unearthed. We try to hold that which we can't and in the attempted holding with miss both the variant seasons in life and the rich lessons that lay embedded in each one of them. The more searing the loss, the more tenacious our attempt to avoid the loss. The greater the loss, the greater our sense of injustice or that some gross and entirely unacceptable violation has occurred.

Yet, to the contrary the greatest losses afford the greatest growth. Life is not meant to be held. Life is not designed to be hoarded. It is meant to be savored as part of a journey where things come and things go. Life is a perpetual series of seasons that we simply cannot fight nor alter simply because we do not have the power to do so. Fighting renders us perpetually diminished in life, while partnering perpetually expands us in ways unimaginable. Therefore, we are to celebrate life even when the gravity of what befalls us makes celebration seems entirely impossible. But it is in the journey that we grow. It is in the journey that God has liberally sprinkled and sown seeds of infinite value.

This book was written to assist individuals in accepting the losses in life, seeing the incredibly rich opportunities inherent in the losses, and coming alongside of the things that they're losing as means of escorting them to their next place so that their own journey might be enhanced in the escorting. The book itself was written around the unexpected passing of the author's mother which lends the book a depth and potency that is certain to bless the reader, provide them practical guidance, and bring deep healing to their times of grief and loss in ways often missed.

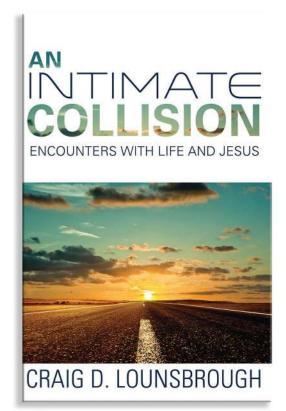
### BOOK TRAILER

















### Review of "An Intimate Collision: Encounters With Life and Jesus"

Intimate Collision lives up to its title from the first chapter to the last. Many books attempting to say something of significance requires someone to wade through six chapters preparing for the point to be made. Not this book! Craig Lounsbrough shares intense stories of various people in genuine predicaments. These are never superficial or contrived. The various chapters move from a personal story to a scriptural context that is both relevant and well-linked. Then at the end of each chapter are questions for each reader to ponder. One would be ill-advised to bypass the questions.

One comment in particular nets out the theme of this book well. "God has deposited His light, set to explode into any life that is daring enough and desperate enough to engage the light in simple places." The author shares stories, scripture, thoughts and things to contemplate in a reading that can only help one to grow spiritually and equipping us to live our lives more meaningfully. Time spent with this book will pay dividends if the goal is to grow in wisdom. Gift yourself with this reading.

Rev. Dr. William H. Hill

Review of "An Autumn's Journey: Deep Growth in the Grief and Loss of Life's Seasons" Life is a journey, and so is one's grief. "An Autumn's Journey" engages the reader to feel another's loss while following God's purpose in every aspect that one experiences grief. This book illustrates that despite the excruciating pain, the journey will shape us into everything God has designed us to be without marginalizing or discounting any step along the way.

Virginia E.

### Review of "An Intimate Collision: Encounters With Life and Jesus"

Thank you so much for sending me your book on Intimate Collision, reading it has brought change in my life. It is awesome. As I was reading it, it would bring tears. The chapter on a leather belt and a three dollar buckle and other chapters as well were powerful. It also brought conviction to me of self-righteousness, especially chapter nine, "I am that one sheep in the cesspool." Many times it would seem like there was a mirror I was looking into as I was reading. It is a life changing book. I have told all the people in our church to get it as well as recommended to many others, as to all who would desire a change in their Christian life. Again thank you.

Pastor Ron Jolliff Columbus, Ohio

Review of "An Autumn's Journey: Deep Growth in the Grief and Loss of Life's Seasons"

"In a world where we can often feel abandoned or unworthy of God, An Autumn's Journey is a passionate reminder of God's grace and love for us all. Through his own experiences Craig is able to walk the reader through steps to deal with life's ups and downs, while keeping Christ at the center. This book is a good resource for anyone who is struggling with the hard questions of life, and is looking for real, honest answers."

Dawn P. Denver, Colorado

### Review of "An Intimate Collision: Encounters With Life and Jesus"

Craig D. Lounsbrough's book, An Intimate Collision Encounters with Life and Jesus, has proven to be a powerful tool in the hand of the Lord for my life! The Biblical based messages produced personal growth and enhanced my ability to serve others in lay ministry, offering Jesus' perspective for hope while enduring pain and suffering in a imperfect, fallen world. It challenges one to dig deeper in self-awareness and apply timeless truths from the Word of God uniquely taught using pointed illustrations taken from testimonies of real life encounters with Jesus. These insights, simplistic in form, deep in meaning and powerful in application, Lounsbrough artfully delivers in rich prose, bringing words of encouragement that stay with you as solid spiritual nourishment, a potent enrichment to your soul. When truth replaced my faulty thinking, I experienced immediate freedom in areas that I had been held captive for a lifetime. These changes impact my sphere of influence as I move forward fulfilling God's vision and purpose with a renewed holy hope and fortified faith.

The questions and pondering points in each chapter are excellent for personal reflection or as a useful discussion guide for small groups.

Joni Chase Coutin Stevenson Ranch, California

Review of "An Autumn's Journey: Deep Growth in the Grief and Loss of Life's Seasons"

What I did not expect, as I read, was the profound raw emotion that swept through me chapter after chapter in light of my sister-in-law mothers horrific diagnoses. Your book will be a valuable tool as I walk with this family, whom I dearly love, as they face their own "Autumn's Journey". Thanks for the reminder that the sting of death, or any great pain, can awaken the dormant part of our spirit and provide us with a fresh insight incoming all that God has created us to be through his rich and loving blessings on our life.

Patricia K.

### Review of "An Intimate Collision: Encounters With Life and Jesus"

My friend, Cindy, loaned me her books and I read the three she had and was so "taken" with them so I wanted my own to refer to and maybe share with others. Your writing and your style of writing just really touched my heart. Your books have definitely benefited me and I look forward to the last one I haven't read. All have been very meaningful and inspirational."

Beverly Lease Englewood, Colorado

Review of "An Autumn's Journey: Deep Growth in the Grief and Loss of Life's Seasons" I stumbled upon this book a month after my mother's death, and find it invaluable. Lounsbrough combines the emotions and psychological processes involved with losing a mother with a gently, poetic style of writing. I'm using this book as a springboard for journaling. Would be a great resource for a grief support group.

Julianne Gilbert Amazon Reviewer

### Review of "An Intimate Collision: Encounters With Life and Jesus"

"An Intimate Collision" brings the Bible alive, and once again, proves that although the landscape of our lives are very different, God's unrelenting love remains for eternity the same. The book asks the hard questions at the end of each chapter - which helps the reader clarify their own desperation to find a deeper relationship with God. Finally, the book profoundly moved me with the depiction of the strength and love all personified in Christ. The thought that holds the reader is that Jesus held the faces of those he touched during his life in his mind while enduring the cross. Such a picture is an incredibly moving thought. This book is God's instrument through pen and the counsel it provides.

Barbara Henson Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

### Review of "An Autumn's Journey: Deep Growth in the Grief and Loss of Life's Seasons"

"My daughter is struggling, so I am struggling too. Your book gave me some good ideas to ground me and help me be strong for her. There was point after point, and you said them in a way that was moving and made so much sense. They gave me strength, but they also helped me know what to say to my daughter so I could help her. I can't say thanks enough."

Judy B. Website Review

### Review of "An Intimate Collision: Encounters With Life and Jesus"

An Intimate Collision - Encounters with Life and Jesus - Wow! Thank you Reverend Craig Lounsbrough for the gift of your new book, which I am slowly drinking into my soul. You have such a gift for being able to paint masterpieces through the written word. You leave the reader with solid messages which nourish life. Thank you for all the time and effort you put into this book. No easy, no small undertaking! I will be sharing your book with colleagues and others.

Mary Easton Iowa City, Iowa

Review of "An Autumn's Journey: Deep Growth in the Grief and Loss of Life's Seasons" "I couldn't put it down. It gave me a better sense of God's intimacy." Pastor Don - Colorado

"Inspirational. I haven't read anything this moving in years." Helen - Kansas

"I love, love, love this book. Each chapter is a story by itself." Sandra - Colorado

"I never thought of God this way before. It changed the way I think." Steven - California

"The book has many layers so I'm always finding something new." Sue - Colorado

### Review of "An Intimate Collision: Encounters With Life and Jesus"

The Bible is reality, not just stories. An Intimate Collision depicts extraordinary people in modern day situations and mirrors them into scripture as Jesus intimately encountered life. This book grabs the reader and places him in the situations too. Written in a devotional format, each chapter encourages deep self-examination and contemplation.

Sarah Hayward

Parker, Colorado

### Review of "An Intimate Collision: Encounters With Life and Jesus"

Outside the Pigeon Holes: Speakeasy Review: An Intimate Collision by Craig D. Lounsbrough blogspot.com

"[An Intimate Collision] is a beautiful read. This author's command of language and artful skill at putting scenery, emotions and concepts on the written page are worthy of some of the great masters. This is a book that will drench you in what it holds, and because of that, you may need to put it down from time to time to process the experience, but it is well worth the read. I recommend it to anyone in search of a deeper connection to how much they are truly loved by their creator. If you are looking for a book that has the ability to transport you to another place, to experience more than just read, maybe even feel as you've rarely felt before, this is the book for you." Phil Pennington

### WEB RESOURCES

People ask me, "What is your goal in life?" And my response is quite simple, "To change the world." In my estimation, changing the world can be changing one life or a thousand lives. It's not determined by columns of raw numbers that we tally to determine how effective we have been.

Rather, it is determined by the value of a single life and the degree to which we can change that life. And so, whether we change one life or a thousand of them, each stands alone as having wonderfully immense value.

You have to touch a life to change a life. In order to do that, I have had the marvelous privilege of writing a number of books, an extensive array of articles, over one thousand quotes, a number of blogs and more.

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