

REVELATION 7

John's letter to the seven churches

Lord cometh, "with ten thou-
sands of his saints."

15 To execute judgment upon
all, and to convict all that are
ungodly among them of
their ungodly deeds which
they have ungodly com-
mitted, and their hard
ungodly sinners
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"To a church that needs true pastors . . .
a subtle manifesto of hope for our time."

—*Christianity Today*

EUGENE H. PETERSON

From the author of *The Message*

"Every step an arrival."

Resumo de The Pastor

In *The Pastor*, Eugene H. Peterson, the translator of the multimillion-selling *The Message* and the author of more than thirty books, offers his life story as one answer to the surprisingly neglected question: What does it mean to be a pastor?

When Peterson was asked by his denomination to begin a new church in Bel Air, Maryland, he surprised himself by saying yes. And so was born Christ Our King Presbyterian Church.

But Peterson quickly learned that he was not exactly sure what a pastor should do. He had met many ministers in his life, from his Pentecostal upbringing in Montana to his seminary days in New York, and he admired only a few.

He knew that the job's demands would drown him unless he figured out what the essence of the job really was. Thus began a thirty-year journey into the heart of this uncommon vocation the pastorate. *The Pastor* steers away from abstractions, offering instead a beautiful rendering of a life tied to the physical world the land, the holy space, the people shaping Peterson's pastoral vocation as well as his faith.

He takes on church marketing, mega pastors, and the church's too-cozy relationship to American glitz and consumerism to present a simple, faith-filled job description of what being a pastor means today.

In the end, Peterson discovered that being a pastor boiled down to "paying attention and calling attention to 'what is going on right now' between men and women, with each other and with God." *The Pastor* is destined to become a classic statement on the contemporary trials, joys, and meaning of this ancient vocation."

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