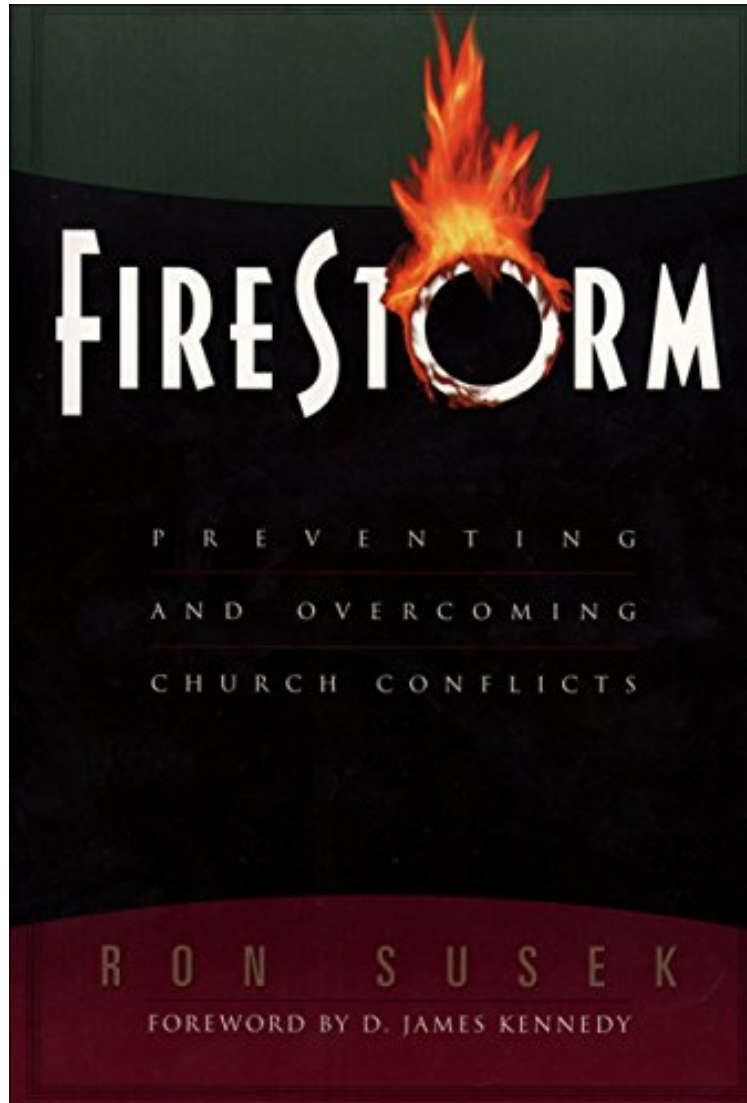


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Von Ron Susek : Firestorm: Preventing and Overcoming Church Conflicts before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Firestorm: Preventing and Overcoming Church Conflicts:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Minister's Wife's PerspectiveVon Ein KundeThis is one of those books that I wish our church leadership had about 18 months ago. This past year has been the most difficult of my entire 40 years. I can say that because I grew up in a very abusive, dysfunctional home with an enormous amount of trauma. Yet, none of that compared to what our "Firestorm" trauma caused to me and my family. My husband was the asso. pastor and wasn't even the "target", but the "collateral

damage" (See Clergy Killers) just about destroyed him. The aftermath of a "firestorm" causes one to totally re-evaluate one's call, one's relationships with "close" friends, but most of all leaves one swirling in a whirlpool that makes you feel like your drowning -- and at times you wish you were. In Part I, Ron Susek does an incredible job of breaking a "firestorm" into phases with very practical "Dynamics" and "Recommendations" for each of the 6 phases. In Part 2, he helps sift through the mire to prompt one to evaluate oneself as well as those who "caused" the firestorm. The bottom line is an issue of the heart. Part 3 gives very practical ways of "Fighting a Firestorm", but Part 4, "Out of the Ashes" was of most value to me in that I had already experienced all the other "parts". The final chapter, "Coming Forth as Gold," caused me to sob for at least an hour. It's because that is my heart's desire. The healing that came to me from this last chapter has helped seal in my heart what God has done in me through our "firestorm". I must admit, it's extremely difficult to watch your most loved one almost incinerate before your eyes and you're helpless to change anything or take the pain away. What I have found to be the most devastating thing is to see your whole life ministry, your whole identity go "up in smoke". What I have learned through this is that our identity isn't in our ministry, but in Christ and Him alone. This "firestorm" has caused me to seek the Heart of the Father like never before. And I will actually say that I wouldn't trade what He has done in my heart because of this firestorm for anything. I have come out desiring to know Christ in a deeper way than I ever thought I could. It still hurts tremendously, but the purification of my heart is what God has been faithful to do (James 1:1-5). I believe that those who give this book a 1-star either have never been through a "firestorm" or they are either the perpetrators of a "firestorm" or potentially could be. If I had the funds, I would send a copy of this book to all the ministers in my community, especially the ones who now have those attending their churches who started our "firestorm". They're going to need it. It is a MUST READ for ALL LEADERS in the church, either vocationally or as laymen. God never does anything apart from the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5) which is His Character, but the works of the flesh savagely run untamed and unchecked in a "firestorm." Both "sides" make grave mistakes and/or fall into severe sinful acts when a firestorm is under way. No one is guiltless, but how we respond to what we have done to one another speaks loud and clear of what is in our heart. It is of utmost importance that we protect the Body of Christ (not sin) and not destroy our brothers when we have conflict or disagreements. We must obey what God's Word tells us to do when we face conflict with another: Matt. 18:15-17, Gal. 6:1, I Tim. 5:19-22 and Titus 3:10. May you be strengthened do all that you have been called to do and be: Conformed to the Image of Christ.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Where are the statistics that validate the author's claims? Von Ein Kunde If one is a successful church consultant, records speak for themselves. What was the attendance when the author assumed his relationship with the Southern Pennsylvania church? What is the same question for when he discontinued his services? Finally, the author would do well to authenticate his thesis by telling the reader the current statistics of the church following the period since his intervention. The question is not that churches experience difficulty. The important issue is what was the specific plan of action initiated by the author and how did that plan produce symbols of sustainable recovery? Students of church conflict are looking for verifiable resolutions.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. HOPE Von Ein Kunde The book Firestorm has not only the essential information to equip Christians in the midst of a firestorm, but pertinent data for identifying an approaching firestorm. So much of the material laid out can be applied to other areas of conflict in our lives. Having been very active in my church for so many years I found it devastating to walk through a 'firestorm' and have spoken with so many others from different churches who have experienced the same things. Wish we'd had this book several years ago! Firestorm is an instrument of help and hope for the Christian worker in these days filled with turmoil and crisis.

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