

Impactful Speaking

What Cecil Taylor offers to
your church or small group


Cecil Taylor
Ministries

Teaching Christians how to live
a 7-day practical faith

CecilTaylorMinistries.com

UnisonParenting.com



About Cecil Taylor

Teaching Christians to Live a Seven-Day Practical Faith



Speaking credentials

- Multiple award-winning author; contributor to *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, *Guideposts*, and *Inspiration.org*.
- 30+ years as a teacher of adult Sunday School classes and small groups
- 15 years teaching parents of teens
- Led men's, young adult, and youth retreats
- Podcast host; frequent podcast guest.
- Video content for classes; video devotionals
- Speaking in professional business settings
- A side career of radio and TV sportscasting on national networks and local stations.

Endorsements of Cecil's Speaking

"Cecil has taught many classes in my church over the years, and I have always admired his wisdom and his way of conveying the gospel. "

- Nancy Kurkowski, author of "The Journal: An Unexpected Encounter with Jesus"

"Your presentation and testimony were perfect examples of scripture."

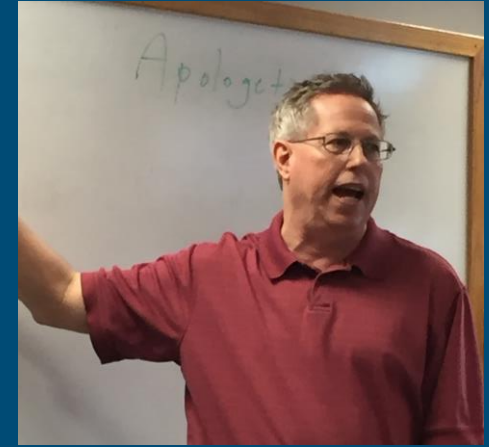
- Ted Hyde, men's group coordinator

"I would highly recommend any of Cecil's teachings for someone or some group looking to seek God's direction in a way that is relatable."

- Kris Roberson, small group leader

"Cecil's energy and enthusiasm are infectious, creating an engaging learning environment and fostering genuine fellowship."

- Dr. Scott Engle, Teaching Pastor, St. Andrew Methodist Church, Plano, Texas



Cecil Taylor Ministries' perspective

- Cross-denominational
 - Focused on our common problem of putting faith into practice each week
 - Focused on tenets all Christians agree with
- Informed by the Father's balance of grace and sovereignty, Jesus's salvation and teachings, and the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance
- Cecil's background is Arminian / Wesleyan, but his teaching has been welcomed by Baptists, Presbyterians, and more.

Speaking Content – *New in 2024!*

Fresh topics for your church or small group

Signature Talk (Click to its page in this document)	Derived from:	Book Description
<u>Proactive and Reactive Parenting</u>	Unison Parenting: The Comprehensive Guide to Navigating Christian Parenthood with One Voice	Learn how to stay on the same page throughout the trials of parenting, provide children with a solid faith foundation, and balance loving nature with firm boundaries to create a warm, stable environment where the child and parent can eventually collaborate to bring the child to full, responsible adulthood.
<u>Uncertainty is the Soil in which Faith Grows</u>	From Comfort Zone to Trust Zone: How Jesus Urges Us to Take Leaps of Faith for His Kingdom <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Book Awards 2024 Finalist – Religion: Christian Inspiration• The BookFest Spring 2024 – Second place in Religion/Christianity• 2024 Oasis award – Second place in Nonfiction• 2024 Living Water award – Third place in Christian Nonfiction	Christ is always calling us to deeper levels of faith and commitment. Cecil walks through a dozen scenarios where Jesus invites people to take risks for his sake, describing the comfort zones people should leave and the trust zones they should enter. Then he breaks down what each scenario means to us today and how Jesus is urging each of us to go deeper in our faith as we serve him.

Inventory of Speaking Content

Signature Talk (Click to its page in this document)	Derived from:	Book Description
<u>Live the Life that Is Given</u>	<p>The Next Thing: A Christian Model for Dealing with Crisis in Personal Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024 Christian Indie Award – Third place, Christian Living• 2023 Living Water Award – Second place, Christian Nonfiction	<p>Starting with the worst day of his life, Cecil Taylor takes readers on a journey through various crises to introduce the concept of "The Next Thing" and a four-part model for addressing each crisis. He offers practical tips, along with the scriptural underpinning, for simplifying, trusting, resting, and grieving in response to crisis.</p>
<u>Transformed by God's Love and Forgiveness</u>	<p>Live Like You're Loved: Living in the Freedom and Immediacy of God's Love</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 Oasis Award – First place, Christian Nonfiction	<p>Despite Christianity's message about who we are and what has been done for us, guilt, shame, and self-loathing can weigh us down. This book emphasizes four Biblical truths: You are loved, forgiven, sent, and eternal. Cecil Taylor walks through each truth's scriptural basis then illustrates a life lived in each truth, transforming us as we trust in God's intention for us.</p>
<u>Caring for the Human Forest</u>	<p>The Legacy Tree: A Christian Model for a Life of Significance</p>	<p>The Legacy Tree uses a tree metaphor to teach us how we can build significant lives. A tree is significant; it stands tall, spreads wide, and lasts for generations. Trees also take care of each other in amazing ways that are revealed during the lessons.</p>

Unison Parenting

The Comprehensive Guide to Navigating
Christian Parenthood with One Voice

Cecil Taylor

“Cecil draws on a wealth of research, anecdotal observation, and personal experience to give practical tools for parents to thrive in raising their children to be well-adjusted, loved, and independent.”

– David Lessner, Sr. Pastor,
Creekwood United Methodist,
Allen, TX

Signature Talk: “Proactive and Reactive Parenting”

Based on *Unison Parenting*

Cecil draws from the first two chapters of *Unison Parenting* to lay a foundation for parents.

- Proactive Parenting is planning a structured policy for how you are going to parent, then implementing it. The parents agree on core values, a framework for behavior, and policies which implement, monitor, and reward or assign consequences for child behaviors. This is steady-state parenting.
- Reactive Parenting addresses when life throws a curve. Cecil shares a model for how parents can remain unified when dealing with the unexpected and the confusing.

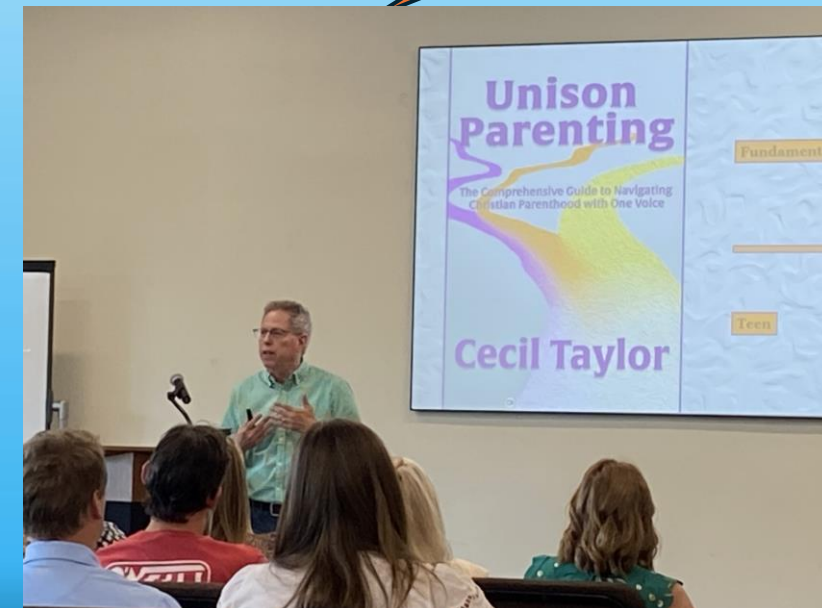
Parents should come away with the basics for setting a family framework and some key introductory points for staying in unison.

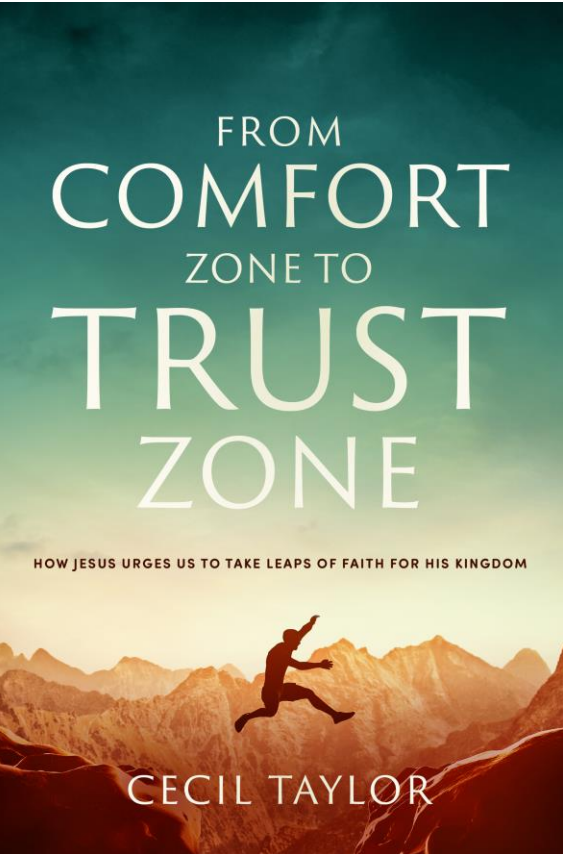
Reviewers say:

“Easy to connect with and apply”

“A blueprint for raising children who grow into responsible, faith-filled adults.”

“I wish I had this book sooner!”





“There is no doubt in the listener's mind that the call Taylor issues to leave our comfort zones and enter into the trust zone is a call that he first answered himself.”
– Peggy van Wunnik, participant



Signature Talk: “Uncertainty is the Soil in which Faith Grows”



Based on the award-winning book,
From Comfort Zone to Trust Zone

Cecil dives into one of the book's key chapters, called “Relinquishing Certainty, Embracing Uncertainty.” Perhaps our greatest issue in leaving comfort zones is relinquishing certainty. Jesus never promises the kind of certainty we crave, yet we're always struggling to attain certainty in this life.

As Hebrews 11:1 states, “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Cecil builds the case that uncertainty is indeed the soil in which faith grows; therefore, to grow our faith, we must embrace and even seek out uncertainty.

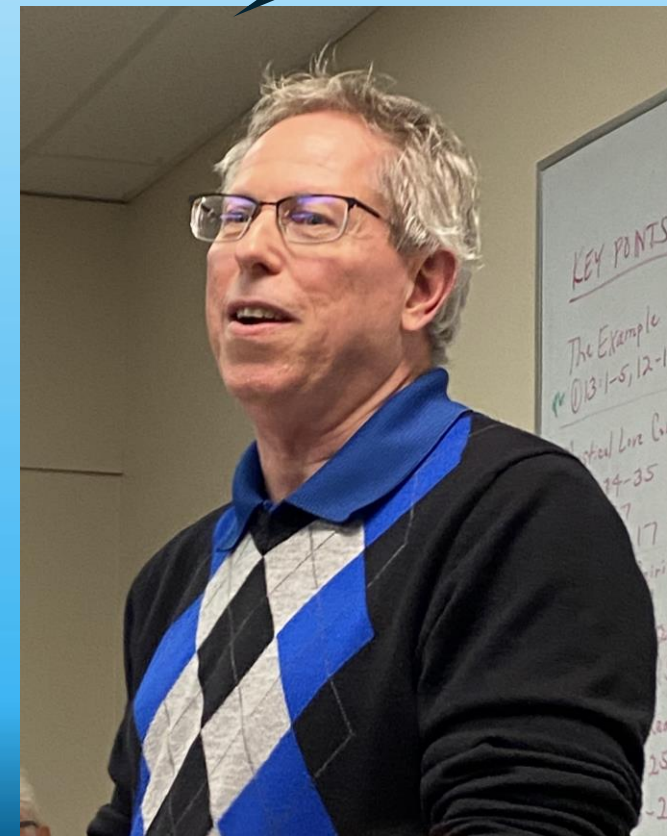
Participants will take away a pattern for being open to uncertainty and risk for Christ.

Reviewers say:

“Clear and engaging”

“Thoughtful and well-researched”

“Reassuring and encouraging”



The Next Thing

A Christian Model for Dealing with
Crisis in Personal Life



Cecil Taylor

"As I read through Cecil's model, I saw how these simple steps could help anyone work through any crisis. His experiences and Next Things hit close to home throughout the book."
– Pat Warren,
editorial reviewer

Signature Talk: "Live the Life that Is Given"

Based on the award-winning book,
The Next Thing

"Claire had never lived a normal life." With these words, Cecil begins telling the story of a 13-year-old Cystic Fibrosis victim. After her passing, her mother found this in the girl's diary: "I will live the life that is given."

Cecil expands on this touching story from *The Next Thing* to show that each of us, in our poverty or in our prosperity of wealth, health, time, or options, are called to live the life that is given.

Participants will be inspired by God's provision in all circumstances and will feel more equipped to address the circumstances in which they find themselves.

Reviewers say:

"Inspiring"

"Biblical truth and practical steps to help you move forward"

"Came into my life at the perfect moment"

5. Live the life that is given.

Philippians 4: 11-13

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.



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Live Like You're **LOVED**

Fully accepting that you are:

Loved
Forgiven
Sent
Eternal



Cecil Taylor

Author of "The Next Thing"

Signature Talk: "Transformed by God's Love and Forgiveness"

Based on the award-winning book,
Live Like You're Loved

Like the book, this signature talk on God's love and forgiveness fosters more than theological understanding; it encourages and teaches transformation.

Cecil establishes the scriptural truths that God loves and forgives each of us, then shows how to transfer that head knowledge into heart knowledge that makes a difference in the way we live.

Participants will learn steps to transform their lives and be able to identify how to know the transformation is taking effect.

Reviewers say:

"Powerful imagery"

"A well-worth, rich, and deep read"

"Life-changing!"

Conditions We Experience as Results of Our Transformation

1. A more joyful spirit.

Zephaniah 3: 17

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing



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"I have gotten away from my faith over the years. This book helped to bring me back. I did a lot of self-reflecting while reading this book, and I'm happy to say I feel closer to God as a result."
– Carlie Miller, Amazon reviewer



The Legacy Tree: A Christian Model for a Life of Significance

*"The Legacy Tree is a wonderful study in reminding us who we are as Christians and why we do what we do in His name."
– Joe R., small group leader*

*"What an amazing accomplishment your Legacy Tree series is, and how many lives you will bless with it!"
– Kelly S., class participant*

Signature Talk: "Caring for the Human Forest"

Based on *The Legacy Tree*

Did you know that trees take care of each other? Using an underground mycorrhizal network, trees can shuttle nutrients and even "messages" to each other. The legacy trees are the most mature trees and tend to the others. The entire forest benefits when trees care for each other.

In this talk, Cecil discusses how to emulate trees in caring for the human forest.

Participants will take away concepts of kindness and vulnerability that enhance human forest relationships.

Reviewers say:

"Highly recommend!"

"Very thought-provoking"

"A wonderful experience!"



Retreat Topics



Lord of All

We say that Jesus is Lord of All, but have we made him Lord over every aspect of our lives? Cecil teaches how to insert Jesus's leadership into various components of our lives.

You can request a customized retreat topic from Cecil Taylor Ministries.

Also, any Signature Talk can be expanded into retreat format.

Life Terrains

Life is full of mountains, valleys, and the everyday life in the plains. Cecil shares how to approach these terrains as faithful Christians, living in plenty, in want, and in the mundane.

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