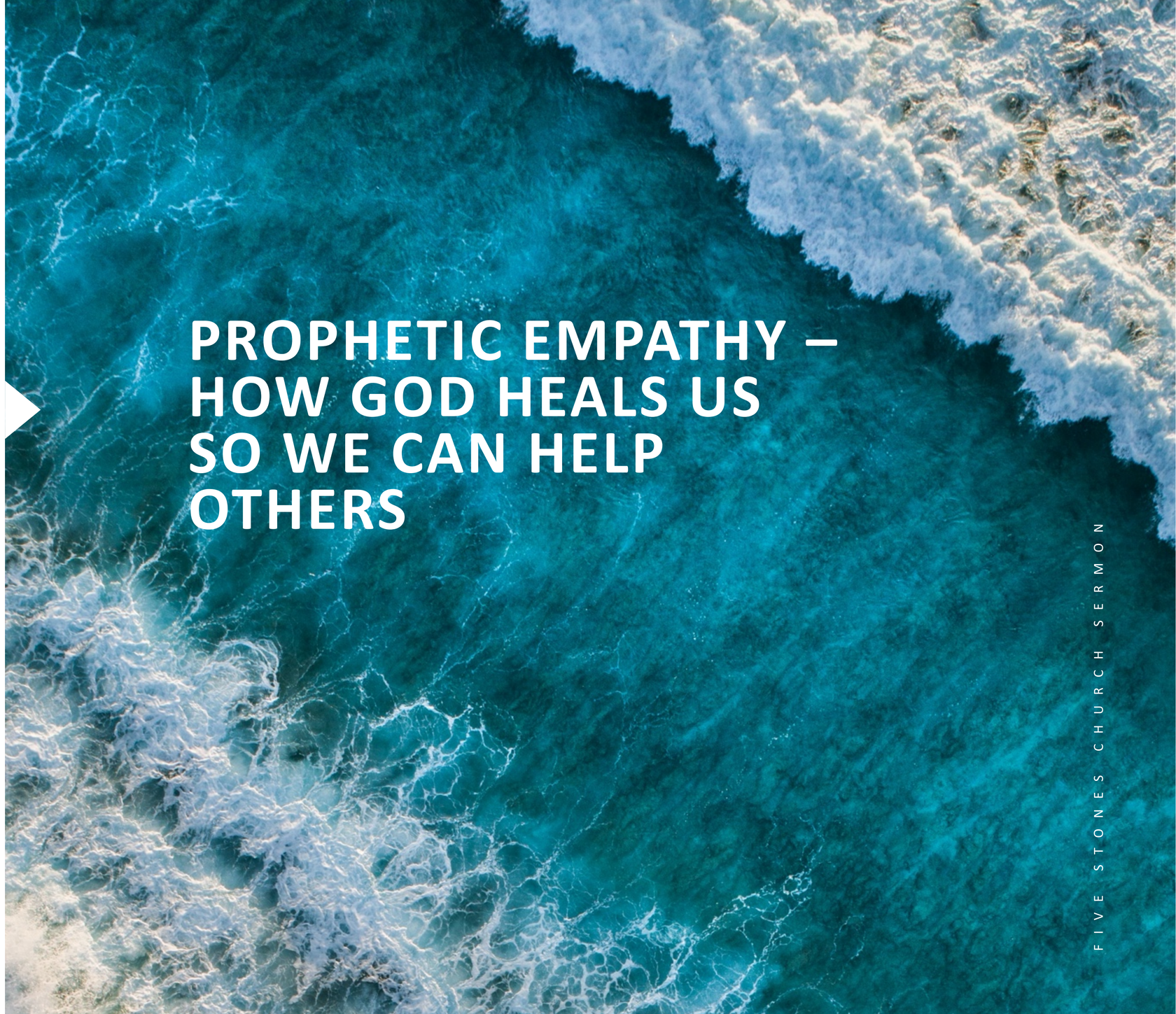
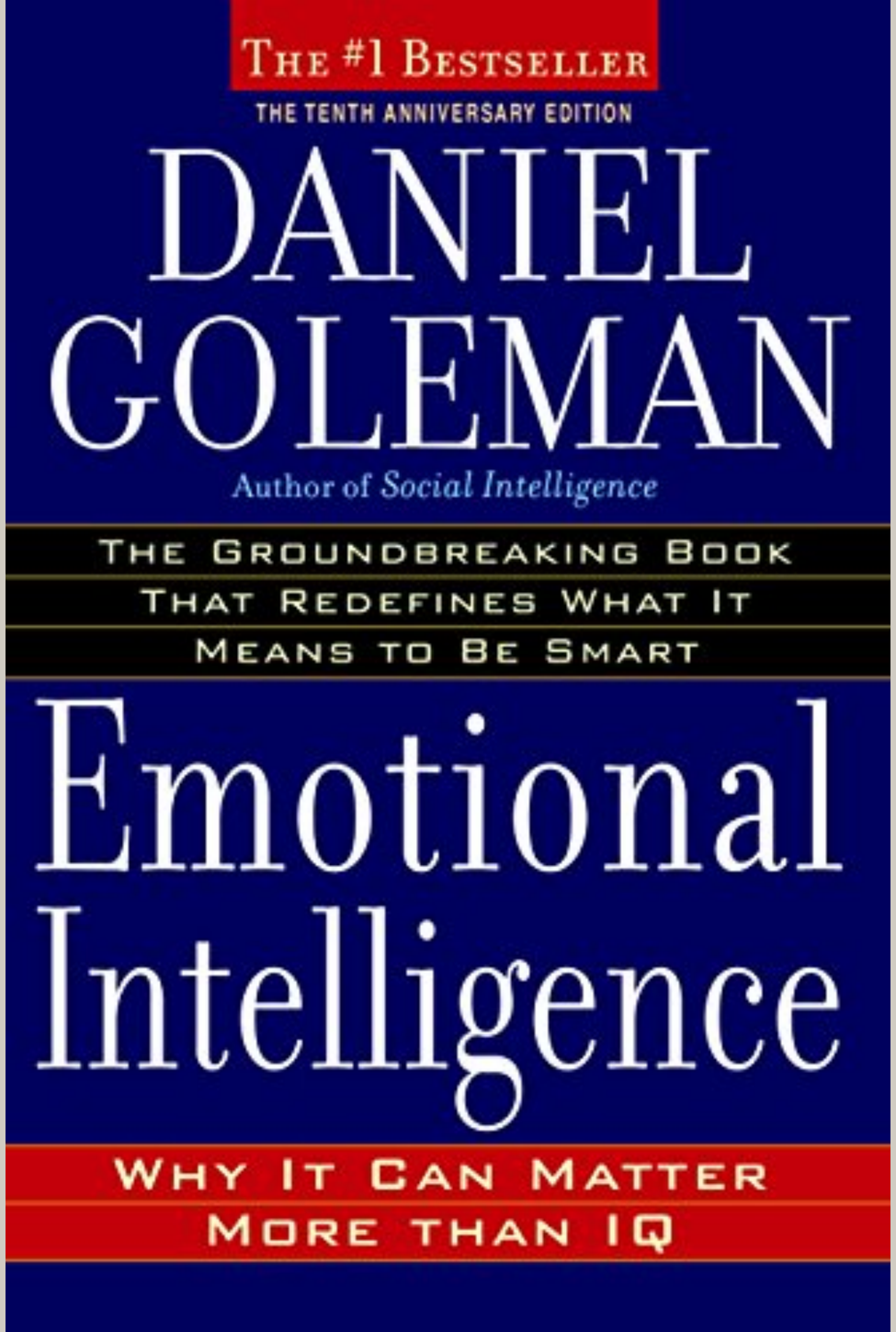
PASTOR RICH KAO
MAY 24, 2020
FIVE STONES CHURCH

PROPHETIC EMPATHY – HOW GOD HEALS US SO WE CAN HELP OTHERS



FIVE STONES CHURCH SERMON


THE #1 BESTSELLER
THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY EDITION
DANIEL GOLEMAN
Author of Social Intelligence
THE GROUNDBREAKING BOOK THAT REDEFINES WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SMART
Emotional Intelligence
WHY IT CAN MATTER MORE THAN IQ

THREE PARTS OF EMPATHY

01

COGNITIVE EMPATHY - Mental comprehension.

02

EMOTIONAL EMPATHY - Emotional comprehension.

03

EMPATHETIC CONCERN - Providing tangible comfort.



01

GOD SHOWS COGNITIVE EMPATHY

I Ki. 19:1-3 1 Now Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done,
and how he had killed all the prophets with the
sword 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So
may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make
your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this
time." 3 And he was afraid and arose and ran for his life and
came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his
servant there.



01 GOD SHOWS COGNITIVE EMPATHY

I Ki. 19:10 Elijah said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."



02

GOD DISPLAYS EMOTIONAL EMPATHY

I Ki. 19:4-5a **4** Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness,
and came and sat down under a juniper tree; and he requested
for himself that he might die, and said, "It is enough; now,
O Lord, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers."



02 GOD DISPLAYS EMOTIONAL EMPATHY

A. Non-judgmental listening.



02

GOD DISPLAYS EMOTIONAL EMPATHY

Why does God have emotional empathy?

Luke 22:44 - And being in an agony Jesus prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Jesus has experienced our mental pain.



02

GOD DISPLAYS EMOTIONAL EMPATHY

Heb. 2:18 - Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Heb. 4:15-16 - **15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet he did not sin. **16** Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.



02 GOD DISPLAYS EMOTIONAL EMPATHY

A. Non-judgmental listening.

B. Catch their pearls, don't be a swine. (Mt. 7:6)



03 GOD DEMONSTRATES PROPHETIC CARE

STAGE 1: BASIC NEEDS

I KI. 19:5-7 **5** He lay down and slept under a juniper tree;
and behold, there was an angel touching him, and he said
to him, "Arise, eat." **6** Then he looked and behold, there
was at his head a bread cake baked on hot stones, and a
jar of water. So he ate and drank and lay down
again. **7** The angel of the Lord came again a second time
and touched him and said, "Arise, eat, because the
journey is too great for you."



03

GOD DEMONSTRATES PROPHETIC CARE

STAGE 2: MANAGING EXPECTATIONS FOR LONG HAUL

I KI. 19:8 - So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.



03 GOD DEMONSTRATES PROPHETIC CARE

STAGE 3: A NEW MIND – GOD'S THOUGHTS

I KI. 19:12-13 - [12] After the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. [13] When Elijah heard *it*, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. **And behold, a voice came to him and said…**



03

GOD DEMONSTRATES PROPHETIC CARE

STAGE 3: A NEW MIND – GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

I KI. 19:15-16 - 15 The Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael king over Aram;
16 and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.



03

GOD DEMONSTRATES PROPHETIC CARE

STAGE 4: HOW GOD HELPS US IS HOW WE HELP OTHERS

1. LISTEN EMPATHETICALLY.

2. MOVE PROPHETICALLY.

