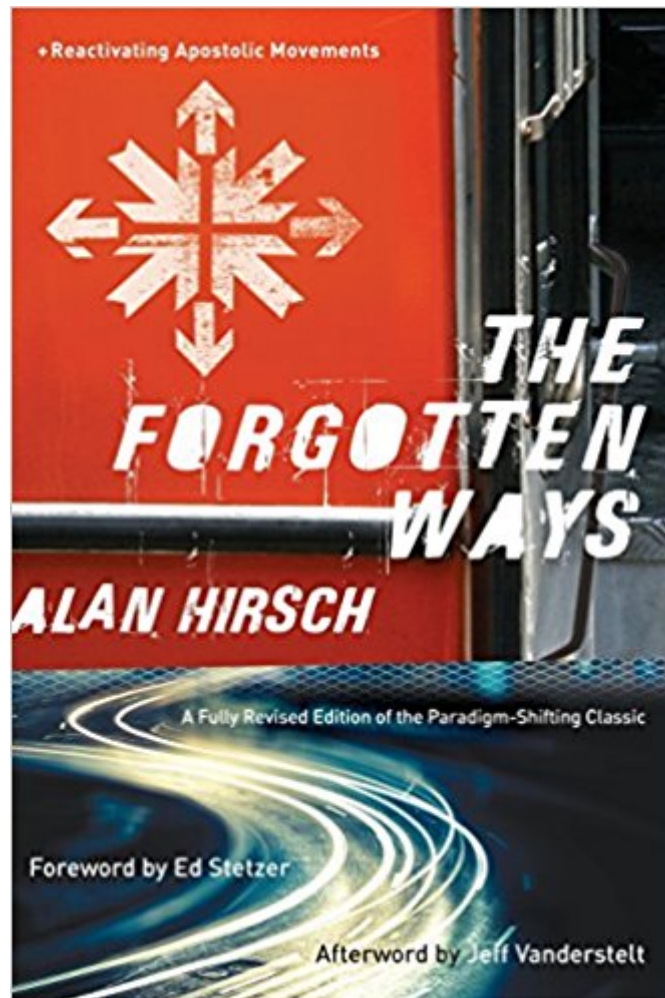




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The Forgotten Ways: Reactivating Apostolic Movements



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Alan Hirsch's paradigm-shifting classic remains the definitive statement of the church as dynamic missional movement. The bestselling first edition ignited a conversation about how to harness the power of movements for the future growth of the church. In this major update, Hirsch shares significant insights gained along the way, provides fresh new examples of growing churches, and reflects on the last ten years of the missional movement. The new edition has been thoroughly updated and revised throughout and includes charts, diagrams, an expanded glossary of terms, new appendices, an index, a new foreword by Ed Stetzer, and a new afterword by Jeff Vanderstelt. Known for his innovative approach to mission, Hirsch is widely acknowledged as a thought leader and mission strategist for churches across the Western world. He considers *The Forgotten Ways* the guiding work to all of his other writings. The book explores the factors that come together to generate high-impact, exponentially explosive, spiritually vibrant Jesus movements in any time and context. This extensive update to Hirsch's influential work offers a system of six vital keys to movements that will continue shape the future of the missional movement for years to come.

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great book, and great delivery service.

Fantastic rewrite of a classic.

Excellent

Deep read!

One of the best books of this generation in spite of the authors enormous ego. The 2nd editions preface is intolerably arrogant

The first edition of "The Forgotten Ways" messed me up. The idea of the church moving forward by revisiting its origins seemed appealing until I realized that the journey backward would cost pretty much everything I had believed and practiced regarding the body of Christ. Once you "see" what Alan Hirsch describes, you'll have a vision of the Church that God intended, unencumbered by our pathetic attempts to improve a once perfect paradigm. This second edition is ten years better... stripping out the least helpful material and adding a whole new supply of splinters for our minds. I love the changes in terminology that clarify the key ideas in a way that makes them more "sneezable" to the next generation of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Shepherds, and Teachers. If you liked the original, you will find increased value in the new material in the preface and the added appendices. If this is your first exploration of "The Forgotten Ways," be careful. It will mess with you,

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