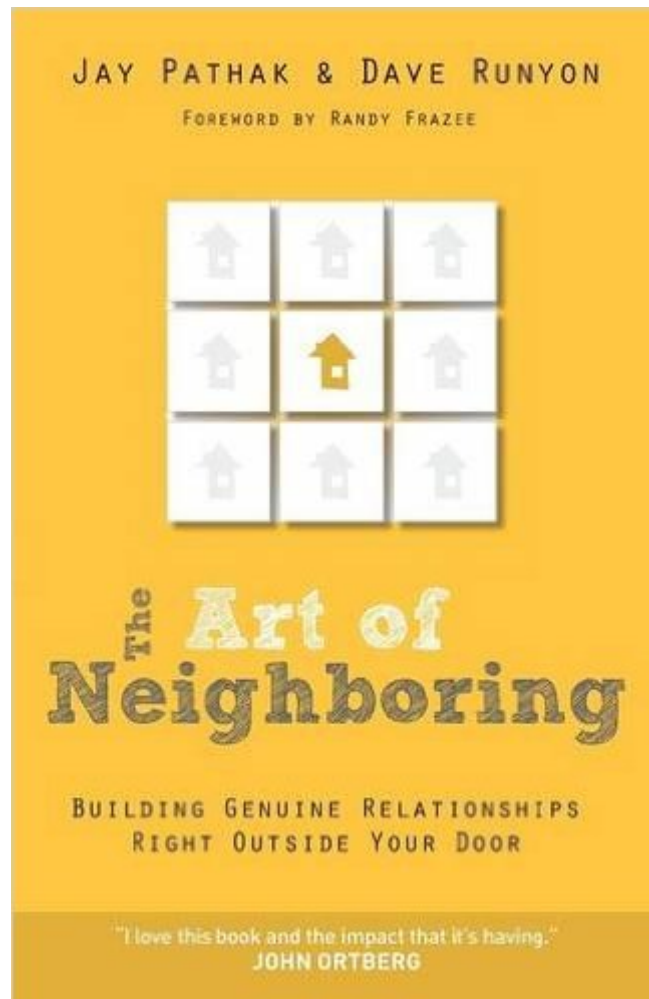


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The Art Of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door



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Drawing on the success of their own church campaign, two pastors help readers learn to value, respect, and care for the people who live in their neighborhoods.

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What if Jesus meant that we should love our actual neighbors? When Jesus was asked to sum up everything into one command, he said to love God with everything we have and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Most of us have turned this simple idea of loving our neighbors into a nice saying, putting it on bumper stickers and refrigerator magnets and then going on with our lives without actually putting it into practice. What would happen if every follower of Jesus took the Great Commandment literally? Is it possible that the solution to our society's biggest issues has been right under our noses for the past two thousand years? "Building relationships with our neighbors leads to better communities, better cities, and ultimately . . . a better world. I encourage you to read this book and to step outside your front door and start making a difference."--Ken Blanchard, coauthor of *The One Minute Manager* and *Lead Like Jesus* "Our church spent a month studying and applying the principles found in *The Art of Neighboring*. It's simple yet powerful. I love this book and the impact it's had on our church."--John Ortberg, senior pastor of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church "At the end of the day, community transformation is all about strategic neighboring. *The Art of Neighboring* is a great book and a useful tool that will help you engage your neighborhood in a meaningful way."--Bob Lupton, author of *Toxic Charity* "The Art of Neighboring is a tool that is helping

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