

## Finding God in Rwanda

### *No easy answers in confronting evil.*

Gary Haugen states:

*“It’s not a side issue, that His people address suffering and injustice. It’s not one of those extra credit options, that if you do everything else, then maybe you can do something on behalf of those who are victimized by the abuse of power. It’s the thing that breaks (God’s) heart. And then we have to ask, why is something that is so passionately important to God only mildly interesting to us?”*

“In Haugen’s mind, if we truly desire to know God, we will go where the suffering is greatest.” (Gary Thomas)

Gary Haugen continues:

*“My friends can’t understand what it’s like to interview a child survivor of one of these massacres, or what it’s like to roll over the corpse of a mother who clearly has thrown her body over the child to protect it. I can’t explain in any way that someone can totally understand what that is in terms of understanding me, but a person who really does want to know me ... wants to sit down with me, wants to know where I’ve been and what I’ve seen. And likewise, if we want to know God deeply, it just requires some measure of willingness to understand the places where He’s been.”*

“If you truly want to experience an authentic faith, go where people are hurting the most and get involved in their **lives**. You’ll not only see God at work, you’ll also gain His heart and very likely become transformed in the process.”

Gary Thomas

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