

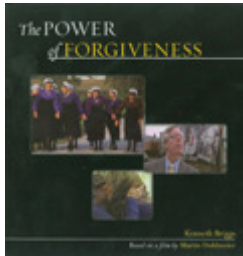
New Book about the Film Launches

"The spirit of forgiveness could change our world for the better. Everyone should read this book."

Thomas Moore, author of *Care of the Soul*

"Forgiveness may be the best hope for our rage-filled world. In a lively style, Kenneth Briggs deftly explores the tough questions and illuminates the transforming power of forgiveness."

– Donald Kraybill, co-author of *Amish Grace*



In *The POWER of FORGIVENESS*, a new book based on the film by Martin Doblmeier that will be broadcast nationwide on public television beginning mid-March (broadcast dates [here](#)), author Kenneth Briggs presents a conversation of a better way of dealing with anger, resentment and violence through reconciliation and the complex, yet healing, patterns that emerge from the subject of forgiveness.

Briggs will address these issues when he speaks March 12 at 9 a.m. at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, 13th Fl, Washington D.C. Media and the public are invited to attend.

He will be joined in a panel discussion by

- Moderator, Sally Quinn—Washington Post journalist, author and Washington DC insider, Sally Quinn founded and co-moderates *On Faith*, a blog from the Washington Post and Newsweek
- Thomas Moore— author of *Care of the Soul*, which spent forty-six weeks on The New York Times bestseller list, and fifteen other books on deepening spirituality and cultivating the soul in every aspect of life.
- Martin Doblmeier— President and founder of Journey Films and director of *The POWER of FORGIVENESS* film. His documentaries have aired on PBS, NBC, ABC, the History Channel, and other cable networks.

The book examines the mysterious power of forgiveness at work in the world. Commenting and borrowing from the film of the same title, from Journey Films, the book focuses on real people going through real struggles and faced with all the betrayal, loss, grief and confusion that human nature encounters. But it also portrays the healing power of forgiveness as understood in religious traditions, social-scientific research and the lives of people around the world. Illuminating and wise, Kenneth Brigg's work probes deeply how we can freshly engage the elusive quality of forgiveness and hope forgiveness and

reconciliation sometimes transform the personal, social, political and cultural scripts that plague us.

Also included are compelling interviews with forgiveness researchers and with such luminaries as Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, Sr. Helen Prejean, Pastor James A. Forbes Jr., Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh and acclaimed spiritual writer Thomas Moore.

Kenneth Briggs joined the staff of Newsday in 1970, becoming its first religion writer. He moved to The New York Times in 1974 as the religion editor and remained there until 1985. Since then he has freelanced and taught, as well as written two important works on Roman Catholicism in America: *Holy Siege: The year that Shook Catholic America* (1992) and *Double-Crossed: Uncovering the Catholic Church's Betrayal of American Nuns* (2006). He is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and a regular columnist for Beliefnet.com.

Martin Doblmeier, President and found of Journey Films, has traveled on location for forty countries to profile numerous religious leaders, religious communities, heads of state and Nobel Laureates. His documentaries, among them *Creativity: Touching the Divine*, *Bernardin* and the widely acclaimed *BONHOEFFER*, have aired on PBS, NBC, ABC, The History Channel, other cable networks and several countries around the world.

The book is **AVAILABLE NOW** at
http://journeyfilms.timberlakepublishing.com/store_product.asp?prodid=206