



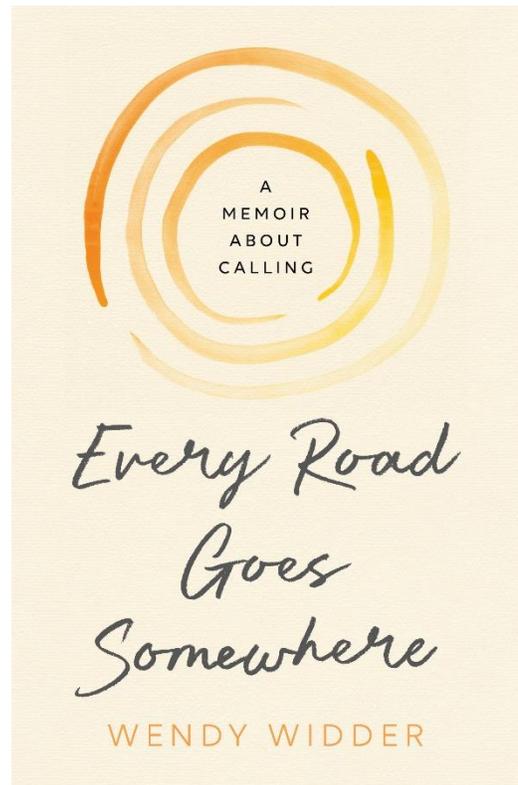
EVERY ROAD GOES SOMEWHERE

A Memoir about Calling

Why would God call you to a life he refuses to give you—or worse, a life he takes away?

From precocious childhood to PhD, Wendy Widder doggedly pursued God's plan for her life. Her efforts took her off the beaten path, into dark caves, and through a series of switchbacks. Just when the destination seemed within reach, the road disappeared. Where the map stopped and dreams died, she stumbled for solid footing.

This is the story of that journey, discovering that every twist, turn, and toll road went somewhere that mattered—just not where she expected. And where she ended up is the best part of the story.



* Includes questions for reflection and discussion

From the Introduction:

We all have different maps—designed by Someone with a much better lay of the land than we have. Some maps have pristine beaches and crystal water. Some have steep hills and deep valleys, plunging cliffs and churning waves. Most include dense forests, expansive wilderness, and soaring peaks. The Mapmaker puts paths where we never would and erects mountains where we'd have put a highway.

This divine mapmaking is wrapped up with questions of calling and vocation, topics of perennial interest in the church: What is God calling me to do with my life? How can I find the right, nay, the perfect fit for my passions and abilities? Where, in the words of Frederick Buechner, do my “deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet”?

What sometimes gets lost in these questions is that most maps go places we didn’t expect—and not always good places, at least as we’d define good. Some journeys are marked more by disappointment than accomplishment. We forget that the world is broken—that our individual worlds are broken—and following Jesus doesn’t change that.

Our maps may all look different, but despite these variations, all the roads we travel matter because God made the map . . .

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