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Daniel Akin revisits the call to live on mission in second edition of 'I Am Going'

BRENTWOOD, Tenn., March 24, 2026—More than twenty years after Daniel Akin took the helm as president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, the question at the heart of his message remains the same: Where are you going with the gospel?

"I Am Going," his widely used book calling Christians to embrace the Great Commission, is now available in a second edition. The updated release reintroduces Akin's challenge for believers to see themselves as sent people, living out Christ's command to make disciples wherever God has placed them.

While staying faithful to its original call to intentional, mission-minded faith, "I Am Going" second edition emphasizes that the call to go applies to every believer, not only those serving overseas. The second edition presents the book's core message for a new generation of readers navigating questions of faith, obedience and purpose.

"The Great Commission was never meant to be optional or abstract," Akin said. "Jesus calls every believer to live as one who is sent, faithfully and intentionally, wherever God has placed them."

The book includes a foreword by pastor and missions leader David Platt, who affirms the need for Christians to hold God's mission at the center of their lives.

Written for individuals, small groups and church leaders, "I Am Going" encourages Christians to live with gospel intentionality in their homes, churches and communities. Each chapter ends with questions for reflection but also calls readers to action.

"What gives us confidence that we can do this, especially when many people will oppose us because of our message about Jesus' salvation?" writes Akin. "Our confidence is that Jesus is with us always, accompanying us as we make disciples, and that He will be with us 'even to the end of the age.'"

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About the Author

Daniel L. Akin is the president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. He is retiring from this post in July 2026. He holds a Ph.D. in Humanities from the University of Texas at Arlington and is the author or editor of numerous books, including "I Am Going," and Bible commentaries, including many in the Christ-Centered Exposition series.

Possible Interview Questions

- How did the call to go become the driving theme of your ministry? Was there a time in your life when this call became personal for you?
- You write that the Great Commission was never meant to be optional or abstract. Why do you think many Christians still treat it that way?
- You say churches don't become missional by accident. What's the first shift leaders usually need to make?
- As a pastor and seminary president, what's been the hardest part of keeping the Great Commission central over decades of leadership?
- How can church leaders help their people see everyday faithfulness in their work, neighborhoods and families as a real mission, not a lesser calling?
- When leaders feel discouraged or face resistance, where does "I Am Going" point them for confidence to keep making disciples?
- You argue missions and theology must be linked and that gratitude, not guilt, should motivate missions. How can church leaders cultivate that attitude?
- If a leadership team reads "I Am Going" together, what's one simple action step you'd urge them to take right away?

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