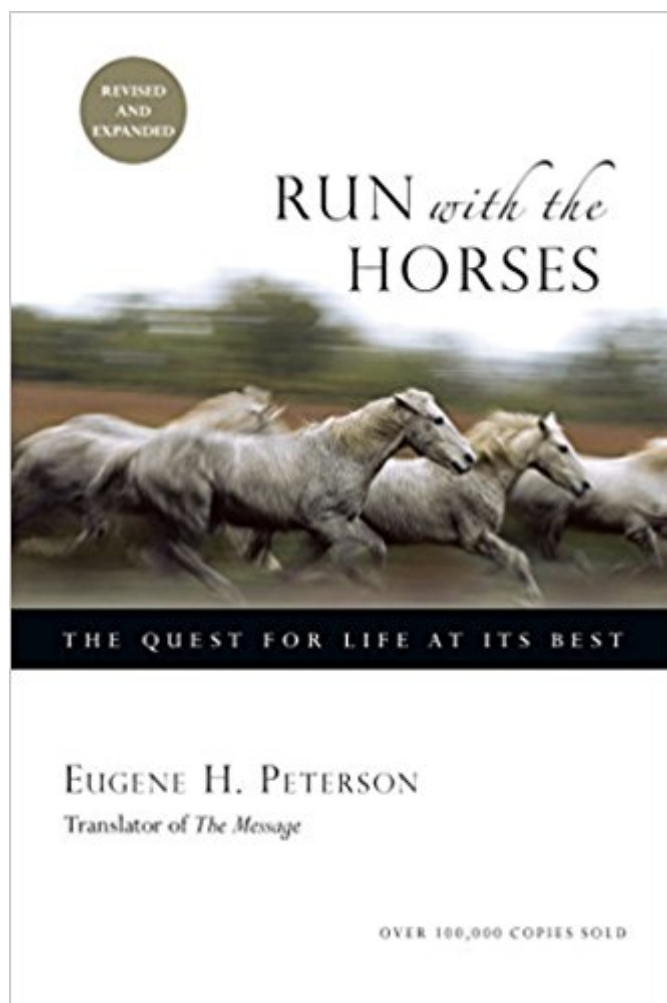


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# Run With The Horses: The Quest For Life At Its Best



## Synopsis

In Jeremiah 12:5 God says to the prophet, "If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?" We all long to live life at its best—to fuse freedom and spontaneity with purpose and meaning. Why then do we often find our lives so humdrum, so unadventurous, so routine? Or else so frantic, so full of activity, but still devoid of fulfillment? How do we learn to risk, to trust, to pursue wholeness and excellence—to run with the horses in the jungle of life? In a series of profound reflections on the life of Jeremiah the prophet, Eugene Peterson explores the heart of what it means to be fully and genuinely human. His writing is filled with humor and self-reflection, insight and wisdom, helping to set a course for others in the quest for life at its best.

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## Customer Reviews

"In the last few years, Eugene's writing has kept me sane. Run with the Horses has been a powerful manual for me. It includes a lot of incendiary ideas. I hadn't really thought of Jeremiah as a performance artist. Why do we need art? Because if we're honest the only way that we can approach God is through metaphor, through symbol. Through Run with the Horses I learned about the prophet's work and it really changed me." (Bono, lead singer of U2 and cofounder of ONE and (RED))

Peterson, now retired, was for many years James M. Houston Professor of Spiritual Theology at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia. He also served as founding pastor of Christ Our King Presbyterian Church in Bel Air, Maryland. In addition to his widely acclaimed paraphrase of the Bible, *The Message* (NavPress), he has written many other books.

Eugene Peterson exceeded all my expectations with this book. Perhaps there is a bias here, in that Jeremiah is one of my favourite books. What "Run with the Horses" does, is that it makes what Jeremiah writes absolutely relevant to life in the world today, and forces you to confront the way you think about what "abundant life" really is and his analysis of the field of Anathoth sorted out for me, what had once been, a total enigma. Everyone will have their favourite revelation moment, but for me, his discussion on page 132 of the weight that crowds carry and how true it is, that the more people, the less truth, and that integrity is never strengthened by multiplication. That holds true in every aspect of life. Just because "the Joneses" do something, doesn't mean it's right, or that we should follow suit to be "up with" them... This book will make you re-evaluate your ethics and your morality in a way that only Jeremiah could put it, through the modern analysis of one of today's most astute biblical scholars.

Read it 3 times and use as a devotional. Well written and easy to understand. Have made several recommendations. Jer 12:5 is one of my favorite scriptures and I use it to develop perseverance when I go through tough times. What I realized in reading this book is that it's not just to endure challenges but it's a call or quest to live life at its best. Love it!

I found Eugene Peterson's book on the prophet Jeremiah to be well-written, thought-provoking and inspiring. I have read much of the book of Jeremiah before but never really thought too much about how the prophet's own life experience and his uncompromising stand for what he believed could speak to my own life of faith. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is trying to live a God-centered life. In this revised version of an earlier book, Peterson uses quotes from his *Message Bible* (a paraphrase in contemporary language) to substantiate his thoughts about the man and this makes Jeremiah's struggles very relevant to what we are facing today.

I am still busy reading as it is not the type of book to read in one go. The depth of what is written tends one to go back, reread, highlight and savor the new insights. Peterson has the ability to define the abstract clearly and in a fresh way. He uses the prophet Jeremiah to enhance everyday

God-living! A must read.

I haven't finished it yet but so far it is inspiring and intrigues me. I've made a big change in my life. Quit a job, moved to a small town and bought land, now live in an RV. All because I think God told me to. My mom saw a man in a plane reading this book and asked him about it. This is how I came to know the book. I'm excited to continue on reading and hope at the end of it, I will have the courage, a reminder to keep on with my choice to follow His plan and not my own.

Anything by Eugene Peterson is worth reading and this book is no exception. I recommend it for any christian who struggles in their Christian walk, any Christian who is a living testimony of who god is - and that's every christian - and it is also great for group study.

Run with the Horses was an engaging and encouraging look at the life of Jeremiah. Eugene Peterson did an excellent job of opening up the life of Jeremiah and exploring the major themes found there. Prior to reading this book my only exposure to Mr. Peterson was through the Message Bible. I was inspired to look into his other writings after watching his short video with Bono where they discussed the Psalms.

God has a plan specifically for you. Your life look out of control? Stay the course and trust! This book is filled with much adversity and yet, it teaches you how to overcome in any situation Stay the course and trust the Lord. He will turn it around for your good. Go against the flow. Live the life that God wants you to live. Your life doesn't look like your neighbors lives. You can't compare yourself. Once you get that, you will live in freedom and overcome and live life to the full. Great encouragement.

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