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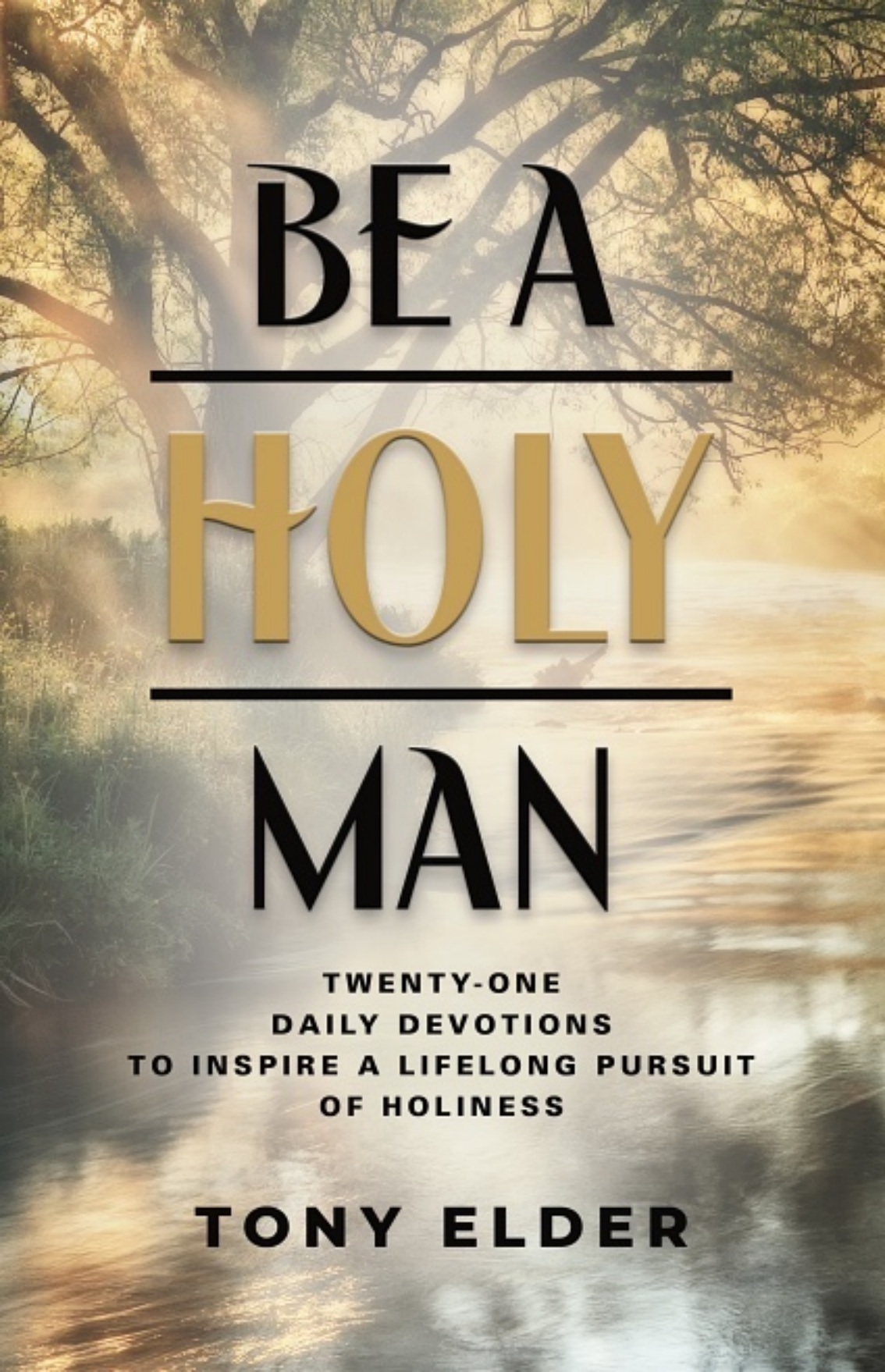
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Day One: The Call to Be Holy

“But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’” (1 Peter 1:15)

In the classic Batman TV series from the 1960s, the Caped Crusader’s sidekick, Robin, was known for his frequent exclamations using the word “holy”. He would often blurt out “Holy ____” with the second word or words having some connection with their current circumstances. Many of those phrases were not only corny, but outlandish.

Maybe we have no problem using the term “holy” in reference to God, or not even in connection with a few godly saints we know. However, it can seem as ridiculous to us as some of Robin’s declarations from that TV show to connect the idea of being holy to ourselves. After all, we live with ourselves twenty-four hours a day. We know our faults. We know the thoughts that enter our minds. We have to deal with our attitudes and moods. In light of what I know about myself, it can seem inappropriate to call me a holy person. And that goes for my role as a dad and a husband. I can aspire to be a good dad or a loving husband – but to be referred to as a holy man or a holy dad? It sounds rather Robinish to me.

Nevertheless, the Bible makes it clear that being holy is God’s intention for us. Early on in God’s dealing with the Israelites He declared, “You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy” (Leviticus 11:45). The same truth is reiterated in the New Testament regarding individual believers in Christ, as well as His Church as a whole. We are called to be holy people. If this quality sounds too lofty for us, then maybe we need to gain a better understanding of what it means and what it should look like in our lives. Maybe we also need to increase our faith that God can so work in us as to make this a reality.

Will you venture out on this journey of seeking to be a holy man, a holy dad, a holy husband? Let’s see what holiness is and isn’t, while trusting God to do whatever He says He can accomplish in our hearts and lives. Let’s start now

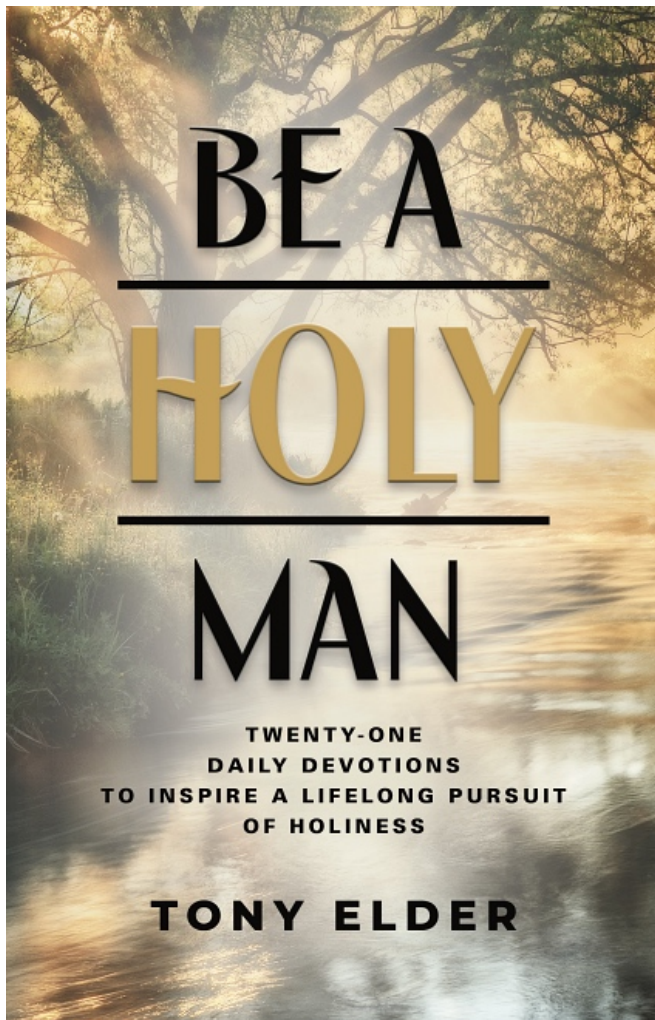
with asking the Lord for understanding, for the desire to be a holy person, and for greater faith that He can do more in our lives than we previously have thought possible.

Holy you! Holy me! Holy (*your name*)! It's not as ridiculous as it sounds.

Lord, help me to better understand your intentions for me to be a holy person. Give me a hunger and thirst for holiness. Open my eyes, my mind, my heart, and my will to whatever You want to do in me and need to do in me to make me a holy person.

If you have further questions or would like to seek assistance in your pursuit of being a holy man, feel free to contact the author through the following website:

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