



Dr. Norm Wakefield

*“Norm Wakefield, a friend with whom I’ve co-authored several books, has been an example of an effective Christian father to me...He has had a profound influence on me as a father. His insights (in a book we wrote together entitled *The Dad Difference*) have greatly sharpened my view of the heavenly Father’s role in my life as a father.”*

--Josh McDowell, popular author and speaker

Dr. Norm Wakefield is a Christian family counselor, noted author and speaker, and professor of pastoral ministry at Phoenix Seminary in Arizona. Interpersonal and family relationships are a special focus of his teaching and writing. He spends much time encouraging, teaching, and mentoring men to live joyful, productive lives. A former pastor, Norm still frequently speaks at Bible conferences, seminars, and retreats.

Norm has authored several books, including *You Can Have a Happier Family* (foreword by Fritz Ridemour; Regal Books), *Listening: A Christian’s Guide to Loving Relationships* (Word), and *Solving Problems before They Become Conflicts* (Zondervan). In addition, he’s co-authored two books with Josh McDowell: *The Dad Difference* (Here’s Life Publishers) and *Friend of the Lonely Heart* (with accompanying video; Here’s Life Publishers).

Norm graduated from Moody Bible Institute, and he has earned a BA in Psychology from Westmont College and an MA in Christian Education from Wheaton College. His doctoral studies in Christian Education were completed at Southern Baptist Seminary.

Norm is a father of five adult children and grandfather of four adoring grandchildren. He and his wife, Winnie, have been married 33 years, living in Phoenix for the past two decades. Active in his home church, Norm assists with some pastoral responsibilities and invests time in leadership development within his church.