



# DAWN TRAUTMAN

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## About Dawn Trautman

Dawn Trautman is the visionary founder of Big Picture Big Purpose, an organization dedicated to transforming leaders of progressive churches, nonprofits, and purpose-driven businesses from stagnation and disconnection to thriving growth through better systems and stronger communities. Dawn is personally committed to showing how churches and nonprofits are uniquely positioned to combat the national epidemic of loneliness.

She holds a Master's Degree in Youth & Family Ministry from Luther Seminary and a Master's Degree in Organizational Psychology from New York University. She has served congregations in Minnesota and New York City and as the co-leader of the Main Stage team for the ELCA Extravaganza. What sets Dawn apart from other coaches is her unique blend of psychology, theology, and marketing combined with her deep understanding of faith communities. In September, 2024, Dawn released her newest book, "Parables of a Resilient Nomad."

## Why Dawn Trautman?

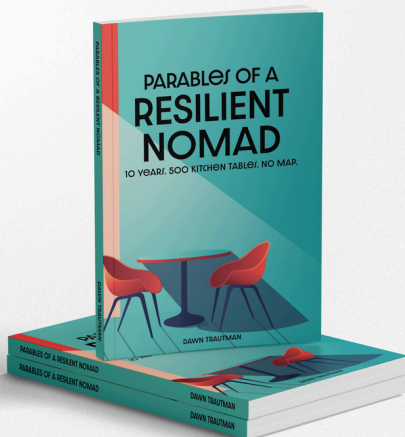
- After nearly twenty years coaching leaders of churches and nonprofits, Dawn has a unique perspective on how to create healthy organizations that help everyone thrive: the leaders, the volunteers, and the larger community.
- Dawn is a professional actor with an engaging style of speaking that has been described as "relentlessly positive without being unrealistic."
- Dawn and Big Picture Big Purpose deliver transformative individual and group coaching and impactful public speaking.
- One of Dawn's passions is fostering community and maintaining relationships in a lonely world, which leads to greater physical health, better mental health, and stronger organizations.
- Her "Created Creative Podcast" launched in 2023 to explore the intersection of creativity and spirituality. Guests range from Rob Bell, one of Time Magazine's Most Influential People, to Jeff Hiller from HBO's "Somebody Somewhere" to Bishop Brenda Bos, who found her calling while working on a sit-com. Within weeks of its launch, the podcast entered the top 10% of podcasts worldwide and has remained there consistently.

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# PARABLES OF A RESILIENT NOMAD

10 YEARS. 500 KITCHEN TABLES. NO MAP.



## About "Parables of a Resilient Nomad"

"I was already on the road when I lost my map."

Thus begins Dawn Trautman's unexpected journey from daughter of a picture-perfect progressive pastor's family to betrayal, loss of community, and personal transformation. Finding that the life she had mapped out was no longer available, Dawn left her job, packed up her apartment, and spent ten years on the road making her own map. "Parables of a Resilient Nomad" chronicles wisdom gleaned from 500 kitchen tables (and more than a few church basements) across the globe. Blending memoir with insightful reflections, it challenges conventional narratives and extends an invitation for readers to chart their own course, dance to their unique rhythm, and forge genuine connections – one kitchen table at a time.

## Why Parables of a Resilient Nomad?

- Parables of a Resilient Nomad invites readers to embark on their own transformative journeys, encouraging them to break free from societal expectations and carve out a path that is authentically their own. Through Dawn's experiences and reflections, readers are inspired to pursue a life filled with purpose and genuine human connection.
- Dawn's journey dives into uncharted emotional territory that challenges her faith, identity, and sense of belonging. Her story is a beacon for anyone grappling with similar disillusionment, offering invaluable lessons in strength, resilience, and personal transformation.
- Dawn's story became a powerful testament to the strength of the human spirit and the limitless possibilities that arise when one dares to venture beyond the confines of a conventional life. She left her secure job, packed up her apartment, and embarked on a decade-long odyssey of self-discovery and reinvention.
- "Parables of a Resilient Nomad" includes reflection questions that help readers build their own map to a life aligned with their goals by focusing on three primary things:
  - Community
  - Creativity
  - Courageous Conversations

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## Suggested Topics:

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- How Churches are Uniquely Positioned to End the Loneliness Epidemic and What to Do About It
- How to Cultivate a Deeper Sense of Community and Experience Better Physical, Mental and Spiritual Health
- The Myth of Self Help and Why We Need Community Care Instead
- Three Things to Focus on to Build a Life Aligned with your Calling
- How Losing My Map Allowed Me to Find My True Calling
- Resilient Nomad: Top 10 Lessons from 10 Years Without a Map
- Marketing is Just Storytelling and Your Church Could Do It Better
- Jesus started with community-building. Here's why you should, too.
- Your Creative Hobby is a Worthy Calling
- The Intersection of Creativity and Spirituality and Why It Matters



## Previous Appearances Include:

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