



# LIFELONG LEADING

WHAT IT TAKES FOR THE “LONG HAUL”

*A Conversation with Dr. Gordon MacDonald*

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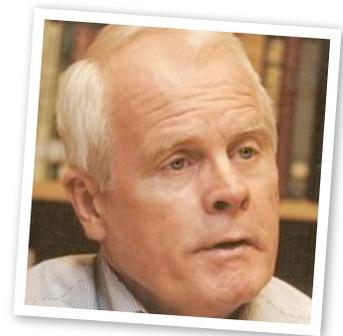
*1:00 - 4:30 pm*

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## About Gordon MacDonald

Gordon MacDonald is not retired. At 72 years of age he continues as an author, speaker, teacher and an encourager of younger people. He serves as chancellor of Denver Seminary and editor-at-large of *Leadership Journal*. In short, he is (happily) busier than ever.



MacDonald was a pastor for more than forty years, most recently the senior minister at Grace Chapel, Lexington, Massachusetts. Other pastorates were in New York City, Southern Illinois and Kansas. He has served as president of Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, Interim President of Denver Seminary, and as Chairman of the Board of World Relief Corporation. Gordon MacDonald has written 20 books and co-authored others with his wife, Gail. Perhaps his best known title has been *Ordering Your Private World* which won the Gold Medallion and the Platinum Awards from the Evangelical Christian Publishing Association.

*We'll talk about.....*

### **Lifelong Leadership**

How do we lead for a lifetime? MacDonald, in his book *Building Below the Waterline: Shoring Up the Foundations of Leadership*, reminds us that there are two parts to a leader - the inner and the outer. While we must develop skills in ministry including leading a church through conflict or helping a church grow through change and transitions, we must also develop the inner leader through praying, studying and growing.

### **Resilience**

As a lifelong leader one needs courage and the ability to get up when one falls and keep running when one is bone weary. MacDonald writes in *A Resilient Life*: “Resilient people practice spiritual self-discipline to build stamina and grit; know what’s up ahead, what obstacles they will likely face; and bond with special friends who share their commitment to finishing well.”

### **The Changing 21st Century Church**

Many church leaders are struggling with the challenge of developing intergenerational ministry at a time in history when several generations share the same “pew.” How do we reach out to younger generations without alienating the “builders and boomers” who have spent their lives building the church? In *Who Stole My Church*, MacDonald shares a fictional account of a church and its pastor trying to find a way to move gracefully into the 21st century.

### **Re-Ordering Our Private Lives**

What is the secret for finishing well or “lasting for the long haul”? MacDonald reminds us that even though life has its defeats and disappointments, we can make choices that lead to personal transformation, significant relationships and practical service.

### **What’s on *your* mind?**

What’s burdening your heart as you strive to be a lifelong leader? This afternoon session with Dr. Gordon MacDonald promises to be enlightening, encouraging and challenging. Come and participate in a conversation with a godly leader who is modeling what “finishing well” looks like.

This seminar is for pastors and ministry leaders of all ages. It is hosted by Converge 2nd 1/2 for Him Ministries.

Registration: \$25 per person before March 31. Visit <http://www.convergeworldwide.org/event/connect-2012>

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