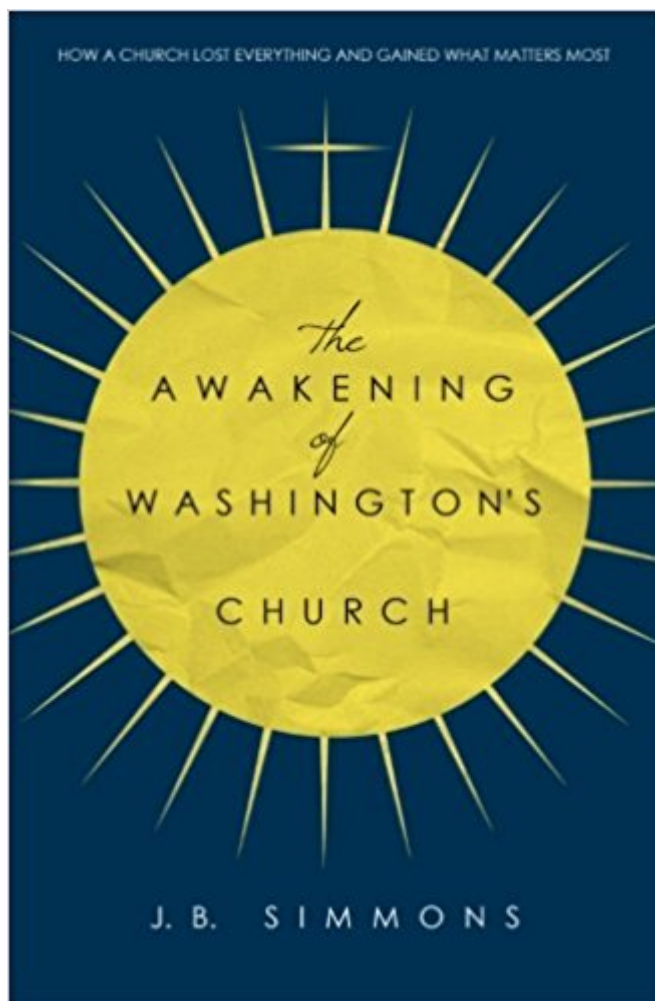




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# The Awakening Of Washington's Church



## Synopsis

How a church lost everything and gained what matters most. In 1763, George Washington visited The Falls Church and declared its building "rotten and unfit for repair." A fine brick colonial church was soon built on the spot. It witnessed key moments of American history, but by 1979 the church had become a sleepy place. A young pastor and a renewed focus on Jesus changed that. Within a decade, the church was building a new sanctuary to host thousands on its historic property. But the faith that fueled this growth ran into conflict with a mainline denomination. Division and costly litigation ensued. The church lost the priceless land that Washington had once graced. Was it worth the cost? What would happen after such a loss? Washington's church awakened, and not in ways anyone could have predicted.

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Meticulously researched, this book tells the compelling story of an important church and historic church in Northern Virginia, and its rector John Yates. The book details the growth and life of the church -- for which George Washington once served on the vestry -- over two hundred years, focusing primarily on the recent Yates era, during which the congregation grew in size and influence. Mr. Simmons does a masterful job providing a comprehensive yet accessible overview of

the theological rift between mainline and evangelical churches that occurred within the Episcopal denomination, and lucidly tells the story of the property litigation between The Episcopal Church and the Northern Virginia congregations that voted to leave the denomination in 2006.

J.B. Simmons does a great job of giving a quick overview of the history (especially the recent history) of the Falls Church Anglican. His quotes and sermon excerpts seemed to capture the spirit of each part of the story he was telling. And I feel I have a better understanding of the Falls Church, because I read this book.

An awe inspiring story of an historic church that stood to defend its faith and property against the charges of a mistaken national church body. Well researched and written, it provides the history of the courage and perseverance of a faithful congregation that lost everything but its faith and trust in its leadership that led ultimately to an uplifting outcome.

This very well written and highly readable book charts the course of The Falls Church from its early association with George Washington to its recent brush-up with the Episcopal Church over the authority of Scripture. Excellent read for anyone interested in today's culture wars and the nexus of church and the law.

I have not stopped thinking of this congregation as they lived out courage, faith, trust in God, unity love for God and people as they fearlessly desired the praise of God more than the praise of humankind. This group of Christians counted the cost for trusting and following God.

So sad to read why faithful churches had to walk away from The Episcopal Church (TEC). The bishops are no longer Christian.

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Outstanding story of a church seeking to walk out the truths of scripture with love. Read like a story in the book of Acts

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