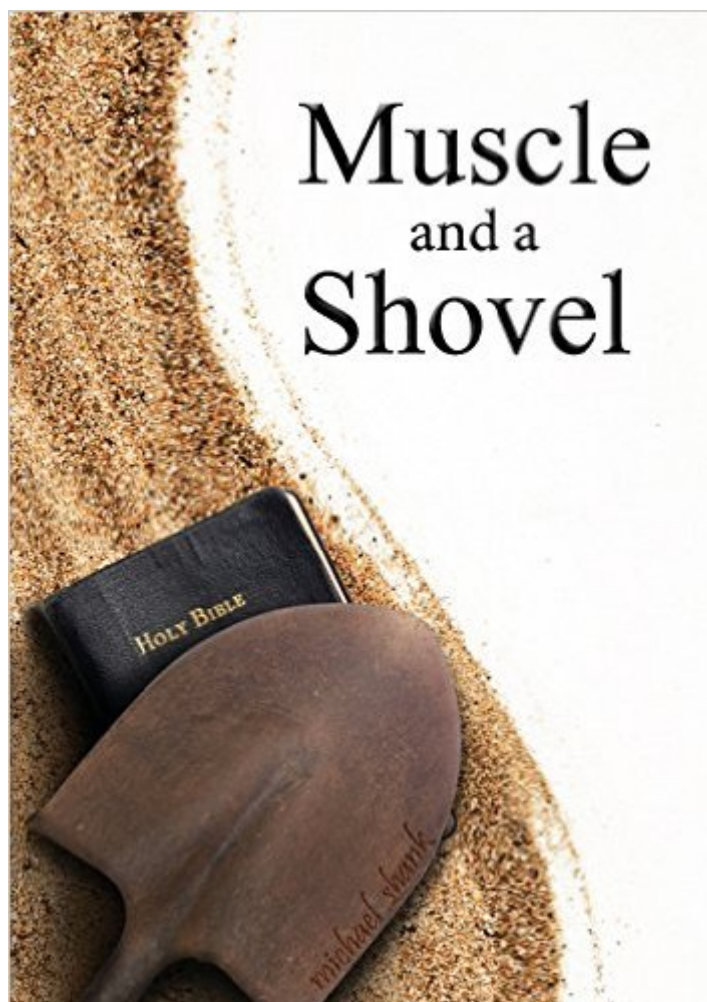


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# Muscle And A Shovel



## Synopsis

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When I volunteered to write this book review, I had just finished reading the book and had ordered two more copies. As I write this, I don't actually have the book to reference because we gave away all of our copies (we ordered nine more copies today), so this is probably going to be more of a "convincing argument for reading the book" rather than a "book review." Muscle and a Shovel, by

Michael Shank, is a 386 page paperback book, published June 1, 2011. This book tells the true story of a man who is going about his normal life, working a normal job, hoping for normal things. One day, his normal life is turned upside down when his co-worker, Randall, asks him a simple question. From that point on, Mike and his wife begin a trek down a completely different road than expected. Mike begins to question what he has always been taught about God and the Bible. He begins talking to friends and relatives and religious experts in his life. He struggles to support what he had always known, and he hopes they will give him some direction. Without satisfactory answers, he goes back to Randall, who guides him back to the Bible at every turn. Over the course of several months, Mike and Randall's friendship develops into one of love and trust as they have early morning discussions and Bible studies (usually accompanied by Krispy Kreme donuts). Mike's emotions are so strong. Sometimes, he shows anger at what he had always believed, awe at the love and gentleness that Randall shows him, and excitement as he tells his wife about all that he learns. From the very first chapter, this book had me gripped and I couldn't wait to keep reading. This would have been one of those books that I would have stayed up all night to finish, except for the fact that I had to share it with my husband.

A really good friend, and sister-in-Christ, (from the Church of Christ in Gulf Breeze) gave us this book, "Muscle and a Shovel". I have to say it has been very eye-opening. There is a lot of religious confusion in the world today. This book is the story of one man's search for Truth and it has nothing to do with any denomination. The book highlights that Christ's church (His bride) is not about wearing the title of Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist etc. Following Christ Himself isn't about being identified by any denominational label found in the world today (and obviously, there are many to choose from). There are so many misconceptions that people grow up with and we don't often question them when we should. I can definitely say that I have been there myself and more than once. Grace and salvation are free. Obedience on our part is needed though too. This book highlights Baptism (Acts 2:38) and why it is so important. I have learned so much in reading this and it is spelled out through one man's experiences so clearly. Everything in this book points back to the Truth of God's Word itself which is really life's best compass. Honestly, this book answers a lot of questions many people have and it's not dry or boring. Anyone that reads this will also walk away also having learned so much and will appreciate the life-changing truths it exposes in an easy way to understand that doesn't over-complicate things in any way. Love this book!\*\*\*In addition, the Church of Christ (not Church of Christ-Science) is everywhere. It's so worth a visit, if you've never experienced worship with the Church of Christ. I myself was raised Baptist and have been to just

about every denominational place that exists in my life over the years.

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