

## **Intro: Forward & Acknowledgements**

**The book is titled *Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert* – What made Rosario an “unlikely” convert? Can you think of some other unlikely converts in history?**

**What are the benefits of a biographical conversion story? What can be problems or dangers with a conversion story? Why do motives matter? What are Paul’s motives for telling his conversion story in Galatians?**

*15 But when God, who from my mother’s womb set me apart and called me by his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son in me, so that I could preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone. [Gal. 1:15-16, CSB]*

**We live in a pragmatic, success-driven society. This pragmatism frequently influences the church, including sometime how the church conducts outreach and who it tries to reach with the Gospel. What kind of success should we be looking for in our outreach? Should we never be pragmatic in our outreach?**

**Who are some potential “unlikely converts” around us?**

**A news story related to this issue**

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/i-am-a-gay-christian-debates-about-lgbtq-acceptance-roil-seattle-area-nonprofits-churches/>