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PRODIGAL IN THE CITY

A Novel

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James Whitaker is far from being the perfect Christian. Having abandoned his faith and his best friend during his teen years and after spending several years in prison, he returns home to Washington, D.C., yearning only to spend time with his devout, long-suffering mother. However, he is reunited not only with his mother, but with his former best friend, who has joined the Marines and is returning to the country from Iraq, and with a distraught father bent on violent revenge for James' role in the disappearance of his young daughter. These events threaten not only to destroy his life, but also the lives of his mother, his friends, and his pastor. Along the way he is assisted by a young social worker whose efforts to help James only exacerbate her own hidden struggles and yearning for companionship.

Could these events have something to do with a prophecy he received as a child? Or are they the natural repercussions of a fateful decision made several years ago? In this novel set in the gritty urban environs of the nation's capital, drama, suspense and romance come together to create a compelling and realistic story that illustrates the unwavering faithfulness of God and the virtues of perseverance.

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