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With inspiring stories and thought-provoking questions, Ravi Zacharias traces the multiple threads of our lives, describing how the unseen hand of God guides our joys, our tragedies, our daily humdrum to weave a pattern of divine providence and meaning.

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Kells Next Read says

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Lila Spengler says

I had just previously read Zacharias' autobiography, Walking from East to West, with great joy and, admittedly, tears of appreciation for the evidence of God's work in this humble man. So, wanting to preserve that first experience of Zacharias, the author, I cautiously, yet with great anticipation, cracked open this book.

Although of a slightly different bent and with a little different flavor, this book also took my breath away at times with its depth of insight into life. It was quite deep to my shallow mind yet it satisfied my penchant for organization and order. Ravi (I feel like we are on a first name basis after reading his autobiography) managed to break down his subject matter into categories of what matters: Our DNA, Disappointments, Calling, Morality, Spirituality, Will, Worship and Destiny all matter in the Grand Weaver's shaping of our lives.

I found the description in the chapter on Our Morality Matters of how morality precedes redemption in all religions except Christianity particularly breathtaking. It is only in Christianity where God redeems and saves before He calls us to live life in service to Him... that being a moral life, the underpinning of which is the Law. He used the introductory verse of the Ten Commandments as evidence! "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:2-3) Wow! God brought His people out of slavery and then gave them the Law. That turns all religion and human nature on its head. Serve because we are redeemed, not serve and hope for redemption in the end.

I'm thankful that Ravi has written several other books for me to add to my reading list. Thank God for this faithful man who uses his gift to serve others.

Pete Foley says

Another excellent book by Dr. Zacharias. His understanding of Scripture is so strong that it compels me to study the Bible even more diligently. The book provides great personal stories, as well as a secure grounding in Scripture to illustrate his main point that God works all circumstances - our strengths, our shortcomings, our circumstances (etc.) - to achieve his ultimate purpose for our lives. Seemingly disconnected events, tragic circumstances, supposed "coincidences", are all seen through the lens of God's ultimate purpose for our lives. I highly recommend this book.

Maria Connor says

There are a few good "nuggets" in here, but not really my style of reading. He is a good storyteller, but it takes a long time to find the take-aways.

John says

This was another audiobook loaned to me by my friend Jack. I was listening to it while doing other things, so I didn't give it the hearing it deserves. But it gives me an excuse and a motivation to read it sometime in the future. On the other hand, listening it allowed me to enjoy Ravi Zacharias' unique speaking voice and style, which I've always enjoyed. A point that struck me on first "hearing" of this book -- and perhaps this seems obvious -- was Zacharias saying you need to establish what the purpose is for your life, and everything you do needs to be judged against that purpose. He put it much better than that, and I'm retelling it in an overly simplistic way, but that's the essence of it. That simple point is causing me to do a lot of reflecting about what my purpose might be and how my life might be different if I judged everything according to that purpose.

Donald Scott says

I appreciate Ravi's thoughtfulness and the precision of his exposition. He presents a solid case supported by scripture for what it means to live as a full spectrum Christian. There is warp and woof to all of human existence. While the non-believer may be excused for thinking the pattern of life is simply chance or self determination, those who follow Christ must recognize and embrace our Creator's and Redeemer's absolute mastery and control over each and every element of His design in our lives.

Kristine says

I found myself wondering all through the reading of this book if the author was ever going to get to the main point. There were a couple interesting stories that stood out, but I really didn't remember anything the author was trying to say about God as being the "Grand Weaver".

Jonathan says

While the right information and intent are present, organization of thought and clarity of proof are not. This is a good example of a book that could have been great but simply was not. Ultimately, it is not for failure of truth or attempt that the book becomes disorganized but rather as a result of poor analogy and not-so-tight writing.

Laura says

I have listened to Ravi and even heard him speak at the Ligonier National Conference 2 years ago. He is a great speaker, has wonderful illustrations, and talks to practical topics. [return][return]The Grand Weaver is the first book I've read by Zacharias. He does a good job with this book in illustrating various areas of our life that God designed and uses to weave our lives. [return][return]In the chapter on our DNA he discusses how we should accept and celebrate our personality, that this begins our understanding of the Grand Weaver's design for our lives. Then he discusses our disappointments, explaining that we need to allow our heart to be made tender by God, not callous, by the pains of this world. Then we must strengthen our mind through faith. And always, the cross should be primary, the bridge between him and us.[return][return]The chapter on our calling defines it as God's shaping of your burden and beckoning you to your service to him in the place and pursuit of his choosing. Zacharias mentions that this calling may not always feel pleasing, but it will tug at the soul. We are encouraged to submit to God's design and live a life of humility.[return][return]I found the chapter on morality interesting. We cannot escape the need for morals but there is a lot of discussion about who creates morals. Morality can become legalism if it isn't tempered with grace and mercy. Zacharias mentions that perhaps the point to some of the parables isn't what appears to be the main point. Perhaps the older brother was the real point to the story of the prodigal son. I find the story of repentance and acceptance (younger son and father) very reassuring, but the action of the older brother hits too close to home sometimes. Or maybe the real point of the story of the good Samaritan is the priest and Levite and their behavior. He uses another one - maybe the point to be learned from the women arriving first at the tomb was the fact that the disciples hadn't. I think this one is the most surprising for me. I've always been amazed that the women were headed to the tomb even though they were aware that there was a big stone they couldn't move, they trusted that a way to handle it would come up as long as they did what they needed to do. I wonder if the disciples didn't go because they knew there was this big stone in the way?[return][return]The chapter on spirituality gets to the point that it is truth what separates true spirituality from false spirituality. We are warned not to get sidetracked by ceremony or legalism. He discusses our will and how salvation also brings a change in our hungers. We will new things. But in our fallenness we often put our energy into peripheral or wrong pursuits instead of concentrating on following Christ alone. [return][return]We are made to worship, it seems. But our worship belongs to God and we are too quick to turn to other things. In this chapter Zacharias talks about the church and how we are supposed to build each other up, bring hope and healing to each other. But too often there is pulling down, condemnation, and reprimand. Worship is primary and here Zacharias uses the imagery again, worship pulls the many threads of life into a beautiful whole. [return][return]He ends with a chapter about our Destiny; our eternal life in heaven being known by God and knowing God. I have always thought the image of being completely known is one of the most comforting allures of Heaven. I seldom feel truly understood and often don't understand myself. To be known completely by a loving God, and perfected to boot, sounds wonderful![return][return]I am glad I read this book and found much to meditate on. I found his writing to be a bit distracted and had to search for his point a few times. He speaks much the same way, the stories and illustrations may be disconnected, but each is worthwhile and the effort required by the listener to interpret the whole out of the pieces is a good exercise.

Susie says

I'm reminded of the fact that God is too kind to waste a hurt in our lives. Everything whether it happens

because of discipline or Satan's attacks will be used by God to weave the tapestry of our lives. Ravi did a great job discussing the aspects of our lives (DNA, disappointments, calling, morality, spirituality, will, worship, and destiny) and how God is interested in each part. I've read other reviews that didn't like the flow of this book, but I found it made sense.

Ken says

I enjoy hearing Ravi speak more than reading his books, which is ironic, because he says he would much rather write than be in front of a crowd, speaking. Still, this book addresses long-standing questions that most people confront.

The premise of the book is that God is the Grand Weaver who gathers all the threads of our lives and makes a beautiful tapestry that makes sense. He talks about finding our calling as being like "hand in glove", which is something that has eluded me all my life. (If only it were as smooth as Ravi suggests.)

I read and discussed this book with two friends, and it stirred plenty of helpful and challenging discussion of the applications of our faith.

Valerie says

This book may help you understand more of how events caused by or allowed by God shape his story in you. It discusses issues like the Will, our Destiny, our Wordhip, our Calling, our Spirituality, our DNA, and our Disappointments in such a way that with some time to think, we can begin to see how all the twists and turns of our life come together in such a way to (ultimately) demonstrate God's glory to all we encounter

John says

I enjoy all of Ravi Zacharias' books, and this is no exception. He covers God's grand plan, and our part in it. As always, it's well written and challenging.

Jesseca Wheaton says

Wow. This book was really good. I think it's one of the very few non-fiction books that I actually looked forward to reading every morning. Ravi Zacharias writes and explains things in a way that makes it easy to understand without toning down the message. Definitely looking forward to reading some of his other books. :)

Maire Slater says

None of us can help the things life has done to us. They are done before you realize it and once they are

done, they make you do other things, until at last everything comes between you and what you'd like to be, and you've lost your true self forever. (11, quote from *Long Day's Journey into Night*)

Once you begin to see God's hand in your life, you will know that his workmanship within you and through you was tailor-made, just for you. His design for your life pulls together every thread of your existence into a magnificent work of art. Every thread matters and has a specific purpose. I pray that...you will see those threads come together and know that God is indeed the Grand Weaver of your life. (17)

To be able to accept the wonder and the marvel of one's own personality, however flawed or "accidental," and place it in and trust it to the hands of the One who made it, is one of the greatest achievements in life. His "registration number" is on you. Your DNA matters because the essence of who you are matters and whose you are by design matters. Every little feature and "accident" of your personality matter. Consider it God's sovereign imprint on you. (28)

...at the end of your life one of three things will happen to your heart: it will grow hard, it will be broken, or it will be tender. Nobody escapes. Your heart will become coarse and desensitized, be crushed under the weight of disappointment, or be made tender by that which makes the heart of God tender as well. God's heart is a caring heart. As the writer of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us, our infirmities deeply touch God (see Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:14-5:3)...God the Grand Weaver seeks those with tender hearts so that he can put his imprint on them. (40)

Because we are all priests before God, there is no such distinction as "secular or sacred." In fact, the opposite of sacred is not secular; the opposite of sacred is profane. In short, *no* follower of Christ does secular work. We all have a sacred calling. (65)

I do not believe that one can earnestly seek and find the priceless treasure of God's call without a devout prayer life. Each of us is the temple of the Lord, and it was the Lord who said, "My house will be called a house of prayer" (Isaiah 56:7). (70)

Truth is the thread that separates true spirituality from false spirituality. Spirituality does not give relevance to life; rather, truth gives relevance to spirituality. (109)

Whatever weakens your reasoning, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes away your relish for spiritual things; in short, if anything increases the authority and power of the flesh over the Spirit, then that to you becomes sin, however good it is in itself. [quote from Susanna Wesley] (118)

When you sow a thought you reap an act; when you sow an act you reap conduct; when you sow conduct you reap character; when you sow character you reap a destiny. [old adage] (128)

What exactly does "worship" mean? The Bible uses several words to describe worship, but the two key terms mean "to bow down" and "to serve." ...Plainly put, worship means "reverence and action." (133)
