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Large Church Pastor and Bestselling Author Offers Keys to a God-Centered Life

After several bestselling books and more than 25 years of ministry in Hawaii, Wayne Cordeiro knows how to touch the hearts of Christians. Too often people can get distracted by various programs and unimportant details of the faith, but in this book Wayne places the focus directly on drawing near to Jesus. And from that core focus, all other aspects of life will fall into place.

Filled with encouragement, stories, and practical guidelines, this book will help believers simplify their walks with the Lord a welcome message for readers looking for simplicity and peace in their anxious, overscheduled lives. Includes a built-in study guide for individuals and small groups.

Jesus: Pure & Simple Details

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Yamid HR says

it has good intentions of encouraging believers in Jesus to follow him, but it gets more complicated and not that pure in simple when keeps using "christianish" "disciplines" to follow Jesus or as he Follows Him. good start, and good ending, but it loses his argument in the process

Elizabeth Dyck says

This book is about having Jesus as the center of your life. How to have is the center focus of even our everyday lives. How everything works out for the better good if we just allow ourselves to trust Him and follow where he leads.

Not having read the whole book as it is a lot to chew on at once, but from what I have read in it, it has made me to think deeply about how much I actually focus on myself and other things and not on Jesus who should always be my entire focus.

I want to finish this book as soon as possible as time will allow me to. If you ever need to quite your mind down and refocus this is the book to read.

David Bonner says

Really good book

Very easy reading, but very deep thinking. Cordeiro provides some simple yet powerful guidance, and offers some thought provoking questions in order to stretch anyone in their Christian walk.

Wendy says

t's time to get back to Jesus.

- Wayne Cordeiro

Ever have a book read you instead of you reading it? That is what Jesus: Pure and Simple did to me. It was a book that I needed to read at exactly the time I needed to read it. There is just so much wisdom within the pages that I wore out my highlighter. Not only in the book itself, but in my Bible as I was constantly marking scripture referred to in the book.

One of my favorite chapters in the book is One Thing. Wayne shares the story of Martha and Mary as a reminder that only one thing is necessary (Luke 10:41-42).

Later in that same chapter he suggests four important principles for growing closer to God through scripture:

Read the Bible daily.
Regularly take time for solitude.
Immerse yourself in gratefulness.
Regularly take time for reflection.

I loved this book and would recommend it highly.

Robin Velasquez says

Reading through the first several chapters of this book I didn't have anything stand out, speak to my heart or wow me. But then I reached chapter 8 where the Holy Spirit pointed out that I had an internal correction that needed to take place. I love when this happens because it means I'm growing to become more like Jesus. Pure and Simple.

Throughout this book, author Wayne Cordeiro does an amazing job showing who Jesus is. He gives us this insight and encourages us to check our hearts and lives as a whole to see how we measure up next to Jesus. Do we talk like Him? Do act like Him? Do we fully understand what it means to follow Him? By using various examples and metaphors, scriptures and story's, we see how this knowledge can be applied to our lives. At the end of each chapter you find a few questions about what you have just read to further your understanding in that area. I personally enjoyed that. I took my time reading through it and taking notes in it to make sure I understood it all and gave it time to sink in to my heart and spirit.

If you are curious on how to strengthen your walk with Jesus, have a friend or relative who has been recently saved or simply want to know more about Him, this is a great place to start. I have been walking with the Lord for 16 years and this book brought fresh revelation to many areas in my walk. I highly recommend this book no matter if your just starting out or are many years into it. Jesus-Pure & Simple will not disappoint.
Thank you Bethany House Publishers for the free book in exchange for my honest review.

Cassandra says

Jesus Pure and Simple, by Wayne Cordeiro, was an interesting but not deep book. It read more like a series of blog posts, rather than having a common thread running through the entire book. Cordeiro talks about how to tell if you need to get back to Jesus, who Jesus is, how to focus on Him, and how to serve. The book itself is rather pure and simple, some basic thoughts on various topics, bullet points that provide a basic to-do list, and group discussion questions at the end of each chapter.

For an example of the simplicity of this book, here are the focus points on the chapter titled "One Thing." The chapter starts off with the verse Luke 10:41-42, which reads, "you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary." What is the one thing that is necessary? Spending time with Jesus. How do we do that?

- Read the Bible daily
- Regularly take time for solitude
- Immerse yourself in gratefulness

-Regularly take time for reflection

As I said, it's an interesting book but not deep. It's a good refresher on basic Christian living but doesn't offer much Biblical meat to chew on.

Much thanks to Bethany House for all the review copy in exchange for my honest opinion. All opinions are completely my own.

Harry Lee says

Read this as part of my church membership class. A simple book but with simple insights. That is what we need right: simple insights that we can hold on to. Because Jesus did say, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Mathew says

Cordeiro starts off with this declarative truth,

And the good news is that it's not about doing more or doing less. Because God created you in his image, the more you become like Jesus, the more you become the person you were created to be. It is in Him that you actually find the fulfillment, not in religious activities (as good as they may be) or in serene settings that give you a needed respite from your harried workplace. He is not the rest from our labors. He is the rest in our labors. (p. 10)

Cordeiro has a gift for simple and practical teaching. Sometimes the back to Jesus emphasis can be reductionistic. Focus on Jesus but not on that nasty doctrine stuff. But Cordeiro encourages us to focus on Jesus in the word of God. He argues that the word of God is the clearest and best way for us to see Jesus pure and simple.

The voice of God, the foundation of truth, will always sound just like the Bible. Do you want to know what God is like? Read the bible. That gives you a true picture of Christ. (p. 121)

He also argues we must be about our Father's business in a way that honors the gifts God has given each of us (pp. 35-40).

Cordeiro offers many helpful points but one sentence struck me so hard that I still can't shake it weeks after finishing the book. Cordeiro says,

The truest assessment of a servant is how he responds when he is treated like one. That's the litmus test. We all want to be known as servants just so long as no treats us like one. (p. 196)

A silver bullet to my monstrous heart. That's my struggle. I want to serve my family and I want to serve at church but I find myself wanting the title without the treatment. If the gospel teaches us anything it's that Jesus claimed the title of servant and accepted the mistreatment as one as well.

Another emphasis worth noting is Cordeiro's discussion on prayer. He says we often want God to meet us in our timing and answer our prayers in our way. He reminds us we must be less about the answer and more about the promises of God (pp. 53-54). God's been working on me about my own prayer life over the last month and this again helped move my prayer life in a way that focuses less on me and more on the promises of God in Christ.

For those wishing to untangle yourselves from the varied concerns of life and return to the simple truths found in Scripture about Jesus check out Jesus: Pure and Simple. You won't get bogged down reading the book and its message is simple yet impactful.

IrenesBookReviews says

The title exactly describes this book. It is about Jesus and how we as Christians can be more like Him. The author teaches you through scripture who Jesus is and how His life can change your life. It is a simple book and written so anyone can read and understand it. It was not condescending in any way and is a great recourse for anyone who wants to learn more about Jesus. I gave this book 4/5 stars. I liked the book and only had a few spots where I felt it was repeating itself or the idea got lost in the words. Overall it was a good book and a joy to read!

I would like to thank the publisher for the copy of this book I enjoyed reading. I gave an honest review based on my opinion of what I read.

Pamela says

This book will help you realize you need to have Jesus @ the center of your life... very encouraging....

Veronica says

This is an amazing book! It has so much insight and clarified some things for me that I hadn't realized about life and myself. I found myself wanting to underline passages to re-read later.

The whole purpose of this book is that we need to get back to Jesus. Cordeiro points out that the devil wants us to think following Jesus is complicated so that we will get discouraged and give up. We start to worry about rules and to-do lists instead of focusing on Jesus and our relationship. He shows us ways in which we get distracted or off track and how to recognize this and correct back. Satan likes to mix his deception with truth, and the only solution is to correct back to Jesus' teachings and the spirit in which He taught. If we correct back to another person or time period, it becomes too easy to be just a little off the mark and so become a modern-day Pharisee.

Some of the topics are being in the world, but not of it; focusing on Jesus and not our problems; serving in secret; the importance of spending time with Jesus by reading the Bible; being available; and contentment. He continuously points back to Jesus and that if we focus on Him, everything else will fall into place....

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Jim Mader says

Another classic from Wayne Cordeiro! In his usual illustrative and catchy way, Wayne once again speaks from his heart and shares from his experience of a heart that is simply being drawn back to Jesus every single day.

Jimena says

It's time to get back to the pure and simple.

Sometimes we're so distracted that we're missing the point. In this book Wayne Cordeiro tells us it's time to get back to Jesus. Wayne Cordeiro tells us to focus on who He is, on what He did, and on the promises He gives us in His Word. Going to church and/or being in a church group doesn't necessarily teach us how we get back to Jesus, but His Word does.

Wayne Cordeiro shares wonderful stories, Scripture and practical guidelines in his book Jesus: Pure and Simple. The part of this book I liked less was where Wayne Cordeiro warns us of the modern-day Pharisees. It had a bit of a negative tone and didn't really fit in. Overall, I liked reading this book. I especially liked the stories, they're very inspiring.

Note: I received a free copy via netgalley.

Roger Miller says

Wayne Cordeiro does an excellent job in this book, of encouraging us to keep it simple, love Jesus! This book renewed my love for Jesus, no greater recommendation exists than that. The author's illustrations, stories and jokes make it real and interesting.

Kristina Franken says

Do you ever feel like you're being pulled in a million directions? Like you're overwhelmed with various programs and ministries or with studying the steps to good parenting or the best ways to share Jesus with your neighbors?

These are all good things but even good things can sometimes take us away from our number one responsibility-knowing Jesus better.

Wayne Cordeiro shares how to focus on the One who matters most and take part in the joy and fulfilment that He brings. But also teaches how this leads to selflessness, a true love for others, and effective ministry.

IT will in fact, change how you see the world around you.

When you focus on Christ, everything else falls inot place. Your relationships. Your job. Your church. Your mission. Its all placed in the hands of Jesus, pure and simple.

I recieved thsi book for free and am in no way bound to give a good review.
