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Jesus loves people.

Wouldn't it make sense that those who claim to love Jesus would love the same people Jesus loves?

Nouns need verbs, a requirement that's more than just a grammatical truth; it's a spiritual truth. The noun *Christian* and the noun *church* require action verbs to fulfill their purpose. That's why Jesus invites Christians and churches everywhere to perform the greatest action of all: loving people.

Jesus Prom is an extravagant party that celebrates the very people Jesus died to love. You will laugh and cry as you move through the pages of this book, and by the end of it, you'll want to join the dance.

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Ellen Harney says

The authors purpose in writing this book was to portray to the audience the love which is inside of us all. Our willingness to love and pour into others has to be pulled out our souls, this is what Jon Weece is showing the reader. Our hearts must be opened to others before we have the ability to be a light in their life.

The theme of this book was undying humility and love for those we go through live with. Weece shows society the many ways we can break free from social norms and truly embrace the people and world around us. Our attitude and outlook on those around us can affect and change the quality of our own lives.

This book was written as a narrative of Jon Weece's own experiences in his life. He narrates many stories which have benefitted his own outlook upon society. His compassion grew and he learned to improve thousands of lives with his own situations. "Jesus Prom" has opened up the hearts of minds of hundreds of thousands and is working its way into the hearts of millions.

I genuinely enjoyed this book because it inspired me to become the best that I can be for those around me. I have looked for opportunities to truly be the best part of someone's day and/or life. I encourage anyone who is ready and willing to change the attitude of this world to read this.

Chris says

This book woke me up and set me ablaze in my love for people. It is incredibly powerful, yet worded in a simplicity that a child could understand. And it moves you to ACT. It's a book about living a life of love by choosing to use VERBS to demonstrate the heart of God instead of only using nouns and adjectives. Because of this book, I have decided that for the rest of my life, I am not going to use my job as a description of what I do for a living... I now have decided to do as Jon Weece describes, and to "Love people for a living." I think this book should be on every Christian's Top 10 List.

Matt B. says

Jesus Prom, by Jon Weece, is a book with a unique title. The message contained inside though, is one that everyone would do well to read. Through stories and personal anecdotes, Weece reminds us that a life lived in the grace and love of Jesus should be known by its verbs, not its adverbs. I liked how each chapter focused on a specific verb (i.e. "love", "be"), and built a framework around that thought in story and some scripture. The book did not come across as too preachy, but more in the vein of someone sharing honestly and personally from their own relationship with Jesus.

I found this book to be both refreshing and challenging. The refreshing part was the reminder that we should focus on our identity as the church, not just a place we visit. We are the church, the bride of Christ, and represent Him here on earth. The reminders Weece offers throughout the book are the challenging parts, reminding us that we should give our time and attention to serve others in need. Being the church means

acting like Jesus did when He was in the world, and he spent much of His time with people, listening to their hearts and ministering to their needs. We would do well to follow His example, and "Jesus Prom" reminds us what that looks like.

Jen Bradbury says

The premise of Jon Weece's Jesus Prom is, I think, really good. According to Jon, "Jesus loved verbs. Verbs like love, come, rest, learn, hear, die, give, and go. So wouldn't it make sense that the people who claim to follow Jesus would love the same verbs Jesus loved?"

As Jon goes on to explain, "Somewhere along the way someone tried to make the word Christian an adjective" - something that has done far more harm than good to Christianity. Throughout Jesus Prom, Jon challenges his readers to once again "love the same verbs" Jesus loved and to live out their faith rather than become hypocrites, essentially "nouns without verbs".

Throughout Jon's exploration of these verbs, what I appreciated most was his emphasis on people. In his words, "When we follow Jesus, He doesn't lead us to places as often as He leads us to people." Jon's heart for people is clearly evident in the various challenges he gives his readers as well as in the stories he tells. And that, too, is a strength of Jon. He is a storyteller who weaves together compelling examples from his own life and congregation to illustrate the power of verbs in the Christian faith.

Another thing I appreciated about Jesus Prom is its clear call to community. This is especially evident in Jon's reminders that "You can't hide and heal at the same time" and that "The potential for change is greater with we than me."

In a time when criticism for the local church seems to grow on a daily basis, I also found Jon's love for the church – something that again reinforces his clear call to community - refreshing. He reminds us, "Jesus and His bride, the church, are inseparable. Anyone who says they hate the church hates the man who died on the cross for the church." He then calls the church "to be an identical twin to its founder."

Despite its strengths, Jesus Prom is not a perfect book. Its weakness is this: Too often, Jon writes in soundbites or perhaps more accurately still – tweets. Rather than consistently go for the quick soundbite, I wish Jon would have more often fleshed out his ideas and done what he does best – tell a compelling story. Despite that, Jesus Prom is a book that will resonate with disgruntled evangelicals – those frustrated by churches who talk more about serving than actually serve. In that setting, this book will work particularly well as the basis for small group discussions. In addition to providing small groups with discussion fodder, Jesus Prom will challenge and encourage people to go out into the world and "bring as much of heaven to earth today so that we can take as much of earth to heaven someday."

Mike Sheley says

Powerful true-life stories.

Solid Bible teaching.

A "Lead Follower" with a HUGE pastoral heart for a variety of people who are Lost or who too often don't receive the love of Jesus from the people of Jesus.

This book both encouraged and challenged me as a follower of Jesus and as a pastor.

Everyone should read this book!

(So thankful my Senior Pastor, Chris Philbeck, gave me this book to read!)

Jennifer Buczynski says

I loved the ideas in this, although the beginning was a little slow for me. Fits in the same genre as *Not a Fan* by Kyle Idleman. A little elementary, but that's great for some people, especially those new in the faith or not used to theological stuff. I really enjoyed the author's personal stories the most.

Lisa R Cline says

Great read, inspiring

Lori Sweet says

Jesus Prom is powerful and straightforward. Jon Weece was our preacher in Lexington; he preaches with lots of practical, simple ideas and stories. His book is lots of practical, simple ideas and stories.

Several of my friends have asked for a book recommendation for their husbands. I can't think of a better one. He doesn't write flowery prose; it's very short thoughts that fit together well. Small changes that can completely change your life.

Barbara Repan says

Jesus Prom is about love. Loving people. Loving God. Loving your enemies.

I enjoyed reading *Jesus Prom*. It is a quick and easy book to read but filled with many spiritual truths. Much of it is basic Christianity, but certainly doesn't hurt to have a refresher, especially about loving others.

Jesus Prom is full of personal stories, funny stories, stories of love examples and loving people like Jesus loves people. You can never love people too much.

A quote from the book, "The more I love people, the more I fall in love with God. The more I fall in love with God, the more I love people."

This quote and most of the book is a challenge to love well. Jon Weece talks about being free when we love. God wants us to be free. Also, he writes that the quality of your life is tied to the quality of the love you give to others.

I recommend this book to anyone who desires to grow in his or her relationship with Jesus and learn to love like He does. It's hard to love some people but it's not impossible.

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My review is posted on Amazon, Goodreads and my Blog Barbara Ann ~ brepan.wordpress.com

Dawn Hamsher says

It was a fun and fast read! I like the writer's style, his down-to-earth personality and his short bites of stories and wisdom. I told my husband this was a book he should read. He has a hard time reading long books or even watching movies, but this book has short, interesting segments -- perfect for reading on the go. And, it challenges you to get active with Jesus and for Jesus. The chapters say it all: "love", "see", "talk", "turn", "dance", "give", and "go" are a few. The author shares great stories of people who live out these action verbs. There are incredible stories like holding a prom for disabled people, cleaning bathrooms at a gas station and also a porn store. It's all about loving people to Christ in unusual ways.

The author, at times, shares some immature things like pranks that they play on staff members at his church. He's 34 and a senior pastor. I'm glad he is fun-loving and that does come through in the book, but I didn't think a couple things needed sharing.

Still, though, a great book that might give you ideas on how to love on people and in different ways that might really connect with people and help bring them to Jesus.

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Christy Bower says

"When Jesus sees you, He sees all the people you could help if you could just get your eyes off of you," writes Jon Weece, the author of Jesus Prom.

Jesus Prom will forever change the way I interact with people. For a long time, I've been searching for a way to make a difference. I was looking for something big and unique, but Jon Weece showed me that the real adventure is in simple, loving gestures. Seeing people. Listening to people. Serving people. Loving people.

In an endearing narrative style, Jon Weece weaves together stories of simple love and changed lives. Rather than telling a story and teaching about it, he weaves together Bible stories with real-life incidents to create a unique learning environment where the reader can see truth in a new way, without a lecture.

I read this book in about 24 hours because I could barely put it down. I never cruise through a book that fast, but I found it life changing and profoundly beautiful. I want to live a life like that and, Lord willing, I will.

Jon Weece doesn't write long teaching sections, as most Christian nonfiction writers do. Instead, he weaves

in bits of teaching to explain his methods. For instance, he writes: "One of the best ways to start a conversation is with a question: Is there anything I can do for you today? When we present ourselves in a loving way to people, people will let us love them. And when people let us love them, usually, they'll let us talk about why we love them."

Sometimes you'll hear a preacher or author teach something and it just comes across as a gimmick. There are no gimmicks here, just plain love for God and God's people—all of God's people, no matter their situation in life. Jon Weece is the real deal. If you're looking for authentic Christianity, you'll find it in the pages of Jesus Prom.

Oh, one last thing: What is a Jesus Prom? Read Luke 14:12-13 to find out.

I give Jesus Prom by Jon Weece five cups of love.

This review, with additional book quotes, first appeared on my blog, ChristyBower.com.

Chase Fairchild says

This book was a very enjoyable read! It is a great book for somebody who is new to a relationship with Jesus. The language that Jon Weece uses to explain such complex subject matters as grace, sin and atonement are outstanding! As someone who works for a Christian outreach to disinterested kids this is the perfect resource to use to help walk someone, whether a kid or an adult, into a relationship with Jesus.

Richard Doughten says

An amazing book on how Christians should love.

The book was all around great. Weece paints an amazing picture of what the love of Christ should look like in those who follow Him. He uses so many stories that make you happy and sad, all while showing you modern examples of how to love. It is a book I would recommend to anyone who claims to follow Jesus, and even to those who do not.

Kaitlin says

Very similar to Bob Goff's "Love Does," (also a great book), Weece ties his life experiences to the message of Jesus in an at times comical way. This book was a quick and enjoyable read for me, yet still with the great overarching idea that love is best expressed through action; that Christians should love verbs. Christianity is all about doing for others what Christ has already done and continues to do for you.

Lynn Smith says

This is an excellent book every Christ follower needs to read. The author (a Kentucky pastor) contends that

Christian and church are both nouns and nouns need to be connected with verbs for action. Each chapter is about a different verb the Christian needs to be doing such as receive and give. The author tells many stories of ways he has witnessed God's love shown to a lost world and the impact it has had. As Christians we are commanded to love God and love people. Loving God isn't hard but loving people is. But we will only reflect God's love when we show that love to others, especially those we consider unlovable. Remember we are unlovable too but Christ died for us. It is said that imitation is the most sincere form of flattery. May we all flatter Jesus by imitating his love of people and showing love at every opportunity. The book is an easy and quick read and you will be blessed.
