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Not A Fan: Becoming A Completely Committed Follower Of Jesus



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Synopsis

Are you a follower of Jesus? Don t answer too quickly. In fact, you may want to read this book before you answer at all. Consider it a Define the Relationship conversation to determine exactly where you stand. You may indeed be a passionate, fully devoted follower of Jesus. Or, you may be just a fan who admires Jesus but isn t ready to let him cramp your style. Then again, maybe you re not into Jesus, period. In any case, don t take the question Are you a follower of Jesus? lightly. Some people don t know what they ve said yes to and other people don t realize what they ve said no to, says Pastor Kyle Idleman. But Jesus is ready to clearly define the relationship he wants with his followers. Not a Fan calls you to consider the demands and rewards of being a true disciple. With frankness sprinkled with humor, Idleman invites you to live the way Jesus lived, love the way he loved, pray the way he prayed, and never give up living for the One who gave his all for you.

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Kyle Idleman knows where we live and where we could live with God’s help. His words are, at once, profound and practical. He is committed to helping us move in the right direction. If you need a helping hand in your journey, he will point you to the right Person. --Max Lucado - Pastor, Oak Hills Church and Author of Fearless. -- Jesus never asked us to sit on the sidelines and cheer for his cause . In Idleman’s book, Not a Fan, Kyle will challenge you to grow from a fair weather fan to a full-time follower of Christ --Craig Groeschel - Senior Pastor of LifeChurch.tv and Author of The Christian Atheist. -- Not a Fan is truly a cutting edge study that will challenge even the most obedient Christians to re-look at their relationship with Christ. I highly recommend to individuals and

churches everywhere. --Mike Huckabee - Former Governor of Arkansas and Author of Do the Right Thing. -- Kyle Idleman's Not a Fan is a crucial message for our time. It's a powerful call to commitment and to following Jesus with all our hearts that has challenged me in the best of ways! --Jud Wilhite - Sr. Pastor Central Christian Church, Las Vegas and Author of Throw it DownThis book disrupts the status quo and challenges readers to follow Christ with greater devotion. --Mark Batterson - Lead Pastor, National Community Church and Author of Soul PrintNot A Fan is a book that every Christian should read and regularly re-read. I started to read the manuscript and could not stop until I finished. This is a NOW message for the Church and my hope is that every believer who reads this will become an authentic follower of Christ. --Christine Caine - Founder, The A21 Campaign and Author of Run to Win

Kyle Idleman is the Teaching Pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, the fourth largest church in America. He is the author of the award-winning and best-selling book, Not a Fan. He is also the presenter of several video curricula, including Not a Fan, H2O, and the newly released study gods at war.

My friend told me that she started reading this book and got addicted by just reading the prologue. I didn't think twice to put in my order. I couldn't wait so I downloaded the Kindle version. I'm writing a book and was deciding to take out some things because I didn't want to seem too harsh. Once I began reading this book (the same night that I was going to change my book) Pastor Kyle gave me confirmation. Jesus isn't playing with us. He doesn't like for us to be lukewarm Christians. He sacrificed His life for us. We ought to do the same for Him. He wants our whole heart. God has opened up my eyes this year. I've really gained a more personal revelation of Him. Coming to realization of what He did for me, gives me all the reason to go hard for Him. Running to the altar for salvation and then, leaving unchanged is not His will for our lives. God requires for us to take up our crosses daily and follow after Him. The Holy Spirit convicted me through "not a fan." We all have our days and moments of fandom no matter how hard we go for our faith in Jesus Christ. There's always room for spiritual growth. We can never stop learning and being convicted. I've been thinking so hard after reading this book. Asking God to reveal to me areas that need improvement. My relationship with God has developed greatly and there's nothing more in this world that I cherish more than God. I'm so thankful for Jesus and all that He's done for me. I'm thankful for Pastor Kyle for obeying the Lord and writing this book no matter how harsh it seems. We need conviction not just motivation. Loving the humor too. I was cracking up LOL but then, I got serious thinking about

all that Jesus did for us. Pastor K really has a great understanding of the Gospel. He broke down scriptures and stories and made them come alive. I love learning from other believers, especially those that have been in the faith walk longer than I. I'll be honest. Next to the bible, this is the best book I ever read. He kept it real and straightforward. We need to give our all. Jesus gave His LIFE! I'm Jennifer Quetant and I am NOT a fan.

Our church is reading through the whole book. I finished my reading in a week. I wholeheartedly support and reinforce the importance of living out the doctrine that you believe in (1 Tim. 4:16), and I believe the author did enough prodding and questioning to emphasize the importance of being a committed follower vs. a believer on the sidelines.However, the problem lies in the fact that the entire book was merely that - prodding and questioning. It feels like an extended introduction to real Christianity. It supports the questions with Scriptures, and are valid. However, supposing one gets convicted and starts wanting to pursue the path of real discipleship, there is no clear guidance on how to go about it. The testimonial "Not a Fan" stories peppered throughout the book are for the most part, an emotional response and the start of an attempt to live out their renewed faith but not a life story of committed followership. It would have been better to highlight stories of faith lived out through the years and how the experience differed from mere church membership.This is a good start to stir the waters (of a complacent faith), but I encourage the readers who get inspiration from this, to seek to dig deeper into the Word and the first century church, and start obeying and living according to the Scriptures. If you know of someone who is living our their faith, compare notes, and seek guidance. The attempt will not return empty. I don't know if I can recommend this book over a good Bible study - what I will do though is continue to live out my follower-ship and reach out to more people (including fans) who desire to live an active Christian life. I will do this by sharing my own personal testimony and my current daily life.

Book has a lot of good information, but is repetitive in many areas. I enjoyed the read, but was not able to read all the way through. Would read a part, then come back to later. Seemed to redundant, but the first part was excellent. I recommend because the content is good and backed by Biblical scripture.

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