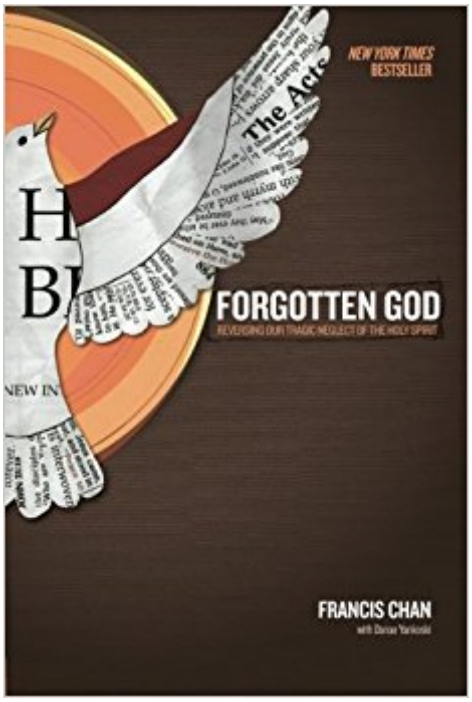
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Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect Of The Holy Spirit



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Synopsis

A follow up to the profound message of Crazy Love, Pastor Francis Chan offers a compelling invitation to understand, embrace, and follow the Holy SpiritÃ¢â ¬â„¢s direction in our lives. In the name of the Father, the Son, and Ã¢â ¬Â¦ the Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of all three, but how often do we live with an awareness of only the first two? As Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised to send the Holy SpiritÃ¢â ¬â •the HelperÃ¢â ¬â •so that we could be true and living witnesses for Christ. Unfortunately, todayÃ¢â ¬â„¢s church has admired the gift but neglected to open it. Breakthrough author Francis Chan rips away paper and bows to get at the true source of the churchÃ¢â ¬â„¢s powerÃ¢â ¬â •the Holy Spirit. Chan contends that weÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve ignored the Spirit for far too long, and we are reaping the disastrous results. Thorough scriptural support and compelling narrative form ChanÃ¢â ¬â„¢s invitation to stop and remember the One weÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve forgotten, the Spirit of the living God.

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The author of the bestselling Crazy Love pleads passionately for the church to live by the power of the forgotten God: the Holy Spirit. Calling Christians to more than just a better life, Chan says he wants to live a life unexplainable without the Holy Spirit, so dependent on the Spirit that, he says, if he doesn’t come through, I’m screwed. He offers vivid personal stories and illustrations about how the church ought to help Christians discern the powerful gifts of the Spirit, rather than toning down radicals. Biographies of people keeping in step with the Spirit conclude each chapter. Not a

comprehensive study but intended for application, it consequently lacks depth of context in most Bible references. Ultimately, though, this serves Chan's aim to end ceaseless talk and follow God's lead to assist the poor, the abused and anyone without hope. Chan himself has given all royalties from Crazy Love to a ministry to children trapped in sex trafficking, explaining that God said to him, I want you to love them as your own children. Chan's voice is fresh, earthy and fiery. (Sept.) Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

AÃ Â pastor and church planter based in San Franciso, Francis Chan speaks to tens of thousands of people around the world every year. Known for his passionate, biblical style, Chan is on the board of World Impace and is the author of Forgotten God, Erasing Hell, and Crazy Love, which has sold nearly two million copies.

This book makes a great follow up to Crazy Love. While there aren't very many 'new' teachings to be had in this book it does make you think about what you believe and really evaluate your spiritual standing and makes you a bit more aware of the Holy Spirit's presence in your life.I love the way Chan writes, he keeps you engaged and doesn't get too serious or too dry but still effectively delivers the message and gets his point across. I wish more people approached Christian topics with Chan's style of writing... there is a lot of great material out there but it's often dry and hard to stick with, this is not the case with Chan.In Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit, Francis Chan has seven chapters (I've Got Jesus. Why Do I Need the Spirit?, What Are You Afraid Of?, Theology of the Holy Spirit 101, Why Do You Want Him?, A Real Relationship, Forget About His Will for Your Life! and Supernatural Church) they stay on topic and build upon one another offering an easy to understand and follow outline of who the Holy Spirit is and why we need (and want) Him in our life. He covers things such as the Holy spirit being the promised gift of Jesus, what a relationship with the Holy Spirit can be and how to invest yourself to cultivate a relationship with God and the Holy Spirit.If you've read, and liked, Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God, I strongly urge you to pick this book up... I strongly urge you to pick up Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit REGARDLESS of if you are familiar with Francis Chan's writing or not. I intend to read them both once every other year or so because I feel they are good reminders to us as to where we might be neglecting parts of our spiritual life. I'll be keeping my eyes peeled for other works by Francis Chan, and reviewing them here, in the future.

Francis Chan starts out Forgotten God by saying he wants to draw his conclusions from biblical

texts rather than putting his own views into the book. He doesn't follow that as the majority of the book ends up being fairly opinion heavy exposition.That said, the book does ask some good questions that forced me to think about things I probably wouldn't have addressed without going through the book. It addresses the modern state of belief in the Holy Spirit and where it should stand in our beliefs. That's really the book summed up into a sentence. The book is an easy read, as books like this tend to be, and goes quickly.One thing I would recommend would be to read this book as part of a study with a group of people. While book does a good job of challenging your beliefs on the Holy Spirit and inspiring you to think about it in a new way, the concepts are abstract enough that without someone else to really hold you to putting what you've through about into action it probably won't happen. I walked away without any kind of real change in direction or beliefs, but it made me think about them quite a bit. Without people to hold me to continue processing what I'd read it would have been easy enough to read the book, think about it, and simply walk away without changing anything about myself as esoteric books tend to lend themselves to.The book didn't make a better person. It didn't change my beliefs. But it did make me think long and hard about my beliefs. If you're interested in finding a book to provide a framework for thinking about the Holy Spirit and provide a basic roadmap this would be a book I could recommend to anyone.

This book is extremely needed and should be read by all Western Christians. This book is a great refresher for those who understand the Holy Spirit at a theological level. We desperately need the power and leading of the Holy Spirit to usher in revival in the West. A political movement will not help, since the battle is spiritual and must be fought using the weapons God has given us. I was blessed and challenged by this book and appreciate the great Gift that God gave me: Himself in me.

I loved this book. Simple and easy to understand. All about who the Holy Spirit it, how He works in our lives, and why we need Him. Just as good as "Crazy Love." I can recommend for teens and up. Good read for all Christians. I give it five stars.

In this book, Francis Chan challenges the believer to examine one's relationship with the Third Person of the Trinity. He offers insights into the work of the Holy Spirit in an individual and in the Church. This book opened my eyes by moving me from a head knowledge of the Holy Spirit to a burning desire to follow His leading on a daily basis. I think this is an important read for any Christian who is feeling that their faith needs to be nourished and energized. Thank you, Pastor Chan, for listening to the Spirit!

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