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"When church historians reflect on the worship revolution that happened around the turn of the 21st century, Darlene Zschech will be credited for playing a major role," Bill Hybels says. While challenging the Christian in the congregation to be an extravagant worshiper, Zschech also presents valuable insights and help for the worship leader. These are the words of a woman of God who lives what she writes.

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Christine Meunier says

An excellent, inspiring and thought provoking book. Very practical and I love Darlene's obvious passion for the church and bringing your best before God to encourage others to also engage in worship with Him.

Well worth reading for anyone involved in the worship team or wanting to reach others through worship music. A great read for those who want advice on how to be an authentic church member in any congregation.

Darinda says

This was a book that was so encouraging, and uplifting. I learned so much about what worship truly is, as opposed to what worship is perceived to be.

Susie says

While it has one or two good quotes, this book wasn't worth the time it took to read. Some of her ideas seem good and scriptural. Other ideas might be good, but who knows where she's getting them from... she just seems to spout them as truisms with no support. Overall, there is a bit too much hype and "dream for success" kind of philosophy in the book. I'd wish for a more humble and profound book about worship. This one, in the end, was kind of annoying for me.

Rick says

Worship leader, Zschech, gives the reader her response to the love she feels from God. A bit of a testimonial, but also a great resource for those that lead the singing in their local church.

Ay?a Acuña says

It's not an exclusive read for the worship leaders. Even the church goers can read and relate. It may talk about how we worship but we can also apply some of the points in our everyday lives. Somehow it helps renew our hope and faith. Extravagant worshipping is not just for the worship leaders, each of us should lead our worship in our hearts and really worship extravagantly. We need not to be really good, but we should know that in ourselves that our worship to God is the best we have, because God gave us never gave us anything that's not whole. Don't you think it's just proper to rightfully offer everything we have in our

worship to him?

Marisabel Bonet-Cruz says

A central part of my life includes the need to connect with G-d, and to read and explore my faith and my connection with G-d. This book allows you to reflect on Him and to pray to Him, and to praise His name. This book inspires you to become so much more, to redefine your life, to explore new paths and to allow G-d to truly enter your life. It allows you to understand worship as so much more than going to temple. It allows you to see worship as a mode of life, as a philosophy of living, and as a source of true happiness and meaning.

If you are looking for a book that allows you to pray and read at the same time, pick this book up. The songs and prayers inside it will make you smile and will make you feel close to G-d.

The only thing I'd change in this book, aside from the cover, is that the book's author spends a lot of time telling us about her life. I know this is how her faith group preaches - by rooting their preaching in their lives and living by example, and by opening their experiences to be shared with others. However, I really did wish she'd spend less time speaking about herself, and more about G-d and how to draw him into our lives fully.

Erica Rios says

I loved this book. Darlene is such a humble person who just wants to worship her King but wants others to do the same. She gives great insight about worshiping God in that secret place. The way she writes and the experiences she talks about really makes you want to worship God in a new way.

Bruce says

I enjoyed this book. I gave it 4 stars instead of 5 because I am neither a worship singer or musician and there is much in this book that is specific for them. In spite of that, I constantly found myself writing little quotes here and there that inspired me in my journey to be closer to God and to worship Him more. I highly recommend this book.

Loretta says

Great Non-Fiction book for church goers. The Author really focused on the worshipers attitude while praising the Lord in a worship service. A lot of the book was geared toward a worship team member or leader. But I still enjoyed the nuggets of wisdom for the average church attender. This is a good pairing with "Kiss of Heaven," also written by Darlene Zschech.

Greyceeh Guevarra says

Extravagant worship is being offered to our King across the planet, increasing in intensity and intimacy... cutting across all denominational barriers and all religious preferences. Our heart's quest should be that as God's eyes search the earth, He would find us to be an extravagant worshipper. May this book will not only finds itself in ones hands... but that it finds itself planted in our heart.

Susan Barnes says

Darlene Zschech begins her book Extravagant Worship with the woman who anointed Jesus' feet with costly perfume. This woman is an extravagant worshipper. Darlene describes this woman's worship as: excessive, abundant, expensive, superfluous, lavish, costly, precious, rich, priceless, and valuable. This story is a great introduction and explanation of the theme – extravagant worship.

The book covers all the aspects that create extravagant worship such as, having a godly lifestyle, talent, the power of praise, having a commitment to excellence, being emotionally connected to God and others, having a serving attitude and working with others. Darlene focuses on the importance of the worship leader having a humble attitude towards being upfront, remembering that they are there to serve, not to draw attention to themselves.

Mostly this book is written for worship leaders and those aspiring to be worship leaders. It helps them understand that first of all they need to be worshippers, then they need to be spiritually mature enough to understand what is required to lead people to a place of worship and not just doing what they enjoy or what will impress others.

Interspersed throughout the book are songs, poems and prayers that Darlene and others have written. This adds visual interest and character to the book. Side bars are also used effectively.

Overall a very useful resource for those who are on a worship team.

Nick says

I bought this book in 2002 or 2003. I read the first chapter and then quit for some reason or another. It's an easy and quick read, so I decided it was time to finish it or get rid of it.

I come from a charismatic background, so I know where Darlene is coming from, but now I see some holes in this type of approach as well. I think the most obvious one is that worship and praise seem to be emotion or expression based--what I say about God, what I feel about Him in my heart.

No doubt this is an element of worship, but I feel that there is a lot to say about worship in terms of right thinking about God and expressing our esteem for God through acts of service etc.

Several times throughout the book she does say that worship is more than songs and a service--that worship is "a lifestyle." But a lot of the time she talks about worship in terms of singing in a corporate service.

She did offer a lot of practical anecdotal advice for worship leaders in the church. I appreciate that she is

vulnerable about her missteps and flaws.

Here are some good lines from the book:

--"Even if you are a part of a worship team, your most glorious moments of worship should be off the platform when you are alone with God" (29).

--"Learn how to seek God's face without worrying about saving yours" (45).

--"A worshiping church attracts worshiping people" (144).

--"True worship is not about stirring ourselves into an emotional frenzy" (169).

If you're looking for theology, you won't find much here. She does ground a lot of what she has to say in Scripture, especially the Psalms, but she doesn't get very intellectual about any of it. Still, there are some good exhortations in here.

Hannah says

This book has been completely eye-opening for me. I can honestly say that this book has changed my life. "Extravagant Worship" by Darlene Zschech was written to inspire people to become extravagant worshipers. Through sharing her experiences within her journey of becoming an extravagant worshiper, Darlene paints a clear picture of what it truly means to worship God. She expresses the importance of worship not only through music, but through our every day lives. "Extravagant Worship", though written only in 2002, it is still reaching out to the hearts of believers everywhere, being an inspiration to all.

The purpose behind the creation of "Extravagant Worship" is to teach people of the significance of worship as well as what it truly means to worship Jesus wholeheartedly. An 'extravagant worshiper' is a term Darlene invented to describe someone who wholeheartedly worships God with everything they are. Through her journey of worshiping God, the desire to become an 'extravagant worshiper' was sparked within Darlene and became a dream that would change the lives of many people. "My heart's desire is that as God searches the earth, He will find me to be an extravagant worshiper. And now that this book has found its way to you, I pray that it will establish this quest to be an extravagant worshiper in your heart too"(18 Zschech). Darlene teaches that worship is much more than singing songs and making music. She teaches, "Singing lovely songs about the Lord is fantastic, but it is not enough. To worship is to speak to the Lord with words full of adoration"(30 Zschech). She also says, "Worship should be a way of life, with many facets of expression"(31 Zschech). Darlene dives into what it truly means to worship, reaching depths that open the eyes of the reader, revealing to them a new, fuller understanding. Not only does "Extravagant Worship" reach extreme depths of understanding, but it is written in a way that emits love to the reader.

“Extravagant Worship” is written in a way that draws that reader into the words that are being taught. Darlene writes every word from the bottom of her heart, genuinely wanting the absolute best for each person who reads her book. She uses language that is easy to understand, as though she is talking to a good friend. The language Darlene uses makes it easier to relate to what she is trying to get across, and captivates the mind of the reader. She uses many words that have to do with love and compassion, and writes about God’s love frequently. One example would be, “To be a worshiper is to fall in love with God, the Author of love, and accept the love He has for you. He adores you”(36 Zschech). Darlene’s tone is full of love and admiration for her readers. She organizes “Extravagant Worship” in ten different chapters, each chapter based around a different aspect of worship. She dives deeper and deeper into being an extravagant worshiper as each chapter progresses. Darlene Zschech’s book “Extravagant Worship” is an inspiration and an important lesson to learn, especially for me. “Extravagant Worship” has been an inspiration and eye-opening journey for me. It was a huge wake up call in many ways, and a comfort in many others. Darlene taught me things that I never could have learned from anyone else, and has a huge influence in my life. Her songs touch the hearts of everyone who hears them, and her passion for worship has been such an inspiration for me. “Extravagant Worship” has taught me not only how to worship extravagantly, and what it means to worship, but also why I worship. God is everything to me, and the love I have experienced in Him is something that is irreplaceable and unforgettable. I would be nothing without Jesus, and Darlene reminded me just how important He is in my life as I read the words she wrote. I want to be an extravagant worshiper because of what God has done for me, what he is still doing, and what he is yet to do in the future. I want to be an extravagant worshiper because my life would be completely worthless without God by my side. I worship because I know that I wouldn’t be able to make it a day on this earth without Him. I worship because God has set me free and promised me a life full of love and joy. Reading “Extravagant Worship” has been one of the highlights of my year. I want to be an extravagant worshiper.

“Extravagant Worship” by Darlene Zschech is an inspiration to those who desire to love God wholeheartedly and worship him extravagantly. Darlene’s love draws her readers in, captivating them in every word. Her book is not only a lesson and an inspiration but also a love letter. The last sentence of “Extravagant Worship” reads, “I love you”, and she signs her name at the bottom of the page as though every word in “Extravagant Worship” was a letter to the reader personally. “Extravagant Worship” will continue to inspire people around the world, spreading the joyful news of God’s perfect love.

Judith Noameshie says

Insightful!

I quite enjoyed this book because it took worship out of the conventional church building setting and brought it to everyday, real life. And it's actually what the Father demands from me. And it's my choice to respond to that calling and be an extravagant, excellent worship. That is not possible if I don't lay everything down at the feet of Jesus throughout the week and be obedient in everything.

I would have liked to see more personal examples, that's why I gave a 4 stars rating instead of 5.

Vianessa Peña says

Como adoradora, ser una sin reservas sin restricciones es esencial. No importa el lugar ni la hora, heme aquí Señor. Que cuando busques y mires a la Tierra, puedas hallar en mi una adoradora sin reservas!

