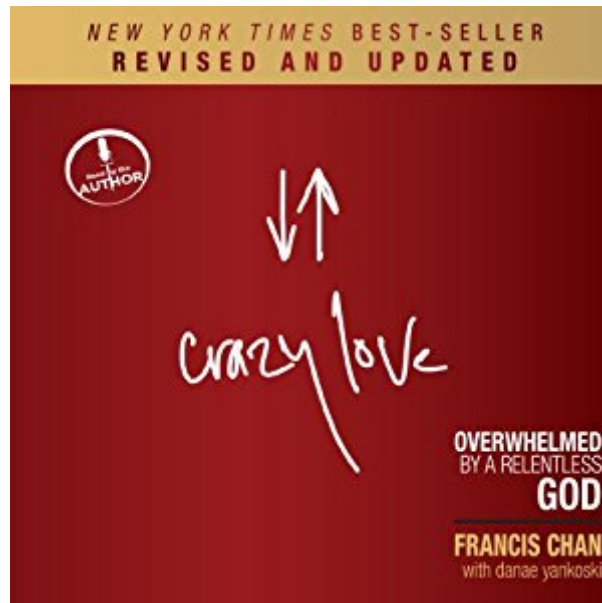




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Crazy Love (Revised And Updated): Overwhelmed By A Relentless God



Synopsis

God is love. Crazy, relentless, all-powerful love. Revised and updated edition of the best-seller, now with a new preface and a bonus chapter. Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe - the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor - loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you've verbalized it yet or not, we all know something's wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts - it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.

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Customer Reviews

This book is not intended for Christians with a faint heart. Before I made my purchase, (at the book store) I read numerous reviews. There were quite a few disappointed readers who's primary complaint was I felt bad or I didn't feel like a good Christian anymore, or it was too harsh and not the message of grace. Well, none of us are worthy and it's not ALL about grace. This is a great book if you want to be challenged and convicted. If you like where you are and don't want that life to be disturbed, save your money. Chan is brutal, and it's easy to feel like your reading a beating at times.

But that's Good!! He's not saying you can never ever get it right, it's more about being willing to put aside your will and decide to fully commit to God's will. Chan is not rendering that old oppressive theology of stop sinning and you'll be worthy. We as Christians should never feel comfortable in our walk with God and that's the challenge Chan puts forth, to get out of your comfort zone and dare to try and love God as much as He loves you by giving of yourself and your resources to Him. Only you and God know what that looks like. You will squirm in your seat as you read, and may want to put the book down feeling more and more unworthy of God's grace...as you should. But the main point Chan wants us to get is we are loved by God who makes us worthy and if we call ourselves servants, how are we serving Him; what sacrifices are we making to serve our gracious and loving Father? If you like being comfortable in your christian walk and with the typical goto church on Sunday, Bible study on Wednesday, pay 10% of your income plus a little more for offering, volunteer at the shelter or lead bible youth group and you're content with that, don't bother the venture to this book, you won't like it. However, if you know somethings missing, or you know you could be doing so much more for God and just want something to shake you up from spiritual mediocrity, this is definitely a book for you. It was not the most fascinating read, hence 4 stars, but it was a good, solid and necessary one. I would highly recommended this book to any Christian who wants to avoid complacency.

My small Sunday night study group chose this book because the video series was at our church and we needed something new to study. What a blessing it has been!! I had lost a friend and co-worker to Mesothelioma just a few weeks before we started this study and was already on the journey, just the first few steps mind you, of finding out what it means to love God. Sam was no one special to the world, but through personal testimonies and videos of his life, I saw a man, who at 38, had loved more than I had in my own 42 years. I saw Jesus Christ when I saw and heard about Sam Wagner that day. How can a nobody from the world's point of view have 400 people at his funeral? I wanted to find out. Sam's death started me on my now ongoing journey to know love. Enter Crazy Love, by Francis Chan. What an astounding book! Beware though, you may think that he is advocating salvation through works. He's not. I will posit that you need the entire study program to get the most from this book. We were fortunate to have it all. The video is what helped me most, because it allowed me to know the author and he expounds on what he talks about in the book. This isn't a detailed review, but an overview of what you can expect from doing this study. Open your mind and especially your heart, read the book, do the study, and I promise you, it will change you. It takes a Crazy Love to love God as He loved you. If you honestly think about that statement, "Love as He

first loved you", you can not walk away unchanged from reading this book and doing this study. If you are ready to experience change for the better and be challenged to truly love God, get this book and study series. If not, continue on your merry way and do nothing. Be warned, if you come from a traditionalist background, or one that lacks true discipleship, you will find yourself being challenged like never before concerning how you view God, His Love, and how you should be showing it to those around and in your life! No one was ever hated or browbeat into the Kingdom. They have to be loved in. This book can be a stepping stone to helping achieve that goal.

This is a very well written book for the person who needs to be reminded of the love of God and our response to this overwhelming love. It can be convicting and thought provoking and like he continually says through the book, you have to pray and determine for yourself how God wants you to move in response to his love. I read this after reading the Forgotten God and I would say they compliment each other very well.

Chan challenges any Christian to review their faithwalk with God in the light of God's word and will. He writes thoughtfully and with sagacious clarity. He encourages every Christian to walk the walk of faith without excuse. A great book to read and apply, but like going to the doctor, there are things that he illumines in our lives that you might not like to hear, but God needs you to.

Great book! Makes me realize just how insufficient my efforts are at being a Christian. You should read it just for the perspective it gives you. We are all giving the Lord our 'leftovers' and not committing to giving him what we really should. We ask the Lord what his will is for us from our comfortable little cocoon in life.

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