

Does the Bible Really Say That...?

by Mark Woods

What did you like about it?

Many of us brought up in Christian families or within the church are often somewhat conditioned in our beliefs. While I have never been one to just believe something or someone simply because that is what is preached, taught or told, this book challenged me to stop and question myself and my conditioned beliefs several times!

It is thought-provoking, reminding me of whom I believe God to be for me and why – reminding me of God's promises. It took me back to many situations and experiences in my life that were relatable to what the author is saying. It made me say "yes, that makes so much sense" aloud several times! It is refreshingly honest and so incisive. I did not just like the book, I loved it; it excited me!

Were there things about it that didn't quite work for you?

I have one or two personal thoughts that might differ from that of the author. Having said that, I do believe that he makes a lot of sense in what he writes. As an example, I will always believe that God does have, and has always had a plan for me. The author has reminded me that we make our own decisions daily that could sometimes hinder or delay those plans.

Also, for anyone reading this book to understand it properly, one would need to at least have some knowledge of God, the Bible, its characters, and maybe even the experience of being part of a church. I personally would not have understood what he was saying in its entirety without some background knowledge.

Why should someone read this book?

This book is for anyone who wants to be inspired, who is willing to be challenged *in a biblical way*. I'd highly recommend it to anyone who feels open-minded enough to think honestly and carefully about what they're reading, about their beliefs and why, who is willing to think differently, and to be excited about building up their faith.

I'm very thankful this book was recommended to me and pray that anyone who reads it is as blessed as I have been. I will be reading it again!

Review by Chrissie Hall