

Questions for Jesus

Conversational Prayer around Your Deepest Desires

★★★★★ (5 stars)

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Buy this book if you:

- Want to take your intimacy with Jesus to a deeper level
- Want to help your clients ask Jesus their deepest questions and hear him speak
- Bring coaching principles into your devotional life

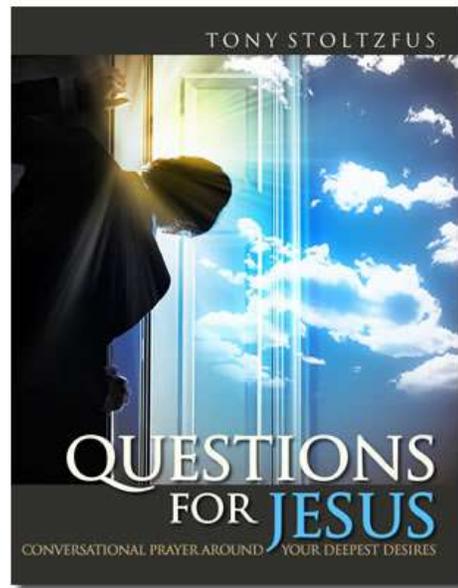
Questions for Jesus is a devotional book of coaching questions. They are intimate questions for you to ask Jesus—the kind of things you’d ask your spouse or your best friend. Each of the 52 meditations takes a passage from scripture where Jesus touches on a deep desire, paints a picture of the scene, and then gives you five questions to ask. Then you take 30 seconds to a minute to listen, and jot down whatever you hear, see, or what comes into your heart. It’s quite simple, and easy to implement within a coaching conversation. So—does it work?

Jeff explains, I’ve known all about Jesus since I was a boy. Family devotions, Sunday school, church camp and especially the month of worship services leading up to Easter when the horrors of Jesus being whipped beaten and crucified were reviewed in graphic detail. But it was only during the final campfire on youth group trips or vespers (outdoor chapel) services during church camp that I was prompted to really talk to Jesus. Even then, that conversation was only about my most recent secret sins or what I needed from Him.

Questions for Jesus changed all that! What a unique approach to a conversational relationship that we practice with loved ones; asking Him intimate questions that we might ask a best friend such as: “What do you love about me today, Jesus?” Or “What was it like to have to wait thirty years to begin your ministry to show tell your family what your Father is really like?”

Questions for Jesus has moved my relationship with Him from co-worker and chief problem solver to best friend. There’s nothing he minds being asked, and I’ve discovered by listening that He has a lot to say about everything, especially what he thinks and how he feels about me. That is priceless; to hear loving affirmation, reassurance about how precious I am to him and how to keep my heart settled by trusting him to lead and guide me to live his purpose for my life one moment at a time.

Oh, one more thing. I’m drawn to talk with Jesus because of how our conversations go. He’s always hopeful and loving, and sometimes challenging and other times quite



funny! He knows exactly how to talk to me and what I need to hear. Why wouldn't he? He made me!

Jill adds, *Questions for Jesus* arrived at a time in my life when I just needed it. I didn't realize that all I needed to do was ask Jesus and then just be quiet; be silent and listen. He always spoke, which was shockingly refreshing because I really didn't know that I mattered all that much to him or that I could hear him. But once I opened the door and gave him room by being silent for a bit (to listen), he began speaking to me in a wonderful, new and large way.

At first I was uncertain if it was his voice and not my own thoughts, but with time I was reassured that I was indeed hearing directly from him by asking if what I heard was likely something that Jesus would say.

I didn't know it would be so easy to hear from Jesus. Most of the time I would just begin with writing a question or his name on a blank page of paper and wait or pray a very brief/earnest prayer. Sometimes it starts slow, but he answers and gives me profound and deep thoughts, love and/or encouragement. Frequently, things speed up, and I find that I can't write fast enough what he is telling me. I've heard what he thinks about me, I've heard him reassure or give information that is "spot on" for the place I am at in life. Sweetly, I have heard his names for me, and how much he cares about me. And I've heard him give me some clear answers to my problems or challenge me in my thinking about those problems. More than anything Jesus ministers to me and comforts. I'm so glad that I have him to help me because I don't feel alone or on my own to figure out God's will.

Summary

Questions for Jesus is a coaching-style devotional that does a great job of helping you develop deeper intimacy with Jesus, and gives you a great prayer tool to use in your coaching conversations.