

Questions for Jesus

By Tony Stoltzfus

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Buy this book if you:

- Want to deepen intimacy in your relationship to the Lord.
- Want to experientially understand the principles of praying intimately.
- Want to experience the biblical stories of Jesus speaking to desires in your own life.

Tony Stoltzfus has taken a significant piece of the coaching relationship: asking questions, and applied it to one's relationship to Jesus. Coming from the premise that many believers prayer lives consist of doing "business" with the Lord instead of having a relationship with Him, Tony encourages us to share our desires with the Lord and ask Him to speak to those desires.

Questions for Jesus consists of 52 meditations. Each meditation is a familiar Bible story from the Book of Matthew of someone's interaction with Jesus. Since the goal is to deepen intimacy with the Lord, the reader is encouraged to experience the story that is presented. What does the setting look like? What are the characters experiencing? How would it impact my life if I was present in the story?

Each meditation is linked to a specific desire. Tony describes 16 key desires for us at the beginning of the book and names the desire pinpointed in each meditation as the meditation title.

Each meditation is followed by five questions for Jesus that grow out of the story. Some questions probe what Jesus was experiencing in the story. Others ask Jesus to touch a deep desire of your heart. Journaling pages are included so you can record how the passage touches your deep desires or what Jesus is saying to you through the questions.

Tony suggests that the 52 meditations can be used as a devotional to supplement your prayer/devotional life, as a journal to record and revisit what Jesus speaks to you, as a change agent to understand unfulfilled desire and to bring that to God, and as a prayer manual or small group study guide.

If you are a follower of Jesus, and you liked Tony's earlier book, *Coaching Questions*, you need to get a copy of *Questions for Jesus*. It will take the coaching principle of asking question, combined with an understanding of desire and will revolutionize your relationship to the Lord.

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