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Are you truly willing to risk everything?

In *Believing Jesus*, Bible teacher and author Lisa Harper retraces the steps of the apostles in the book of Acts, while throwing in a few of her own crazy adventures along the way. The disciples didn't have much of a road map after Jesus ascended to heaven, but God's grace and spirit filled in the gaps as they moved forward. It required their willingness to risk everything to establish a new community that would change the future world.

As a regular speaker on the Women of Faith® tour, Lisa has earned a reputation as a true theological scholar and hilarious storyteller—not necessarily in that order! Best-selling author and pastor Max Lucado calls Lisa one of the “best Bible tour guides around.”

Believing Jesus will highlight both of Lisa's strengths as she tackles every chapter of the Book of Acts with biblical wisdom and modern wit. Lisa keeps it real, telling stories on herself and pointing readers back to Jesus, the only one who can truly lead.

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Lucas Borgman says

Great encouraging read.

Melissa says

Thanks to Netgalley and the publisher for an Advanced Reader Copy in exchange for an honest review. I rarely turn down the chance to learn more about the book of Acts, as it is one of the most exciting books in the Bible. The creation of Christianity is fascinating, and each time I read Acts, I learn something new. This book, however, was a companion to a Bible Study with the same theme and lacked focus and structure. Harper had great ideas and snippets, but she was all over the place, and I just couldn't keep up. It could be that having the actual Bible Study would make all the difference in the world though.

Sue Crawford says

Get more from Acts

Lisa has a wonderful wit. She can really turn a phrase. I saw quite a bit more in Acts than I have from my own reading of it.

Courtney Lyman says

I love Lisa Harper's honesty, heart for God, and sense of humor. It was so challenging to read about the fire and passion that the early church had in the book of Acts and compare it to my own lethargic, comfortable Christianity. I actually wished the book had been longer to allow her to go further in depth in such a rich a book. The only thing that detracted a little bit for me was that she tends to use Bibles written in paraphrase (like The Message Bible, etc.) and while that's not necessarily bad, it's not my preference because I feel like I'm missing something important. However, those versions fit her relaxed teaching style so I understand her use of them.

Laura says

I bought this book to read in combination with doing the workbook in a Bible study group, and I am so glad that I did! I loved the pictures and stories from her life that Lisa included along with examples of the early believers in the book of Acts. This book left me feeling both encouraged and challenged in my faith.

Theodene says

Several months ago, I came across a book study with FaithGateway. It was a study about Believing Jesus and it was more than your typical book study, it came along with a video teaching series that discusses each chapter of the book. It was like doing a book study with other women, from my own living room!

Little did I know, the devil would sneak up on me and my plans to enjoy this series with other women as I quickly fell behind. However, I persevered and completed the book on my own. Believing Jesus by Lisa Harper keeps you engaged as she throws her personal testimony and that of people she knows into the mix of scriptures and ideas.

I especially love it when Ms Harper uses modern modes of transportation for how the apostles traveled. It places them in the modern world which helps me to better understand the scriptures themselves. It places personality into her book and I love the attention to detail provided to assisting the understanding of what happened some two thousand years ago.

Ms Harper eloquently explains her experiences with the little girl, Missy, who she adopted from Haiti. HIV positive and transplanted to the States, little Missy seems to enjoy life and sparks a love for Jesus at her young age. As a single parent, Ms Harper expresses the challenges she's been through and doesn't shy away from absolute honesty.

Believing Jesus by Lisa Harper is a book I highly recommend to anyone struggling with how or why they should believe the words in their Bible. It's one thing to know and u destined the scriptures, but it's something totally different to believe those words and live it daily.

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Sandra says

I'd give this 4.5 stars if it was possible.

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Mmtimes4 says

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Really enjoyed this book, so insightful. She adds lots of humor and relevant personal stories to make Acts and the early church come alive. Her vibrant enthusiastic love of the Lord is encouraging!

Emily Suddath says

Loved this as a memoir but not as a study of Acts. Structure was kind of random BUT I will read more of the author's books in person. I hope she writes an actual memoir of her life! It would be well received.

Sarah Tummey says

I enjoyed this on the whole. Some of Lisa's analogies I wasn't comfortable with, such as Peter's denial of Jesus being like a bridegroom sleeping with the matron of honour before the wedding, but the important thing is that Lisa seems to have a heart for people and for them to understand the Bible. The stories she includes of herself as a mother make me think what a great example she is.

The end of the book seemed a bit rushed though. It's a real shame she didn't make it longer and cover chapters 17 onwards of Acts in more detail. I'll definitely be looking for other books by her.

Jean says

good study of Acts, really understood Acts, read Acts with new eyes

Ioana says

I was looking forward to reading Believing Jesus because I knew it will be about the First Church, but linked to the modern Church. Lisa Harper's book focuses on the book of Acts. Each of the 10 chapters has the same structure: it starts with a story from the author's life, then it focuses on a scene from the book of Acts, and then it changes focus on how the reader could best relate to what was discussed and how it could be applied in the everyday living. My favourite part of this book was the big portions of Scripture that were quoted. I've missed reading a book where Scriptures were actually the important part. She uses different translations of the Bible, but every time they are used just right and are easy to understand. Her story telling style is filled with humour and she's not afraid to just tell it as it is. This is the first book of hers that I've read, and it gave me an idea about her style. I've once heard her talk in a podcast from Cross Point Church in Nashville; her writing style is similar to her speaking style. In this book she makes good points, although not necessarily revolutionizing, but I took her book as a nice reminder of the applicability in the everyday life of this sometimes (at least for me) overlooked book in the Bible. For those looking for a more conservative approach to the book of Acts, maybe this is not the book you were looking for, but I'd say give it a try; the apostles must have laughed too.

Sandy says

Easy to understand and down to earth study of Acts.

Tom Burkholder says

In the book Believing Jesus, author and Women of Faith speaker Lisa Harper writes about her journey through the book of Acts. This is not a commentary or a scholarly work. Harper gives highlights from Acts and gives her thoughts and many stories to help the reader understand Acts practically. I would recommend this book and study series. I received a copy of this e-book from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Regina says

I love Lisa Harper and have read most of her books. She's an excellent Bible teacher and I always come away learning so much that I'd never thought about before. I was especially looking forward to this book because I had been wanting to do an in - depth study of the book of Acts for some time. I have to say, this book was a big disappointment. Half of the book is simply a memoir of her adoption process, which really had nothing to do with the subject at hand. I love that she was able to adopt, but that really should be a separate book, not a half-hearted attempt to tie into a bible study.

Secondly, she copies large passages from the Bible in the book, instead of simply listing references and letting us read for ourselves. It's just taking up space so she doesn't have to write as much of her own commentary. In doing so, she skips major parts of Acts with no comments at all. Maybe with the adoption, she didn't really have time to do the study and effort needed to write a book, but it just really seemed to me that she phoned this one in.
