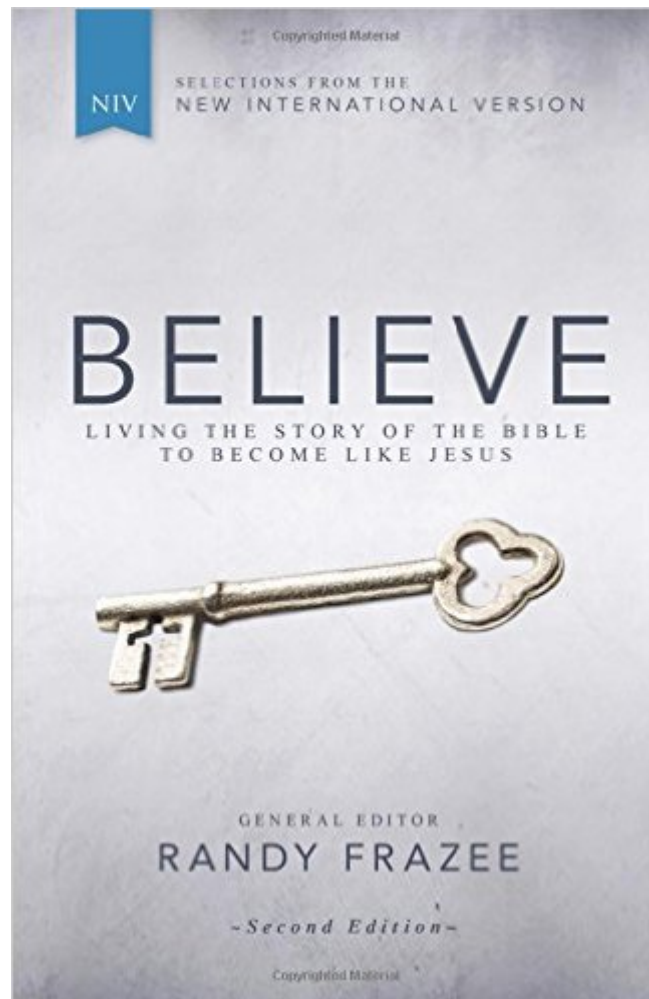


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Grounded in carefully selected Scripture, Believe, NIV is a unique spiritual growth experience that takes you on a journey to think, act, and be more like Jesus. General Editor and pastor Randy Frazee walks you through the ten key Beliefs of the Christian faith, the ten key Practices of a Jesus-follower, and the ten key Virtues that characterize someone who is becoming more like Jesus. Every believer needs to ask these three questions: WHAT DO I BELIEVE? WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHO AM I BECOMING? Each chapter uses short topical passages from the New International Version to help you live the story of the Bible. As you journey through this Bible, whether in a group or on your own, one simple truth will become undeniably clear: what you believe drives everything. Using this second edition of Believe, NIV, church families around the globe can now embrace a full ministry year through worship services, small group studies, and family activities. Learn more about this whole-church experience at BelieveTheStory.com.

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When I was in seminary, one of my favorite classes was *systematics* it's basically *why you believe what you believe* or more accurately *what it is you actually believe*. When I saw this book BELIEVE by RANDY FRAZEE. It appeared to be a scaled back, more reader-friendly *every day person* *systematics* text book. Eh. yes and no. The editors of BELIEVE describe it as: *Believe, NIV is a unique spiritual growth experience that takes you on a journey to think, act, and be more like Jesus. Each chapter uses short topical passages from the New International Version to help you live the story of the Bible.*

Using this edition of Believe, church families around the globe can now embrace a full ministry year through worship services, small group studies, and family activities. When you open the book and look inside the front cover, the table of contents is broken down just like a systematics book. It starts with God, Salvation, the Bible, Jesus, the Church, Humanity and so forth. Then it breaks down into personal growth like worship, prayer Bible study etc. The book is broken down into three main areas: Beliefs: What do I believe? Practices: What should I do? Virtues: Who am I becoming? Which is great! I was kind of looking for a simplified discipleship program that I could implement with people or new believers. When I got the book in the mail, it was HUGE. It's as big as a BIBLE. Well, that's because it kind of IS a Bible. This book has a lot of padding. And sadly it's a BIG book that talks about a BIG BOOK! I assume the publishers wanted to help new readers by including in full, every supporting passage. Which is great, but misleading. If the Bible portions were stripped out, you'd be left with a much smaller book. Plus, then within each chapter, the Bible has been stripped of all its chapter and verse references and strung together more in a Message-style. Again, let me repeat "for a target audience of New Believer." This is a great resource and I would highly recommend it, in fact I know exactly who I am going to give it to. But I don't see using this as something to base curriculum or sermon prep or a discipleship program from. Thank you to Zondervan Publishers for sending me this preview copy in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Believe is strategically laid out to walk you through portions of Scripture that will help you to reap in a harvest of belief. The first ten chapters answer the question, "What do I believe?" The second ten chapters answer the question, "What should I do?" And finally the last ten chapters included is the question, "Who am I becoming?" This book will inspire you to believe with your heart the word of God and help you to apply it to your daily living experiences. Also included, at the end of the book, are questions that can be used for a group discussion. And there are transitions, written in italic, that offer an explanation to the Scriptures. One of the chapters I found particularly interesting was the chapter on Peace. Key idea - I Am free from anxiety because I have found peace with God, peace with others, and peace with myself. Believe is a well organized and informative read that can be a helpful guide in exploring your faith. My rating is 4 stars. I received a complimentary copy of Believe from BookLook Bloggers in exchange for an honest review.

This review pertains to the electronic version of Believe, NIV: Living the Story of the Bible to

Become Like Jesus by Randy Frazee. Randy Frazee is a pastor at the Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas. Oak Hills is an American mega church. Believe, NIV is an innovative way to study the Bible. It is separated into 3 10 week sections that are divided as follows: 10 Key Beliefs of Christian Faith (What Do I Believe?) 10 Key Practices of a Follower of Jesus (What Should I Do?) 10 Key Virtues that Assist in Becoming More Like Jesus (Who Am I Becoming?) Believe, NIV is an ambitious book. Each of the 30 chapters has a Key Idea, Key Verse followed by a very interesting discussion on the subject matter. I found the discussions to be straightforward and informative. I have tested the hyperlinks in the Kindle version and they all work. The book concludes with an Epilogue, Chart of References and Discussion Questions. The Discussion Questions will be very helpful for bible study for individuals or groups. I noticed that a campaign set along with children's and student's editions will be coming out in June. I understand that Believe will be used in churches to promote biblical understanding. I think this will be a great campaign for churches to embark upon. I do recommend this very interesting book, Believe, NIV. It is an informative book for both new and more mature believers. Be sure to check out this website: <http://www.believethestory.com/>

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