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# Without Rival: Embrace Your Identity And Purpose In An Age Of Confusion And Comparison





## Synopsis

There is a reason we look at others as rivals and limit ourselves to comparison and competition. We have an enemy assaulting our mind, will, and emotions in the hope that we'll turn on ourselves and each other. It's a cycle that isolates us from intimate connections, creates confusion about our identity, and limits our purpose. In Without Rival, bestselling author Lisa Bevere shares how a revelation of God's love breaks these limits. You'll learn how to stop seeing others as rivals and make the deep connections with your Creator you long for--connections that hold the promise of true identity and intimacy. With biblically sound teaching filled with prophetic insight for our day, Lisa uses humor and passion to challenge you to Flip rivalry so it brings out the best in you Stop hiding from conversations you need to be a part of Answer the argument that says women are unfit, easily deceived, and gullible Dismantle gender rivalry and work with the men in your lifelt's time to step forward to live a life without rival.

## **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

A timely MUST read for those who see themselves as world changers but find themselves struggling with timidity, and feelings of inadequacy. This book reveals that we are each uniquely made to do a specific task in the kingdom of God and have been equipped accordingly.

This book has been the most encouraging and practical book I maybe have ever read. One of the things I love that Lisa Bevere does is she actually shares embarrassing moments from her life that we have all gone through but don't hear many women admit to! Then she brings it around to how

you can come through such situations with flying colors! Every page has a depth and gorgeous, rich language, I was constantly taking notes. Also, I saw stories I've heard a thousand times in the Bible, in a fresh, awesome way and I love what I can now glean from these passages. I've felt challenged in the best possible way and never once felt bad about myself, but rather, positioned to fulfill what God has called me to do! I pray I can really grasp these truths fully! Also, as I read this beautiful book, I was struck by how relevant it is to our world. My mind races with thoughts of how many people I know that could be transformed if they could get their hands on these truths! Without Rival is a book that can change our world and I hope many many people read it! I loved it!!

#WithoutRival is personally and uniquely written for each woman who picks up this book and the connection begins with this......"Dearest one,You are a daughter loved by a Father without rival, entrusted with a message and a promise beyond compare, in a time without precedent. You have been chosen for this moment that is at once great and terrible. For this very reason you must love fearlessly.....believe outrageously...and hope without measure."As you journey through this book and soak in this message you will receive revelation of the Fathers love for YOU and that YOU were made perfectly unique and it is WILDLY freeing to just be YOU! No copies, no imitations, just the pure, the authentic, the one of a kind YOU.In a world full of women crying out to be themselves and not what the world around them is trying to mold them to be, this book is going to POWERFULLY bring freedom to us all.

Honestly, I'm just in awe after finishing Lisa Bevere's new book. I've wanted to read her work for a while now, so this is my first book of hers that I've read through. It's just incredible. If you're content where you are with no desire to change your thinking...I doubt you'll like it much. This isn't just a calm, relaxing read. This book will have you evaluating the depths of your soul. You'll be different once this message gets in your heart. Make no mistake, it's a great read, but it'll just wreck you, in an absolutely incredible, Biblical, excellent way. I definitely recommend this book to anyone that's ever compared themselves to others or worried that you've missed your calling.

Do you have the feeling of despair? Do you feel like the world is changing so quickly and preparation is needed for what is coming our way? Perhaps even fear of the unknown? Without Rival is all about this and more! We are all one and we all have our calling which means we must go deep. This book helps us dig to find what God has for us. This is not a book that tells you what to do but instead a work that will tell us how to seek God's purpose for our lives! Thank you Lisa Bevere for being brave once again! Thank you for having ears to hear and sharing with us how we find ourselves and calling and how we may hear!

Truly a life-changing book. So many in today's day & age think they need to compare themselves to someone else, & they feel they aren't good enough or unloved or anything. People want to be someone else, instead of who God made them to be. God has created each person UNIQUELY NOT EQUALLY."Living the story lines written for others will leave what the Spirit has written of you unfulfilled."

I don't know - I was expecting something else. The book is still nice to have - it follows up with sound scriptural proof to hone in on all of Mrs. Bevere's points for each of her chapter themes - from knowing how God created us "females" with & on purpose to learning how to have unrivaled love in alignment with Jesus. It was nice. I just wished Chapter 4 "Don't you dare compare" delved a bit deeper as this is the area that I personally struggle with the most. As women - rather we admit it or not - are constantly in a state of never-ending comparison, competition, & feelings of inadequacy with one another (feelings of jealousy, not being as pretty as her, not being as successful as her, not as good of a mother.....this list is never-ending)! How do we truly break free from the destructive cycle of competition/comparison with other women & realize that God created us each with a unique set of gifts, talents, & one-of-a-kind destiny....that what is for my sister in Christ does not negate what God has for me? I want Lisa Bevere to write a sequel titled "Without Rival: Chapter 4 Expanded".

Lisa brings some new understandings to the uniqueness of every individual and how God loves each person uniquely. This is the premise of being without rival in God's eye. Lisa makes many good points throughout her book, however there is enough misinterpretation and misapplication of scripture to call into question several of her premises. The most glaring is chapter six where Lisa attempts to subvert clear biblical instructions given in 1 Timothy about who should be overseers and elders in the church body. She builds a strawman argument from one man's extreme interpretation of a scripture passage and spends a large portion of the chapter trying to elicit an angry response from the reader to these statements. Lisa twists the great commission into her main argument for equality in church leadership and as she is a woman pastor, her interest in proving this point skews her perspective. Another huge misinterpretation is of Luke 19:10. Lisa uses this verse to prove that Jesus came to seek and save (that) which was lost (not meaning savior of souls specifically but for reclaiming dominion over the earth) she uses this verse to argue that we should be re-claiming our status and dominion over the earth as in the days before Adam and Eve sinned. There are several other misinterpreted scriptures used in this book and she relies heavily on eisegetical interpretations of "The Message paraphrase" and quotes scripture from "The Passion" translation extensively in the second half of the book. If you are considering this book for a women's bible study, be very careful in testing what she says and promotes against a reliable bible translation, in context. Don't take her word for everything presented in the book.

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