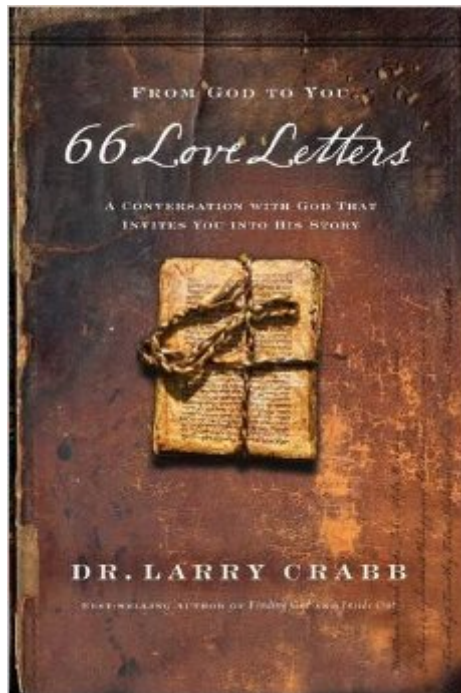


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66 Love Letters: A Conversation With God That Invites You Into His Story



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Forever change the way you look at the Bible . . . and your own life Have you ever read the Bible only to come away confused? Ever wondered if God actually had you in mind when He began telling His story? Though life may not be going according to your plan, God has another one, far better than you can imagine. From Genesis to Revelation, experience His invitation to get you dancing with joy. In 66 Love Letters Larry Crabb offers a fresh, relational look at Scripture: "When you finish reading my first love letter to you, I want you to realize that I never underestimated how thoroughly you'd mess up your life or how painfully you would struggle and suffer, and I don't want you to underestimate your failures or struggles either. They're all part of the story I'm telling." But neither have I underestimated my determination or ability to enter both the mess you've made and the pain you feel, then turn everything around. I can, and I will, make everything good again. Never underestimate me. • Larry's intimate conversation with God asks deeply honest questions such as: "God, what is it you wanted me to see in Obadiah?" "And what's up with Leviticus? Is there anything there for me?" "This one verse in Galatians has always frustrated me. Why is that?" "The way you wrote Revelation makes it difficult to understand • why didn't you just describe what will happen in a straightforward way?" Listen to the story of God unfold through these chapters, and you'll find not only His redeeming love but His plan and provision designed especially for you.

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Customer Reviews

I recently read the book 66 Love Letters from author and psychologist Dr. Larry Crabb. This is a literary departure from the other works that Dr. Crabb has written previously. This volume is "presented as a dialog between one man and God." (quote from book sleeve) The structure is simple: each chapter covers one of the 66 books of the Bible and does so to personalize and cut through the scriptural stories to expose God's encompassing desire to have a relationship with mankind and to hone in on Jesus' role of redeeming us to himself. I processed several thoughts and adjusted my goals for this book as I read along:~ At first, I hoped that this would be a non-stop amazing journey through the themes of scripture but after a few chapters found myself hoping that the next chapter(s) would be better. This didn't happen and was rather frustrating.~ I then decided to read each chapter as a distinct conversation. One book made up of 66 individual writings... much like the Bible itself. After making this jump, the stories came to life.~ As I read along, I decided to read chapters along with my daily devotion time. For instance, as I read of Israel's conquests in the Bible book of Joshua, I took the opportunity to read the equivalent chapter in 66 Love Letters. The text was only 4 pages long and gave way to another layer of devotional thought to my daily reading. If you are looking for a book to read from cover to cover, this will seem like a compilation of scattered stories. However, if you use 66 Love Letters as a companion to your daily Scripture readings (especially if you are reading through the Bible in a year), it is a rather enlightening study.

I am leading 20 women in an online reading of 66 Love Letters alongside of reading through the Bible in one year. 66 Love Letters is the best book I've ever read in stirring me to engage in honest self-examination because I see glimpses of the Love and Provision of a very Good, Holy God. Crabb offers four decades of working with people as a psychologist to invite us to so much more than what we are experiencing. We all battle the world, the flesh and the devil but I am seeing there is way more evil in me than I ever recognized. Crabb has exposed for me the evil in my "necessity, reasonableness, efficiency, even moral goodness." I have sobbed over my demandingness that God cooperate with my agenda. I am in the middle of cancer, foreclosure, job loss, insurance loss, betrayal, and am homeless---my husband and I are living with friends. I am desperate for truth---and at times more desperate for relief. But, in the midst of mitigating circumstances that should sideline me, Larry Crabb has invited me through 398 pages onto the dance floor to find a Love I know not. I'm not very good at the waltz but my Beautiful God has grabbed hold of my right arm (Psalm 63:8) and He is not letting go of me---and it's all right here in these 66 Love Letters. With every book of 66 Love Letters, this author gives me hope not just by seismic exposure but by leading me to the One Who Loves me so! I am wrestling and learning from this book to live more concerned about "my

unholiness than about my overwhelming pain"---and that has to be God! It's only a taste but I am a tad little more "privileged by the high calling of my Christ than unsettled by my pain." God will rouse Himself up to do His Work in you, a very Strange Work through 66 Love Letters (Isaiah 28:21).

66 Love Letters by Dr. Larry Crabb
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I have mixed reviews of this book, mainly because I love most of Larry Crabb's books. I found this book to be inviting and intriguing, especially in the Old Testament books. It opened up some things that I had not considered before and has helped me to see a lot of the things in a new light. In particular how that God, is the same in the Old Testament as in the New Testament. This book is excellent for those struggling with what seems to be the "staunch" God of the Old Testament versus the "loving" God of the New Testament. It definitely gives you a challenge to look at things from God's point of view and not just your own. For that I give definite KUDOS. Dr. Crabb is a masterful writer and I thought it warm to write it from his current perspective. It gives us an inside look and let's us know that it's not just you or I that have problems understanding things. If you have not read Dr. Crabb's other books, I heartily recommend them as they will enlighten you to the human psyche, especially INSIDE OUT. However, for the good I have to give this book (that outweighs the negative by the way), I must say that I am disappointed that Dr. Crabb thrust some of his personal doctrine on us in the New Testament and did not continue the objectivity which he started with. I found that disappointing and it has made me now hesitant to recommend this book to struggling readers with whom I would have to get into a quagmire of explanation on what this is and what that is.

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