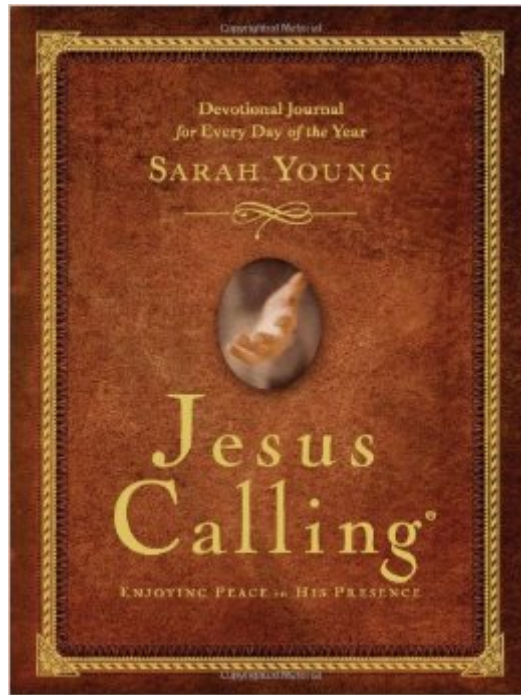


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# Jesus Calling: Devotional Journal



## Synopsis

A devotional and journal in one that encourages a close relationship with Jesus every day of the year. In this bestselling devotional, readers will receive words of hope, encouragement, comfort, and reassurance of Jesus's unending love. The devotions are written as if Jesus himself were speaking directly to each reader. Devotions are followed by a journaling prompt with lines for writing thoughts and prayers. Reading Scripture, listening to God's voice, and journaling her thoughts made Sarah more aware of His presence, allowing her to enjoy more of His peace. And following these steps will do the same for you. Features & Benefits: Bestselling devotional with prompts and journaling space for enhancing a daily personal time with God. Provides a chance to experience peace in His presence every day. Over nine million copies sold in the Jesus Calling brand. Cover design allows for personalization.

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## Customer Reviews

A few months ago I joined the Thomas Nelson Publishers blog book review team. What a novel idea. I signed up, agreed to write a review and publish it on my blog as well as one other commercial site. In exchange, I received the book I chose to review in the mail. I chose "Jesus Calling," a devotional by Sarah Young. I was drawn to the content based on a few tweets from others reading the devotional. I grew up in my faith with the Oswald Chambers classic "My Utmost for His Highest." I love my online devotional time on the Jesuit site [..]--one of my favourite experiences on the web. I also love Henri Nouwen's "Bread for the Journey." Now "Jesus Calling" is fast becoming another classic in my life. Sarah Young writes what she hears Jesus speaking to her

in her spirit. She has honed her listening through years and years of writing in her journal and being attentive to what the Spirit wants to say to her. As I have spent time in "Jesus Calling," I have heard Jesus speaking to me many times in beautiful, fresh ways. Sometimes I hear Sarah's personal filter--she is the pen, the messenger, after all--but I also recognize this as the voice of my Shepherd. Here are a few of my favourite calls: "Rest in My Presence, allowing Me to take charge of this day. Do not bolt into the day like a racehorse suddenly released. Instead, walk purposefully with Me, letting Me direct your course one step at a time." "You are on the right path. Listen more to Me, and less to your doubts. I am leading you along the way designed just for you." "You must discipline yourself to live within the boundaries of today. It is in the present moment that I walk close to you, helping you carry your burdens.

"Jesus Calling" is a relatively unique devotional book in that Sarah Young has written her devotions from the point of view of Jesus Christ. Using this technique gives the book a sense of immediacy and intimacy with the Lord, and this is the great strength of the book. Many of these short sayings that Young puts in the mouth of Jesus are things the Lord would say and has said to me during a life of listening to Him, reading the Scriptures, and keeping a journal. How often have I heard Him remind me to worship Him alone, to trust in Him at all times, and that He is always with me. To hear these words as if they are Jesus' own can be beneficial to the soul. However, there are 4 reasons I can give "Jesus Calling" only 3 stars and not 4 or 5 stars, (even though I'm vastly outnumbered in the reviews on ).

1. Young has Jesus say only a limited range of things compared to what God actually teaches in the entirety of the Bible. I love to hear Jesus say things like, "Relax; Trust Me; Listen to Me; I am with you; I am calling you; and Wait for Me." But this seems to be all that Young's Jesus ever says. Where are the specific commandments of Jesus, and not just "affirmations"? Where does this Jesus ever talk about the practical ways we should love our neighbor, and not just love God? And why is it always a solitary call to be alone with Him, when we're called to be the Church?
2. "Jesus Calling" shows Young's bias and doesn't have Jesus say the hard things He must often say. Where are His reminders and commandments to seek forgiveness and to forgive, to love regardless of the cost, etc? This Jesus doesn't seem ask us to do anything difficult or to sacrifice very much. It's all "You are on the right path.

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