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*Chasing Daylight* (previously published as *Seizing Your Divine Moment*) is a call to live a life of blazing urgency. We have but one life. We are given one opportunity to pursue our dreams and fulfill our divine purpose. Every moment counts, and we must engage them with fierceness and zeal. Put an end to passive observation, paralyzed by the need for perfect opportunity, and start seizing the raw, untapped potential of your life with God.

Are you willing to risk failure? Are you ready to get in the game? You may stumble, but you will find yourself falling forward, propelled toward the God-inspired adventure He intends you to live.

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## **From Reader Review Chasing Daylight: Seize the Power of Every Moment for online ebook**

### **Stephen Pate says**

Erwin McManus is one of the most captivating people I've been able to observe from afar. The premise of this book is simple but incredible: Make the most of the time given to you. Faith, in part, is living a life of reckless trust in Jesus.

Like his other books, this one is full of fascinating stories, epic one-liners, and is sprinkled with humor. One of my favorite things about McManus is that his writing style is unbelievably conversational. As I'm reading his words, I'm hearing him preach. To me, that is the sign of a great writer (and a really good editor). Moreover, because I've had the chance to hear him preach several times, I believe every word he writes. His books, like his life and ministry, are the real deal.

Chasing Daylight is a nice wake-up call. It offers fresh insights and motivation to keep following Jesus and leading others.

It was a nice reminder to "seize the day." And, as McManus says several times, "to seize the power of every moment."

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### **H.L. Hussmann says**

For a book to get 5 stars from me it has to be both life-impacting and compelling. This book was easily both.

It's uncommon for a book to be so theological without feeling so. It's incredibly practical and I believe a book I needed to read at just the right time.

Though the theme is pretty much - "Go do something - you don't need specific direction to do so" I think God used this theme to give me some specific direction. Go figure - He's that kind of God.

A great book for someone who's tired of "living life in neutral."  
Highly recommended.

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### **Susan Cottrell says**

I know I rated this 5 stars thought I haven't yet read it :) because of how much I LOVE this author! I read THE BARBARIAN WAY and completely loved it. OH MY GOSH, McManus is revolutionary! He speaks with a voice of swinging off the vine into the rushing water, to go wherever the Living Water wants to take you! It broke through to the wild and crazy life Jesus offers but few Christians grasp. LOVE. IT.

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## **Dave Courtney says**

This book by Pastor Erwin McManus is intended to ignite the passion inside of us to chase God's dream for our lives. For the most part it follows the story of the Old Testament character of Jonathan as he examines what it looks like to allow ourselves to fall forwards in to God's plan and purpose despite our fears and inhibitions. It also overlays a fictional story that follows the chapters through the journey, something that allows the thematic elements to tell a story of sorts along the way.

McManus is certainly a fan of stories. He is a visionary and an imaginative thinker at his core, and the way he processes allows the stories of his own life and Church to transfer in to a picture of immense possibilities for all of us. It is an effective way of thinking and writing that should connect with those who think similarly. He might lose some along the way though, especially those who are looking for something incredibly practical, and straight forward. That's not to say he doesn't present some very clear ideas, simply that he weaves them through a desire to simply help us ponder and think about the "what ifs". Perhaps the most practical components here surface near the end when he deals with the subject of prayer. It is here when he takes the tone up a notch and speaks of the difference between being faithful and being or acting in "faith". Of living a life full of potential versus being willing to step out and actually live out that potential on the other side.

Throughout this book we get a very good picture of the passion this pastor has for His Church, and THE Church. He is very much grounded in his own experience and learnings of how God led his early pastorate and a dysfunctional Church community to become one of the leading Churches of our current day. He insists repeatedly that the success of his Church is grounded in one thing, a willingness to be faithful even when growth or success wasn't happening. One of the markers of this community that he pastors is the large proportion of missionaries. This is particularly unusual, as he points out, because Church growth is often concerned with retaining rather than equipping and sending. And yet here is a community that lives and breathes active faith to such a degree that a huge number of their congregation don't even stick around.

The book did lose me in points. There were almost too many stories actually. But I did enjoy the spirit and the concept of it. And that is perhaps what it leaves you with more than anything, is an inspiring concept that is intended to get you thinking and moving in your own life. I don't know that it left me with any concrete, practical ideas, but it did expose a need in my life to come face to face with my own fears. And it certainly begged me to ask the question of whether I am living my life in such a way that when others see me they see God. And if this read can move me forward in examining that part of my life with sincerity, to me that is worth it.

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## **Shawn says**

Starts off very repetitive and abstract, then gets more practical and concrete. Get through the first 50 pages or so, and the rest of the book is good.

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## **Crystal Marie says**

One of my favorite books of all time! So incredibly inspiring.

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## **Jordan Barr says**

Erwin McManus is one of my new favorite authors. He provides such great and simplistic perspective to concepts of our everyday faith that we often spend too much time over-analyzing. This particular book gives great insight into our calling to seize every moment God gives us because it could be the one that brings us closer His carefully designed plan for our life.

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## **Annemarie Metcalf says**

This book has a lot of great concepts to push you out there and dethaw yourself if you've become somewhat frozen facing the future.

There are interesting little pictures and logs from a fantasy of a man's journey with his mentor scattered throughout which apply to the ideas in the chapters.

He uses one passage of scripture throughout as well, though for me I think he overused it... drawing a bit too much out of just one example, but that doesn't really affect his other points and encouragement.

A good read :) motivational and could touch on some of the ways you've become too fearful of unknowns, delayed, instead of stepping forward to act!

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## **Mindi says**

I probably underlined or highlighted a significant percentage of this book.

I agreed with more than I disagreed.

His view of Christianity is more task oriented than mine. I think Christianity is more relational.

After having said all of that, I will leave you with a great quote.

"Some of life's greatest opportunities are not behind doors or windows, but behind walls. They require genuine effort. Beyond risk they require real sweat. Our religious integration of Christianity with capitalism and consumerism has resulted in a view of life that says if God is in it, it comes easily. Then when the inevitable difficulties come, when we hit the wall, we either assume God is not in it or conclude we've made a wrong choice in our pursuit...I've become convinced over the years that the most important moments to seize, the most significant God opportunities, are the one that do not come easily."

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## **Walt Walkowski says**

This definitely goes on the "read again" pile. McManus does an excellent job of reminding us to live in the moment and to stay in step with the Spirit. Too often we want to "play it safe," when God is calling us to an adventure we could never plan or imagine. I am inspired to keep my eyes and ears open to what God might be doing in and around me.

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### **Eric Oleson says**

I love being challenged to be better, which McManus does tirelessly. I felt like the tone was a little irresponsible. There's a wide canyon between calculated, purposeful risk and being foolish. The author never even glossed over this note, which I find inexcusable considering his high influence in contemporary Christian circles. In spite of all of this, I did have some personal takeaways having read this book. I recommend with the caveat mentioned above.

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### **Jonathan Bullington says**

Challenging and inspirational. A call to living every moment to its fullest no matter the obstacles.

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### **Justin Camp says**

This book is jam packed with wisdom. It's one of my all-time favorites. It'll help you live ready—ready for great adventures with your Father God.

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### **Veronica Delgado says**

I love this author's writing. very detailed and descriptive, to the point where he makes you feel as if you were there. However, because he is such a great descriptive writer, I found myself getting bogged down with the details and even distracted and it became hard to stay focused when a paragraph wasn't as interesting as another one. this book did take me awhile to read but i got through it. sadly I can't remember much about the book anymore but that i enjoyed the detail. side note, he is an even greater speaker than author. i had the privilege of hearing him speak at my church conference, which is where i bought this book.

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### **Erika Schoen says**

This book changed my life! It filled me with a thirst for Christ and a passion for his kingdom

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