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Your God is too small.

We like God small. We prefer a God who is safe, domesticated, who thinks like we think, likes what we like, and whom we can manage, predict, and control. A small God is convenient. Practical. Manageable.

The truth: God is big. Bigger than big. Bigger than all the words we use to say big.

Ironically, many today seem turned off by the concept of an awesome, terrifyingly great God. We assume that a God you would need to fear is guilty of some kind of fault. For us, thinking of God as so infinitely greater and wiser than we are and who would cause us to tremble in his presence is a leftover relic from an oppressive, archaic view of religion.

But what if this small version of God we've created is holding us back from the greatest experience of our lives—from genuine, confident, world-transforming faith?

In *Not God Enough*, J.D. reveals how to discover a God who:

is big enough to handle your questions, doubts, and fears
is not silent
is worthy of worship
wants to take you from boring to bold in your faith
has a purpose and mission for you on earth
is pursuing you right now

God is not just a slightly better, slightly smarter version of you. God is infinite and glorious, and an encounter with Him won't just change the way you think about your faith. It'll change your entire life.

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Austin Wright says

I loved it! A much needed exploration of a problem many Christians including myself need to battle daily. Using Scripture as the foundation, J.D. approaches topics with energy and passion. I enjoy all the illustrations and quotes!

Karl Dumas says

This is a tough title. How could God be ‘not God enough’ but that seems to be the box that most people, at one time or another try to put Him in. Books have been written around the idea that the God we envision is way smaller than the reality of God. We dream too small, and we pray too small. We expect too little of the God of the universe, the God that is bigger than anything that we can imagine. When we don’t believe in the greatness of God, we don’t believe that He is capable of caring for all of our needs, and so we try to take control. And when mere humans tackle God sized jobs, thinking that God needs our help, the results are often disastrous.

Using scripture, personal stories and the stories of friends and acquaintances, in Not God Enough: Why Your Small God Leads to Big Problems (Zondervan, 2018) J. D. Greear talks about how we miss out on all that an infinite God can do when we try to understand Him with our finite minds. He reminds us of how big, how great God really is; and reminds us of God's promises to us. We might be small, but God is bigger than any of us can imagine. We say I can’t but God reminds us that what for man is impossible, is not a problem for God. With God in us, we can do so much more than anyone can imagine.

This book is a call to humility. When we think we’ve got it all together we tend to forget that we need God. When we’re humbled, broken, and convinced that we can’t, then we’re willing to turn to God, and let God do through us what we can’t do for ourselves.

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Joel Mitchell says

“A god small enough to be understood is not big enough to be worshiped.” – Evelyn Underhill

The God of American Christianity often resembles a cross between a wish-granting genie and an inspirational speaker who wants you to know just how special you are. Such a God is inadequate for the real world and bears little resemblance to the God of the Bible. This book calls people back to “the fear of the Lord.” Fearing God is not about cringing terror (though it sometimes produces that), but about reacting in awe to how infinitely great (and infinitely holy, and infinitely loving, and infinitely gracious, etc.) the eternal I AM is and just how small, limited, and dependent on him we are in comparison.

J. D. Greear uses a skillful blend of Scripture exposition, illustrations, and humor to help give us some perspective (if such a thing is possible for our finite minds) on the infinite God who loves us and what implications that has for our lives. I might quibble with how he interprets a few of the passages he uses, but

this is an excellent and encouraging book that I would highly recommend.

I would also recommend pairing it with *The Imperfect Disciple* by Jared C. Wilson which offers more “where the rubber meets the road” applications of what it looks like to live in light of God’s infinite grace in the day-to-day.

Brian Buxton says

I love J.D. Greear’s books. This was another fantastic edition. Part 3 is serious ??

Kfehling says

Excellent. Most of us, if not all, cannot fathom a God as big as ours and thus, He is always too small.

Dennis Thurman says

An outstanding book. So encouraging and challenging! It is well-illustrated and practical—thoroughly Biblical.

Caleb says

JD asks real skeptical questions and touches on doubts we all have. This is my second read from JD and I'm yet again blown away. He doesn't hold back or hide from the tough stuff. And wow does he have some great biblical responses to the problem of pain and suffering! I took down pages of notes. It's really true, the most important belief we have is who God is. I'd recommend this to anyone with doubts or anyone struggling with unanswered prayer. God is not a salad bar!

Stefanie Kellum says

*I read a digital ARC of this title from the publisher via NetGalley.

Blake Western says

Not technically a theology book, yet it presents many things about the greatness of God. The author encourages us to live and pray in light of the reality of a big God. The book is practical and the author uses illustrations effectively throughout the book. Highly recommended!

Madi Johnson says

5++++ stars, incredible book! Highly recommend, I already want to start over and reread it to catch all of JD's great points.

Joshua Douglas says

Be Enraptured by God

Amazing read on how God is worth giving up everything for in your life. Definitely is a book with incredible illustrations which lays out the beauty of God.

Zachary Houle says

I'm not really sure what brought me to J.D. Greear's Not God Enough. It could have been that the book is being published by Zondervan, which has, in the past, published the work of progressives. It could have been the description of the book, as well?—the book blurb seemed to posit that this was a book for anyone who had doubts about God. God knows I've had a few. You can imagine my disappointment then when the book didn't really deliver on what I thought it would. Let me be blunt: This is not a book for progressives. In fact, Greear takes aim at us progressives multiple times over the book, sniping us for wanting a God that's edited beyond recognition so that He's not that offensive. (Why is this a bad thing?)

No, Not God Enough is, at its core, a book about evangelical Christianity and how great it is. The book is so evangelical that Greear seems to take pride in offering an example where he wound up converting a Muslim woman to Christianity?—though the book doesn't say what the consequences were for that woman in changing her faith. Essentially, I think the whole point of the book is that if you don't believe in Jesus, you will never find your way to God or Heaven. That's so odiously offensive that I don't know where to even begin. After all, is the belief in a Creator by indigenous communities, for instance, beyond all reproach in Greear's worldview? (It probably is.) At the very worst, Not God Enough is culturally insensitive.

Read more here: https://medium.com/@zachary_houle/a-r...

Shannon Whitehead says

Such an excellent and incredibly biblical resource. I learned a lot and J.D. Greear covered so much ground in a way that is easy to understand. The main point of "God is not just a slightly better, slightly smarter version of you" was really hammered home.

*This review is based on a free digital advance copy provided by the publisher. The opinions expressed are my own.

