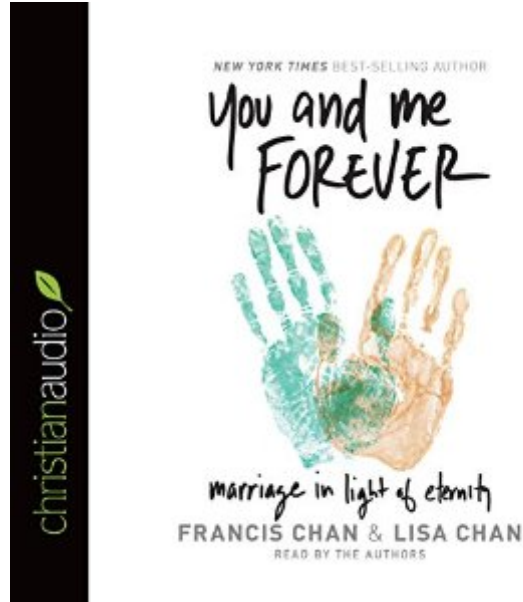


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You And Me Forever: Marriage In Light Of Eternity



Synopsis

Marriage is great, but it's not forever. It's until death do us part. Then come eternal rewards or regrets depending on how we spent our lives. In his latest book, Francis Chan joins together with his wife Lisa to address the question many couples wonder at the altar: "How do I have a healthy marriage?" Setting aside typical topics on marriage, Francis and Lisa dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls. In the same way *Crazy Love* changed the way we saw our personal relationship with God, *You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity* will radically shift the way we see one of the most important relationships in our life. Jesus was right. We have it all backwards. The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage. Whether you are single, dating or married, *You and Me Forever* will help you discover the adventure that you were made for and learn how to thrive in it. 100% of the net profits from *You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity* will go towards providing food, shelter and rehabilitation for thousands of orphaned children and exploited women in partnership with global charities.

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Customer Reviews

You And Me Forever by Francis and Lisa Chan is the best kind of bait-and-switch. It looks like a marriage book, and it sounds like a marriage book, but it's not REALLY a book on marriage. It's really a book about having the eternal view of every aspect of life, including marriage and parenting. It's a book about seeking first the Kingdom of God and everything else, including a

healthy marriage, flowing from that. And it's about seeing everything you have, including your marriage, as something to be used for the mission of God in this world. I estimate only about 25% of this book directly addresses marriage and marriage issues. I'm reluctant to let that cat out of the bag, because the best-case scenario would be someone beginning this book with their guard down, expecting some "tried-and-true marriage tips," and getting creamed unawares by the Chans' amazing vision of living a life focused on God and His mission. This book rocked me like none I've read in a long time. It's unquestionably the best book I've read all year, and the best marriage book I've ever read "if it indeed qualifies as a marriage book. This book is a manifesto of daily discipleship, in light of eternity. It was simultaneously water for my parched soul, and painful, jolting stab of conviction to my heart. This is a book for married people, single people, people with kids, and people without them. The American church desperately needs the message of this book. Francis and Lisa Chan do an excellent job of narrating the book. At first I found the narration a little dry. However, as the book goes on, both of them speak with deep conviction and seriousness, practically pleading with the listener to repent of their small view of God and His mission.

If you've read more than one or two Christian marriage books, you may have noticed they tend to follow a pretty standard template. For a marriage to be successful, husbands and wives need to:

- Understand how God has intended them to be (with some sort of discussion of Genesis 2);
- Have frequent sex;
- See how their relationship represents the gospel (as per Ephesians 5);
- and
- Have frequent sex. Frequently.

And then Francis Chan went and wrote a marriage book. Or did he? Chan and his wife, Lisa, give readers a decidedly different take, one suggests that as good as it is it try to make your marriage better, our main focus "whether in marriage or singleness" needs to be something bigger: God. This is the big idea behind *You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity*. The Chans want readers to picture marriage as a vehicle for mission, an opportunity for Christians to carry out our mission to make disciples of all the nations. Sounds pretty lofty, huh? So how'd they do?

"As a pastor for over 20 years, I have come to the conclusion that most marriage problems are not really marriage problems. They are God problems," Chan writes (20). "They can be traced back to one or both people having a poor relationship with God or a faulty understanding of Him." This, among all the many wonderfully helpful things you'll read in this book, is probably the most important "and also the most contentious. While sometimes a cigar is just a cigar, certainly, many of us are too quick to call everything a cigar. Or (to mix metaphors) we treat symptoms, but not illnesses. The problem with

this is what happens when you leave an illness untreated? It only gets worse (and in some cases, eventually kills you).

What if we all tossed our books, seminars, and top-ten lists on marriage and decided instead to expose our hearts, motivations, and worship to what scripture says about the topic? What if marriage was designed to make you holy and remind you of our personal relationship with God and transform the way we see all of our relationships? The Chans[™] are right, we spend too much time being self-absorbed on our rights, entitlements and idolatry. The only way to have a successful marriage is not by focusing on our marriage but on God the Father, satisfied by Christ Jesus, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Connie and I agree (yes we both listened to this audio and have recommended it many times already) that Jesus was right. We have it all backwards. The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage. It used to be that the only resource I would recommend for couples regarding gospel-centered material was "When Sinners Say I Do" and now it appears that Connie and I have an additional resource, "You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity" by Francis & Lisa Chan. Anything you can get your hands on by Francis Chan, you know is going to be good and to challenge you in your Christian daily walk. Because I heard the buzz before mainstream about it, I quickly purchased a copy. Connie and I had already listened to the audios by the time the solicitation came for an option to review for ChristianAudio. I had planned on writing a review and was further inspired with my email notification. This is a fantastic resource and the accompanying website is filled with valuable resources and tools that I would highly recommend to include a free .pdf version of the book.

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