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Are you more prodigal than prince? More stumbler than saint? More faltering than faithful? You wish you could just turn back the clock, make one different decision, or start all over again. If you're drowning in regret, shamed by your mistakes, or unable to offer grace to the one who's wronged you, you're holding the right audiobook in your hands. You'll likely see a familiar face in these stories. Maybe even your own. Selected from Max Lucado's most beloved books, this collection of stories reminds you that there's forgiveness for past mistakes and hope for your future. They are a witness to God's specialty: second chances."

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Peter Schott says

Second Chances by Max Lucado is the latest compilation of stories from one of the great modern Christian story-tellers. Max this time ties all of his stories together under the theme that “God gives second chances”. He breaks that down into stories of the rebellious, regret-riddled, prideful, mistake-makers, those with a faltering faith, and those who have hurt us.

The first story is familiar to those who know the New Testament – the parable of the Prodigal Son, but told from the perspective of the son. He tells the story of someone who suddenly realizes how far he’s fallen and decides that it’s time to stop making excuses and pretending that he’s better off than he really is. That is followed by the story of a mother seeking her daughter who had run away to the big city. Another similar story tells of a father desperately reaching out to his daughter who had run away with a boy. In each story, the person who left home had to overcome their pride and accept the love freely offered to them back home.

Those who have regrets are addressed next – missed opportunities, squandered dreams, or drowning in sin. Max weaves stories of how there are second chances offered to everyone who looks for them and accepts God’s offer of forgiveness and love. One story tells of people carrying around sacks of rubbish that represents their sins. The only way to get rid of them is to let someone else who doesn’t have any rubbish take it from them.

We read stories of Paul, Jonah, Peter, Moses, and many other prominent figures in the Bible. Each is told in Max’s style. Of course, that means that Max takes some creative liberties with the stories. They’re all based on the Bible or themes that we see in the Bible, though few should be taken as exact translations.

My take: If you’ve read Max Lucado before and enjoyed his works, you’ll like this one. If you aren’t familiar with his writings, this is a good representation of his work and a great read. For those struggling with forgiveness, the stories in Second Chances will be helpful. I really liked the stories and readings. They make for quick reads, but give you quite a bit to think about.

Disclaimer: I was given a preview copy of this book with no expectations on the part of the publisher. The opinions expressed are my own and were not influenced by anyone else.

Rebecca Holland says

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Max Lucado has such insight into the importance of life, everyday life. He shares in this book stories of how as humans we will mess up, fall and fail.

But then he presents the story that we all are titled to have – a second chance.cover25187-small

And who would want to deny that story?

Personally, this is just a good affirmation or confirmation of what Jeremiah 29:11 means to us all – we have hope.

Diane says

Not as good as I thought it would be. Some stories were better than others. Some of the parables were hard to grasp. Some were very encouraging!

Troy says

Very good book. Don't just read it if you feel you need a second chance. This book shows God's grace and implements stories to show that. I enjoyed reading this book and will definitely read it again. I recommend this book to everyone who needs to understand God's mercy.

Kyle says

Max Lucado is one of my favorite authors and this is another great book! Everyone makes mistakes and God gives us second chances! This book is divided into six different sections: For the rebellious, For the regret-riddled, For the prideful, For the mistake-makers, For a faltering faith, and For those who hurt us. This book is filled with short stories and are told in a biblical reference. I really enjoyed this book just like I have with all of his books that I have read! I would recommend this book if you like Max Lucado's writing or anyone wanting to read more about God's grace!

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Renee M Hensley says

GREAT BOOK FOR THOSE NEEDING ENCOURAGEMENT!

I enjoyed reading this book. Every story was a reminder that God loves each of us and wants the best for us. It was an encouragement.

Mrs. Kenyon says

We are all sinners and will continue to make mistakes, but Jesus paid the ultimate price for our salvation. Whether the reader is a new Christian, a long term soldier of the faith or a person just asking questions,

Second Chances will give them scripture and stories to help and encourage them. Everyone can use encouragement through stories of grace. The reader will be reminded of the failure and grace that followed for Peter, David and even Moses.

Lucado masterfully weaves scripture, storytelling and true stories into a book that can be read in small tastes are large gulps. If you have read Grace, you won't be disappointed, but if this is the first Max Lucado book you have read it might be a good idea to have a notebook nearby to record your thoughts and key verses.

Dr. says

Once again, Max Lucado touches the heart and mind through the stories and Scriptural interconnection. We do have a God of Second Chances - I have learned this personally and was glad to be reminded of the eternal truth that brings release and rejoicing. Highly recommend reading of this short book for any - and especially to those of us who need the touch of a loving Father saying I forgive all, come home.

Doris Raines says

Second. Chances. Do. We. Really. Deserve. One. Only. God. Can. Determine. That. One.

Joy says

Perfect title since the book gives example after example of people experiencing God's grace after bad behavior and unwise choices.

"God's efforts are strongest when our efforts are useless."

"Hunger has a way of softening convictions."

"How can God heal what we deny?"

"How can God touch what we cover up?"

Heather Lupu says

The title of this book, Second Chances, caught my eye because I have been on the receiving end of many second chances in life. From very small happenstances to extreme life changes – being granted a second chance is the greatest form of grace I have encountered.

I was pleasantly surprised to discover this book was not comprised of chapters directing me on how to accept second chances with a grateful heart. Instead, it contained stories of grace from Max Lucado's library of writings.

From traditional Bible stories to biographical recollections from Lucado's life; this book reminds us, page by page, that God's love is endless and His grace will return moment after moment.

Favorite quotes:

God's efforts are strongest when our efforts are useless.

Reconciliation restiches the unraveled, reverses the rebellion, rekindles the cold passion.

Deflating inflated egos is so important to God that He offers to help.

Their [Your] sin collided with their [your] Savior, and their [your] Savior won!

I received this book from Thomas Nelson through their Booksneeze program. I was not required to write a positive review.

Mary-ann says

Pastor and author Max Lucado brings his gift for connecting traditional Bible stories to present situations in the inspirational volume, "Second Chances: More Stories of Grace." With the ease of a practiced narrator, he brings such characters as the Samaritan woman at the well, Jonah and The Prodigal Son into our world and uses them to remind us that we serve The God of Second Chances.

His easy-going manner avoids sermonizing even as he exhorts the reader to claim the new beginning available through God's grace.

Second Chances is a book of how God gives us second chances all the time. You are reminded on every page of the endless Grace, Love & Mercy God gives us every day, and we are so undeserving of that kind of love, but God gives it to us.

I received this book for free from NetGalley.com and Thomas Nelson Publishing.

Meahan Macpherson says

Such great modern day parables of grace from a voice that speaks the language of every common soul.
