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Pastors' wives are in a privileged--yet often difficult--position. Various challenges make it is easy for ministry wives to feel discouraged about their relationship with God, lose their wonder at the mystery of the church, and forget the joy of serving alongside their husband. In this encouraging and humorous book, Gloria Furman offers pastors' wives a breath of fresh air, reminding readers that Christ stands ready to help regardless of the circumstance--whether it's late-night counseling sessions, unrealistic expectations about how they spend their time, or complaints about their husbands' preaching. Filled with life-giving truth from God's Word regarding the privilege of ministry in Christ's name, this book will help women joyfully treasure their Savior, serve their husbands, and love their churches.

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Kaylena Radcliff says

An indispensable read for any woman involved in the ministry. Furman has a masterful grip of biblical theology and its practical outworkings, as well as the ability to communicate these truths clearly and eloquently. Its devotional quality also made it easy and encouraging; I found myself often challenged to study, pray, and think differently. The Pastor's Wife is without a doubt one of the best books I've read this year.

Christina DeVane says

I listened to this on audio book but I would enjoy a hard copy more to highlight and remember certain parts. I really enjoyed the beginning talking about how we let everything and everyone identify us as a pastor's wife instead of what God says about us!

Meg Hoffman says

I wish there was more substance to this book. It kind of felt like a lot of the content was just to hit a word count. There were some good reminders though. I really liked the anecdote about things in life (good/bad/trials/deep loss) acting as midwives to bring about holiness in us. That was really helpful. Holiness and sanctification don't just happen. Comparing it to the hard work of midwifery and childbirth was a picture that will stick with me for a while as I go through various trials, specifically my very difficult health trials.

Ashley McKnight says

Profoundly deep yet accessible.
A refreshing balm of peace and rejoicing in Our Saviour.
Not just for pastor's wives.

Jessica says

I loved this book. Thank you Gloria for your honest, gospel soaked book that encourages ministry wives. I felt encouraged to lean much on our glorious, all-powerful God without having the challenges of ministry diminished in any way. Yet at the same time I was challenged to stop seeing the role as so unique that it reinforces an invisible distance from other women in the church. I liked the gold fish bowl illustration. As ministry wives we are not swimming in a goldfish bowl with others looking on, so much as all of us as sisters in Christ swimming together in a bowl where the world is looking on. Dory came to mind, "Just keep

swimming."

This book will not give you a list of expectations to meet or try desperately to keep. Instead it draws attention to our calling and the amazing grace sufficiently offered to live that out in our pocket of His creation.

I am challenged to lean much on my saviour as I seek to live out my love for Him, and to lean closer to my sisters in Christ to encourage one another in swimming together.

NinaB says

This was an excellent, quick read. As a missionary wife, I found myself relating to the author's situation and agreeing with her conclusions. Her focus is Christ and reminds us throughout the book our identity is in Him. She dismisses the popular mantra common among women's books, "I am a princess, daughter of the King." Instead, she encourages her readers to "Behold your King!" We are and can do nothing without Christ and He is enough. Ministry is hard, but with the right focus on Him, who can enable us, we can face anything with confidence in His ability to work through weak vessels like us. It is his work, after all.

I hope to study this as a group with other ladies in full time ministry, but I recommend it to any woman who desires to minister to the Body of Christ.

Some favorite quotes from the book:

"In case you don't have time to read the rest of this book I'll just put my cards on the table—I think wives of ministers need encouragement and refreshment in the Lord, and we find that hope and help in the gospel. This idea isn't new or scandalous, but with all things clamoring for our attention I think we could use an opportunity to recalibrate our perspective and set our gaze on eternal things. After all, why would we want to wade around in shallow puddles of man-made ideals when there is the incomprehensible ocean of the love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge for us to dive into (Eph. 3:18-19)?"

"Too many conversations regarding ministry wives are centered on who she is and what she ought to do, and we spend so little time talking about who Christ is and what He has done and will do."

"Weakness is not in the way - it is the way."

"Held in our Shepherd's unflinching grip, we are safely his at all times and in every circumstance. Your constancy is Christ. And at the end of all things created, in the most beautiful paradox of the ages, the Lamb is shown to be the Shepherd, 'and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes' (Rev. 7:17)"

Kathryn Iversen says

Encouraging read- focus on theology and thinking rightly more than practical tips which I feel is rare today and I appreciated reading it. I still prefer Treasuring Christ When Your Arms are Full, but this one also was a very good read. The author's style and intent are very similar in both books.

Abby Jones says

I think I'm going to have to read this book a second time to really figure out what I think about it. The overall premise about serving the church, serving your husband, Christ's work in the life of sinners, our need for daily grace, and the fact that there is an office of Pastor's wife, was all spot on. The focus on personal ministry made me hesitate at several points. This first read was really just an exploration of the book itself. I may read it again soon to try and dig deeper into the book.

Jenna Prince says

Definitely worth reading. Reminded me that my role as pastor's wife rests in Christ's ability and strength not my own.

Amy says

It was very gospel centered which I liked but felt it could have had more personal insight and advice. Glad I read it....very good thoughts and biblical counsel. It wasn't my favorite book for pastor wives.

Faith Dodds says

This book was a good reminder of loving God, loving your husband and loving your church. Not as practical as I was expecting it to be. Quite a vague overview of why we do what we do without getting into much of the nitty gritty of life.

Megan Wight says

I just finished reading this book, and it is a treasure trove of wisdom. It gave me such a glimpse into what being the wife of a pastor may look like as I move closer to that. I am so grateful for the knowledge that this author has and that she chose to share it with the people reading.

Caitlin Lieder says

A short but precise read for pastors wives and wives of men in ministry. The best part of the book is that it spans cultures. I tire of reading books for women in English where 75% of their encouragement is culture-specific. Furman did a great job encouraging women toward God, His Word, and His glory. It wasn't heavy on culture or difficult theology, rather, on trusting the Lord where He's put you. I would highly recommend this book.

Kaylee says

Once again I really enjoyed Gloria's writing. It's real, personal and based on truth. Although I am not a pastor's wife, I am a ministry wife and this book worked for me. Her words speak truth into the life of someone dealing with the day in and day out demands of ministry on a couple/family. I highly recommend this book to any ministry wife.

Brenda says

A short but insightful book on what it is to be a pastor's wife. The Bible doesn't list any qualifications for the pastor's wife, and yet, many church folk (and pastor's wives!) have ideas in their heads as to what her role should be. This book was a great reminder that the calling of a pastor's wife is the same as any wife: to respect her husband and be his helper, with her ultimate calling being to love and serve the Lord. I liked the book. It helped put my focus where it should be and Who it should be on. No easy feat when living life in the proverbial fish bowl. :)
