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Melinda Johnson has always felt called to ministry. So, when her father, Bishop Langston Johnson, decides to step down after thirty years of leadership at Omega Christian Center, it seems only natural for her to take his place. But Bishop Johnson feels led by a God who has other things in mind, and to succeed him, he appoints Steven Marks-a man who is opposed to female pastors, not to mention the fact that he is Melinda's ex-fiance. Feeling defeated, Melinda nevertheless maintains her position as the church's Missions and Community Outreach Director. Frequent interaction with the new bishop incites bitter sparring-and rekindles long-suppressed attraction, which grows only stronger when Melinda develops a relationship with Steven's precious daughter, Brianna, who's still struggling with the death of her mother. Can Steven and Melinda set aside past pains, forgive each other, and learn to love again?"

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Ama Major says

I liked this book a lot. My emotions went back and forth quite a bit with this book. At times I thought the Bishop made a bad choice, at times I thought Melinda was being a baby and sometimes I thought Steven was clueless. But the book was a nice read. I wasn't disappointed.

Benzette says

I really LOVED this book. Now I didn't jump at this book, because it didn't seem like the normal Vanessa Miller type books; however after speaking with her personally at the Indianapolis Black Expo I bought the book. I was pleasantly surprised. Melinda who is the main character in the book is a female who has been called to preach; however she lives in a man's world. She feels that because she is a woman every man is against her preaching including her father the Bishop. When he steps down and she is forced to deal with some past hurts head on she realizes that what she thought was the problem is not the problem at all.

Michelle says

I love Vanessa Miller. She knows how to tell a story!

Ibyl says

Good read

Rhonda McKnight says

Loved it. Vanessa Miller did a fantastic job entering the romance genre. Great characters and lots of conflict, which a strong, albeit subtle message about the ministry of women preachers. I highly recommend.

Dream 4 More Reviews says

This is a different style of writing for Vanessa, in comparison to the Rain and Storm series that I loved so dearly since it covered "redemption" and anyone can turn their lives over to God.

In Yesterday's Promise, speaks about two people stubbornness, where Melinda helps her father, Bishop Johnson, mega-church ministry and expects to be next in line to lead the flock but sees it was passed on to her ex-fiance, Bishop Steve Marks. Steve Marks believes he can rekindle his love and ask a second time for

the hand of Melinda Johnson in marriage. But his stubbornness is believing from listening to his father that women cannot minister in the church. I like some of the passages delivered in the book about why women are in ministry and the other views that have disregarded women to lead the flock in the congregation--to be silent in the church based on Paul's perspective in the Word of God.

We will see if they can mend their past hurts, love, and stay in the will of God regardless of their views of one another or beliefs. Can they re-commit their love-relationship for one another after they see the light of God's views on women in ministry.

*She will be on April 25, Sunday, 5pm CST. Rescheduled in July 2010.
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Dream4More Reviews,
Adrienna Turner

*This is the opinion of the reviewer that does not reflect the views of Dream 4 More Firm. We received a copy from the publisher for a book review and interview with the author.

Tigger says

Excellent!!!

Adrienna says

This is a different style of writing for Vanessa, in comparison to her Rain and Storm series that I loved so dearly since it covered "redemption" and anyone can turn their lives over to God. Now, I am reading a story of two people stubbornness but want to be in the will of God and re-commit their love-relationship for one another after they see the light of God's views on women in ministry.

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Cheryl Durham says

This book was totally different from what I expected. I was looking forward to reading this because I love her writing. It did not disappoint.

The author moved from speaking about redemption, as depicted in the Rain series, to that of individuals pastoring and the choice of who is more suitable to lead a mega church. It further focused on a subject matter that, based on who you ask, can and usually does receive a myriad of opinions: women in the pulpit. As always, the author will prompt you not only to think about your own views but to dialogue with others about the subject presented.

Valerie Dansby says

I loved this book but my all time favorite by Ms. Miller :A Long Time Coming! Vanessa is one of my favorite author.

Damena Mccoy says

This book was awesome! It had a great story line and a very realistic plot.

Casey says

Can one woman fulfill her dream and still be granted the love of her heart?

I have never read a story where a woman wanted to be a preacher. I started the book a bit apprehensive. I am very conservative and wasn't sure how the author would write the story and convince me, without making me feel I was going against my beliefs.

I was pleased. Melinda starts out a determined woman. A woman determined to serve the Lord as a minister for Him. Her main focus, the pulpit. What I enjoyed the most about this story was the growing that Melinda did. She started out proclaiming that she was doing God's will, but it was really her agenda to prove her past love interest wrong.

The changes she made were real and convincing. To avoid spoilers I won't say what they are, just that I was pleased when I finished the novel- even with a decision I wouldn't have made- it was obviously right for Melinda. There is a great deal of gospel and faith in the novel, so it is definitely for the reader who will enjoy reading about a character's deep faith journey- which I did.

There was a love story and a multitude of challenges that added depth to the story. All in all, I enjoyed the novel and was glad I had the chance to read it.

Thanks for the author for my copy to influence. I received no compensation for this review.
