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For many Christians, prayer is an obligation that has little bearing on everyday life. The story of the 24/7 prayer movement demonstrates in gripping detail how prayer is far more than an obligation and how God is far more interested in prayer than we are. Continuing to chronicle the life and extraordinary ministry of the 24/7 prayer movement for a readership anxiously awaiting this title, Pete Greig tells story after story of God's faithful interaction with human prayer to change lives and cultures.

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### David Wiley says

I snagged this book on impulse, having heard about the 24-7 Prayer Movement and was curious to know more about it and how they view prayer. I opened the cover expecting to have my prayer life challenged and changed, to be touched by the stories Greig tells and to be transformed to be more active and intentional in my own prayers. This book fulfilled every expectation.

I never felt like I was really missing out on not having read the first book in the series, which I understand chronicled the beginning of the 24-7 Prayer Movement. This book follows its own arc, following the stories of 14 different people in various places and at various times who have some sort of connection to the 24-7 Prayer Movement. Much of the content in this book is not so much on how to pray, or even why you should pray, but rather they are chronicling what happened in each of these stories when the person said YES to what direction God was leading them. And ultimately, that is what this book is going to do, to show you what can happen when you give God control of the decisions in your life. They aren't blindly made, impulsive decisions. But ultimately, in spite of wrestling with the guiding of God, these people went all-in.

There are four overarching themes found in this book, all mentioned and introduced in the introduction and it is easy to see their heartbeat throughout each and every chapter and story within the pages. These are:

1. Incarnation – A celebration of the “Word made flesh” through stories of God’s glory happening in places that are ordinary, yet unlikely, and being done by ordinary people.
2. The presence paradigm – A way of viewing the message of the Bible through the lens of God’s desire for friendship, family, and partnership and how it shapes major aspects of our lives and faith.
3. The house of prayer – Explores what it means to be a “house of prayer for all nations” (Isaiah 56:7), which is emphasized over and over, not only about being a house of prayer but the importance of praying globally.
4. The life of prayer – Stories and experiences designed to both equip and inspire the reader in prayer.

These four areas were explored thoroughly and done in a great way that can reach and inspire readers who may struggle through a more doctrinally, theologically dense book. This is the book for ordinary Christians who want to become more intentional with their prayer life and, perhaps, find reassurance that there are prayers which get answered even if those answers come later than we’d like. I cannot recommend this book enough for anyone seeking a readable book on prayer, anyone who wants to expand their prayers beyond their own community’s borders, and for anyone with a heart for missions.

I received a copy of this book from Tyndale in exchange for an honest review.

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### Frank Peters says

This book is an anomaly. For anyone like me, who is wanting to follow Jesus, the book is absolutely amazing. But, for anyone reading the book as part of an English class, I expect the book would be considered rather awful. The different viewpoints are entirely related to the difference between the content and the actual writing. The writing is rather poor, and reads like an extended blog. Thankfully, the living nature of this writing makes the book easy to read and captivating, so if you are interested in the topic no harm is done.

But it is the content that is significant in the book, which is entirely about people who have chosen to live radically for Jesus; typically going against the wisdom of the world. It is exciting to read about what God is doing in the most unlikely places, and how He is answering prayers of His servants. I found the book to be inspiring, but intellectually as well as practically.

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### **Jennie Pollock says**

This book leap-frogged several (dozen) others on my 'TBR' list to win a coveted trip in my suitcase last week, and I'm so glad it did. It's SO GOOD! It is packed full of both incredibly inspiring and faith-building stories of God at work, and really strong theological teaching on prayer and its connection to mission and justice. I'm inspired to start asking God for some big things, while simultaneously a little nervous about where those prayers might lead. As Pete says, though, it's always more dangerous to say no to God than to say yes, no matter how crazy his ideas!

It is easily the best book I've read so far this year. Go out and buy it - now!

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### **Ian Rees says**

Often outrageous and deliberately provocative, yet supremely inspiring and challenging. What a great vision of prayer and, above all, Jesus. It stirs the heart with possibilities and a longing to know God better, as well as see his love poured out into our world.

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### **Loretta says**

This is an inspiring and uplifting book, which I am reading in small bites. Not because it isn't easily digestible - it is. I'm reading small segments during my morning prayer and meditation. The problem is, I want to devour it all in one sitting, but I also want to make it last as long as possible.

I recommend this book.

Oops. I finished this ages ago but never got round to completing my review. Still, what I already wrote says it all really. An excellent book.

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### **Rob Markley says**

Excited new possibilities for prayer and the move of God. Gives the feel that something is happening out there... but then where is it for the rest of us?

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### **Jane Newey says**

some great stories - encouraging us all to pray more and to respond with action

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### **Jacky Rossi says**

A fantastic, well written, inspiring book on praying, on prayer and the history and future hopes of 24/7 prayer. I laughed, I cried and I was encouraged and equipped to push in and push on, to see His Kingdom come.

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### **Anne Tissier says**

Pete is one of my prayer mentors, though I've never met him personally so he wouldn't know that. His writing of books, Tweets and the occasion I heard him speak, have fed, inspired and hugely challenged my own passion for and calling to pray. I can't add much more that what has already been commended in other reviews but this really is a tremendous account on what happens when we say 'Yes, Lord', and keep pioneering in prayer, even through the tough times we face in this world. I took it on an extended trip away along with about 5 other books, but came back having only just finished this one; not because I struggled with it, but because I had to pause to savour and respond to every page. Thanks Pete.

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### **Tara says**

An amazing book on many levels. First an inspirational story of Pete and how God used an ordinary person to raise a movement to prayer. Second it is the story of that prayer movement how it grew and the supernatural encounters that are not weird. Third it is a story of those other ordinary people how God used them and what He accomplished through them.

If this doesn't move you to prayer then probably nothing will. It is not formulaic it is not a how to prayer guide, it is a series of prayer stories. If you think of it as a pebble thrown in a pond, as your prayer, and the ripples the affects of that prayer. If you have a lot of people praying eventually those ripples will cross and eventually merge. This is what this book is. An encouragement that even if we feel we're alone praying, we are not alone and it does make a difference. No special prayer language is needed, just a heartfelt conversation with God.

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### **Rachel Quinlan says**

It was recommended Lent reading by the church I attend, and I loved it. Reminds you of some of the stories from Red Moon Rising so it can stand alone, but it is wonderful to see how the 24/7 movement is growing and changing lives around the world. Inspiring, and definitely a reference for my next sermon.

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### **Dean McQuoid says**

One of the most challenging inspirational books I've ever read. Without exaggeration. Loved it.

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### **Jim says**

Amazing...Pete and Sammy inspire and call us all to a radical following of Jesus!

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### **Joy Stark says**

This book demonstrates the power of prayer in a way that is accessible to every person. God is so majestic and holy and yet he often chooses the weak and dirty to make his glory known. As soon as I finished, I wanted to read it again.

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### **Ian says**

"Some books are to be tasted, others are to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested", Francis Bacon. "Dirty Glory" for me fits into that last category and supplies incredible accounts of the impact of a prayer life that consumes our life while also showing how this transforms society.

It's also an honest account of struggles associated with saying "yes" to God in some of the world's most dangerous and spiritually deprived regions on the planet. Pete Greig the self-titled "bewildered instigator of the 24-7 prayer movement has an incredibly down-to-earth approach to all of this while sharing a groundbreaking, society-changing vision of what Christians who take God seriously and pray can achieve. His writing style also clearly shows him to be well-read, insightful and intelligent.

If you've ever wondered whether the Holy Spirit still moves and want to see more of it in your own life, this is a pretty good place to start :)

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