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WOMEN OF THE WORD BY JEN WILKIN SURPASSES 250,000 IN PRINT SALES WITH CROSSWAY

WHEATON, Ill.—Crossway is pleased to announce that Jen Wilkin’s Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both Our Hearts and Our Minds (Crossway, July 2014) has surpassed 250,000 units in print sales.

As a Bible teacher, Wilkin has grown concerned that many women read God’s Word through the lens of their emotions, forgetting that the Bible is, first and foremost, a book about God. Wilkin wrote Women of the Word as a challenge and resource for women desiring to dig deeper in their study of Scripture, with the aim of transforming their hearts by training their minds.

“The heart cannot love what the mind does not know,” writes Wilkin. “Yes, it is sinful to acquire knowledge for knowledge’s sake, but acquiring knowledge about One we love, for the sake of loving him more deeply, will always be for our transformation. We must love God with our minds, allowing our intellect to inform our emotions, rather than the other way around.”

Available in both trade paperback and ebook formats, Women of the Word has received commendations from Kathy Keller (author of Jesus, Justice, and Gender Roles), Matt Chandler (pastor of the Village Church in Dallas), Gloria Furman (author of Missional Motherhood), and more.

Publishers Weekly writes, “Wilkin’s challenges to the status quo, grounded in years of observation, ring with gentle wisdom and guide readers in how to study the Bible with greater depth.”

“Jen is a gift from God to the whole body of Christ, both men and women,” notes Crossway’s publisher for books, Justin Taylor. “We are so delighted that a quarter of a million readers in just these past five years have picked up her book in order to grow in the knowledge of how to read and apply the Scriptures.”

Wilkin has also written None Like Him (Crossway, 2016), which has sold over 100,000 copies, and In His Image (Crossway, 2018). For more information about the author, visit jenwilkin.net.
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jen Wilkin is a speaker, writer, and teacher of women’s Bible studies. During her seventeen years of teaching, she has organized and led studies for women in home, church, and parachurch contexts. Jen and her family are members of the Village Church in Flower Mound, Texas.

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT WOMEN OF THE WORD

“Wilkin’s challenges to the status quo, grounded in years of observation, ring with gentle wisdom and guide readers in how to study the Bible with greater depth.”
—Publishers Weekly, July 14, 2014

“I have a passion for people to see and savor the God of the Bible, and a corresponding frustration when I see the hurt, loss, and lack of confidence that accompanies a lack of biblical literacy. That’s why I’m glad you are holding this book. Jen Wilkin takes knowing the God of the Bible seriously. She is one of the better Bible teachers I’ve had the opportunity to hear. Her approach in teaching people how to grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures is accessible and helpful regardless of whether you have been a Christian for decades and feel like it’s too late for you or you are a young believer who is hungry to know and understand the God of the Bible.”
—Matt Chandler, Lead Pastor, The Village Church, Dallas, Texas; President, Acts 29 Church Planting Network; author, The Mingling of Souls and The Explicit Gospel

“I found Women of the Word to be so practical in the way it demystifies serious Bible study. Too many people—men and women—opt for just reading a few verses and hoping for some inspiration, rather than discovering the meaning of the text in the sweep of God’s redemptive plan. Women of the Word will help anyone who reads it to find their way deeper into the Word of God without having to be seminary educated, a genius, or even an especially good student.”
—Kathy Keller, Assistant Director of Communications, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York City, New York

“I’ve seen eyes misty with tears as women come to understand for the first time that the Bible is actually, literally God’s Word. What great mercy we have been shown—that the Creator who spoke everything that ever was into existence would give us his Word. Jen Wilkin knows this mercy in the core of her being. She has tasted and seen God’s goodness in his Word, and she doesn’t want a single woman to miss it. Read Women of the Word with your Bible open and your friends alongside you. Think of this book as a maître d’ of a Bible study banquet—have a seat, here are your utensils, dig in, and enjoy.”
—Gloria Furman, author, Missional Motherhood and Treasuring Christ When Your Hands Are Full
“Jen lives what she teaches. Her servant heart in unpacking the Scriptures as well as her affection for the women she is teaching is evident the moment you meet her. I’m so glad she was obedient to the Lord’s call to write this book! It has served to clear the fog in my heart and mind when it comes to studying God’s Word, and I absolutely cannot wait to purchase many more copies for the women in my life who I know will love it too!”

—Bethany Dillon, singer/songwriter

“This book responds to the feelings-driven, me-centered approach that has too often dominated our study of the Scriptures. Jen encourages women to grow in knowledge of the Word in order to know our Lord. She speaks out of her own joyful and growing experience of learning to dig in. May her voice be joined by many others!”

—Kathleen Nielson, author; speaker; Senior Adviser, The Gospel Coalition

“Reading the Bible can sometimes seem daunting. There are difficult passages, many interpretations, and often so little time to read thoroughly. Jen Wilkin recognizes this and provides tools to help us navigate it all. Women of the Word gives us a blueprint for Bible literacy. If we want to know the God we love, we must engage our minds and know his Word where he reveals himself. Wilkin’s tools may be new for some, but the effort will be worth the reward. Ultimately, it’s about seeing and savoring our Savior.”

—Trillia Newbell, author, God’s Very Good Idea; Enjoy; and Fear and Faith

“Jen Wilkin’s book is written with a winsomeness and warmth, which makes it easy to read. But she also writes with clarity of purpose that rightly pushes the reader to want to read God’s Word well. The bottom line: this book encourages women to know God better by developing good habits of reading his Word. Amen, sister!”

—Jenny Salt, Dean of Students, Sydney Missionary and Bible College

“How can we go deeper than a little dabbling in the Bible for inspiration? Jen Wilkin shows us how in this must-read for every woman interested in teaching and leading Bible discussion groups in your church.”

—Nancy Guthrie, author, Even Better than Eden: Nine Ways the Bible’s Story Changes Everything about Your Story