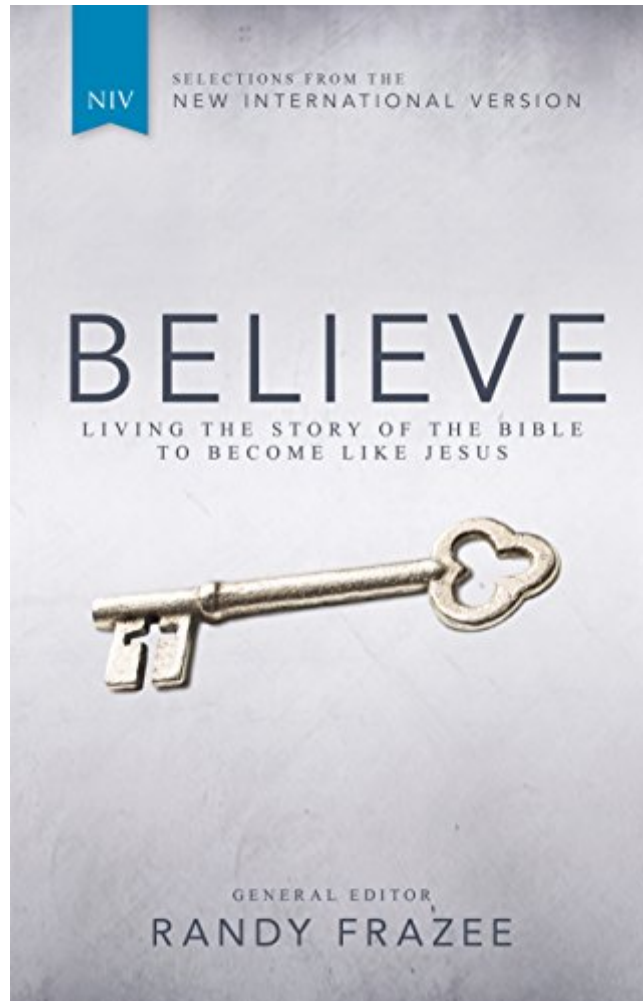


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# NIV, Believe, EBook: Living The Story Of The Bible To Become Like Jesus



## Synopsis

Grounded in carefully selected Scripture, Believe, NIV ebook is a unique spiritual growth experience that takes you on a journey to think, act, and be more like Jesus. General Editor and pastor Randy Frazee walks you through the ten key Beliefs of the Christian faith, the ten key Practices of a Jesus-follower, and the ten key Virtues that characterize someone who is becoming more like Jesus. Every believer needs to ask these three questions: WHAT DO I BELIEVE? WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHO AM I BECOMING? Each chapter uses short topical passages from the New International Version to help you live the story of the Bible. As you journey through this Bible, whether in a group or on your own, one simple truth will become undeniably clear: what you believe drives everything. As churches have experienced Believe, they have provided us feedback to help make the experience even better for the reader. We incorporated many of those suggestions to make this second edition of Believe even easier to read and understand! Using this second edition of Believe, NIV, church families around the globe can now embrace a full ministry year through worship services, small group studies, and family activities. Learn more about this whole-church experience at [BelieveTheStory.com](http://BelieveTheStory.com).

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When I was in seminary, one of my favorite classes was systematic theology. It's basically why you believe what you believe. Or more accurately what it is you actually believe. When I saw this book BELIEVE by RANDY FRAZEE. It appeared to be a scaled back, more reader-friendly everyday person's systematic text book. Eh. yes and no. The editors of BELIEVE describe it as: Believe, NIV is a unique spiritual growth experience that takes you on a journey to think, act, and be more like Jesus. Each chapter uses short topical passages from the New International Version to help you live the story of the Bible. Using this edition of Believe, church families around the globe can now embrace a full ministry year through worship services, small group studies, and family activities. When you open the book and look inside the front cover, the table of contents is broken down just like a systematic book. It starts with God, Salvation, the Bible, Jesus, the Church, Humanity and so forth. Then it breaks down into personal growth like worship, prayer Bible study etc. The book is broken down into three main areas: Beliefs: What do I believe? Practices: What should I do? Virtues: Who am I becoming? Which is great! I was kind of looking for a simplified discipleship program that I could implement with people or new believers. When I got the book in the mail, it was HUGE. It's as big as a BIBLE. Well, that's because it kind of IS a Bible. This book has a lot of padding. And sadly it's a BIG book that talks about a BIG BOOK! I assume the publishers wanted to help new readers by including in full, every supporting passage. Which is great, but is misleading.

Believe, NIV: Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus by Randy Frazee is probably the best book any Christian believer can read, with the exception of the Bible, to help the reader understand what they believe, what they should do, and who they are becoming. Using scripture from the New International Version Bible, Believe helps disciple the believer in three core areas: the Christian's beliefs, their practices, and their virtues. Frazee explains scriptures, which are written out in their entirety in the book, and how they are related to Christian living. The explanations are italicized and the scriptures are not. I found this particular layout to be a little confusing, because, traditionally, the scriptures would be italicized, so I had to keep reminding myself that this wasn't the case. I had a very difficult time with the fact that he placed all of the scripture references in the back of the book in a "Chart of References". I really wished that I could just have the scripture references

listed after the scripture readings. By placing them in the back of the book, it was confusing and disruptive and it doesn't help someone who is unfamiliar with the Bible find their way around the scriptures. It would have been helpful to have the verse numbers as well. It would especially be helpful for believers who don't have a lot of experience or knowledge of the Bible. In the same vein, the discussion questions for each chapter were written in a section in the back of the book called "Discussion Questions" and are listed by chapter. I'm not sure why they are at the end of the book, but I think it would make it easier for group discussions or book groups if the questions were at the end of each chapter.

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