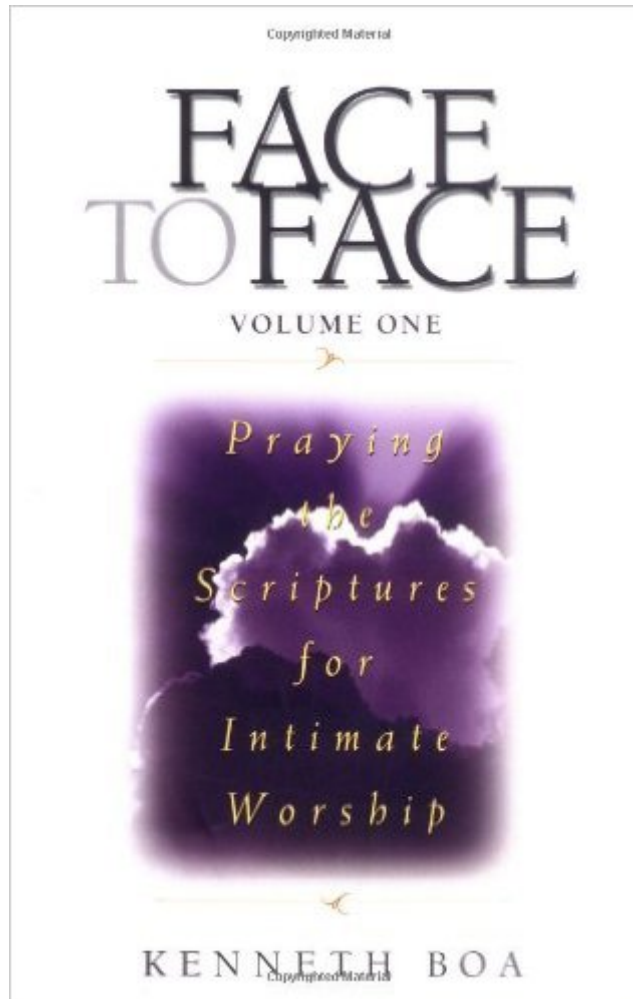


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# Face To Face: Praying The Scriptures For Intimate Worship



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Many times when we pray we don't know where to get started, what to do, many times we just want a deeper prayer life. This book will scripturally guide you through praying...not only the scriptures, but will guide you in praying for your world around you. It begins with praise and worship of Almighty God, leads you in a confession of Who He is, then guides you through personal renewal, petitions, intercession, and then a prayer of thanksgiving. One of the things I liked best about this book was that it started out with each section, declaring the Word of God, then it guides you (differently each day) to pray for your leaders one day, your family the next, that you will be a faithful steward of your time and money, for God's wisdom...the list goes on and on. Both this book and "Praying the Scriptures for Spiritual Growth" are two of the best prayer/devotional books I have ever used. If I could only keep two, these would be the two I would keep. Not only are they easy to follow, they are taken directly from the Word of God.

I have been a committed Christian for 35 years and have worked for one of the all-time great devotional writers (Selwyn Hughes of "Every Day with Jesus" fame), so I'm not easily impressed by devotional material; but this time, the hype is true! This book stands in a class by itself. It has rejuvenated and transformed my "quiet times" and, by example, has taught me how to "pray the Scriptures back to God" and turn them into affirmations in a powerful and penetrating way. If you want to look forward to your "quiet time" and don't mind it being longer simply because you're enjoying it so much, look no further. Use this book regularly and your faith and personal holiness will both grow more quickly.

This prayer book is the best all around prayer book for daily personal (or even family) use. The Scriptures are addressed back to God and arranged by category (with direction to add certain categories of requests in between the sections). This adds structure to one's prayer life and breaks the monotony of "grocery list" praying. This one is a little longer than, "Praying the Scriptures for Spiritual Growth" or the "Simple Prayers" books; in my own personal devotions, it takes me about 7 minutes per daily prayer segment. Boa has written several prayer books, all great, all solid. This is my favorite to date.

Face to Face is a wonderful tool to help you pray. Boa has assembled scripture into eight sections for each day. You pray through scripture for Adoration, Confession, Renewal, Petition, Intercession, Affirmation, Thanksgiving and Closing. It helps you focus and it gives a marvelous sense of the completeness of God's word. I do not recommend very many books but this is one that I would recommend to anyone. I have already given away 20 copies.

In the introduction to this book the author writes, "The problem with prayer is heightened by the fact that people often succumb either to the extreme of all form and no freedom, or the opposite extreme of all freedom and no form". I was pretty much in the all freedom trap and felt my time spent praying was wasted a lot of times due to my inability to get my mind in order. This book has really helped me to improve my prayer life. I really enjoyed the way the book is organized with gentle nudges at the end of each section to get you going in the right direction. My previous prayer efforts consisted of me basically free associating. Since purchasing this book I have found myself getting to my point or just finding what I want to say much faster and with much, much more clarity. I also learned work in a time to stop and listen for a change, too! Another problem I had had with my prayer style was the

pure inability to pray out loud. I'm not talking about in front of people or groups; I mean just praying out loud, alone, in my house. It was like my brain would freeze when I opened my mouth. Reading aloud the passages included in each section allowed me to let my mind get 'warmed up' and my prayer just flowed out after I finished reading a section. This isn't a Book of Prayers that you just read out loud. Rather, this is a book that lets you pray God's word back to him and then nudges you in a general direction that you fully expand on yourself. I found this book series recommended on my church's website and am very glad that I found them. Just to be clear, the book isn't a Bible replacement or a list of prayers. Face to Face is organized based off the Lord's prayer and is merely a guide to developing more meaningful prayer. I highly recommend it.

This is a very edifying prayer book! I use it all the time, and I often come across just exactly the scripture I needed for encouragement or exhortation or just deepening my understanding of God. That is the way with scripture when you read it regularly. I appreciate that the scripture is already chosen for these headings: adoration, confession, renewal, petition, intercession, affirmation, thanksgiving, and closing prayer. I frequently gift it to friends, especially those who, like myself, are sometimes short on time and need encouragement to be able to get into the Word in small, but meaningful chunks of time.

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