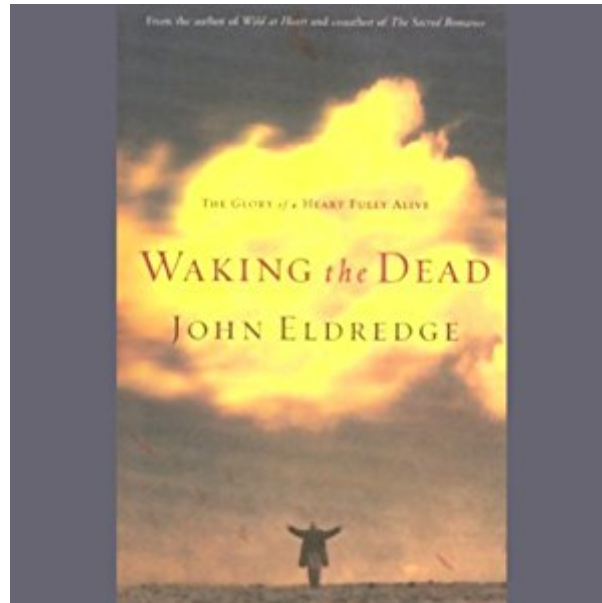


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# Waking The Dead: The Glory Of A Heart Fully Alive



## Synopsis

There is a glory to life that most people—including believers—never see. In this insightful new book, John Eldredge presents the heart as central to life. Not only is the heart essential; the heart God has ransomed is also good. Building on these foundational truths, Eldredge shows readers why real Christianity is a process of restoration, where the broken parts of our hearts are mended and the captive parts are set free. *Waking the Dead* leads listeners to understand how to live from the heart, care for their heart like the treasures of the kingdom, and give from fullness instead of emptiness. This message also shows how living from the heart can energize people to love God and others in a way they've never experienced, revealing to them life's purpose: fighting for the hearts of others.

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## Customer Reviews

I am a big fan of John Eldredge, but I can't quite give this a "Five-Star" rating. I enjoyed it, but it seemed to be a bit drawn out. It is worth a read and speaks good truth, so nothing to complain about there. Unlike many of his other books, it seemed to drag and often times repeat the same point. A good read about the true reality that we live in, and very much worth finishing. Just not the same level that many of his other books reach. I would probably give this a 4.5 star if I could. Here is how I use the Star-Rating system; 1 star = Hate the product- Don't waste your money. Trying to get a refund. 2 star = Dislike the product- would not buy it again. 3 star = Indifferent- Neither like or dislike the product. Probably not going to recommend to a friend. 4 star = Like product. Would recommend. 5 star = LOVE the product. If you want a product, buy this one!

I believe this to be Eldredge's most powerful work. It deals with the assault on the human heart by the current world system, evil and our own desperate (and failing) attempts to make it on our own. It then shows his view of the way through and out to freedom. You will either "get it" or it may not be to your liking. But if this book resonates with you it can totally change how you see life and profoundly affect your life. It did mine.

I have read Stasi & John's books before and love this as much as the others. Even though I was brought up in the church and been a Christian for a long time, I am sad to say that I have always found something was missing from the churches I was part of. I felt like we as the church were the blind leading the blind. Where was this abundant life that Jesus promised? I didn't feel I had anymore to offer to non-Christians than what the world did, except a membership to a group of people who said that after this life ended, we had tickets to heaven. And now I know why. The way John presents The Good News is revelatory and new (for us now but not for the early church): this is the Good News and what the Apostles were willing to lay down their lives for. We need to understand the times we live in and we so desperately need intimacy with the Father God. Too often new Christians are told to attend church, tithe, pray and read the bible. It is woefully inadequate. Thank you for writing a book that actually equips us and prepares us for what the reality of the Christian walk is like. It is a clarion call.

Jesus said, "I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly." That's a bold challenge but, truth be told, most Christians aren't exactly experiencing anything like the abundant life. "Waking the Dead" challenges the reader to get beyond the many barriers and distractions that keep people from realizing their identity and heritage in Christ. I myself took John's suggestion and went to a solitary place to inquire of the Lord regarding a perceived barrier I'd been unable to even identify, let alone overcome. Through this encounter the Lord, who had already forgiven me for a variety of youthful missteps, led me back into the pain of those times. He then encouraged me to forgive myself for these errors, just as He had already forgiven me. And then, He helped me understand who I was in Christ and, just like John suggested in the book, the Lord gave me a new name that reflects the person He has created me to be. John's writings have been a gift to me and to many others. "Wild At Heart" was absolutely amazing, but "Waking The Dead" is equally accessible to both men and women. This book may be his best!

This review is written by a man (using my wife's prime account): I've read 3 of Eldredge's books so far...this one, *Fathered by God*, and *Wild at Heart*. All of them are great, but they all seem to say the same thing in just a slightly different way. I also feel they are a bit repetitive throughout the book. I read this one and *Fathered by God* in a weekly men's study through my church and they always caused some great discussions and had one man exposing something deep nearly every week so there's definitely something to them. I would definitely recommend.

We have been so transformed by the patterns of this world that we do not even know what Truth looks or sounds like. John's manner of speaking breaks down these barriers. He allows us to focus in on a different Voice. A Voice that invites us into His story. A Voice that invites us to live life abundantly. And the world, our Church, we ourselves fight it down to the atomic-level. But freedom, peace, un-ending joy is what the Father has for us, in Him. Thank you.

John Eldredge has written the perfect book for fantasy-nerd Christians. Calling upon our love for the epic story -- *Lord of the Rings*, *Narnia*, *The Matrix*, etc. -- he shows us our life in Christ as part of such an epic. His point, though, is that in order for us to play the critical role our Author has written for us, we must be heart-whole. The enemy, he says, has made a point of breaking our hearts and causing us to put walls around our broken places, in order that we'll be ineffective in our role in the epic good vs. evil drama. Accordingly, Eldredge spends a good portion of the book showing us how to receive healing for our hearts from direct contact with God in Jesus Christ. This book placed me on the path to a contemplative life, one in which talking with and hearing from God is a routine part of my life in Christ ... a closeness with the Creator which I never even knew was possible, and true healing from the horrifying wounds of the past. It truly helped to bring me back to life. Highly recommend it, especially if you are a fan of the epic tale.

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