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“This is a book of simplicity, subtlety, and beauty. Weaving together memorable anecdotes with graceful prose and striking observations, Ravi Zacharias gives us Christian solutions not only for the head but also for the heart.” -- Dinesh D’Souza

“Ravi Zacharias applies his unique gifts to address whether Christianity has failed us or we have failed its Author---the Author of life---and ourselves. With fearless intellectual honesty he acknowledges shortcomings of the church, but rejects, as unbiblical, the option of ‘jettison[ing] the institution that Jesus established for the propagation of the ultimate truth about life.’ Ravi shows that a Christian’s feelings that God (or Christianity) has failed him or her are not a result of God’s abandonment, but of his or her turning away from God’s teachings and will. But to experience God’s ‘nearness,’ we must pay the cost that any relationship of love and commitment demands. To rebuild the ultimate relationship---the one for which we were created---and to find contentment and purpose in our lives, we must turn back to Jesus Christ and place our trust in him.” -- David Limbaugh

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