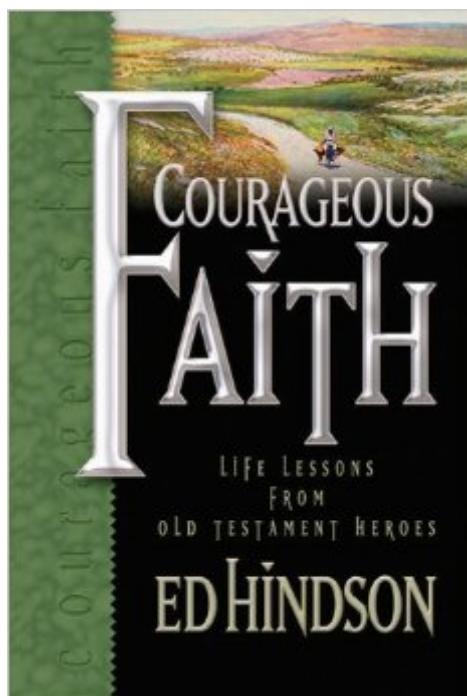


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Customer Reviews

This book is great for a new Christian or a Christian who doesn't know much about the Old Testament, which unfortunately is a large percentage of Christians nowadays. If you don't know anything about the OT, it will help you get the big picture of what's going on. However, I was disappointed with it overall. It was required reading for a college Bible class and it was really easy to read - a little too easy for my preference or expectation for a college level class. The main thing I didn't like about it is exactly what another reviewer stated: it takes too many liberties with the stories. In trying to summarize and tell the story in today's vernacular, the author creates dialogue that could have taken place, but the Bible never states that it does. If you don't know the stories, you won't realize that's what's happening, but if you do know the Scriptural accounts well, the book leaves you saying, "Wait a minute, I don't recall this person saying/doing/thinking that!" It just left me a bit uncomfortable.

This book takes an easy to understand look at several key characters of the Old Testament and applies lessons from their lives to ours today. It addresses different areas of life, so some are more applicable than others, given where you're at personally. The one criticism I had to this book was its decidedly patriarchal theology. It is written from the view of male leadership being ideal. The clearest example of this was the assessment of the story of Deborah in the book of Judges. This story, according to the book, shows us that the male leadership in Israel was so anemic that God needed to have a woman fill the role. All told, though, a good applicational look at OT characters.

I can't imagine how difficult it is to write a book, but this book was not what I hoped it would be. I frequently teach adult Sunday School and I had high expectations that this book would allow me to teach a series of Sunday School lessons without the amount of background work that I often do for a class in addition to such books. However, I was disappointed. This book just did not come through as I hoped. It just is not sufficient for my lessons. I gave up on this book and went back to old fashion work with my Bible and commentaries. I do not recommend this book for adult Sunday School teachers.

I had to read this book for an online course I took. I truly loved reading it. Dr. Hindson is so funny and his humor brings the biblical text to life for me. I also find it very encouraging to reread when I'm going through a difficult to be reminded of the perfect Father and His perfect plans. This book provides much hope and joy!

This is a very elemental work. Did not contain the historical detail I was expecting based on the description of the work. This would be OK for a Sunday School study but don't expect an in depth discussion of characters or events.

This was a required textbook for an Old Testament Survey class I took. Hindson has a way of bringing the OT characters to life and giving you some insight into the more personal aspects of Bible characters. He is very good at helping you to apply biblical stories to your life. The book is enjoyable and easy to read. I would recommend it for someone teaching a teen or adult sunday school class. It would make a great guide and offers good discussion points at the end of each chapter. To help you I would also recommend watching Hindson's lectures on Old Testament Survey in iTunes University, they coincide with this book. He is insightful and very entertaining. You'll find yourself laughing and taking notes at the same time. If you are an intermediate to advanced student you probably wouldn't gain much from the book but still may enjoy the read.

I purchased this book for a class. As for most of the books I purchased for this particular school, I found myself not really agreeing with what they were saying. This book on-the-other-hand, was really good. It is a small book, but it really puts the "Life Lessons from the Old Testament Heroes" out there.

I had to read this book in an Old Testament class I was taking. Reading the back I had hoped for substance, depth and thought provoking commentary on the "heroes" within the pages. What is presented, however, is a heretical self-help book that treats the figures within book as though they never did wrong; stained glass saints without blemish. Doctor Hindson's heretical teachings takes liberties with the patriarchs and prophets by supposing he knew what they were thinking or filling in the "gaps" of scripture with what he thinks happened. Add to that the very elementary way the book was written and I felt my intelligence insulted more often than not. If this had been given to a junior high Sunday school group it would have fit well. This book has no place being used as learning material on the College level.

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