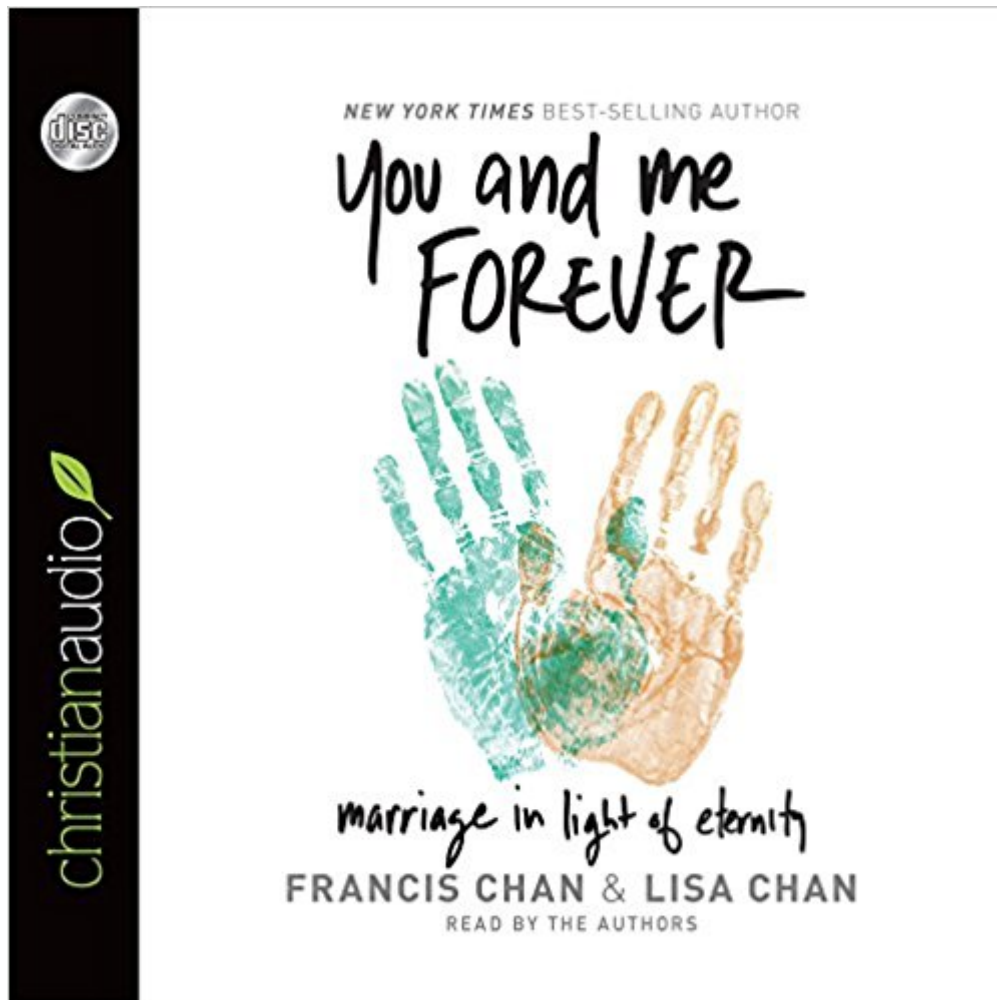




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You And Me Forever: Marriage In Light Of Eternity



Synopsis

Marriage is great, but it's not forever. It's until death do us part. Then come eternal rewards or regrets depending on how we spent our lives. In his latest book, Francis Chan joins together with his wife Lisa to address the question many couples wonder at the altar: "How do I have a healthy marriage?" Setting aside typical topics on marriage, Francis and Lisa dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls. In the same way *Crazy Love* changed the way we saw our personal relationship with God, *You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity* will radically shift the way we see one of the most important relationships in our life. Jesus was right. We have it all backwards. The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage. Whether you are single, dating or married, *You and Me Forever* will help you discover the adventure that you were made for and learn how to thrive in it. 100% of the net profits from *You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity* will go towards providing food, shelter and rehabilitation for thousands of orphaned children and exploited women in partnership with global charities.

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Customer Reviews

Francis Chan is the best-selling author of *Crazy Love*, *Forgotten God*, *Erasing Hell*, and *Multiply*. Currently, Francis is planting churches in the San Francisco area and recently launched a countrywide discipleship movement called *Multiply*. Lisa Chan is a speaker and host of the *True Beauty* series. Together, Francis and Lisa have five amazing children and reside in Northern California.

You And Me Forever by Francis and Lisa Chan is the best kind of bait-and-switch. It looks like a marriage book, and it sounds like a marriage book, but it's not REALLY a book on marriage. It's really a book about having the eternal view of every aspect of life, including marriage and parenting. It's a book about seeking first the Kingdom of God and everything else, including a healthy marriage, flowing from that. And it's about seeing everything you have, including your marriage, as something to be used for the mission of God in this world. I estimate only about 25% of this book directly addresses marriage and marriage issues. I'm reluctant to let that cat out of the bag, because the best-case scenario would be someone beginning this book with their guard down, expecting some "tried-and-true marriage tips," and getting creamed unawares by the Chans' amazing vision of living a life focused on God and His mission. This book rocked me like none I've read in a long time. It's unquestionably the best book I've read all year, and the best marriage book I've ever read if it indeed qualifies as a marriage book. This book is a manifesto of daily discipleship, in light of eternity. It was simultaneously water for my parched soul, and painful, jolting stab of conviction to my heart. This is a book for married people, single people, people with kids, and people without them. The American church desperately needs the message of this book. Francis and Lisa Chan do an excellent job of narrating the book. At first I found the narration a little dry. However, as the book goes on, both of them speak with deep conviction and seriousness, practically pleading with the listener to repent of their small view of God and His mission. It's prophetic stuff, and I'm so glad they narrated it themselves. Highly, highly recommended. Please Note: This audiobook was gifted as a part of the Christianaudio Reviewers Program in exchange for my unbiased review of this work. This has in no way influenced my opinion or review of this work. More information can be found about this and other Christian audiobooks at christianaudio.com.

One of my friends gave this book to me as an engagement present. I bought another as my now husband and I decided to do this as our first study together as a married couple. We wanted 2 books so we could highlight our own books. We are on week 5 and absolutely love this study. Our relationship has been Christ-centered since the beginning so this book is confirmation of our desires of putting God first and offers us scriptures to support it, as well as further suggestions on how to not only view a God first marriages, but how to go out and do God's work together. This book makes

a great gift to yourself or others. My friend who gifted us this book did the study herself after her divorce years ago and plans to do it again with her fiancé.

An eternal perspective on marriage that is often neglected in Christian books. My wife and I read it together for our couple devotional time for a while. Ran across a couple of areas where I would have a doctrinal disagreement, but still a valuable work from the Chans. I do think more is needed to help couples with specific issues, so some of the other books on marriage would be helpful to supplement the important concepts presented here. Subjects of communication, sex, money, and other issues do need to be addressed in practical ways. But this book addresses what are truly the most important things about marriage, and need to be the basis on which all issues should be viewed. Thanks, Francis and Lisa for these reminders.

I recently read the book, *You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity* by Francis and Lisa Chan. Out of all the books I have read in 2015, it has by far been the best and most convicting to me. I am single but I try to read books on marriage from couples that I respect because I find that I can still learn from them and it is good preparation for the future if God does call me to be married. However, this was unlike any other marriage book I have read in the fact that it was less about marriage and more about one's relationship with Christ. That being said, this book is not just for those who are married. It is for married people, single people, those with kids, and those without kids. For anyone who wants to grow in their relationship with Christ and increase their eternal perspective this book is for you. By the end of the first chapter I was hooked and already challenged in my own relationship with the Lord. The book encourages those who are married to live in such a way that they would bring their spouses and children closer to Christ each day. The lifestyle that Francis and Lisa write about is not a comfortable one, and they speak truth that is not easy for others to hear but is crucial for Eternity. Francis writes, "People accuse me of going overboard in preparing for my first ten million years in eternity. In my opinion, people go overboard in worrying about their last ten years on earth." He also makes the point that most problems couples encounter are not marriage problems, but God problems. This principle isn't just for folks who are married but for everyone. Chan states, "Again, our marriage problems are not really marriage problems. They are heart problems. They are God problems. Our lack of intimacy with God causes a void that we try to fill with the frailest of substitutes. Like wealth or pleasure. Like fame or respect. Like people. Like marriage." This was such a good reminder for

me. It is so easy to get consumed with the relationships or material things we have. These things are not bad but the problems begin when we put them before our relationship with Christ. He goes on to say, “Eternal-mindedness keeps us from silly arguments.

There’s no time to fight. We have better things to pursue than our interests. Too much is at stake! God created us for a purpose. We can’t afford to waste our lives. We can’t afford to waste our marriage by merely pursuing our own happiness. Each chapter of the book has one goal in mind and that is to bring the reader closer to the Savior. I would recommend that you add this to your reading list if you have not already. This would also be a great book to read together with your spouse or to read and discuss with a small group whether it be a group of singles or other married couples. However, be prepared to grow in your relationship with Jesus and ready to be taken out of your comfort zone. It may be hard but will be worth it. Also, 100% of the net proceeds from this book will support various ministries including those that help provide shelter and rehabilitation for thousands of children and exploited women around the world. :)

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