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Reigning in His Power
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Four Stars (out of Five)

Faith is more than memorizing key passages from the Bible, attending church on a weekly basis, or praying before bed. Instead, understanding the power of the Holy Spirit implies that one must incorporate various ideas of faith into one's day-to-day life. *Reigning in His Power* pushes readers to deepen their sense of faith. Here, readers are asked to perfect their senses so that they can fully discover God's messages and power.

Reigning in His Power helps the reader see that God is everywhere. To comprehend the full power of faith, one has to understand not only the consequences of his or her actions but also the purpose and power of dreams, visions, and signs. In her book, Jane Boston writes how dreams can "bring us cautions, reminders of good judgment, and the assurance of God's love." Understanding how God communicates allows believers to groom their heart and mind for what's to come. This is a chance to find affirmation and to learn key lessons in a new and profound manner.

Boston pushes readers to apply the book's lessons to their lives. Each chapter ends with a review and introspection. Here, key questions are posed to push people to think about how to incorporate God's lessons into their daily routines. For example, at the end of chapter six, Boston asks, "Instead of judging others, according to Galatians 6:1, what should we do if we see someone we love go astray?" These hard-hitting questions are sure to make readers of all ages and backgrounds think. Thus, faith is reinforced.

The questions at the end of the chapters urge the reader to journal and think about his or her own approach to faith, life, and love. The short anecdotes about believers and their lessons are interesting. Sample scenarios posed to the reader may have pushed this book's lessons even further. This would have merged the important lessons and anecdotes about faith with the rich discussion questions.

Faith is not passive. Instead, it involves active engagement with the world. The minimum work of faith would be to accept Jesus as one's savior, but the maximum or most profound step is to share love and faith so that loved ones can truly feel the power of God. Boston asks the reader not just to work for salvation but for humanity itself. This helps the reader understand that faith is as much about community as it is about God. By the end of this book, the reader will no doubt understand the power of God, enabling them to make life changes for others to see and emulate.

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