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Book Reviews



Getty, K., & Getty, K. *Sing! How worship transforms your life, family, and church*. Nashville: B&H Publishing Group. 149 pp. \$12.99. ISBN 9781462742660

Keith and Kristyn Getty are well-known modern hymn and worship song writers, worship leaders, and music artists. The Getty's book, *Sing! How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family, and Church* has a goal of teaching that believers are created, commanded, and compelled to sing with their hearts and minds, with their families, and with their local churches, thus giving a radical witness to the world about what we believe and in whom we believe. One of the first statements in the book sets the stage for the rest of the book when they say, "We are all singers. We may not all be very good singers, but we are all created to be singers nonetheless" (p. 1).

Throughout this short, easy-to-read book, the Gettys show how scripture teaches the importance and necessity of congregational singing. This is not a book that teaches one style of music over another for worship, nor is it a book that teaches techniques in leading worship. As Mike Harland, director of LifeWay Worship Resources says in his endorsement for the book, "Somewhere along the way, it seems the Western church began to believe that singing was for singers. With this book, the Gettys have brought us back to the essential truth that singing is for believers."

Did this book teach me, encourage me, motivate me to sing privately, with my family, and in worship with fellow believers? Yes, yes, and yes again! As I read this book, I found myself with tears running down my cheeks with the truths taught. I caught myself wanting to shout "Amen!" in the break room. This book will be a welcome edition in every Christian college, university, and seminary. This book will also be well received by lay people as they discover it in their local public libraries. Music is dividing our churches and our families. This book has the potential to bring unity and healing to the church for God's glory.

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