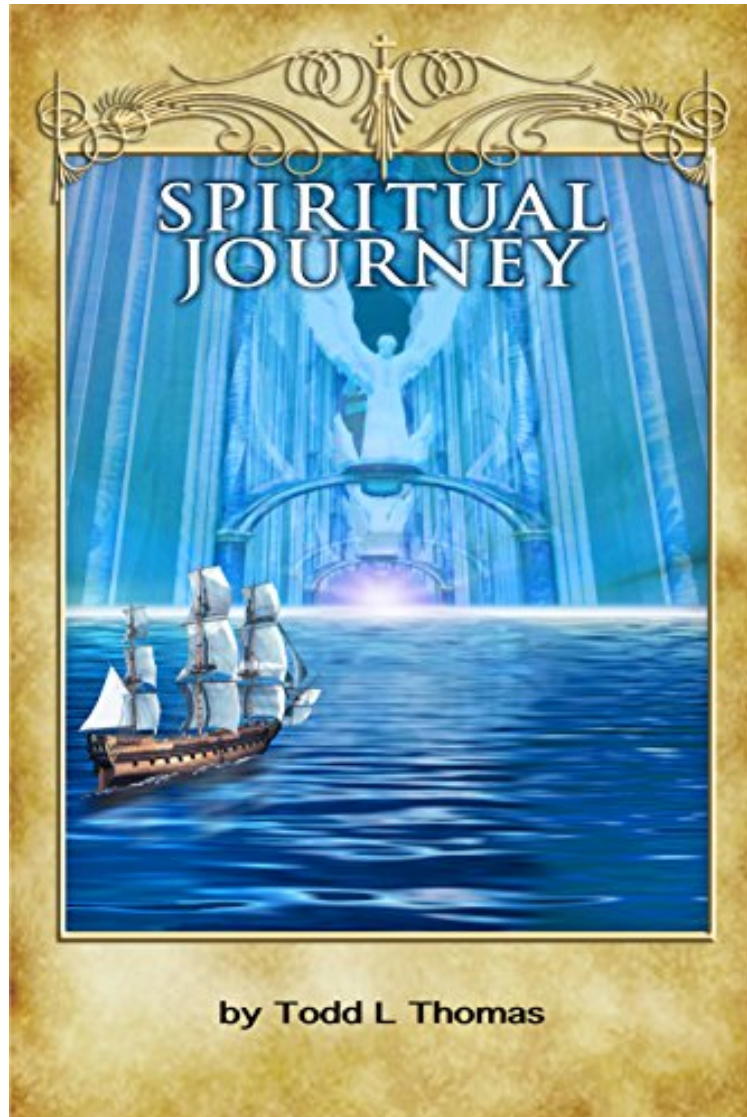


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Attractive medley of wisdom, passion and testimonyVon EirienThe first two-thirds of this book contain a collection of reflections that give the impression of a modern-day Solomon sharing his nuggets of God-given wisdom, a kind of New Testament Proverbs combining spiritual insights, advice and wisdom sayings with intimate, passionate love poetry in some ways reminiscent of the Metaphysical Poets.The topics centre around intimacy with God, God's

unconditional love for us, the countless facets of the unfathomable mystery of what Jesus did for us on the cross, how the church is to reflect the character of its Head instead of being bound to prejudice and religion, a cry for the unity of the church as the body of Christ, our identity in Jesus, our privileges as God's children and our high calling as the Bride of Christ. These insights are presented in a language appealing to post-modern readers, direct, fresh, vital, interspersed with humorous touches, sometimes tongue-in-cheek, using illustrations and metaphors from post-modern life as well as imagery from nature and everyday life that is already found in the Bible but cleverly elaborated by the author. This is very reminiscent of the way Jesus taught through parables. The parts I personally like best, however, are the passages where the language rises to lyrical heights, verging on poetry, the extended metaphors, intensity and magnitude of the language and the passionate fire of the emotions expressed reminiscent of my favourite poets, the Metaphysicals. These are beautiful jewels of love declarations from the depths of the heart of the Bride, outpourings of a soul overwhelmed by God's love and passionately in love with their Saviour. To sum up, I consider the vast majority of these quotes a valuable tool for God to help wash Jesus' Bride in the truth of His Word (cf. Eph. 5:26), broken down into small attractive chunks for a daily feast appealing to people of various levels of spiritual maturity and various social and cultural backgrounds, to encourage the weary and fan embers into flame again. The last third of the book contains the author's personal testimony, the story of his life so far, seen in retrospect from a spiritual vantage point. It is a story of suffering and redemption that contains many unexpected twists and turns and clearly displays the sovereign hand of the merciful, loving, wonder-working God, the One who redeemed His people out of slavery and parted the Red Sea to lead them into freedom unto Himself, cutting off their enemies and closing the door to any pursuit from their former foes, the One who sent His son to die on behalf of His beloved, to take upon Himself their sins and burdens and give them His victory instead, the God who faithfully intervenes to save His people in every age in His perfect timing (even if to them it feels as if they have to wait for it a very long time) and proceeds to turn their very pain into purpose for His glory. I do not want to give away too much of this gripping story, I only want to hint at a few appetizers, such as the elaborate visions in which God chose and chooses to reveal Himself to this artist, or the parallels to Biblical episodes which quite intrigued me, for instance encounters comparable to Jacob's wrestle with the angel (p. 79) or Paul's and Silas' experience in prison when their praise was answered by the manifest presence of the Lord (p. 88). All in all this book emanates a confidence that is completely God-centered and therefore cannot be shaken, propagating throughout the importance of a surrendered life that becomes fruitful for God by being constantly focused on our First Love. Thus both the book and its author can be seen as an example for a truth quoted here with the author's own words: A lover of God cannot help but reflect the image and nature of God. (p. 13).

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