

Review: Here in Spirit

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[Here in Spirit](#)

By Jonathan Dodson (IVP)

“He’s not given nearly enough press.” This statement about the Holy Spirit is the driving focus of Jonathan Dodson’s new book, [Here In Spirit](#), in which he emphasizes the role of the Spirit in the everyday lives of Christians.



Dodson, founding pastor of City Life Church in Austin, does a great job in writing an accessible book that can be understood by anyone picking it up. [Here In Spirit](#) is full of encouragement to see the Holy Spirit less as a spiritual force and more as a person to relate to and seek after.

Dodson does not dive into a heady theology about the nature or gifts of the Holy Spirit, but he does give several examples from his own experience as to what a life dependent on the Holy Spirit looks like. That is Dodson’s stated aim in writing this book. There is no interest in helping readers navigate controversial teachings that surround a focus on the Holy Spirit but rather an intentionality to help the reader pray, suffer, worship and

rejoice in the work of the Holy Spirit.

With a large number of pop culture references, everything from Arcade Fire lyrics to [Ready Player One](#), this book is valuable for those seeking a light-hearted and non-confrontational read that still challenges them to be more aware of what the Holy Spirit is doing in and around them.

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