



Book Reviewed – Compelled by Love

Author – Heidi Baker with Shara Pradhan

What's it about – How to change the world through the simple power of LOVE IN ACTION.

What others have said about 'Compelled by love':

Compelled by Love is an epistle of love lived out by people whose gazes are fixed on Jesus. Read, weep, and let your heart be changed! - James W and Michal Ann Goll, Authors and founders of Encounters Network and Compassion Acts Ministries

Be prepared to have a 'heart examination' performed by the Holy Spirit.

- Randy Clark, Founder, Global Awakening Ministries.

Back of the book says:

In Compelled by Love, Heidi Baker gives you a glimpse of total dependence and authentic Christian community by taking a fresh look at the Beatitudes.

In the war-torn, poverty-stricken country of Mozambique, she and her husband have experienced God's miraculous provisions and witnessed the transformed hearts of people caught in desperate life-or-death situations. Join them and discover the reality of God's kingdom here on Earth.

- For anyone wondering if they could truly live a life of radical love...
- For anyone wondering if the Beatitudes mean anything...
- For anyone wondering how to follow Jesus all the way...

Impacting quotes and comments that caused me to stop and reflect:

'Wherever you are, God wants to show you the blind, the sick, the dying, the lame, and the desperate who are all around you. In the grocery store, in the mall, in the post office, and everywhere there are people who are hungry, poor, naked, and blind to the things of God, He wants to release radical acts of loving-kindness through you. He wants to give you spiritual eyes to see them in the spiritual realm.' - Heidi Baker

'Today it is very fashionable to talk about the poor. Unfortunately, it is not fashionable to talk with them.'- Ibid

'We must acknowledge that all suffering is valid pain. The suffering in rich nations is loneliness. The suffering in rich nations is internal psychological pain. It is extremely relevant; it is deep. People feel it, and it is just as real as a bloated belly, people starving, or disease and death. If we are to be Jesus' hands and feet, we need to care about the needs of others – internally and externally. The currency of love in the West is not always money, but it is always time and compassion.

- Heidi Baker

My reflections:

Compelled by Love, based on the Beatitudes, brings a different perspective to Jesus' sermon and challenges us to consider what it would look like if we choose to live it out.

There is no doubt that Heidi Baker has a special calling on her life and in Compelled by love she shares with us and indeed, in the words of her husband Roland, gives us 'a real-life example of Jesus living in someone to such an extent that I would be inspired and motivated to consider living the Sermon as not only realistic but also the only viable way to approach life and ministry in the Lord.'

Heidi shares with us her journey of learning (sometimes the hard way) to live a life fully surrendered to God

Compelled by Love celebrates and gives clarity to the 'fullness of life' that God offers and intends for us. Heidi takes us on a journey of raw, real-life compassion and love in action.

I found this book inspiring, confronting, challenging, exciting, refreshing and so much more, my comment upon finishing was 'I think that's the best book I've ever read.' My comment relates very much to where I'm at in my walk with God, I don't want to live an average life but instead desire to live in obedience and abandonment to God, whatever the circumstances.

If you're looking for a book that demonstrates what it means to be; living a life totally surrendered to God; God's love and grace to a broken world; humble; teachable; willing to step out in faith and trusting God for everything, then I encourage you to get a hold of a copy of 'Compelled by Love' and read it for yourself.

If you're like me and, upon completion, think 'I'll have what she's having' then the good news is – WE CAN! God is just waiting for us to say YES! Yes Lord, I want to live life abundantly in the fullness of your spirit, please show me how. I can assure you it will be the most liberating prayer (next to accepting Jesus as Lord) you have ever prayed.

By Helen Dwyer