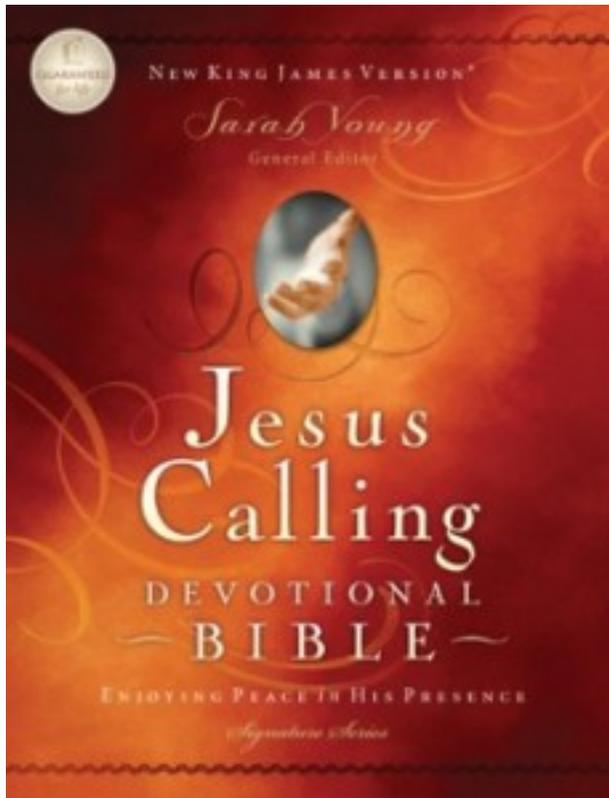


Jesus Calling Devotional "Bible" mixes false Jesus with pure Scripture



How does this work: God's inerrant, sufficient Word of Truth, now infused with extra-biblical revelation and a voice that tells you he is Jesus speaking new words of comfort into your itching ears? What about Revelation 22:18, telling us this ought not to be done?

I originally wrote this in 2014, and am reposting it now so that it remains a resource for Bereans wondering why it is an atrocity to God, who warns us not to do what Sarah Young and Thomas Nelson Publishing have done:

I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book....

Thanks to the multi-million dollar Jesus Calling product line, you can cuddle up with a syncretized blend of heresy with God's breathed-out Word. First adorning Christian bookstore and church library shelves in 2011, Publisher Thomas Nelson calls this "part of the *Signature Series* line of Thomas Nelson Bibles, and describes this atrocity here:

The *Jesus Calling Devotional Bible* puts readers in touch with God and His answers for their life situations. Missionary Sarah Young had been journaling her prayers for years when she began "listening" for what Jesus was saying to her within the words of Scripture. In this Bible, 260 scenarios pose life struggles to which Sarah Young gives answers from her Savior—words that Jesus has lovingly laid on her heart—words that have comforted and inspired Sarah and many others around the world.

There's even a cute video, that invites viewers to, "open the door to a meaningful dialog with Jesus Christ our Lord."

So what did they add to this "Bible?"

- 260 prayers with devotions by author Sarah Young
- Hundreds of inspiring scriptures highlighted throughout the text
- New King James Version® (NKJV) in paragraph format
- Index to devotions
- Two-color text
- Presentation page
- Ribbon marker

[Source](#)

Snippets from the inside suggest that cannon is NOT closed, and that Jesus is still talking to you outside of Scripture, just like Sarah Young claims He has been doing with her for years:

What has made the difference? The practice of listening to Jesus and letting Him speak to me. This practice has done more to increase my intimacy with Him than any other spiritual discipline. And the words of assurance and instruction that He has “spoken” to me over the years are what I have shared in my devotional books.

Jesus—the Living Word—can speak to you directly through *His* Word, just as He has done for me. I hope the extrabiblical material in this *Jesus Calling Devotional Bible*, which includes more than 250 of my writings, will help attune the ears of your heart to His truths. To aid in this pursuit, each of my devotionals (which appear on right-hand pages at regular intervals throughout this Bible) was written from Jesus’ point of view—as if He were speaking directly to *you*. So the first person singular (I, Me, My) always refers to Christ, and “you” refers to you, the reader. I have also included Scripture references after each of the messages. I trust that you will take time to look up those passages in this Bible—and listen to whatever Jesus may be saying to you through His Spirit.

Then there is this:

Since my writings are rooted in the infallible, unchanging Word of God, having them appear alongside the biblical text would seem to be a natural place for them. It is an honor to have devotionals from two of my books, *Jesus Calling* and *Jesus Lives*, included in this volume. May my written words, along with those of the writers who contributed the personalized prayers, draw you closer to *the* Word, the One who is calling out to you even now: Jesus, Immanuel—*God with us*.

Sarah Young
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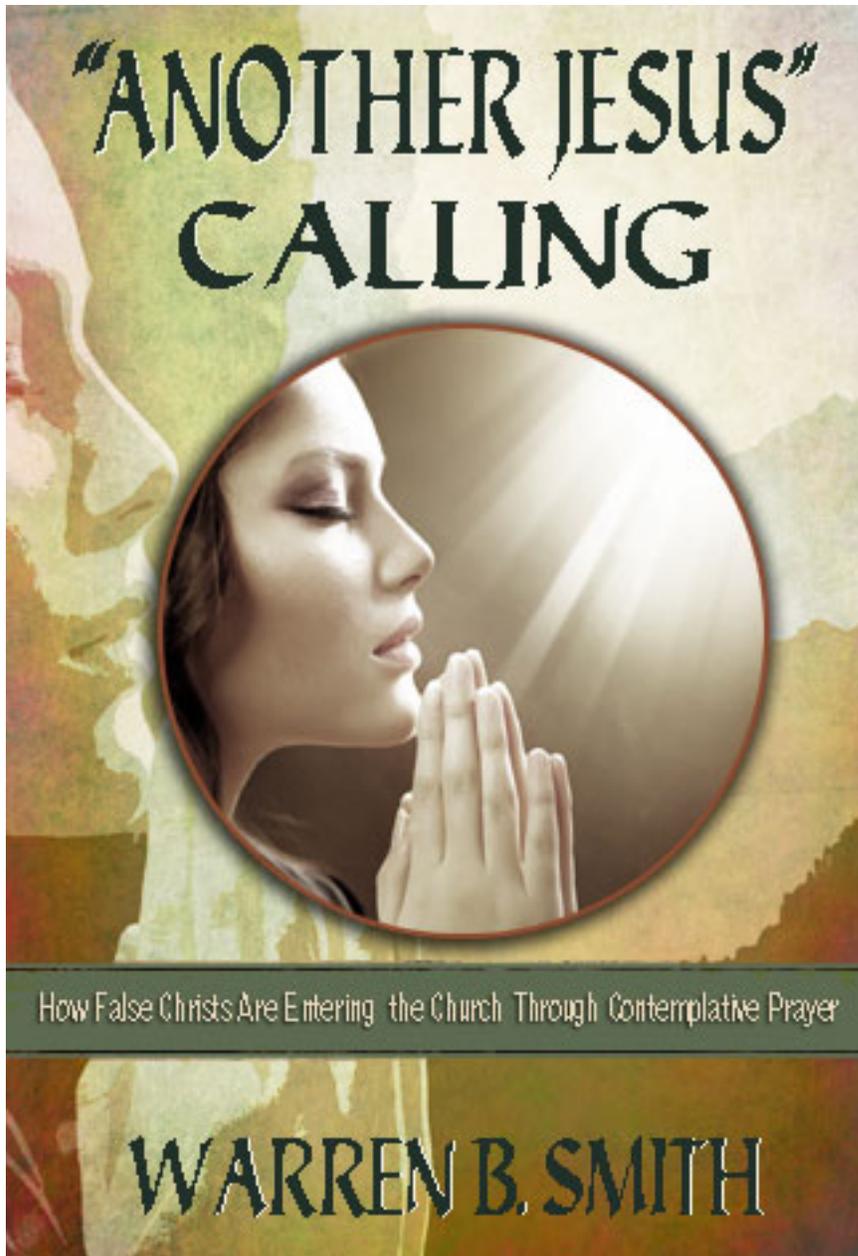
What does this "Jesus" of the Jesus Calling Bible have to say?

WHEN YOU'RE FEELING SAD, I WANT YOU TO ANTICIPATE FEELING JOYFUL AGAIN. This takes the sting out of your sorrow, because you know it is only temporary. Sadness tends to duplicate itself along the timeline—convincing you that you will always be unhappy. But that is a lie! I urge you to turn away from the lie, choosing rather to trust Me and all I have promised you. The truth is, *all* My children have infinite Joy ahead of them: reserved in heaven, guaranteed throughout eternity! *No one can take this away from you.*

...and:

You have tucked into your memory many experiences of My unparalleled Love. I want you to dwell on these memories: Enjoy them over and over again! This practice will help convince your doubting heart that My extraordinary Love is really yours—every nanosecond of this life and throughout eternity.

Clearly, this "Jesus" calling is the wrong number. Let's make sure we're dwelling in the real deal: God's Word alone. It is our authority. Sola Scriptura!



Be sure to read Warren B. Smith's new book, [***Another Jesus Calling: How False Christs are Entering the Church through Contemplative Prayer***](#), to find out what this false christ says to the author that points to a very different Gospel and a different Jesus. Related articles

- [Nine Million Reasons to Read Another Jesus Calling](#) (steakandabible.com)
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