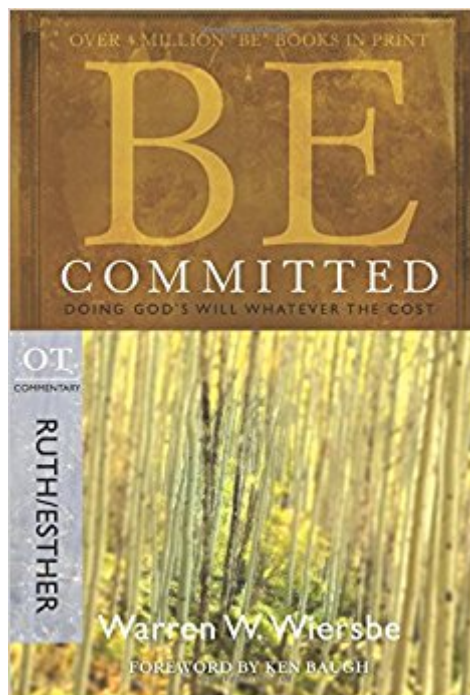




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Be Committed (Ruth & Esther): Doing God's Will Whatever The Cost (The BE Series Commentary)



Synopsis

One was a foreigner and a peasant. The other, a reluctant queen to a man she hardly knew. But their stories have one thing in common: A remarkable faith committed to doing God's will. For both Ruth and Esther, God used stressful circumstances to bring about his eternal purposes. Ruth's commitment to the God of Naomi affected every generation to come, as she became an ancestor of King David and more importantly, Jesus Christ. Esther's obedience led to the preservation of her people at a moment in history when all seemed lost. The stories of Ruth and Esther will make you contemplate: Would I trust God enough to do what they did? Go chapter by chapter through the books of Ruth and Esther to see how the lives of these two remarkable women epitomize the type of faith that glorifies God. As you read, ask yourself: How does God want to use my faithful commitment? Will he use your life to affect the generations to come, or will he use your life to impact the current generation? Either way, author Warren Wiersbe helps you to be prepared and be committed to God's will no matter what the cost.

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Customer Reviews

Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe is an internationally known Bible teacher and the former pastor of three churches, including the Moody Church in Chicago. For ten years he served as general director and Bible teacher for the Back to the Bible radio broadcast. Dr. Wiersbe has written more than 150 books, including the popular "Be" series of expositional Bible studies, which has sold more than four

million copies. In 2002, he was awarded the Jordon Lifetime Achievement Award by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association. He and his wife, Betty, live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Ruth and Esther are the only books in the Bible named after women. Both were extraordinary people of great faith and courage – “history makers, world changers, role models. Both began their stories as nobodies. Both were faithful and loyal. Both were divinely promoted. Throughout their stories, you can trace the hand of God as He works behind the scenes to accomplish His plan. Warren Wiersbe has the uncanny ability to put you smack dab in the middle of a Bible story as if you were one of the characters: you feel what they felt, understand their motives, and gain new insights for how to live your own life. Though I was very familiar with the stories of Ruth and Esther, I felt as if I were reading them for the very first time. I sympathized with their plights, captivated by their circumstances. It was like discovering a new world, as if I were putting on 3D glasses and experiencing an old, favorite movie for the first time again. This book and all of the books in the “Be Committed” series work well for personal devotions or in a discussion group. There are several questions at the end of each chapter to get the conversation started.

Ruth and Esther are two of my favorite books and characters in the Bible. I appreciated having the commentaries on both in the same book with one theme. Both women were totally committed to doing God’s will, and both were important to the arrival of the Messiah. Ruth was an ancestor of Jesus, and Esther’s actions to save the Jews meant God’s people were still there for the Messiah to be born. Although I’ve done several Bible studies on Ruth and read both books many times, I learned some things from this commentary. However, in a few places I felt the author went off on a tangent--such as a lengthy discussion of the evils of drinking. I’m not convinced of every point the author made, but the book kept me completely engrossed and made me vow to be as committed to God as these two women of the Bible were.

Warren Wiersbe is one of my very favorite authors, Christian and otherwise. His studies always present a new perspective on a topic or a Scripture. Be Committed (Ruth and Esther), is no exception. Wiersbe opens up the text and shines a light not only the women Ruth and Esther, but also on the social morals of the times, including the place of women in Biblical culture. In Ruth, we see personal transformation. In Esther, it’s social transformation. Because of Wiersbe, I’ve gained a new and expanded understanding of commitment and living a life of purpose. Be Committed earns 5 stars. Make sure to have a Bible handy as this is a study that references and explains Ruth and

Esther.

Not what I would expect from Wiersbe. Full of personal opinions and totally off the wall remarks. As an example (in Esther) he goes off on a discussion about the evils of drinking. Then he determines what he thinks to be the Lord's teaching about drinking. In Ruth he makes determinations that in my opinion needed more thought and cultural research.

Dr. Wiersbe's commentaries are always helpful. I was preparing a Valentine's Day chapel message for the Christian school where I teach and needed some insight on the relationship between Ruth and Boaz. This commentary was used in preparing that message.

Love the detail and background information that goes into writing this series. I have gained such a greater perspective of these two books in the Bible. Any woman or man can benefit from reading Be Committed!

In looking for a Bible study text to offer this fall one of our ladies offered her suggestion of Be Committed by Warren Wiersbe. Before I could finish her copy, I ordered my own so I might make personal notes as I was reading. There is so much helpful information I wanted to come back to. This is an insightful, realistic look at faithfulness when life's circumstances are quite difficult. Both Ruth and Esther as women of their era stood firm in their faith in the face of an unknown future; Esther knowing full well her choice of action might mean her death (could we do the same today if needed?). I feel this study is applicable in the present situation we find the world in today. We are called to be faithful and this book is uplifting and encourages us to step out in boldness and put our trust in Christ, not humanity.

Good read. Great author. Thank you for excellent service, .

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