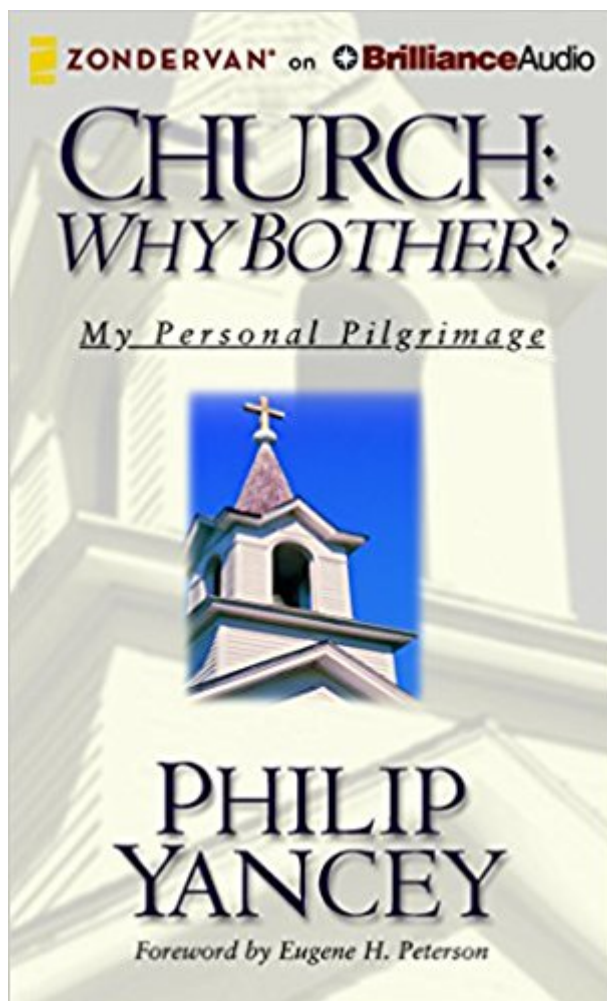


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# Church: Why Bother?



## Synopsis

Insights from Philip Yancey's personal pilgrimage away from and back to the church. Why are there so many more professing Christians than churchgoing Christians? Is it because something is wrong with the church? In his candid, thought-provoking manner, award-winning author Philip Yancey reveals the reasons behind his own journey back from skepticism to wholehearted participation in the church, and weighs the church's human failings against its compelling worth as the body of Christ. Yancey does not whitewash the church's faults, rather he sets them against the overwhelming balance of its strengths: its heart for God, its care for the hurting, its outreach to the lost, and its value as family and community.

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Philip Yancey asks the question that haunts many believers: Why should I bother with the church? From growing up in rural Georgia in a fundamentalist church to his experience at LaSalle Street Church in inner city Chicago, Philip reflects on the church, his own perceptions of it, and the various metaphors the Bible uses to describe it. Yancey's own early church experience set his faith back by many years. In *Church: Why Bother?* he offers us a glimpse of his pilgrimage back to faith and to the church as a place of real community and spiritual vitality. This honest and insightful book will help you explore your questions about the place of the church in the life of faith and how to find spiritual connection and community. --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

Philip Yancey serves as editor at Large for Christianity Today magazine. His books *The Jesus I*

Never Knew and What's So Amazing About Grace? were national best-sellers appearing on both the Publisher's Weekly and ECPA lists. Both books also won the Gold Medallion Book of the Year Award. Yancey has written eight Gold Medallion Award-winning books, including Where Is God When it Hurts? Disappointment with God, and The Gift of Pain. He co-edited The Student Bible, which also won a Gold Medallion Award. He and his wife live in Colorado. --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

I love Yancey writing and this book is no exception. I am a believer and church sometimes seems so useless. He gives excellent reasons for church attendance. However finding the right group is not easy, but there can be rewards in attendance. The book is well worth reading. It will make you think.

Yancey challenges one to look at the circumstances surrounding in order to grow the church with involvement not in perfection but in reality all that is God working in you.

Philip Yancey is the best Christian writer of our time...I have never read any thing by him that hasn't made me stop and think...

I'm not sure what to say here except Philip Yancey hit right on the head what I needed to hear so I could repeat it to others and just for myself. Church: Why Bother? is a must read for people who question why they should go to church. As always Philip Yancey puts things into perspective the way I need to hear it. Philip Yancey if you read this review I just want you to know how much I appreciate your writing.

This is an interesting book. Many who grew up attending different denominations and drifted away can relate to the subject matter. The going back or finding a NEW place for your spritual growth or home, I believe is a question all of us have question or struggled with at one time or another.

Interesting read. Suggested it to my pastor.

I enjoyed reading this book, though I am not sure I still got to the depth I was looking for after reading it. Even still I would recommend it and will probably read it again. I thoroughly enjoy this author...it's like have a conversation with someone while reading his books. He doesn't talk 'over'

you but brings points that make you stop and ponder the Word, your understanding of them. Very good as a whole.

I have to admit, I read Church: Why Bother looking for more ways to criticize the church. Instead, I came away with a renewed love for God's church by seeing into true purpose in this fantastic book. We are not perfect, but we may be the only chance someone has to know about God.

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