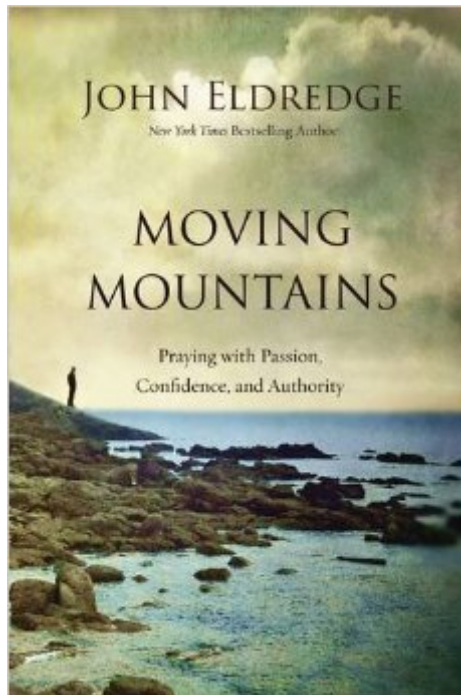


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# Moving Mountains: Praying With Passion, Confidence, And Authority



## Synopsis

Why Some Prayers Work, Why Some Don't, and How You and God Can Change Things for Good How would it feel to enter into prayer with confidence and assurance—certain that God heard you and that your prayers would make a difference? It would likely feel amazing and unfamiliar. That's because often our prayers seem to be met with silence or don't appear to change anything. Either response can lead to disappointment or even despair in the face of our ongoing battles and unmet longings—especially when we don't know if we're doing something wrong or if some prayers just don't work. New York Times bestselling author John Eldredge confronts these issues directly in *Moving Mountains* by offering a hopeful approach to prayer that is effective, relational, and rarely experienced by most Christians. In a world filled with danger, adventure, and wonder, we have at our disposal prayers that can transform the events and issues that matter most to us and to God. *Moving Mountains* shows you how to experience the power of daily prayer, learn the major types of prayers—including those of intervention, consecration, warfare, and healing—and to discover the intimacy of the cry of the heart prayer, listening prayer, and praying Scripture. Things can be different, and you personally have a role to play with God in bringing about that change through prayer. It may sound too good to be true, but this is your invitation to engage in the kind of prayers that can move God's heart as well as the mountains before you.

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## Customer Reviews

Before getting into my review, I want to say that I am super glad I did NOT read Tim Challies' 1-star review of this title until after I'd finished reading "Moving Mountains" cover to cover. Had I seen that

review first, I would have thought twice about purchasing this book. That would have been a BIG mistake! Reading what Challies wrote caused me to wonder if he and I actually read the same book. It also gave me pause to wonder what his axe to grind with Eldredge might be. I am no John Eldredge groupie. There was a time when I followed and supported his ministry. But that was quite awhile ago now. So, I was surprised when recommended his latest book to me. I'm glad they did. The author's gift of words -- his voice -- shines through every page brilliantly! Eldredge makes it clear prayer is not a quickie wham-bam-thank-you-ma'am two minute sort of thing. He uses the word "intentionality" to relate this idea. The book is excellently balanced with supporting Bible passages and resources for further study. I found I'd already read a number of the books by other authors he recommends. He uses the phrase "there is a way things work" as an overall theme to connect the dots. I enjoyed this little creation to reveal that I was about to partake in one of those deep mysteries he'd uncovered. I sometimes need someone waving a caution flag that says "slow down... don't rush through this part." Another thing I like is Eldredge's use of his own experiences in prayer. He describes them and then provides the prayer words he uses. I find that immensely helpful, akin to standing on his shoulders, rather than having to flounder away on my own. Prayers he's developed are printed in full at the end of the book.

I have read many of John Eldredge's books. They have challenged the way I see Christ, mostly for the better. I normally do not feel uncomfortable with his writing. I read all books with a Berean perspective. Some of the teachings within this book take steps into extra-biblical methodologies, or at best thinly connected scriptures, which I have a hard time connecting the relevance of. He skirts the edge of some teachings within charismatic circles, which he states and then almost contradicts himself so as to not offend non-charismatics. On the positive side of things. John teaches that Jesus is not a distant God. He is an intimate and close friend that loves and cares for you. He encourages one to approach prayer in a conversational way. He clearly shows how God speaking directly to you is biblical and normative. He teaches you to pray expectantly, which all true believers have a right to do. I have grown deeper in my prayer life as a result of this book and his Beautiful Outlaw book. What I am finding difficult to reconcile scripturally: His Daily Prayer is formulaic and long-winded. This flies in the face of what Jesus taught in Matthew 6:7. Proverbs 10:19 might apply as well. It cannot be for God's benefit. His implication is that it is for you to center yourself. Maybe it is just me, but recitation of a long-winded script doesn't focus me. It moves me away from Christ, not towards him. It also takes a LONG time. If I was a theologian or in ministry, my day would allow time for the 15-20 minutes to go through the DAILY prayer. I just can't see where this is God

honoring. This book takes you into the area of binding and loosing and to claiming authority. This is very controversial. There are very reputable theologians on both sides of this camp.

When was the last time you prayed with passion, confidence, and authority? I mean, really prayed, not so much out of desperation as out of conviction that praying in the name of Jesus actually makes a difference? Over the course of nearly 250 easy-to-read (but not shallow) pages, Eldredge describes prayer that works – “prayer that moves mountains. It is, without a doubt, the most helpful, practical, and downright useful book on prayer I’ve ever read. Eldredge begins with a simple premise, one that all of us who have been Christians for any length of time know too well: some prayers work, and some prayers don’t. What is it that makes the difference? Eldredge writes: “The problem is, sometimes God comes through, often he doesn’t, and we have no idea for the rhyme or reason why. We lose heart, and abandon prayer.” Isn’t that true? Haven’t you been there? Eldredge suggests that many of us are operating from a naïve understanding of prayer that goes something like this: “God is loving and powerful. We need his help. So we ask for help, as best we know how. The rest is up to him. After all – he’s God. He can do anything.” Eldredge suggests this understanding of prayer is incomplete – “dangerously incomplete,” he says. Through a combination of biblical examples and true stories from contemporary life, Eldredge unpacks deeper dimensions of prayer. “If you are interested in prayer at all, you are interested in prayer that works.” You want your marriage to be better. You want healing for your cancer-stricken loved one. You want your adult child (or adult parent!) to be making different choices with their life. You want to be free from the shame and guilt of what you did, or what happened, long ago.

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