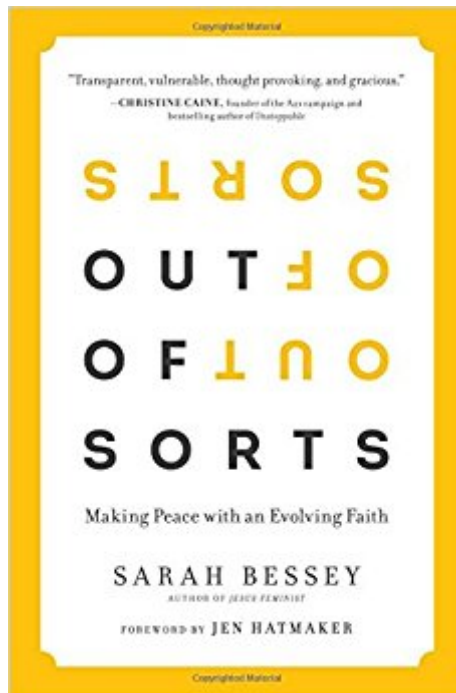


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Out Of Sorts: Making Peace With An Evolving Faith



Synopsis

From the popular blogger and provocative author of *Jesus Feminist* comes a riveting new study of Christianity that helps you wrestle with—and sort out—your faith. In *Out of Sorts*, Sarah Bessey—award-winning blogger and author of *Jesus Feminist*, which was hailed as “lucid, compelling, and beautifully written” (Frank Viola, author of *God’s Favorite Place on Earth*)—helps us grapple with core Christian issues using a mixture of beautiful storytelling and biblical teaching, a style well described as “narrative theology.” As she candidly shares her wrestlings with core issues—such as who Jesus is, what place the Church has in our lives, how to disagree yet remain within a community, and how to love the Bible for what it is rather than what we want it to be—she teaches us how to walk courageously through our own tough questions. In the process of gently helping us sort things out, Bessey teaches us how to be as comfortable with uncertainty as we are with solid answers. And as we learn to hold questions in one hand and answers in the other, we discover new depths of faith that will remain secure even through the storms of life.

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“There are so many things that I love about this book and I know you will too. I love Sarah Bessey and true to form in *Out of Sorts* she is transparent, vulnerable, thought provoking, and gracious as she wrestles with things we have all wrestled with, or one day will. Her message of hope, love, and grace is stunning and my heart resonates deeply with the thought that we

need each other, and we need to learn from each stream, because our stories don't happen alone; our roots are all tangled together." (Christine Caine, founder of The A21 Campaign and Propel Women) "Honest, sober, and encouragingly relatable." (Frank Viola, co-author of *The Day I Met Jesus*) "This is the truth: Sarah is one of my very favorite writers. The quality of her writing is so inspiring and beautiful and moving to me. And her complicated dance with church and all its tentacles is one that is familiar to so many of us. I love this book." (Shauna Niequist, author of *Bread & Wine*) "Sarah Bessey writes with the fire of a preacher and the soul of a mother, critical thought without cynicism. Her deepest wounds have come from the church and so has her deepest healing. This book is for all of us who understand, we wonderers who long for Jesus and distrust easy answers. Here Sarah is a brave and faithful guide as we all learn to live the questions." (Micha Boyett, author of *Found*) "Touching a raw nerve in contemporary evangelical experience, Sarah Bessey reflects on the inevitable reality of walking the path of faith without having it all worked out and at times having none of it worked out. Thoughtful, compelling, moving, and real, Bessey models a faith many are seeking but afraid to voice, a faith released of the obligation to be certain. This is the kind of book you'll want to read and tell friends about." (Peter Enns, author of *The Bible Tells Me So*) "> reads like a love letter to Jesus and to all those desperate to see His true face. Through her indomitable heart, brilliant mind, and vivid writing, Bessey sets an extravagant, cozy table in the middle of the spiritual desert." (Glennon Doyle Melton, New York Times bestselling author of *Carry On Warrior*) "What you will find in these pages is nothing short of a gift. There are plenty of us out here reimagining, rethinking, reevaluating, restarting. You aren't alone.... Thank you, my dearest Sarah Bessey, for helping us find our way back home." (Jen Hatmaker, author of *For the Love, 7, and Interrupted*) "With refreshing honesty and engaging passion, Sarah Bessey reminds us that cheap certitude is a poor substitute for genuine faith." (Brian Zahnd, pastor and author of *Farewell to Mars*) "[Bessey] creates a loving, inviting environment from which readers can approach their own questions, beliefs, and maturity." (CBA Retailers & Resources) "Bessey offers a good forum for Evangelical Christians to question what they believe without getting bent out of joint." (Library Journal) "Charming, beautifully expressive" (Publishers Weekly)

Sarah Bessey is the author of *Jesus Feminist*, *Out of Sorts*, and *Rumors of the Real*. She is a sought-after speaker, an award-winning blogger, and a passionate advocate for global women's issues. Sarah serves on the board of Help One Now and Heartline. She lives in

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I've been in my own sorting process, trying to decide what to keep and what to let go in terms of my beliefs and faith so I could completely relate with Sarah in this book. Her writing is brilliant and made me think deeper on several things I'm still holding onto. If you aren't afraid of questions and not intimidated when those questions can't be wrapped up with a tidy little answer, this book is for you.

I've soaked up Sarah's beautiful words through her blog for quite a while now and was eager to read her newest book, *Out of Sorts*. I had no idea what a gift this book would be. Through honest depiction of her journey through life and faith, on the turns and returns she has taken thus far, Sarah gives a voice to the struggles and doubts many Christians face as they attempt to live out their faith in an imperfect world. The most moving passages are Sarah's prayers for and with her readers. I've read a lot of books in which the author attempts to tell me what to do, but until now, I'd never encountered an author who prayed for me. Somehow Sarah manages to do it without an ounce of cheesiness. I am grateful for this book, and I am confident that anyone who picks it up will be moved and uplifted.

Bessey is a gifted writer and her prose has an honesty about her faith struggles that will inspire you. If you have doubts about your walk with God, you are not alone, and this book will help you come to terms with that.

Sarah does a great job at sharing her story and wanderings through a christian evangelical charismatic worldview. This is not an answer book and she is not afraid to share her views either. It is rather an invitation to listen to each other and love deeply, others, God, the world. It challenged me with beautiful poetic logic. It is re-read and meditative kind of book.

Excellent well thought out book. Sarah has read widely to come to the conclusions she has, which are life giving and the way a Christian can thrive as they progress through the stages of their life of faith.

I loved Sarah Bessey's first book, and she did not disappoint with *Out of Sorts*. She managed to put into words many things that I have thought or felt in an absolutely beautiful way.

This book broke me and healed me in places that I hadn't realized I needed broken or healing.

Soooo down to earth. Definitely not politically correct. Would recommend this to anyone with an ounce of faith and an open mind.

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