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Living a Life of Fire, the new autobiography from Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke is an amazing life story of one of the world's most successful promoters of the Christian message. This book isn't just the facts about a preacher's life – it delivers a superlative read that will captivate Christians and non-Christians alike.

Bonnke's life story is truly amazing. He often says he went from "zero to hero," which is an accurate portrayal of the youngest son of preacher from a small village in Northern Germany. Today, the Bonnke name is known around the globe and is synonymous with gigantic meetings in Africa where not just thousands, not just tens of thousands, not just hundreds of thousands, but millions of people are won to Christ – in a single meeting. The most enjoyable parts of this book are the stories of God's intervention into the lives men and woman – some of the most extraordinary accounts published today.

The story of Richard, in prison and slated for the hangman's noose, but released and preaching the Gospel today. And Bonnke and his team escaping by a breath, with only their lives intact, from the Muslim city of Kano, in Nigeria. And there is Teresia's journey from being a castaway divorcee, to a woman on fire for the Gospel. These are real stories about God reaching into lives when needed the most.

The "fire" in this title refers to Bonnke's continual partnership with and reliance on the Holy Spirit throughout his life and ministry. This book is not a Pentecostal apologetic, but a challenge to Christian's everywhere to embrace the same Biblical doctrine which Bonnke has employed with astonishing success.

Bonnke's life is a model for generations of preachers to come and his story provides the inspiration for any Christian, anywhere to do great things for God.

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Jill Lord says

Wow!

Such beautiful writing kept me engaged the whole way. It keeps this Christian longing for what he has and to know Jesus better. He makes one want to listen closer for the Holy Spirit's guidance and not act until He speaks. Well done Rev. Bonnke, well done.

Susan Wells says

I highly recommend this book!

This was awesome! It touched my heart to read about the miraculous healings and people being set free from demonic bondages. Well over six million salvations! Praise God!

veronica Iannuzzi says

Inspiring

This book has set my heart on fire! I have so enjoyed reading and learning how Reinhard Bonnke followed the call of the lord on his life! It gives me hope for myself and my family and my nation!!!

Rob Markley says

What an amazing life story. The man should be world famous but of course not...

Keela Rique-Sanchez says

Faith building, phenomenal read. God is so good!

Captivating, easy read that excites you for what God has done, is doing, and will continue to do as the days unfold.

Michael says

My wife and I have seen Mr Bonnke here in Houston. And we bought the book then which was a few years ago. I was wanting something to read and decided to pick this up and I wasn't disappointed. Mr Bonnke is a bull in his faith. It helped me to want to push my faith and trust in God more.

Bob says

Bonnke's clarity about his life and the lessons he has learned is refreshing.

Jan Anne says

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Hard to rate. heavily disagree with much of method and theology used by the author for his events. "crusades" is a poor term for a white guy bringing white Jesus to Africa. On the other hand, I think one can learn from anyone. This man is audacious & clearly puts in the hours. That, plus this mystical connection with the Divine / his inner voice is something that I found highly interesting. He skims over all hard questions, and that is rather sad. Frustrating read at a lot of points, inspiring at some, where the Divine clearly moves.

Ron says

Well-written, well-documented and honest. Bonnke's autobiography details his extraordinary ministry from the conversion of his grandfather (yes, it started then, unless you trace it back to Calvary) to his recent mega-evangelical campaigns in Africa. Born in an area since ethnically cleansed, raised in a concentration camp, overlooked—maybe even rejected—by his own family and nation, Bonnke details the trials and triumphs of his life. The road was neither straight nor easy, but Bonnke stuck to it.

Living a Life of Fire: An Autobiography tells all that and more.

Mara M. Snyder says

Life Changing

I must put this book at the very top of the books I have ever read. I would wish everyone could read this book.

Diana Muresan says

Life changing! My faith has been challenged and I feel it growing with every page. You can feel the Holy Spirit as you read this. Powerful! Inspiring!

Arthur Arts says

Taking into account just raw numbers, Reinhard Bonnke is probably the most successful evangelist of our life-time. Reading this book gives us an engrossing overview of his remarkable life.

This autobiography is filled with heartwarming personal memoirs, dramatic events, headline-grabbing miracles, beautiful testimonies, accounts of meetings with kings, presidents and rulers of nations, lessons learned and even just some fun, lightweight anecdotes. We read how the often explosive political climates in Africa affected the ministry and led Reinhard and his team into sometimes life-threatening situations.

Although we know Reinhard Bonnke for his famous gospel crusades throughout Africa with attendance often exceeding more than one million people, his beginnings were humble and small.

When he was 11 years old he evangelized on the street corners of Glückstadt and was overjoyed to see for the first time a soul saved. God spoke to him when he was 8 years that he would be sent to Africa, but a lot of people around him, including his father (who was a preacher) and family members did not acknowledge his calling. In many ways he was considered socially a 'zero'. Pentecostals were looked down upon in Lutheran Germany, his brothers looked down upon the occupation of their father and found it foolish that Reinhard wanted to be a preacher. When he eventually came to Africa he initially found little support for his ministry.

But God took him through a personal training through a series of events that would repeatedly break the mold of his thinking. Theological barriers were broken, denominational barriers were broken and natural barriers were broken. God gave him a vision of a blood-washed Africa and this vision has remained the driving purpose of his life. Always seeking and knocking for new opportunities to bring the Gospel in new and grander ways for maximum impact. The tents grew bigger until no tent could ever hold the crowds. The technological tools and equipment that were used grew more advanced and left nothing to chance. The crusades were headline news everywhere they came.

Besides his unstoppable desire to fulfill his life-time mission, one of the things that strikes me most about his life is his simplicity and pureness. Although his ministry has impacted the history and courses of whole nations and generations, there always remains this often boyish and feisty sheen in his personality and the complete dependence on the guidance of the Holy Spirit. From the outside he is changing the course of world-history, from the inside we read how he cries out to God for help how to handle the situations he faces.

Besides that, he never lost the ability to value the life of one soul. Every life is valuable, because Jesus paid the highest price for that one individual.

The book is full of lessons in faith and what gets clear from every page, is that Bonnke is actually a normal, ordinary man, whose secret of success is just in simple obedience to the voice of the Lord.

What God did through Bonnke, *GOD* did through Bonnke. And since it's *GOD* that does the impossible while Bonnke simply acts in obedience, it becomes clear that God can do miraculous things through anybody that simply chooses to obey.

One might argue that some stories in the book could've been skipped (nice to know that he loves to ride a bicycle, but the book could've done without a complete chapter about the subject). Sometimes Bonnke unnecessarily repeats some of the events in different parts of the book. But this style actually fits the man. It never pretends to be top-literature or anything more than amusing and faith-inspiring prose that anybody can read. And as just that, it succeeds marvelously and it will give you some lessons in history, politics, culture and ministry in the process.

One last remark: some of the stories in this book were also collected in the book 'Even Greater'. So if you read this book, you can skip that one.

Angelo Paulo says

how, very good.

Rick says

Although I knew a bit about Bonnke, I really didn't know much. His voice is genuine and this turned into a far better read than I had expected.

Vladimir Buta says

it's a must.

Very simple and straightforward language, which makes it easy to follow along. The testimonies are relatable and powerful. If you need a fresh insight and motivation to fulfill the great commission, this book is a must.
