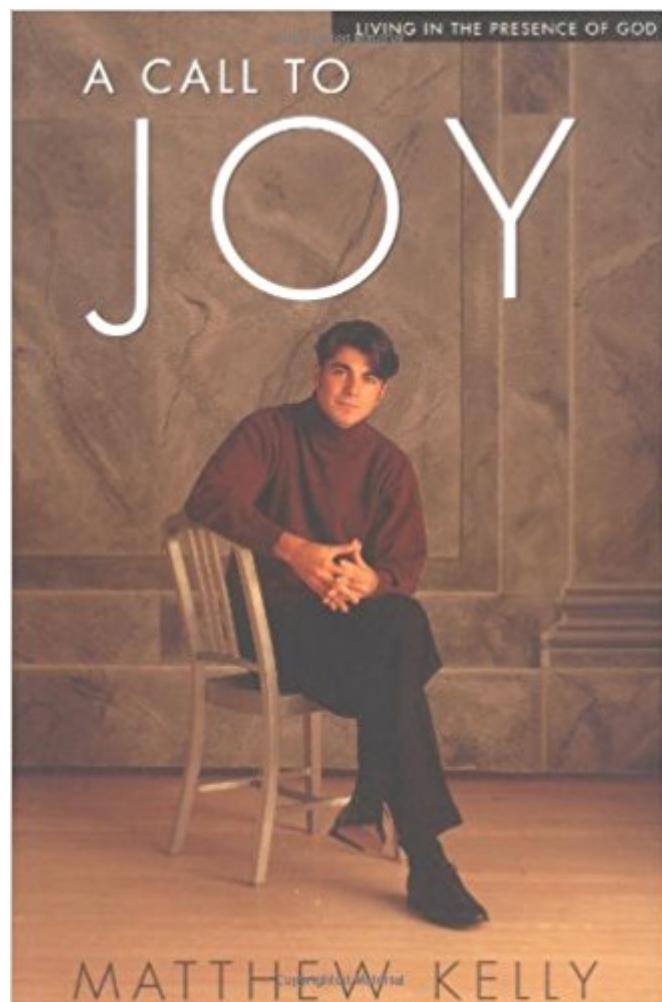


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# A Call To Joy: Living In The Presence Of God



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In the last five years more than one million people in forty-six counties have attended Matthew Kelly's talks, retreats, and seminars. Millions more have been touched by his writings and appearances on major radio and television programs worldwide. Young, charismatic, and extraordinarily engaging, Matthew Kelly comes to the aid of a generation desperately searching for some meaning in life deeper than the pursuit of material things. Exploring the challenges of our modern world, he brilliantly puts into context the unchanging truths and teachings of Jesus Christ. In *A Call to Joy*, he shares both his remarkable personal story and his uniquely inspiring insights on faith, love, and the trials and triumphs of the spiritual life.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is one of those rare rare books that you pour over every word, and keep handy at all times. I only wish I could re-experience reading it for the first time, and watching my life change as a result. *A Call to Joy* has in fact helped me continue to move forward on my journey ever since I first read it - two years ago. Matthew Kelly is an astonishing young writer, only 23 years old when he wrote this book. That alone should be enough to pique your curiosity about *A Call To Joy*. Further than that, he shares wisdom in this book that I can hardly fathom is gained in a single lifetime, let alone from that of a young man. Simply put, Matthew Kelly's writing is a lot like prescription lenses - he helps us see things in this world, in a practical sense, the way they are. In that, he helps his readers live their lives to the fullest. He strengthens our relationship with God, and gives us much needed perspective on living in this day and age. I recommend *A Call to Joy* to everyone. It has the power to change

lives. I truly believe that every word written in this book is the truth. Every word in this book is A Call to Joy.

I was given this book to read by my father, who is a Catholic deacon. Since we don't share similar views on Catholicism, Christianity & the church, I was skeptical. I became more skeptical after realizing this was written by such a young man from Australia who says that God spoke to him at the age of 19! But I continued to read & became deeply interested in his writings. He shares a lot of the same thoughts & beliefs that I do, but he is much better at writing these thoughts for others to understand & apply in their own lives. While his application of these beliefs are more Christian-centered than I am, it was still very interesting & similar to the ways I try to develop my own spirituality & beliefs. I consider it much more universally spiritual than some other Christian-centered writers.

A Call to Joy is just that-- a simple invitation to finding true happiness. Matthew Kelly empowers us to find that true and deep nugget of joy by simply becoming the person God created us to be. Simple, but not always easy. Herein lies the difference between this "call" and 99% of the other self-help/ psychology/ motivational books on the market. . . we can't do it alone. We shouldn't pretend that we can do it alone. Get God's grace. This is a great read for anyone seeking to get closer to God, even if you've never been involved in any organized religion. It will strike your core.

Matthew Kelly's first book, Call to Joy, is a wonderful study of how God speaks to each of us in our lives and how we respond to him. Inspired by his own personal story of hearing God's Call to Joy, the author takes us through a spiritual journey that shares God's message in a straightforward way. I read this book entirely while sitting in my car during soccer practice, carpool, etc. Knowing the book was sitting in the car waiting for me encouraged me to leave early just so I could sit in the car and read for a longer period of time. Matthew's writing is beautifully comforting, peaceful, uplifting and encouraging. We can all learn to listen to God's call for our lives. If we make prayer a priority in our lives and put God first, we will hear the message of Joy that He wants all of us to hear. I'm notorious for talking a lot and constantly surround myself with noise throughout the day, so Chapter 6 - Silence & the Presence of God - really struck home. Matthew points out that silence is necessary to be close to God. "Silence increases our receptivity of God's grace." Silence is something I struggle with. In addition to silence, we are called to put God first in our lives and use prayer to find joy. Prayer needs to be a priority every morning that sets our day in perspective, and every evening to

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Absolutely one of my favorite books! I've read it three times (so far). I believe this man truly has a gift. He has inspired me to continue the studying of my faith. I have read almost everyone of his books, and this one by far is my favorite. This book will truly bless you if you allow it to.

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