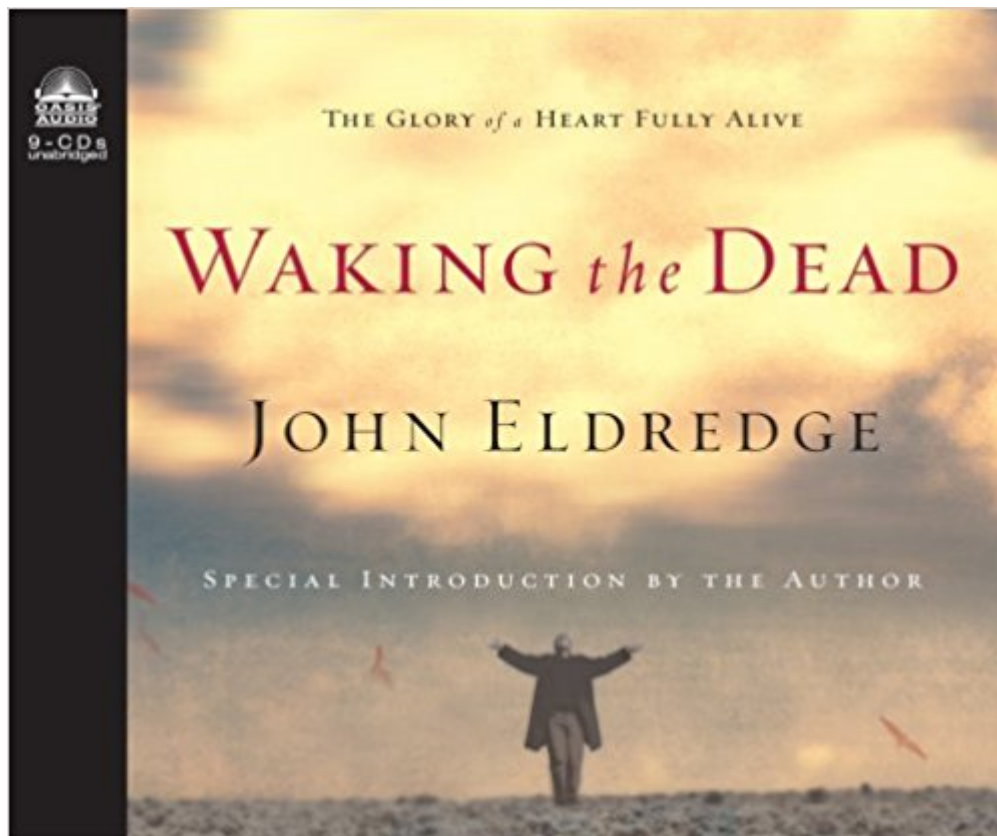


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# Waking The Dead



## Synopsis

Wild at Heart helped men get their hearts back. Waking the Dead will help us all find the life Christ promised. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." That's the offer of Christianity, from God himself. Just look at what happens when people are touched by Jesus; the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life. In other words, to be touched by God is to be restored. To become all God meant you to be. That is what Christianity is supposed to do for you; make you whole, set you free, bring you fully alive. But Jesus also warned that the path to that life is narrow, and few people would find it. You'll notice few have. Waking the Dead will help you find that life, see the fierce battle over your heart, and embrace all that God has for you. There is so much more. Do you want it?

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## Customer Reviews

Eldredge, who helped to redefine the Christian men's movement with Wild at Heart, broadens his scope to offer this more general spirituality title on being "fully alive." Such a state of total animation is achieved only when Christians can integrate all four "streams" of their lives: discipleship, counseling, healing and warfare. (This last part may surprise some readers, but Eldredge insists that awareness of spiritual warfare actually "may be the most critical" aspect of being fully alive.) Throughout, he argues that there is glory hidden in each Christian's heart, an echo of how Christ has "ransomed and restored" every person. The goal, then, is to capture and maintain a sense of liberation from that restoration. Eldredge fans will find that he has not departed much from the formula that made Wild at Heart so successful; he culls examples from popular culture (The Perfect

Storm, The Matrix, The Lord of the Rings, The Wizard of Oz) and tells vivid stories from his own experience. Despite the careful formula, the book rarely feels formulaic; it has an unguarded heart and an opinionated lucidity that may surprise readers. Eldredge is honest about the fact that life can be arduous, confusing and filled with despair, but he also affirms a deep Christian hope. Established Eldredge fans will be pleased with this new offering, and it will gather some new readers, especially women. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"A Christian teacher with the Focus on the Family Institute and the author of WILD AT HEART, Eldredge uses his broad knowledge of the Bible, mythology, and modern Christian writing to make his point: ~ Conflicts and challenges in this world will put us to sleep if we don't pay close attention to them. Engaging with the world releases the vitality and energy of the heart that is our birthright. This is a long stream-of-consciousness presentation, breathy and full of the author's intensity. In this audio offering, his ideas will either start a revolution--with "all the power of a new Reformation"--or be an object lesson on how to turn a decent lesson into a polarizing expression of professional hubris." ~ T.W. ~ © AudioFile Portland, Maine --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I am a big fan of John Eldgridge, but I can't quite give this a "Five-Star" rating. I enjoyed it, but it seemed to be a bit drawn out. It is worth a read and speaks good truth, so nothing to complain about there. Unlike many of his other books, it seemed to drag and often times repeat the same point. A good read about the true reality that we live in, and very much worth finishing. Just not the same level that many of his other books reach. I would probably give this a 4.5 star if I could. Here is how I use the Star-Rating system; 1 star = Hate the product- Don't waste your money. Trying to get a refund. 2 star = Dislike the product- would not buy it again. 3 star = Indifferent- Neither like or dislike the product. Probably not going to recommend to a friend. 4 star = Like product. Would recommend. 5 star = LOVE the product. If you want a product, buy this one!

I believe this to be Eldredge's most powerful work. It deals with the assault on the human heart by the current world system, evil and our own desperate (and failing) attempts to make it on our own. It then shows his view of the way through and out to freedom. You will either "get it" or it may not be to your liking. But if this book resonates with you it can totally change how you see life and profoundly affect your life. It did mine.

I have read Stasi & John's books before and love this as much as the others. Even though I was brought up in the church and been a Christian for a long time, I am sad to say that I have always found something was missing from the churches I was part of. I felt like we as the church were the blind leading the blind. Where was this abundant life that Jesus promised? I didn't feel I had anymore to offer to non-Christians than what the world did, except a membership to a group of people who said that after this life ended, we had tickets to heaven. And now I know why. The way John presents The Good News is revelatory and new (for us now but not for the early church): this is the Good News and what the Apostles were willing to lay down their lives for. We need to understand the times we live in and we so desperately need intimacy with the Father God. Too often new Christians are told to attend church, tithe, pray and read the bible. It is woefully inadequate. Thank you for writing a book that actually equips us and prepares us for what the reality of the Christian walk is like. It is a clarion call.

Jesus said, "I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly." That's a bold challenge but, truth be told, most Christians aren't exactly experiencing anything like the abundant life. "Waking the Dead" challenges the reader to get beyond the many barriers and distractions that keep people from realizing their identity and heritage in Christ. I myself took John's suggestion and went to a solitary place to inquire of the Lord regarding a perceived barrier I'd been unable to even identify, let alone overcome. Through this encounter the Lord, who had already forgiven me for a variety of youthful missteps, led me back into the pain of those times. He then encouraged me to forgive myself for these errors, just as He had already forgiven me. And then, He helped me understand who I was in Christ and, just like John suggested in the book, the Lord gave me a new name that reflects the person He has created me to be. John's writings have been a gift to me and to many others. "Wild At Heart" was absolutely amazing, but "Waking The Dead" is equally accessible to both men and women. This book may be his best!

This review is written by a man (using my wife's prime account): I've read 3 of Eldredge's books so far...this one, Fathered by God, and Wild at Heart. All of them are great, but they all seem to say the same thing in just a slightly different way. I also feel they are a bit repetitive throughout the book. I read this one and Fathered by God in a weekly men's study through my church and they always caused some great discussions and had one man exposing something deep nearly every week so there's definitely something to them. I would definitely recommend.

We have been so transformed by the patterns of this world that we do not even know what Truth looks or sounds like. John's manner of speaking breaks down these barriers. He allows us to focus in on a different Voice. A Voice that invites us into His story. A Voice that invites us to live life abundantly. And the world, our Church, we ourselves fight it down to the atomic-level. But freedom, peace, un-ending joy is what the Father has for us, in Him. Thank you.

John Eldredge has written the perfect book for fantasy-nerd Christians. Calling upon our love for the epic story -- Lord of the Rings, Narnia, The Matrix, etc. -- he shows us our life in Christ as part of such an epic. His point, though, is that in order for us to play the critical role our Author has written for us, we must be heart-whole. The enemy, he says, has made a point of breaking our hearts and causing us to put walls around our broken places, in order that we'll be ineffective in our role in the epic good vs. evil drama. Accordingly, Eldredge spends a good portion of the book showing us how to receive healing for our hearts from direct contact with God in Jesus Christ. This book placed me on the path to a contemplative life, one in which talking with and hearing from God is a routine part of my life in Christ ... a closeness with the Creator which I never even knew was possible, and true healing from the horrifying wounds of the past. It truly helped to bring me back to life. Highly recommend it, especially if you are a fan of the epic tale.

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