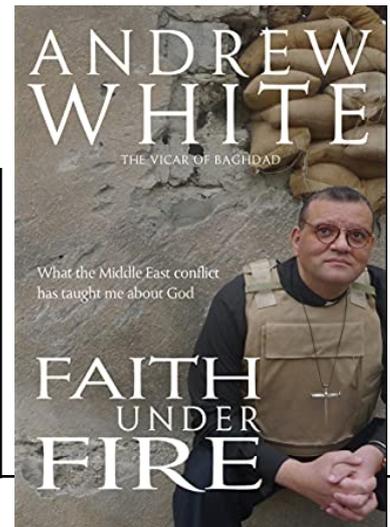


RECOMMENDED READ: FAITH UNDER FIRE BY ANDREW WHITE

REVIEWER: REV. YANYAN CASE OUT OF 5 STARS:



THIS BOOK INCLUDES THINKING ABOUT:
PRAYER | WORSHIP | DISCERNMENT | CALLING
DISCIPLESHIP | EVANGELISM | SERVICE | CARING



SYNOPSIS:

It's a snapshot of Andrew White, the Vicar of Baghdad's ministry in the heart of a war zone, which is an awesome testimony of the living God in His majestic power and faithfulness in the 21st century. A must read for all Christians!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Canon Andrew White is something of a legend: a man of great charm and energy, whose personal suffering has not deflected him from his internationally recognised relief work and reconciliation work in Iraq and the Middle East.

Since ordination, Andrew White has had an extensive role in the work of reconciliation, bringing together Muslims and Christians, Israelis and Palestinians, Shia and Sunni – all of which have carried huge risks. In 2002, he partook in the Alexandria Process – an active dialogue between Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders to build understanding and work towards peace in Israel / Palestine. In 2004, following an escalation of violence in Iraq, he hosted the Baghdad Religious Accord which led to the establishment of the Iraq Centre for Dialogue, Reconciliation and Peace (ICDRP). In 2011, he chaired a summit of Iraq's religious leaders in Copenhagen which produced the first ever joint Sunni / Shia fatwa against violence in Iraq.

Andrew White has also been involved in many hostage negotiations, and played a key role in ending the siege at the Church of Nativity in Jerusalem. He has himself been kidnapped and to this day lives in constant danger. Until recently, he pastored one of the largest churches in Iraq – St George's Church in Baghdad – a position which afforded him the moniker 'The Vicar of Baghdad'. Sadly, recent events in Iraq have made it very difficult for him to travel there.

Canon White has worked full time as President of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East (FRRME), which he set up to provide spiritual and material relief to refugees displaced by violent upheaval. In his role as President of FRRME, Canon White also works with key religious leaders towards bringing peace and reconciliation to the Middle East.

(Description from Amazon)

WHY/HOW I CHOSE THIS BOOK:

It was a recommendation from a friend.

MY BIGGEST LEARNING POINT(S):

I am deeply humbled by the sacrifice of Vicar Andrew and also tremendously encouraged by his testimony of faith. When we offer ourselves in God's service in such a way, God will never leave us but show up in such tangible glory. Our faith is not in vain, not at all. In comparison with the situation that Andrew faced in his ministry (being attacked, kidnapped, wanted to kill, bombed etc), I have no complaints! This book helps me ground my faith in real life, real people, and real God.

ONE OR TWO STAND-OUT QUOTES:

P65 “ in the midst of tragedy, when we have lost everything and Jesus is all we have left, we know that He is all we need.”

P106 “The more time we spend in God's presence, the more we experience His miraculous power. The more time we spend immersed in His love and exposed to His glory, the more we are able to love others.”

P107 “It seems to me that the more dire the situation we find ourselves in, the more God is willing to manifest His presence. He reveals Himself to us in such a way that His presence overwhelms and diminishes our present troubles.”

WHO SHOULD READ IT AND WHY:

All people, Christians or not. It's a real life story. Especially for non-Christian families and friends, it'd be a good book to provoke them to think about faith in Christ.

NEXT ON MY “TO READ” PILE IS:

“One Earth, as in Heaven” by Tom Wright