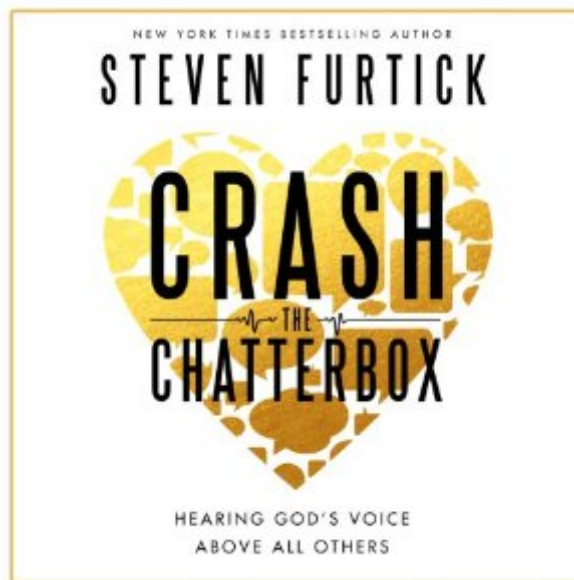


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# Crash The Chatterbox: Hearing God's Voice Above All Others



## Synopsis

Crashing the chatterbox = Overpowering lies of insecurity, fear, condemnation, and discouragement with the promises of God. "I used to think that someone who struggled with the kinds of weaknesses I deal with daily was useless to God. I felt so often like I was drowning in internal dialogue I couldn't control. It had been the soundtrack of my life for as long as I could remember. Yet everything changed when I began to realize God has given us the ability to choose the dialogue we believe and respond to. And once we learn how, we can switch from lies to truth as deliberately as we can choose the Beatles over Miley Cyrus on satellite radio. This is the key to pressing ahead and doing God's will anyway, even as you are bombarded with thoughts, feelings, and even facts about why you can't do it.

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If you're a Christian who often gets stuck thinking about the past, worrying about the future, or have trouble letting go of things, this book can be very helpful. It's written by a pastor who openly and honestly writes about his own struggles dealing with a constant deluge of negative chatter inside his head. This "chatter" distracts him from hearing God's voice. I really appreciate his candid confessions "from his sharing of the time he lost in front of his son during Christmas, to the more recent discouragement he experienced while writing this book (he would have given up had he given in to the chatter). I'm glad Furtick ultimately "crashed the chatterbox" and finished his book because it contains some very helpful tips and practical

applications. One such application is in dealing with negative chatter. I put one of Furtick's techniques to the test and saw immediate results... the discouraging chatter in my mind really did get drowned out when applying his technique. And it all boiled down to four simple words: "God will" | then "God will" • Furtick emphasizes that we must not ignore the negative chatter, but to face them head on. And rather than starting and ending with the usual worries | such as "if this fear occurs, then this horrible thing will happen" • Furtick encourages us to take it a step further and finish our thought process with "God will" ((fill in the blank)) • Granted, we won't know exactly what God will do, but as believers we do know that God is sovereign, loving, all powerful, and that whatever happens will be in our best interest and for God's glory. We do not need to worry needlessly since God is in control. Furtick's technique works precisely because it brings God back into the picture (vs. focusing on negative chatter which tends to drown out God's voice).

Multnomah Books provided a complimentary copy of *Crash the Chatterbox: Hearing God's Voice Above All Others* by Steven Furtick in exchange for an honest review. Even when we know who we are in Christ it can be difficult to hear His voice, when the din of the chatter is so loud. Instead of holding confidence in God we begin to give power to lies of condemnation, insecurity, fear and discouragement allowing them to stifle us and not live fully to our calling. Author and pastor Steven Furtick wants to help you beat down the lies and listen to the voice of God, the only voice that matters in *Crash the Chatterbox*. He breaks down the book into four sections covering the aforementioned lies. Subsequently, Furtick brings an affirmation of truth to squelch that lie. For example, God says I am, is affirmed to combat the lie of insecurity. Even when we feel we can't do something, we still can stand firm knowing God can. Furtick includes personal anecdotes, biblical narrative and God's Word. When we tell ourselves lies, they become our life, what we live out. However, when we fill ourselves with God's Word we will live out the truth. Furtick writes with such conversational ease that once in a while I could imagine myself hearing him speak, as if he were before me. His suggestions are useful and rather counterintuitive at first glance. He acknowledges that explaining with clarity what it is he means and how you can use his ideas in a practical manner. I found the chapters short and delightful, given some of the work that you may want to do on yourself may be anything but easy and full of delight. One thing is certain, Furtick gives you tools to get started and reaffirm what we know to be true.

This was a hard book for me, because it really hit me right where I needed it to. The book is all about the voices we listen to - in our head, in our heart... and how we often (far TOO often!) listen to

the wrong ones. I think girls are especially susceptible to this, but I'm sure guys do it too! The author tell us that "this book is built on four confessions... meant to function like noise-cancelling headphones for your mind, heart, and soul." He goes on to tell us that they are: Confession 1: God says I am. Confession 2: God says He will. Confession 3: God says He has. Confession 4: God says I can. While these four confessions seem simple, even simplistic, they are each true. There is Scripture to back each one of them up. And they each have power. But they aren't going to change our lives unless we believe them, and trust that God is who He says He is, He will do what He says He will, and I am never going to be alone because He's always with me. That is incredibly powerful! The book goes into great detail about each of these, and expounds on why the confessions are important, but also why the thought behind each of them is important. He does a fantastic job making it seem like anyone can learn to move past that inner voice, the voice that is NOT the voice of God talking to us, but a voice that is only speaking things to make us doubt ourselves, and to doubt God too. The author makes it clear that while there's no way to completely be rid of the chatterbox, there are ways to help silence it. As someone who has a very noisy chatterbox (and is also a chatterbox herself, ha ha!), I really appreciated the way things were presented in this book.

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