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As a college student he spent 16 days in the Pacific Ocean with five guys and a crate of canned meat. As a father he took his kids on a world tour to eat ice cream with heads of state. He made friends in Uganda, and they liked him so much he became the Ugandan consul. He pursued his wife for three years before she agreed to date him. His grades weren't good enough to get into law school, so he sat on a bench outside the Dean's office for seven days until they finally let him enroll.

Bob Goff has become something of a legend, and his friends consider him the world's best-kept secret. Those same friends have long insisted he write a book. What follows are paradigm shifts, musings, and stories from one of the world's most delightfully engaging and winsome people. What fuels his impact? Love. But it's not the kind of love that stops at thoughts and feelings. Bob's love takes action. Bob believes *Love Does*.

When *Love Does*, life gets interesting. Each day turns into a hilarious, whimsical, meaningful chance that makes faith simple and real. Each chapter is a story that forms a book, a life. And this is one life you don't want to miss.

Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude just might inspire you to be secretly incredible, too.

**My Synopsis:**

Bob shares some pretty interesting stories about the crazy adventures he's had through his life. This book will make you laugh, maybe cry (I think my wife did), and leave you turning pages to see what the next adventure will be. I believe it will also challenge you to look at your own life, and hopefully encourage you to take on a more active role in your own life, whether you're a follower of Jesus or not. The best part of the book, you can call Bob direct to chat with him at the end!

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By: Bob Goff

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### Discover A Secretly Incredible Life In An Ordinary World

- p.xiv We all want to have a place where we can dream and escape anything that wraps steel bands around our imagination and creativity.
- p.xiv Whimsy is a lot that way – it needs to be fully experienced to be fully known.
- p.xv Living a life fully engaged and full of whimsy and the kind of things that love does is something most people plan to do, but along the way they just kind of forget. Their dreams become one of those “we'll go there next time” deferrals. The sad thing is, for many there is no 'next time' because passing on the chance to cross over is an overall attitude toward life rather than a single decision. They need a change of attitude, not more opportunities.
- p.7 ...most of them (Christians) I had met up until that time were kind of wimpy and seemed to have more opinions about what or who they were against than who they were for.
- p.8 He saw the need and he did something about it.
- p.8 ...faith isn't about knowing all of the right stuff or obeying a list of rules.
- p.9 I used to think I had to act a certain way to follow God, but now I know God doesn't want us to be typical.
- p.14 When it's a matter of the heart, the place doesn't matter.
- p.15 The people who slowly become typical have the greatest problem wrapping their minds around a dynamic friendship with an invisible, alive God.
- p.15 What Jesus said we could do is leave typical behind.
- p.15 Jesus told the people He was with that it's not enough to just look like you love God.
- p.16 I learned that fully loving and fully living are not only synonymous but the kind of life that Jesus invited us to be a part of.
- p.17 I used to think that being loved was the greatest thing to think about, but now I know love is never satisfied just thinking about it.
- p.19 He was all about doing and not just dreaming.
- p.24 Being engaged isn't just an event that happens...it's a way of doing life, a way of living and loving.
- p.25 I used to be afraid of failing at something that really mattered to me, but now I'm afraid of succeeding at things that don't matter.
- p.29 The thing I love about God is He intentionally guides people into failure.
- p.29 Failure is just part of the process, and it's not just okay; it's better than okay.
- p.30 Things that go wrong can shape us or scar us.
- p.30 God finds us in our failures and our successes.
- p.31 I used to think I could shape the circumstances around me, but now I know Jesus uses circumstances to shape me.
- p.35 ...God sometimes allows us to find ourselves in a place where we want something so bad that we can't see past it.
- p.38 ...sometimes God wants us to kick some doors down.
- p.45 Maybe there are times when we think a door has been closed and, instead of misinterpreting the circumstances, God wants us to kick it down.
- p.46 I used to think Jesus motivated us with ultimatums, but now I know He pursues us in love.
- p.52 That's what love does – it pursues blindly, unflinchingly, and without end.
- p.54 ...Jesus wants us to participate, no matter what condition we're in.

- p.57 Jesus didn't say He would ice over the grit of faults and failures either; He said He would use us in spite of all the grit and faults and failures.
- p.59 I used to think you had to be special for God to use you, but now I know you simply need to say yes.
- p.64 I think God sometimes uses the completely inexplicable events in our lives to point us towards Him. We get to decide each time whether we will lean in toward what is unfolding and say yes, or back away.
- p.67 I used to think I had to be somebody important to accomplish things, but now I know Jesus uses ordinary people more.
- p.73 You know what it is about someone that makes them a friend? A friend doesn't just say things; a friend does.
- p.73 When people realize there's no agenda other than friendship and better understanding, it changes things.
- p.80 ...I've seen plenty of people turn down an invitation to fully live.
- p.82 He (Jesus) said the people who followed Him should think of themselves more like the ushers rather than the bouncers.
- p.82 Accepting the invitation to show up in life is about moving from the bleacher to the field.
- p.88 ...the words people say to us not only have shelf life but have the ability to shape life.
- p.90 "It would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are too easily pleased." -- C.S. Lewis
- p.92 Will you take what you think defines you, leave it behind, and let Me define who you are instead?
- p.99 I used to think words were all the same, but now I know there are some words I shouldn't use.
- p.101 Faith isn't an equation or a formula or a business deal that gets you what you want.
- p.109 I used to think rules were made by someone else, but now I know we get to make some of our own.
- p.112 Words spoken by kind people have the ability to endure in our lives.
- p.112 ...we have more power than we think to make our own rules about life to live out the economy that Jesus put in place.
- p.113 I used to think life could be shared with anyone, but now I know choosing the right people is pretty important.
- p.118 You become like the people you hang around, and to a great degree, you end up going wherever they're headed.
- p.129 Most great adventures work that way. You don't plan them, you don't wait to get all the details right, you just do them.
- p.130 ...when Jesus invites us on an adventure, He shapes who we become with what happens along the way.
- p.133 When we're on an adventure with God we're too excited to be afraid and too engaged to be thinking of anything else.
- p.145 I used to be afraid that if I was authentic I might take a hit, but now I know that being real means I will take a hit.
- p.159 I used to think I should talk about everything, but now I know it's better to keep some things a secret.
- p.160 In a world driven by self-promotion and spin, Jesus modeled something difficult for us.
- p.160 Secretly incredible people just do things.
- p.166 People who take huge risks aren't afraid to fail.
- p.177 We'd just go and see what happened. That was the plan.
- p.177 That's one of the things about love. It always assumes it can find a way to express itself.
- p.178 Organizations have programs. People have friends. Friends trump programs every time.
- p.180 Grace works that way. It's a kind word from a gentle person with an impossible prayer.

- p.181 What I've learned the more time I've spent following Jesus is that God delights in answering our impossible prayers.
- p.181 ...rather than having us apply for a position, He says our lives are the position. And He says to ordinary people like me and you that instead of closing our eyes and bowing our heads, sometimes God wants us to keep our eyes open for people in need, do something about it, and bow our whole lives to Him instead.
- p.182 ...when we take Jesus up on His promises, He doesn't just stand in our lives knocking. He rips our small view of Him and what He can make possible right off the hinges.
- p.188 We each need to get into something of our own each day, something that will take us to a new place, a place that needs us.
- p.192 What they lacked was the heart of Jesus, which is the lynchpin to resolving anything.
- p.194 I don't think Bible verses were meant to be thrown like grenades at each other.
- p.195 God wants us to get some skin in the game and to help make a tangible difference.
- p.197 I used to think I could learn about Jesus by studying Him, but now I know that Jesus doesn't want stalkers.
- p.199 I can't think of a single time where Jesus asked his friends to just agree with Him.
- p.200 When I have skin in the game, the outcome all of a sudden matters to me and I become engaged.
- p.201 I think Jesus had in mind that we would not just be "believers" but "participants."
- p.201 He (Jesus) wanted people who got to the "do" part of faith, not because He wanted activity, but because He wanted our faith to matter to us.
- p.201 We need to make our faith our very own love story.
- p.202 Collecting information about someone is not the same as knowing a person.
- p.204 When people get angry or defensive they tend to make mistakes.
- p.205 Following Jesus is about having your paradigm shift as you navigate a wide range of emotions while living the big life Jesus invites us into.
- p.206 I used to think that taking a risk would reduce the number of friends I have, but now I know that love draws more people in.
- p.207 ...these guys were talking about going off-road with their lives rather than arriving at safe places on the map, places that seemed typical to them.
- p.207 ...the scripts we know offer a brand of security, of predictability, of safety for us. But the problem is they only take us where we've already been.
- p.207 Living a different kind of life takes some guts and grit and a new way of seeing things.
- p.208 The world has been shouting over the noise of our programs that it doesn't need more presidents or organizations, what it needs are more friends.
- p.209 Just because we weren't going to plan everything didn't mean we weren't going to be strategic.
- p.214 We didn't have a plan. We had a big idea instead.
- p.217 And after Jesus arrived, God whispered to all of humanity... "It's your move."