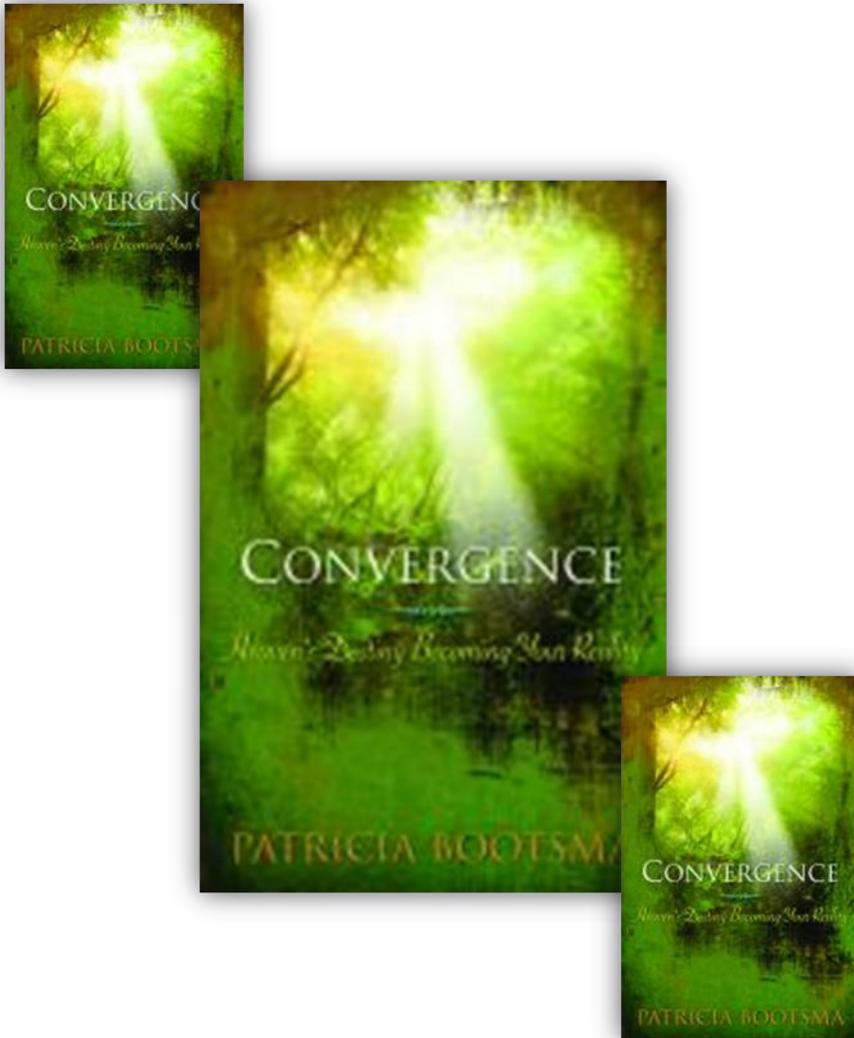


Book Review Special



CONVERGENCE

Heaven's Destiny Becoming Your Reality

Book Review by

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Without doubt this is one of the most important and significant books regarding living the Christian life that has been published for a long time. The book has as its stated aim "fulfill your prophetic destiny" and the author makes it abundantly clear that this is what living the Christian life is really all about. Living a prophetic lifestyle is not an optional extra but it is what every Christian could and should be doing. "Convergence" teaches us to do just that.

Patricia Bootsma is a person who walks in the highest levels of integrity and is consumed by a love for Jesus and His Bride (His people, the church). This reviewer can give fulsome testimony of this having been to many meetings where Patricia has spoken. This love for God and His people seeps through every sentence as one reads this book. A deep desire to see the Body of Christ released to all that they can be in Him is felt with every chapter along with a real sense of Holy Spirit speaking directly into the reader's heart.

Indeed this is without doubt a book that reaches not just the mind but the heart and emotions giving every reader hope that Father God has an amazing plan for them in whatever situations they may be in. The book is split into eight small chapters each one explaining how to walk out one's prophetic destiny in these days. The book opens with the arresting words: "God cares about prophecy" and the whole book goes on to demonstrate the truth of this as God indeed shows this care by desiring to use His people to bring the prophetic to the world around them.

Each of these eight chapters speaks of topics that other people have taken as individual topics to write single books on. The beauty of "Convergence" however is that in a few pages the author has wonderfully captured the Spirit of God relating to the subject being covered. Profound truths are explained in a simple ways without losing the depth of the subject or it's majesty. Subjects that perhaps people have struggled with becoming so easy to grasp and

the sense that God wants every Christian to walk in these gifts is deeply moving. Children to mature Christians alike could read this book and easily follow it. For instance, I know of a young teenager and a man who has been on the Christian road a long time reading it and both are being deeply moved and touched by its anointed words.

We are invited to share with the author her own personal journey on the road to an understanding of the prophetic. The stories that are shared with each chapter make the teaching very assessable to all. The triumphs and yes struggles are shared in such a real "everyday" way that gives hope to all who may have problems relating to the prophetic. The reader cannot fail to be moved and touched by the stories relating to the author's family that give encouragement to all to keep going and never give up because your breakthrough is just around the corner.

Topics include intimacy with God, hearing God's voice, the Father's love for us and loving God's word. At the end of reading "Convergence", this reader was left with the impression of reading some deep and profound truths yet at the same time overwhelmed by their simplicity. This is the genius of this book-one is moved by the fact that Father God wants to use us so much in the prophetic that He takes things that perhaps before people have made overly complicated and distilled them down in such a way that even a child could understand them.

This book is a safe book and yet not a safe book! Let me explain what I mean by that. It is safe in the sense that because the book is so filled with love and compassion anybody who reads it cannot fail to be touched by how much God is interested in them and loves them. Even those who are nervous and a bit sceptical about the gifts of the Spirit will surely be blessed by the sense of God's love for them in wanting to use them in so many wonderful ways. Yet it is not a safe book if you want to stay in your comfort zone within the four walls of the church. We read this anointed book and want to get out and bring the Kingdom of God to everyone around us knowing that God is for us not against us.

In the chapter "Living a prophetic lifestyle" there are a couple of sentences that sum up this book and it's author:

"The application of prophecy requires a person to be one who lives to love. Prophecy without a love for the Lord or His Bride can be a dangerous destructive weapon"

"Prophecy bathed in love is a precious tool able to bring many into a closer fellowship with their Creator. However if one does not love the Bride of Christ they should not pursue prophecy"

Patricia Bootsma is indeed one who "lives to love" that is why this important book is written. Read it, apply it and watch your life be transformed as never before. As you finish this book you will also have your eyes opened as to how much God also "lives to love" you in particular and wants to use you in your new found prophetic lifestyle. At times you may ask "well how can I walk in the prophetic I have so many issues in my life I'm such a mess" Well be encouraged for Convergence is a book for such a time as this for you. You will read some of Patricia's everyday examples from her own life story and find yourself saying: "Wow there IS hope that is just like my seemingly impossible situation!"

The reviewer cannot recommend this book highly enough. We have a link to Patricia King's website, which you can just click to purchase it. Read it. Re-read it and step into all that God has called you to be.

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