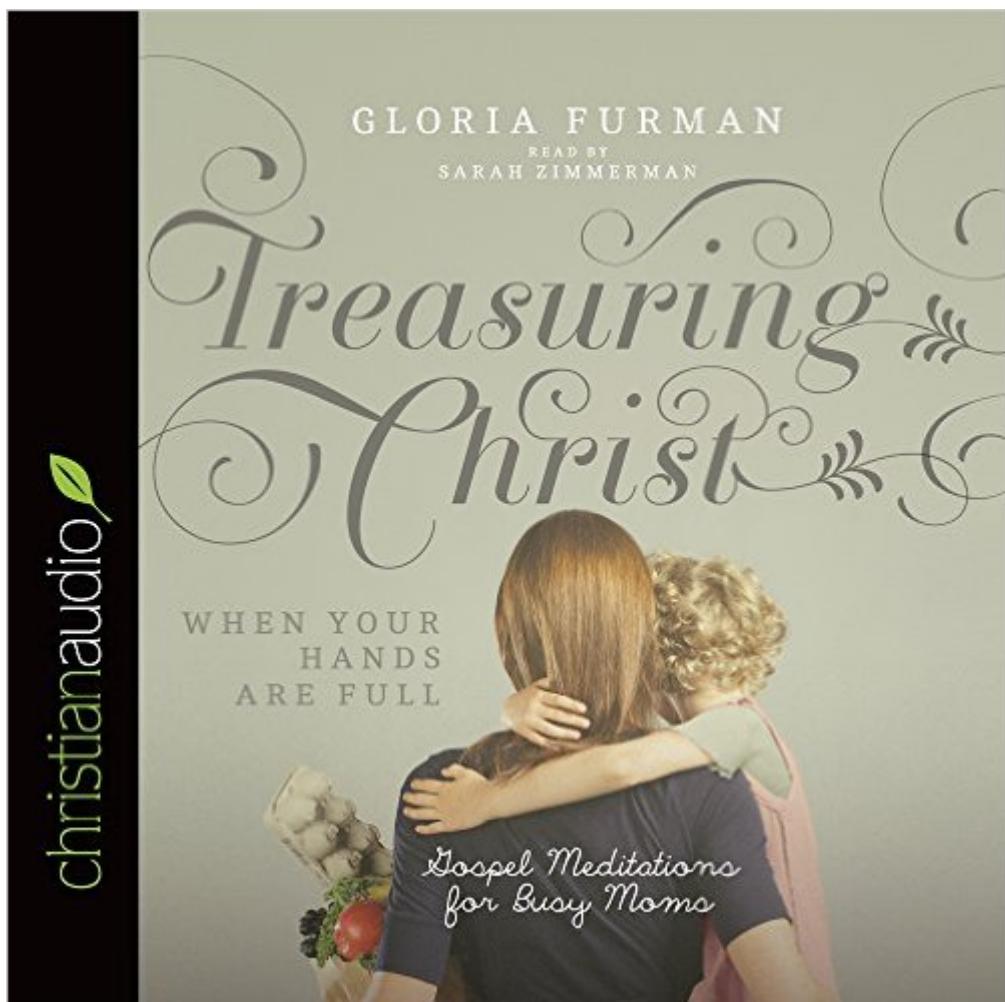


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# Treasuring Christ When Your Hands Are Full: Gospel Meditations For Busy Moms



## Synopsis

Grocery shopping. Soccer practice. Dirty dishes. Motherhood is tough, and it often feels like the to-do list just gets longer and longer every dayâ "making it hard to experience true joy in God, our children, and the gospel. In this encouraging book for frazzled moms, Gloria Furman helps us reorient our vision of motherhood around what the Bible teaches. Showing how to pursue a vibrant relationship with Godâ "even when discouragement sets in and the laundry still needs to be washedâ "this book will help you treasure Christ more deeply no matter how busy you are.

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## Customer Reviews

I was a bit disappointed by this book. Perhaps the main reason for that is because it was so highly reviewed and so highly recommended by my church and friends. I received the book and was excited to start reading it! I want to be careful about the negative things I say in this review, because I think Gloria's theology is right on! She's focused on the gospel, which is so key to any Christian book! But I'm sad to say I ended up putting the book down because I could not force myself through it. Maybe it's something about her writing style? Or her run-on sentences? I often found myself reading through a few pages and then stopping and thinking... "Wait, what's she saying? What have I been reading? And what is her point? And what does that have to do with the theme of this chapter?" It seems the author's goal in this book is to show moms how the Gospel is real and relevant even to busy moms. But I often felt as though the author was inadvertently doing the opposite. The mood of the book seemed to me to say: "The Gospel is relevant to you as a mom... because the Gospel is WONDERFUL!" While this is true.... it actually makes the reality of the

Gospel harder for me to grasp, instead of easier. For example, a typical statement from the book: "Jesus's sovereign reign over the cosmos and eschatological harnessing of everything under his feet are preeminent over the plans you've made for the evening, your busy schedule for the weekend, and the ideas you have about your child's future." This is so true! But, with a book filled with statements like this, I was left frankly rather exhausted at having to use all my mental energy just to figure out where the author was going with things.

After reading Gloria's book "Glimpses of Grace" I was very excited to hear that her new book "Treasuring Christ" was coming out. I received the book for free from Crossway and was asked to write an honest review, positive or negative, on the book. All I have to say is positive things about this book. The last chapter of her book sums it all up very well, "Motherhood as Worship." There are many moments through out motherhood that we see it as a to do list rather than a way to worship our Savior! Through out this book Gloria does a great job of encouraging mothers to look at motherhood in a different way, a Biblical, gospel centered way. Gloria is a mother herself dealing with the busyness of motherhood just like the rest of us. She shares her own struggles in this book in a way that encourages other mothers that they are not alone. It truly is a mom to mom type of book, it was just like chatting with some friends at a play date. I have two young boys at home and often find it hard to get my 'quiet time' in before my day gets busy. Gloria encourages us to look at our time with God in a different way, rather than being grumpy that our 'quiet time' got taken away when a little one wakes up early or needs something, we need to look at our tasks through out the day as worship! What if we used the time we are changing diapers and making lunches to praise our Lord? Through this book I learned that each of us need the Lord's strength to honor Christ through out motherhood. Gloria reminds us that motherhood is not about us but allowing Christ to conform us to His image. We have little image bearers waiting to be filled with Christ's love from us.

People prepared me for a lot of things before the birth of my twin boys last year. I received advice on everything from sleep training, my own impending lack of sleep, the difficulty of learning to be a parent, and that in reality you are never really prepared. I was fully prepared to feel completely unprepared when those two little ones burst on the scene. And they did with complete surprise (eight weeks early!). We were as unprepared as we were ever going to be. I knew my life would be turned upside down, but since that had never happened to me before I didn't really understand what to expect. And no one really prepared me for the fact that even the simplest things that I once held dear (like quiet time reading my bible or a good book, or the ability to focus while praying)

would be left at the hospital with my former life. The last thirteen months for me have been about getting my bearings back. Gloria Furman knows what itâ™s like to have âœmommy brainâ• and no time to think. She understands full hands and an exhausted body. She spends her days pouring out all of her energy for her husband and four kids. Yet she has learned how to trust and treasure Christ in the midst of this seemingly mundane life. That is why she is the perfect person to write a book about this very topic. In her newest book, *Treasuring Christ When Your Hands Are Full: Gospel Meditations for Busy Moms*, she speaks to women in the trenches of motherhood and offers the very encouragement she speaks to herself. With this book you feel like you are speaking to a trusted friend, one who knows your struggles and has real help for you right where you are at.

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