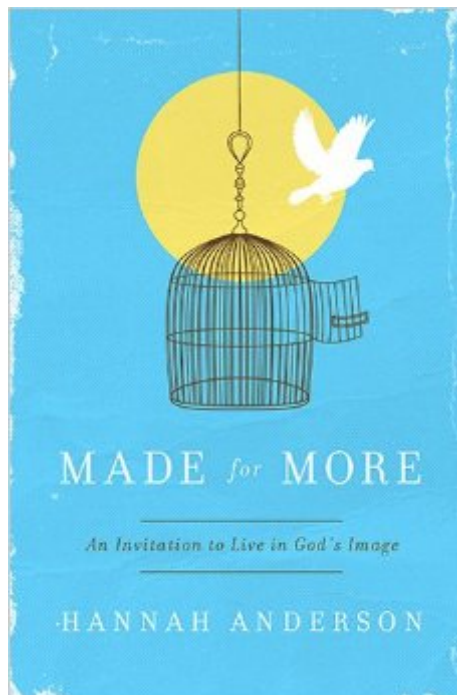


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Made For More: An Invitation To Live In God's Image



Synopsis

Who are you, really? In an uncertain world, we crave the security of knowing exactly who we are and where we belong. But too often as women, we try to find this safety in our roles and relationships, our professional accomplishments, or our picture-perfect homes. And as we do, our souls shrink smaller and smaller. It's because these things aren't made to hold us. In *Made for More*, Hannah Anderson invites you to re-imagine yourself, not simply as a set of roles and categories, but as a person destined to live in the fullness of God Himself. Starting with our first identity as image bearers, Hannah shows how Jesus Christ makes us people who can reflect His nature through our unique callings. She also explores how these deeper truths affect the practical realities that we face as women—how does being an image bearer shape our pursuit of education, our work, and even our desire for holistic lives? Because you are made in God's image, you will only ever know yourself—only ever be yourself—as you find your identity in Him. Find it now.

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There is no better book right now that challenges Christian cultural assumptions about who and even *what* women are, and how women (*and* men!) should view themselves and one another. It reorients the conversation about women's "roles" into one about identity in such a simple yet profound way that I can't imagine a single person who will read this book and not have to pause multiple times at the way Hannah asks and then answers questions, from Scripture, in ways that will challenge, embolden, and comfort. Written in a style that is both simple and eloquent, this is a book that you will want to reread as soon as you finish it, and give to everyone you know.

It is commonly critiqued that books written by and for Christian women are "fluffy, " and I have no doubt that is true of many books peddled by Christian publishers today. Nevertheless, I'm happy to say that *Made for More* is not one of them. Anderson is a careful thinker and writer, and while *Made for More* stands on the most basic of premises (we are made in God's image), it's hardly elementary reading. I can't wait to read more of what Anderson writes in the future and hope she'll soon be a name and face we recognize. Her capacious thinking and gracious vision for our lives in Christ are needed. And I was indeed helped by this book.

When we think of ourselves, what comes to mind? Is it age, gender, or ethnicity? What about profession/vocation or education? These are all good things, but are we just the sum of our parts? In "*Made for More*", author Hannah Anderson writes that we were made in God's image (*imago dei*) and created to live out of that truth. Everything about us, which includes gender, personality, and our God-given gifts, flows "from Him and through Him and to Him." The book lays a theological foundation, first taking us to the fall and sin's far-reaching effect on creation, including us. But the story doesn't end there. In Christ's incarnation, He is the perfect man where all else have failed. And because of the gospel, we find our lost identity in Him. Living in God's image is also very practical. Our affections, service, thinking, and vocation are transformed as well. We can be whole, many-faceted people, where each aspect reflects our Creator. I loved "*Made for More*" because it spoke to many of the concerns on my heart. We've spent so many years honing our categories that they've grown out of proportion to the whole, and we've lost sight of what it means to be human. It addresses this long overdue subject in a clear, engaging, and biblical way. I would say that it answers Dorothy L. Sayers question, "Are women human?" with a sound theological answer. Even though the primary audience is women, this is a book for human beings because we are all made in God's image. I highly recommend "*Made for More*".

To know who you are is to know the One in whose image you are made and to be transformed by Him so that you reflect His image with increasing clarity. There are no shortcuts in this journey, Hannah warns, but when you know why you were made, you will be able to live purposefully - whoever you are, wherever you are. It is not often that I can recommend a book with NO reservations. But "*Made for More*" is so in tune with the big message of Scripture that it makes the heady and hearty doctrine of *imago dei* accessible to the ordinary Christian reader. If you are like me, you'll want to read it through once, then again with a highlighter and bible in hand while you

absorb the deep truths it contains. You won't leave this book with another "to do" list to be a "better Christian woman." Instead, you will be freed to be wholly who you were created to be. You'll be envisioned by the big biblical themes Hannah draws on and encouraged by the truth that Christ - the image of the invisible God and the perfect image-bearer - is being formed in you.

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Anderson freely admits this book, while beneficial for men, is written primarily for women. The book targets women to discover their identity and how women live as a creation made in the image of God. Anderson challenges current thinking about identity and roles, not just current but throughout modern history. It enables women to come to terms with the purposes God has appointed, while encouraging women to live in God's image, trusting him, and setting aside the worries of the world. Written in an easy to read style, this book gives examples and wisdom for the modern life. Highly Recommended for women wanting to discover their identity and purpose in life.

The premise that our gender is not the primary means to determine our service is a welcome relief to evangelical women. There is that phrase "created in God's image" that precedes gender. Ms. Anderson does a wonderful job of initiating the conversation of what it means to live reflecting that image for women AND men, however she doesn't pretend to end that conversation with one book.

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