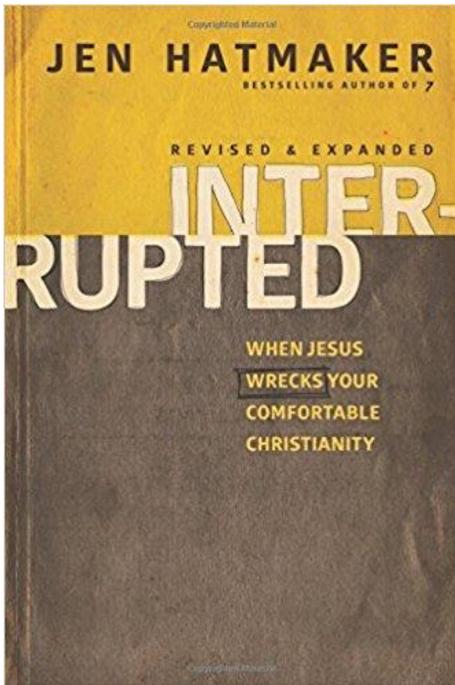


Feature books by Jen Hatmaker

Book #1: *Interrupted: When Jesus Wrecks Your Comfortable Christianity*

Book #2 *7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess*



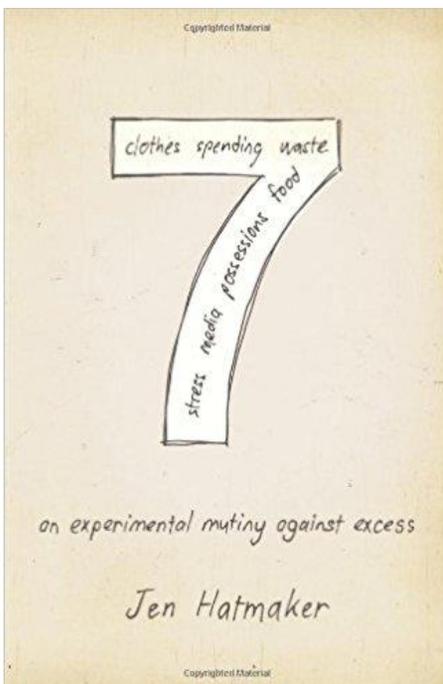
***Interrupted* Summary**

Interrupted follows the author's messy journey through life and church and into living on mission. Snatching Jen from the grip of her consumer life, God began asking her questions like, "What is really the point of My Church? What have I really asked of you?" She was far too busy doing church than being church, even as a pastor's wife, an author of five Christian books, and a committed believer for 26 years. She discovered she had missed the point.

Christ brought Jen and her family to a place of living on mission by asking them tough questions, leading them through Scripture, and walking together with them on the path. *Interrupted* invites readers to take a similar journey.

Are you one of the millions who crave a new direction in the church, fed up with religious games, empty promises, and cultural Christianity? You are not alone. You are not crazy. Maybe Jesus is ready to interrupt your life.

7 Summary



American life can be excessive, to say the least. That's what Jen Hatmaker had to admit after taking in hurricane victims who commented on the extravagance of her family's upper-middle-class home. She once considered herself unmotivated by the lure of prosperity, but upon being called rich by an undeniably poor child, evidence to the contrary mounted, and a social experiment turned spiritual was born. *7* is the true story of how Jen (along with her husband and her children to varying degrees) took seven months, identified seven areas of excess, and made seven simple choices to fight back against the modern-day diseases of greed, materialism, and overindulgence. Food. Clothes. Spending. Media. Possessions. Waste. Stress. They would spend thirty days on each topic, boiling it down to the number seven. Only eat seven foods, wear seven articles of clothing, and spend money in seven places. Eliminate use of seven media types, give away seven things each day for one month, adopt seven green habits, and observe seven sacred pauses. So, what's the payoff from living a deeply reduced life? It's the discovery of a greatly increased God—a call toward Christ-like simplicity and generosity—that transcends social experiment to become a radically better existence.

About the Author

Jen Hatmaker and her family live in Austin, Texas, where the city motto is Keep Austin Weird, and they work hard to do their part. She and her husband planted Austin New Church in an economically and ethnically diverse, socially unique, urban area of the city in 2008. They are in the greatest adventure of their lives (thrilled to find out that where they have planted is known as the church planters' graveyard) and have made some incredible new partnerships in ministry. They've seen their world turned upside down as they've considered what it means to ask God how to live and not just what to do. But it's a good upside down, as part of that discovery will be the addition of two children from Ethiopia set to join the three they already have. Together they will keep Austin weird and seek to glorify God as they do.

To learn more about Jen, check out her schedule and blog at www.jenhatmaker.com.

Both books were rated 4.6 out of 5 stars at Christianbook.com.

Review was written by Wendy Willard from her blog "Still not there yet"

Interrupted is Jen's story of recognizing her mess, accepting the infinite greatness of God's grace, and then stepping out in utter obedience to whatever God has planned. It is the tale of how God redirected her path from working to somehow earn that grace, to freely accepting the gift of it, and then **"to live on mission as an adopted daughter of Jesus."** Because, as she wrote, "There is a horrid beauty in following God slightly blind. The victory later is sweeter, the prize more valuable than breath."

Review was written by Joe thru Amazon and he gave it 5 out of 5 stars.

First of all, this woman is hilarious. That makes it so much more fun to read. Second, she's humble. She doesn't come across at all like she has arrived; when she failed at portions of her challenges, she admitted so and that was huge for me. I also love how she was honest about what she did and didn't know (e.g., with starting a garden--I'm just as clueless as she is so that made me feel a thousand times better). She's just a sister in Christ who felt compelled to make some changes through challenging her faith in practical ways and she authentically shares what that looked like for her. It was a really difficult book to put down. Another reviewer said that you would likely lose sleep over this book because you'd be up thinking about what she said and I should've taken them seriously--I literally was up half the night one night because I was feeling convicted (in a good way). If you're tired of feeling like you're living in a Christian bubble and being more of a hearer of the Word and not so much a doer, read this. It will change your life and ultimately your relationship with Jesus.