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## **A Call to Joy: Living in the Presence of God Details**

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## **From Reader Review A Call to Joy: Living in the Presence of God for online ebook**

### **Mary says**

Great place to begin. Easily to breeze through. Merits reading again.

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### **Jonathan Chew says**

#### **Enlightening**

Absolutely a fantastic guide to loving Life filled with Joy. It really gives you some great perspective and a new paradigm with which to see the world and your own purpose in it. Would definitely recommend it to anyone who is soul searching and lost in the noise of today's society.

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### **Andrea says**

Great basic read about the beauty of Christianity, specifically Catholicism.

I'm giving it only three stars because the publishing company needs to change the cover photo. I understand it is the author at the age he wrote the book, but it is too dated, a turnoff to those who would find the most value in the book.

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### **Jeff Bradley says**

#### **Very transformative**

You can tell this was Kelly's capstone project. He said he spent 4 years writing it and the hard work paid off. I've read most of his work and I highlighted more sections of this book than his others. A book for anyone who wants true lasting joy

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### **Rose says**

A good beginner's book on the spiritual life. Matthew Kelly provides real life application of religious concepts and encouragement for the spiritual journey. Personally, although I agreed with him, I finished wanting a little more. I felt that Kelly only skimmed the surface and was slightly repetitive throughout the book. I do realize that this book is one of his earlier writings, however, and that he was able to deepen and expand in his later books, such as *The Seven Levels of Intimacy* or *The Rhythm of Life*. Overall, I do recommend this book if you are looking for a light, spiritual read with a few encouraging tips.

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### **Robert Glover says**

Matthew Kelly is a theologian of the simple. I mean that in a good way. He has a populist touch with practical tips for all Christians.

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### **Amy says**

A great book for focusing on living in the presence of God! I loved all the different stories he used to make his point. I'd really like to give this 4.5 stars because I enjoyed the book so much, but it wasn't perfect. I found that a lot of stuff was repetitive, like many other reviewers said, so for that I took off a star. I think some of his points could have been made in a more concise manner, but other than that it was a good read, and I'd definitely recommend it to others looking to enrich their faith.

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### **Katharina says**

Everyone who desires a close relationship with God needs this book. One of the best I have ever read.

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### **MargaRAT says**

You don't have to be Catholic to learn from this book. However to get the most out of the teaching, it helps to have faith in God. He breaks down the elements of the "mundane life" and reveals that everything, when seen through the lens of God's grace, is a miraculous wonder. Could be paired with Doors of Perception by Aldous Huxley. They both talk the majesty of nature in a way that'll change your perspective on this everyday miracle.

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### **Tracy L. says**

It may have taken me some time to complete the book. It had nothing to do with the content. The book was excellent, and I believe everyone should read y  
It. Mr. Kelly brings a lot of truth to light, and he opened my mind and heart to change my outlook on prayer and meditation. This I believe is a good read for 7th graders on up to read. We our loosing the faith of our youth, and what better way to help them understand the power of prayer and having a daily talk with God. As I have matured and have dealt with a number of struggles throughout my life, our perceptions on prayer changes. If someone would have told me what Mr. Kelly states in this book years earlier, a lot less anxiety, stress, and worry could have been avoided. Having trust in God is just so very important, and reading this has helped me understand it much better. Thank you for writing this book!

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### **Darcy Maggio says**

Good spiritual read that lives up to its title...

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### **Coleen says**

Since I am a huge Matthew Kelly fan, I totally enjoyed this book. It is one of his older ones, written when he was younger, but still packs lots of advice. There are so many good ideas, it is difficult to know where to begin.

First, it is not necessary to be Catholic or even a Christian to gain much benefit from his book, but it probably helps. He uses stories of his own experiences, as well as those that are created, such as fables or parables. He discusses the benefit of silence [STOP the noise!]; focusing on what you have rather than what you don't have; positive thinking; distinguishing truth from falsehood; and so much more.

The book is down to earth [no pun intended], understandable and helpful to anyone who devotes the time to read it.

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### **Catherine Cavanagh says**

I read this book as soon as it came out, and was very impressed with the potential it had to interest teens and young adults in pursuing a relationship with God. Almost as soon as I finished reading it, I gave it away to a mum whose son needed to hear what Matthew Kelly was sharing in this book. The book is particularly valuable because you can give it to unchurched or barely-churched young people, and they will find it an engaging read - especially if they have begun their own search for the meaning of life.

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### **Brigid says**

I've read other books of Kelly's that I like better, so my two stars is to point you in the direction of some of his other, more recent work.

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### **Nicole Estes says**

He's such a thought provoking writer. I really enjoy and can apply his reads.

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