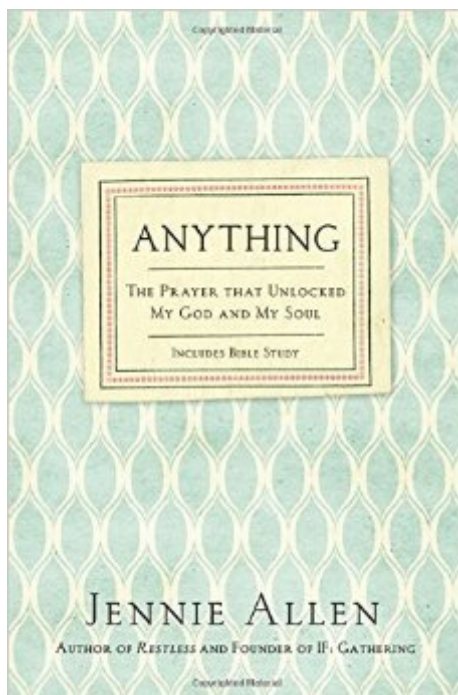


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# Anything: The Prayer That Unlocked My God And My Soul



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I'm sitting here with tears in my eyes as I write this. Whenever I tell the story of my walk with Jesus it always begins with this book. I have loved Jesus all my life, but it wasn't until a friend put this book in my hands that things changed and I learned to surrender and run! Through Jennie's story of surrender I began to understand the beauty of what happens when you let go of your own life and trying to control it, and let God take over, turn it upside down, and start living for His will. When I did that EVERYTHING changed! My walk, my relationship with Jesus, my marriage, my

kids.....everything! I never knew that in surrendering, you are set free! The pages of my copy of "Anything" look like a coloring book! Highlighted, colored in, marked with notes from top to bottom. But better than that, the pages are stained with tears. The tears that come from surrender, living life for my savior, whatever that may be, whatever He calls me to do! Since reading "Anything" I have been running full speed after Jesus! My whole life has been turned upside down in the best way! Thank you Jennie, your transparency and your story. You wrecked my life in the very best way!

Today, June 9th, is the re-release date of "Anything ... The Prayer that Unlocked My God and My Soul" by Jennie Allen with a new, beautiful, teal blue cover, new chapter updates of what has transpired since the 1st edition, and the best part for me, an accompanying 8-week Bible Study Guide with a main Scripture passage to study along with the books chapters, power-packed questions, two projects for personal reflection and application and at least six conversation cards for small group discussions. It's A REALLY WONDERFUL ALL ENCOMPASSING ADDITION to draw you even deeper into your journey with God and being prepared for what might happen if you pray "Anything" ... And in that one little word we turned in everything for God's anything." (insert of the "Anything" prayer on my blog) Perhaps you never read the 1st edition or don't know "Jennie Allen" or are familiar with her story, perhaps you are/were afraid to pray "Anything" ... perhaps you have and "things" have not gone at all like Jennie's, or perhaps God has used Jennie Allen and her story to inspire you and challenge you to GO BEYOND ... maybe you have found many excuses (valid or not) and it's time for you to step out ... the best place to start is letting this book by Jennie Allen move you step by step forward ... working through, guiding and processing this The book is wisely divided into 3 parts with 6 or 7 chapters in each: the first (pages 16-72) "Everything Keeping Us from Anything"; the 2nd part (pages 73-114) "Praying Anything" and the 3rd part (pages 115-163) "Living Anything Jesus' Anything" ... life changing ... followed by some finishing touches: "What is Your Anything" and "Since Anything" which updates much of what has happened to the Allen family since praying "Anything" and still happening (pages 167-174). Then Jennie finally is able to complete this book (pages 175-223) with her wonderful style of an 8-Week Bible Study, which definitely is not only her passion but her forte. Many have asked if the Study guide is available separate and as of now, it is not, but it is a good suggestion to the publisher and author as a supplement to the ones who have the 1st edition. However, you will miss out on the updates without this new version. I agree with others and Jennie, herself, that the book was incomplete without this study ... and my review also is a bit incomplete without going through the Study first ; reading the journey or pages is only half of the total impact without making the application to our own life, it's

just like it is with God's Word. Jennie Allen's "Anything ..." is a call to action! "Anything" is a life changer and praying or working through this will deeply affect you and those around you. Now for the added BONUS beginning with a LIVE Online kick-off event on June 15th, you can join in this free access to an 8-Week Online Bible Study with study videos and more resources by signing up for the ANYTHING PROJECT with Jennie Allen and Faith Gateway. (see <http://www.faithgateway.com/topics/online-bible-studies/anything-project>) I truly enjoy Jennie Allen and her heart! I love her passion and compassion! I would recommend highly any of her books to change and challenge you and your spiritual journey with God and one another. Beware --- this book will change you and your attitude (I pray) to truly take the risk of being a disciple of Jesus Christ in your daily EVERYTHING and ANYTHING. Allow God and Jennie Allen's "ANYTHING..." Prayer to stir you and your life to be responsive and passionate about God and bringing glory to His Kingdom in this world for the next. Jennie has the gift to guide us to do this ... ANYTHING ... What I found to be significant and my favorite part ... kept changing as I read on and on, highlighting and wondering how Jennie's story would influence or impact my story of faith and that of others. Knowing that this can have a lasting affect on eternity in ways that we are yet to see ... just maybe your surrender or mine will open our eyes to God's ... and that will lead to His Glory and GRACE if we are willing to act and dream BIG about ANYTHING! I'm thinking I should do a follow-up review after completing this 8-week study! Disclosure: I received this digital edition of this book free, from the publisher. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.

Have you ever asked yourself, "Is this it? Is this what God wanted when He called me to serve Him?" Have you ever wondered what would happen if you prayed, "Anything, God. I'll do anything"? I have. It's a scary thought, isn't it? But why? Jennie Allen and her husband prayed this prayer. They committed everything, anything to God. Jennie writes about that process, their prayer, and the results in Anything, the Prayer that Unlocked My God and My Soul. Honestly, I believe that every christian will get to this place of surrender, not just a chosen few. What "anything" looks like, and the process involved, will be different for each individual, but the desire to give a God everything, to live completely submitted to Him, is the heartbeat of every true child of God. This book was a bit of a struggle for me. Here are my pros and cons: Pros: 1. There are some really deep thoughts in here. Stuff like this: "We love our earth. We love our people. We love our stuff. We love our schedules. We love our short lives here. And God is saying, Look up. This is going fast. Your life here is barely a breath. There is more. Way more. Time is almost gone. Our lives are spent well on Him and

whatever stories He has written for us. What are we really so afraid of losing? Heaven feels far away, and we forget. But it is real...and it is coming."2. Interesting stories are sprinkled throughout.3. This book will convict you.5. The cover art is beautiful.6. Parts of this book were reminiscent of In His Steps

**Cons:**1. There is no real flow. The writing seems disjointed and hard to follow.2. On page 30 depression, failed marriages, and fear are lumped in with sins. Maybe I misunderstood, but it didn't sit well with me. Here's the quote: "We have seen friends come out of hiding, confessing broken marriages, pornography addictions, depression, abuse, alcoholism, fear, even self righteousness, and they've been met with the restorative grace of God."3. Some of the terminology seemed to simplify God a bit, as if that could be done, and sounded a bit...irreverent? One statement even made Him sound nearly schizophrenic.4. On page 102, depression is once again mentioned in an almost accusatory tone, and I seemed to understand that, in her opinion, depression is one of the things that will weaken with full surrender to God. As someone who struggles with chronic depression, I can tell you that that isn't so. Not always, anyway.5. The book mentions "our glory". As in ours and God's. But we don't get any glory, and God doesn't want us to. It's all His. Always has been, always will be.6. On page 192: "God wants to go crazy through us." I'm not trying to nitpick...I'm really not...but it always bothers me when God is not spoken of with proper reverence.

So there are more cons than pros for me, however, there is some important stuff here that people need to hear, so I do recommend this book with caution.3 out of 5 stars.

**More about the book:**

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**About the Author**Jennie Allen is a passionate leader following God's call on her life to catalyze this generation to live what they believe. She is the author of Restless and the Bible studies Stuck and Chase, and is the founder and visionary of IF: Gathering. Jennie is married to her

best friend, Zac, and they have been blessed with four children. Thank you to BookLook Bloggers for giving me this book in exchange for my honest review.

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