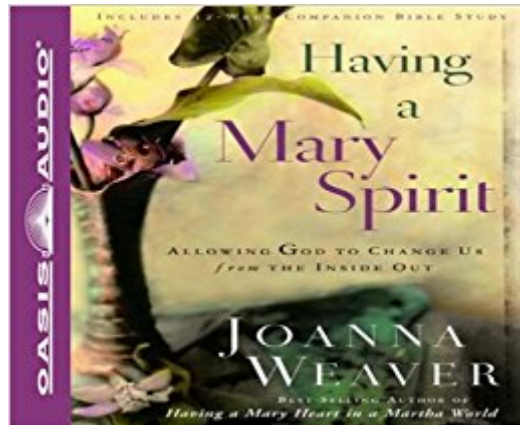




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# Having A Mary Spirit: Allowing God To Change Us From The Inside Out



## Synopsis

You long to serve God with grace and strength, to reflect Christ in every word and action. Yet you find yourself continually struggling to bring that vision to life in your daily walk. At our very core, every one of us is a "twisted sister" within whom the flesh and spirit battle constantly for control. We are afflicted with spiritual schizophrenia, the disconnect between our good-girl desire to put Jesus first and our bad-girl realities that crowd our thoughts and push him out of the way. In this life-changing audiobook, Joanna Weaver, author of the perennial bestseller, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, directs your gaze past your own shortcomings to the God who stands ready, willing, and able to make a new woman out of you. She equips you with biblical insights and practical tools to partner with Christ, inviting him into the hidden places of your soul and giving him full permission to redeem and renovate. Drawing on the stories of the biblical Marys (Mary, mother of Jesus; Mary, sister of Martha; and Mary Magdalene) and others whose experience with God transformed their lives, Joanna shows how you can find what you long for: hope, healing, wholeness, and joy. *Having a Mary Spirit* will launch you toward lasting personal transformation: soul-deep change that results in a complete makeover from the inside out.

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## Customer Reviews

Starred Review. Devoted fans of Weaver's bestselling title, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, have waited some seasons for a follow-up worthy of this original Mary/Martha signature piece.

According to Weaver, a six-month writing sabbatical morphed into six years while two children grew

up, a third was born, church-building projects loomed large, relational miscommunications snowballed and inner chaos reigned. She admits that the tugs between flesh and spirit took their toll on her flagship message for Christian women to achieve life balance between the soulfully serene "Mary" and perfectionist "Martha." Weaver spends 16 delightfully entertaining and spiritually hefty chapters challenging and entreating women to allow God entrance to the heart's inner places for a "soul-surgery" of sorts. She discusses guarding one's heart from distractions and cynicism; bringing thoughts under control; honing a fearless, courageous attitude; and learning to adopt a discerning, malleable and servant-minded spirit. Weaver's insight is keen and far-reaching, patient and practical. Clearly, the substance of this material is neither new or unique, yet Weaver has a way of approaching even well-worn subject matter with a neighborliness that both charms and enthralls. (Oct. 10) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Praise for Having a Mary Spirit  
"Once again, Joanna Weaver guides us gently, lovingly, yet firmly along the life-changing path of righteousness. Her honesty about her own struggles assures us we're not alone. And her commitment to biblical truth reminds us God will be with us every step of the way. I promise you'll emerge from this reading experience a changed woman!"  
Liz Curtis Higgs, best-selling author of *Bad Girls of the Bible*  
"Reading *Having a Mary Spirit* is like having a cherished friend visit and speak right to my heart. As someone who loved *Having a Mary Heart in Martha World*, this second book focuses on intimacy with Christ, but it also takes us deeper, showing us--through personal anecdotes and touching stories--the joy found in turning ourselves over for a holy makeover. If you're ready for a transformed spirit, you'll adore this book!"  
Tricia Goyer, award-winning author of eight books including *Generation NeXt Parenting*  
"It seems the most authentic books are the ones that inch their way out of an ordinary life and quietly speak of all that is eternal. That is the case with *Having a Mary Spirit*. This personal and life-pondering book will strengthen and soothe the places in your spirit where your everyday life has left you parched. Drink deeply!"  
Robin Jones Gunn, Bestselling author of *Sisterchicks* and *Take Flight!*  
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I was somewhat bothered by the selected Bible verses. They can answer the questions, but make more sense if written in context. It is also necessary to buy the book since the study guide asks you to read the appropriate chapters in the book. Alone, the study guide is not that helpful. I also found that the whole study is more valuable in a small group setting rather than doing it alone. That way struggles and confusions and mis-understandings can be discussed in a supporting manner.

My wife is in a book study group with five other ladies and they are using this book to study. They all really enjoy it and are learning a lot.

Like the materials. The speaker is a little over dramatic in her presentation which impacts negatively on some of the listeners.

In "Having a Mary Spirit" Joanna helps us realize how we all have a "Flesh Woman" inside us that is constantly fighting against our good-girl desire to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Flesh Woman seeks instant satisfaction. She attempts to make us feel bad and inadequate when it seems that God doesn't answer our prayers like we want when in reality he has answered in the way that is best for us in the long run. This book is a great read for a group or alone. It includes a study guide in the back that helps the reader reflect on each chapter and encourages further Bible study with suggested scripture readings.

great product, great service

Joanna Weaver, she was new to me. But I have become a follower of her teaching of the word. God has really given her a heart changing message. This is our second study with her.

This book is for Christian women at any stage in their lives. I am 76 and have learned very much from this book which are bible study is using. I even sent it to my daughter. I highly recommend it.

This is an excellent book to just read or to study in a group. It offers guidance for growing in my walk

with Christ and is a good follow-up for her earlier book, Having a Mary Spirit in a Martha World.

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