

THAT GENTLE WHISPER

LEARNING TO RECOGNISE GOD'S VOICE IN A NOISY WORLD

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I came to this book with a deep longing to know more about the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gifts, and it does not disappoint. In story after story, Bill Cahusac shares his experiences of how God has gifted him with prophetic insights which have strengthened, comforted and encouraged random strangers whom Bill bumps into: a young woman at the supermarket checkout, a taxi-

driver, an initially unfriendly man who begins pouring out his heart when he learns that Bill is a vicar, and so on. The thread running through these different encounters and the book is that our Father longs to communicate with us, and he does so in diverse and creative ways.

Bill Cahusac deals with profound spiritual truths in a warm, funny and accessible style; he draws us into his life and shares nuggets of information which make him relatable. Here is a guy who realises at 8.45pm on a Sunday that the food for his boys' packed lunch has been eaten, resulting in a mad dash to the shops where God shows up at the checkout and gives Bill words of knowledge which bring hope to a young woman with a difficult home life. It is this presence of God, Bill recognises, which was the catalyst for his conversion (as an over-dressed teenager at Holy Trinity Brompton), his faith journey and now underpins his prophetic ministry. In his words, 'we were created to know the presence of God, to enjoy the presence of God and to carry the presence of God. And it is the presence of God that makes us distinct.'

Another strength of this book is its wide appeal. Not only is it invaluable for those exploring their prophetic gifts, offering clear guidance and practical tips for discerning and using those gifts, but it is relevant to all Christians because everything Bill says is rooted in scripture. While God may choose to speak to us in any number of ways, the primary way is through scripture. It is by spending time with God in his word and in worship that we get to hear the still small voice.

Overall this is a fascinating read for anyone who wants to deepen their relationship with God. *That Gentle Whisper* stirred my conviction that the Holy Spirit is as active in bringing the presence of God into the world today as on the Day of Pentecost.

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Charmaine has seen her life transformed by the Word of God and her great desire is for her family and friends to come to know Jesus too. Charmaine has written for *Preach* and for Premier.