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Foundations For Ministry

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THE word and Power

I think the book is based on Doug Bannister's blessing of a changed view in his book he talked about how he had a foot in both camps. As an evangelical he loved the word but longed for more of the spirit. Once he experienced it he loved the introduction to the spiritual power but saw that this power needed to be joined at the hip with the written word. There are many things I like in this book but I don't think I have room to discuss them all, so I will go toward the best parts I think. The book asks you about your church it will make you think about and evaluate your church, does your church balance the word with the power. I've been blessed to be part of the church congregation led by a pastor who has both. I am a preacher's kid that grew up living in a church parsonage. My father was a Methodist preacher who vastly steadied the world. In my church growing up if someone said amen or hallelujah the whole church probably would've turned around and stared at the person, so I know what it means to be in a church only given the word without the power. I am so blessed to now be a member of a church that meets most of the checklist found on page 90. My pastor is an exemplary preacher who emphasizes the authority of Scripture. Because of my church I have a realistic affirmation that the kingdom of God is not yet fully here. I also know that spiritual growth is a process. I believe that the best way the word can be used is in the context of relationships whether it be friends family or mates. There is definitely an emphasis on prayer. In these world times it's a comfort to know that the kingdom is here in part. We believe that God speaks today you just have to learn how to listen and receive the message he has for you. By having a church home. Emphasizes on your participation in worship. We also have a belief that the spirit's charismatic gifts can best be experienced in the context of relationships. I also like when the

book talks about the four healing myths the first one if only you have enough faith, you will be healed. This is an error it does have some biblical truth but it is still not true it depends on the individual's level of faith it may take some healing to develop faith. Myth two if you have faith in God you will not need to take medicine hay God is the one to bless the person that created the medicine to heal you. The third myth to hear the must be dramatic and instantaneous or it isn't real. This is false healing comes over a period of time for some people. The last myth the book talks about is healing ministry as an individual praying over the sick I tend to agree that that myth is true the part I don't agree with, is that it has to be the pastor or spiritual leader to do it. I think the prayer for healing can come from and effectively be done by any of God's children.