



Q & A



Join the Resistance *Step into the Good Work of Kingdom Justice*

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"Recent years have revealed a new generation of women and men who are ready to defy injustice. But how do we move from passion about justice to participation in the day-to-day work for justice? Drawing from the experience of her years of collaborative advocacy and the wisdom of the biblical prophets, Michelle Warren offers us an accessible vision for how each of us—no matter our social location—can join the beautiful resistance."

—David Swanson, pastor and author of *Redisciplining the White Church*

How You Show Up Is as Important as Showing Up

What change do you see stirring the need for this book?

Michelle Ferrigno Warren: Christians are awakening to the need for systemic change and beginning to understand that they need to do something about it beyond marching once. Discontent with the status quo, they want to build a better world for themselves and future generations.

As a long-standing, white, privileged justice advocate and activist, it's important for me to share that how you show up is just as important as showing up.

How do you hope *Join the Resistance* inspires a shift in perspective?

Michelle: This book equips Christians for the good work of joining Christ in his restorative work in the world by learning how to show up to the work of resistance or the movement. It helps them understand their place in the moment and the overall movement toward justice and healing.

What is distinctive is that it guides you step by step toward those directly impacted by injustice, joining what they are doing and away from achieving political power, or commenting on injustice. *Join the Resistance* grounds Christians in the theological call to be active agents of salt and light, and join Christ in his restoration of the world, going beyond individual and even social restoration to systemic restoration.

Why is history important to the work of activism?

Michelle: Activists throughout history are highlighted in *Join the Resistance*. We learn to serve the movement by becoming students of the movement. We need to understand our shared history, learn from our mistakes, and be inspired to step out now.

What do you hope readers take away from this book?

Michelle:

- Faith-rooted activism is an embodiment of the theology of love that goes beyond words and speech, but undeniably demonstrates public love in action and truth (see 1 John 3:18).
- The Old Testament prophets and Jesus himself demonstrated this important truth telling and active response.
- The work doesn't start when we become aware but has been going on since the beginning of time, and we walk in standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. We need to learn from those on whose shoulders we stand.
- You join the resistance by serving the movement, staying at the table, helping your people.



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