

# Erwin McManus

## Quotes

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It is amazing where God will take you when you are willing to follow. Life is full of surprises when we choose mystery over security.

~Erwin McManus

We are all hypocrites in transition. I am not who I want to be, but I am on the journey there, and thankfully I am not whom I used to be.

~Erwin McManus

The church does not exist for us. We are the church, and we exist for the world.

~Erwin McManus

I think a lot of us are not on a path; we're in a rut. We have confused comfort with peace, belief with faith, safety with wisdom, wealth with blessing, and existence with life.

~Erwin McManus

God gives God-sized dreams to people with God-shaped hearts.

~Erwin McManus

It is insanity to run from God and search for love.

~Erwin McManus

The person who loves the process has a much greater chance of success than the person who loves the outcome.

~Erwin McManus

The limitations you are willing to accept establish the boundaries of your existence.

~Erwin McManus

Home is ultimately not about a place to live but about the people with whom you are most fully alive. Home is about love, relationship, community, and belonging, and we are all searching for home.

~Erwin McManus

Your dreams are the product of your longings, a portrait of your potential, and a promise of your future.

~Erwin McManus

You need to remember who God is, forget the painful wounds and let Him renew you.

~Erwin McManus

If God imagined you at birth, what makes you think He's stopped imagining you now.

~Erwin McManus

If you were meant to fly, not even running really fast is that impressive.

~Erwin McManus

A person God himself deems as wise is one who not only hears His voice, but immediately begins to act upon His instruction.

~Erwin McManus

Within a moment there is monumental potential. That is the mystery of a moment. It is small enough to ignore and big enough to change your life forever

~Erwin McManus

It is amazing how much we can endure when we are convinced there is a purpose to our struggle.

~Erwin McManus

God clarifies in the midst of obedience, not beforehand.

~Erwin McManus

The church is not here to meet our needs. We are the church here to

meet the needs of the world.

~Erwin McManus

Deeper than our instinct to live is our longing to be alive.

~Erwin McManus

How in the world could you ever imagine a life of faith that does not require risk? Faith and risk are inseparable.

~Erwin McManus

You cannot wash the feet of a dirty world if you refuse to touch it

~Erwin McManus

The world doesn't need more great leaders, it needs more great people who lead.

~Erwin McManus

True religion always moves us to serve others and to give our lives to see those oppressed find freedom.

~Erwin McManus

A world without God cannot wait for us to choose the safe path. If we wait for someone else to take the risk, we risk that no one will ever act and that nothing will ever be accomplished.

~Erwin McManus

Gratitude changes your perspective about life. You see the future, experience the present, and remember the past in a dramatically different way.

~Erwin McManus

I have so much confidence in the reality of Jesus that I feel no pressure to try to make people act or be a certain way. I'm banking everything on the fact that God actually changes people.

~Erwin McManus

We were created to be expressions of the goodness and wholeness of God.

~Erwin McManus

To live outside of God's will puts us in danger; to live in his will makes us dangerous.

~Erwin McManus

You're not supposed to die with your potential. A life well lived squeezes all the potential placed within and does something with it.

~Erwin McManus

The real measure of our power is the freedom and opportunity we create for others.

~Erwin McManus

The most important moments rarely come at a convenient time

~Erwin McManus

We can't change history, but we can create the future.

~Erwin McManus

Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the absence of self.

~Erwin McManus

The epicenter of creativity and imagination should be the Church, reflecting the character and glory of God.

~Erwin McManus

Faith is the determination to create with our lives what only our hearts can conceive.

~Erwin McManus

Churches all over the country have decided they love their traditions more than their children.

~Erwin McManus

The first and most important step in the process of becoming genuinely is to be once again authenticated by the original designer.

~Erwin McManus

You are both a work of art and an artist at work.

~Erwin McManus

Problems, obstacles, and challenges can either become the markers of our limits and limitations, or they can become the springboard into a whole new world.

~Erwin McManus

Love never comes without wounds; faith never comes without failure.

~Erwin McManus

Jesus did not have a value for prayer for prayer's sake. He had a value for the intimate communion between God and man.

~Erwin McManus

I think Christianity is the same as Buddhism and Hinduism - whenever a religion begins to say that these are the things you have to do to be loved by God, you have a religion.

~Erwin McManus

Courage frees us from the fears that would rob us of life itself.

~Erwin McManus

When we lack integrity, we use power to control. When we lead with integrity, we use power to bless.

~Erwin McManus

I refused to let go of what I had.

~Erwin McManus

Sin creates the illusion of freedom. In the end it fools us into seeking freedom from God rather than finding freedom in God.

~Erwin McManus

You are an artist. What work of art will you leave behind?

~Erwin McManus

The Christian faith grew through story - not text. Only later did the stories become Scripture. While the Scripture must be held in the highest regard, we must not neglect the power of story.

~Erwin McManus

Talent doesn't win. Hard work, determination, and character wins. If you root your talent and ability in those things, then you have a powerful combination.

~Erwin McManus

The shape of your character is the shape of your future.

~Erwin McManus

In some sense we are all hypocrites in transition.

~Erwin McManus

Religion as a whole specializes in sin management. It's all about organizing humanity in such a way that we cause as little damage as possible.

~Erwin McManus

We are all time voyagers leaving history in our wake, pioneering into the future.

~Erwin McManus

The fuel of ambition is not the problem; it is the focus of ambition that frees or betrays us.

~Erwin McManus

The journey to freedom is paved by the substance of our character.

~Erwin McManus

A life well lived is the most exquisite work of art.

~Erwin McManus

Jesus is being lost in a religion bearing his name.

~Erwin McManus

It's a wonderful thing when you look inside your own heart and like what you see.

~Erwin McManus

Whoever tells the best story shapes the culture.

~Erwin McManus

Your soul craves truth, beauty, wonder, love. Your soul craves to dream, to imagine, and even simply to understand. Your soul craves to connect, to commune, to create.

~Erwin McManus

It's not your freedom to choose that makes you free. It's what you choose in that freedom that makes you free.

~Erwin McManus

Great dreams require great courage.

~Erwin McManus

Attitude is an accurate monitor of where we fall on the spectrum of pride and humility.



~Erwin McManus

Our citizenship is in eternity; history is our temporary residence.

~Erwin McManus

Is it possible that the creative act is simply the materialization of the future- making the invisible, visible?

~Erwin McManus

The greatest enemy to the movement of Jesus Christ is Christianity.

~Erwin McManus

We have to ask ourselves, 'Am I really trying to discern God's will, or determine whether I want to do it?'

~Erwin McManus

It is not balance you need but adaptability.

~Erwin McManus

Greatness comes with discipline.

~Erwin McManus

When we dwell on the past, we tend to want to live there. When we dream of the future, we want to go there. Our dreams are where God paints a picture of a life waiting to be created.

~Erwin McManus

This thing that haunts you, that never seems satisfied, the cravings in your soul that you are unable to satiate through all the success that the world can bring this is your soul screaming for God.

~Erwin McManus

I am convinced the Church is the greatest hope for humanity and for creating a new world where everyone is valued and embraced

regardless of differences.

~Erwin McManus

The future belongs to those who have the courage to create it. We need a new humanity. We need a new expression of community. We need the Church to bring the world together. This makes me excited.

~Erwin McManus

You can plant a church and grow a church. That's not that hard to do, but it's harder to be a viable source of transformation in a city or your time or space.

~Erwin McManus

The future awaits those with the courage to create it.

~Erwin McManus

When you're passionate about God, you can trust your passions.

~Erwin McManus

My goal is to destroy Christianity.

~Erwin McManus

All the evidence you need to prove God is waiting within you to be discovered.

~Erwin McManus

I guess when I really think about it, God's voice sounds a lot like my voice.

~Erwin McManus

We need both to aspire and accomplish. Without a vision for your life, without a sense of purpose, you will begin to die a slow death.

~Erwin McManus

Far too often, when we think we are frightened by mystery, the fact is that we are haunted by history.

~Erwin McManus

Truth should never travel faster than love.

~Erwin McManus

We may not be able to accomplish everything we can dream, but we will not accomplish anything without our dreams

~Erwin McManus

Behind real freedom, there lies discipline.

~Erwin McManus

When we stop believing the world can become a better place, when we stop caring about the lives and conditions of others, we lose a part of ourselves.

~Erwin McManus

When you begin to create the life of your dreams - or maybe better stated, when you begin to live the life that God dreams for you - you take responsibility to prepare for the future.

~Erwin McManus

People who are fully alive look out of their minds to those who simply exist.

~Erwin McManus

Humility is not about having a low self-image or poor self-esteem. Humility is about self-awareness.

~Erwin McManus

To be apathetic is literally to be without passion.

~Erwin McManus

What is the future you're creating right now?

~Erwin McManus

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