

Rob Bell Quotes

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Real, Inspiring, Want, Heart, World, Giving, Our World, Religious, Winning,
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When you forgive somebody, when you are generous, when you withhold judgment, when you love and when you stand up to injustice, you are, in that moment, bringing heaven to earth.

~Rob Bell

Because with every action, comment, conversation, we have the choice to invite Heaven or Hell to Earth.

~Rob Bell

Why blame the dark for being dark? It is far more helpful to ask why the light isn't as bright as it could be.

~Rob Bell

What we do comes out of who we believe we are.

~Rob Bell

opening up your soul to someone, letting them into your spirit, thoughts, fears, future, hopes, dreams ... that is being naked.

~Rob Bell

The moment God is figured out with nice neat lines and definitions, we are no longer dealing with God.

~Rob Bell

Well, I affirm orthodox Christian faith. I affirm the Nicene Creed. I don't think I'm doing anything terribly new.

~Rob Bell

The life that you want begins the moment you embrace the life you have because all of it is a miracle.

~Rob Bell

Often times when I meet atheists and we talk about the god they don't believe in, we quickly discover that I don't believe in that god, either.

~Rob Bell

If we are serious about loving someone, we have to surrender all the desires within us to manipulate the relationship.

~Rob Bell

That breath that you just took, that's a gift!

~Rob Bell

The vibrant, real historic Christian faith is very wide and leaves lots and lots of room for varying perspectives. It's very diverse and wide, that's part of it's strength, life and vibrancy.

~Rob Bell

It takes quite a spine to turn the other cheek. It takes phenomenal fortitude to love your enemy. It takes firm resolve to pray for those who persecute you. (with reference to Matthew 5)

~Rob Bell

My experience is that lots of people go to church, sing the songs, tell the story, etc but have profound ambivalence about God.

~Rob Bell

The historical orthodox Christian faith is extremely wide and diverse.

~Rob Bell

Your life is a gift and how you respond to it - what you do with it matters. That's where I start.

~Rob Bell

The world is desperately in need of people who will break themselves open and pour themselves out for the reconciliation of all things- that's what the world needs.

~Rob Bell

When the female voice is repressed and stifled, the entire community can easily find themselves cut off from the sacred feminine, depriving themselves of the full image of god.

~Rob Bell

Grace is when you know you're loved exactly as you are.

~Rob Bell

I am for marriage. I am for fidelity. I am for love, whether it's a man and woman, a woman and a woman, a man and a man.

~Rob Bell

I have been told that I need to believe in Jesus. Which is a good thing. But what I am learning is that Jesus believes in me.

~Rob Bell

The life you want begins by embracing the life you have.

~Rob Bell

If anybody didn't have a messiah complex, it was Jesus.

~Rob Bell

Salvation is the entire universe being brought back into harmony with its maker.

~Rob Bell

Many of the most significant moments in our lives come not because it all went right but because it all fell apart

~Rob Bell

Jesus is God's way of refusing to give up his dream for the world.

~Rob Bell

I think what's happened in the modern world, there's a lot of people that

sound very smart and it's very compelling and alluring, but it leaves you empty.

~Rob Bell

If the gospel isn't good news for everybody, then it isn't good news for anybody.

~Rob Bell

I believe our world desperately needs Good News.

~Rob Bell

You're here, you're breathing, you are the recipient of an extraordinary act of generosity called life.

~Rob Bell

The Bible tells a story. A story that isn't over. A story that is still being told. A story that we have a part to play in.

~Rob Bell

God is bigger than the Christian faith.

~Rob Bell

Whether we are reading the Bible for the first time or standing in a field in Israel next to a historian and an archaeologist and a scholar, the Bible meets us where we are. That is what truth does

~Rob Bell

Your job is the relentless pursuit of who God made you to be. And anything else you do is sin and you need to repent of it.

~Rob Bell

For Jesus, heaven and hell were present realities. Ways of living we can enter into here and now. He talked very little of the life beyond this one.

~Rob Bell

Questions are not scary. What is scary is when people don't have any. What is tragic is faith that has no room for them.

~Rob Bell

If it is true, if it is beautiful, if it is honorable, if it is right, then claim it. Because it is from God. And you belong to God.

~Rob Bell

The cross is God taking on flesh and blood and saying, Me too.

~Rob Bell

Look at the size of the universe and look at what we're discovering about string theory. There's a wide-eyed sense of we're just getting started here.

~Rob Bell

It is better to be fully present and rested and engaged for one thing than rushed, distracted, and scattered for ten.

~Rob Bell

My experience as a pastor is lots of people have really toxic, dangerous, psychologically devastating images of God in their head, images of a God who's not good.

~Rob Bell

I believe that God is love. I believe that Jesus came to show us this love, to give us this love, to teach us about this love, so that we could live in this love and extend it to others.

~Rob Bell

We live in the midst of a creation that is groaning.

~Rob Bell

Before anything else, you have received breath - the gift of life itself. The first word about you is GIFT.

~Rob Bell

Doctrine is a wonderful servant and a horrible master.

~Rob Bell

I think that at the core of faith is trust.

~Rob Bell

Like a mirror, God appears to be more and more a reflection of whoever it is that happens to be talking about God at the moment.

~Rob Bell

We can choose the way of compassion, the way of forgiveness, the way of generosity. Or we can choose other paths and those have very real consequences in the world. This is absolutely crucial.

~Rob Bell

The fundamental story arc of the Bible is God is passionate about rescuing this world, restoring it, renewing it.

~Rob Bell

Everybody is following somebody. Everybody has faith in something and somebody. We are all believers.

~Rob Bell

When we get to what happens when we die, we don't have any video footage. So let's at least be honest that we are speculating, because we are.

~Rob Bell

A good sermon is going to disturb the comfortable and comfort the disturbed. It inspires you. It provokes you. It should make your soul

soar.

~Rob Bell

We need to return to the simplicity that God is love.

~Rob Bell

The lesson that has been hardest for me to learn: there is nothing to prove.

~Rob Bell

It's absolutely crucial that we come face to face with the power of our choices.

~Rob Bell

I believe that God is with you, that there is a presence. I believe this God is for you. I don't think the universe is a cold, dead place that is indifferent.

~Rob Bell

Resurrection is a belief and hope in restoring this world.

~Rob Bell

What you believe about the future shapes, informs, and determines how you live now.

~Rob Bell

On the Sabbath- we are reminded that we are not human doings, but human beings.

~Rob Bell

You turn the light on, you get all kinds of bugs.

~Rob Bell

Two of the most powerful words you can hear someone say are "me"

too.'

~Rob Bell

We need a childlike trust that God is good... ultimately we are OK. That is a simple, beautiful pure thing that can be complicated ferociously by all sorts of intellectual categories.

~Rob Bell

Christian is a great noun and a poor adjective

~Rob Bell

The thought of the word church and the word marketing in the same sentence makes me sick.

~Rob Bell

If your faith is threatened by something that's true, then it wasn't much of a faith to begin with, was it?

~Rob Bell

For many, 'desire' is a bad word, something we're supposed to 'give up for God.' That kind of thinking can be really destructive because it teaches people to deny their hearts, their true selves.

~Rob Bell

What we believe about heaven and hell is incredibly important because it exposes what we believe about who God is and what God is like.

~Rob Bell

If there's any place where you would express your deepest doubts, it would be church.

~Rob Bell

The fact that we are loved and accepted and forgiven in spite of everything we have done is simply too good to be true.

~Rob Bell

I like to say that I practice militant mysticism. I'm really absolutely sure of some things that I don't quite know.

~Rob Bell

We're rediscovering Christianity as an Eastern religion, as a way of life.

~Rob Bell

Freedom is not having everything we crave, it's being able to go without the things we crave and being OK with it.

~Rob Bell

It is such a letdown to rise from the dead and have your friends not recognize you.

~Rob Bell

Christian' makes a poor adjective

~Rob Bell

It's as if Thomas Kinkade and Dante were at a party, and one turned to the other sometime after midnight and uttered that classic line "You know, we really should work together sometime."

~Rob Bell

God has spoken, and everything else is commentary.

~Rob Bell

I'm very comfortable in a room with thousands of people.

~Rob Bell

My parents were both very intellectually honest, straightforward, and for them, faith meant that you were fully engaged.

~Rob Bell

To elevate abstract doctrines and dogmas over living, breathing, embodied experiences of God's love and grace, then, is going the wrong direction. It's taking flesh and turning it back into words.

~Rob Bell

Love frees us to embrace all of our history, the history in which all things are being made new.

~Rob Bell

Faith can take many different forms and expressions.

~Rob Bell

People received, affirmed and experienced grace in many different forms.

~Rob Bell

There are moments when we have to return to our roots.

~Rob Bell

Enjoy mystery and speculation, but don't drift into dogma.

~Rob Bell

To me some of the greatest writing is when somebody puts something in words that you felt and experienced and you go, that's it.

~Rob Bell

My interest is in what's true, where is the life, where is the heart and what inspires.

~Rob Bell

Something is profoundly wrong and we are desperate for justice, for restoration and for somebody somewhere to do something about this.

~Rob Bell

I get ideas about things I want to make and then I throw myself into it with everything I have.

~Rob Bell

Many people need a new rewiring of their heart and mind.

~Rob Bell

It often takes suffering and loss in order to remind us of how precious life is.

~Rob Bell

One truth is that suffering raises profound questions with the universe. The other truth is that grace, gift and generosity also raise profound questions.

~Rob Bell

We often rush through the experiences that have the greatest shift.

~Rob Bell

I believe God gives people the right to say no, to resist, to refuse, to reject, to cling to their sins, to cling to their version of their story.

~Rob Bell

For a lot of people in our world today, God has become about believing the right stuff so you don't get in trouble.

~Rob Bell

Celebrity seems totally at odds with authentic community and honest, real sorts of relationships.

~Rob Bell

Every generation has to ask difficult questions about what does it mean to follow Jesus.

~Rob Bell

The first word about you is that you received this life.

~Rob Bell

I think the church needs - I think this is the world we are living in and we need to affirm people wherever they are.

~Rob Bell

Many people confuse religion with God and walk away from them both. The point isn't Christianity, the point is being a Christian.

~Rob Bell

This is misguided and toxic and ultimately subverts the contagious spread of Jesus' message of love, peace, forgiveness and joy that our world desperately needs to hear.

~Rob Bell

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