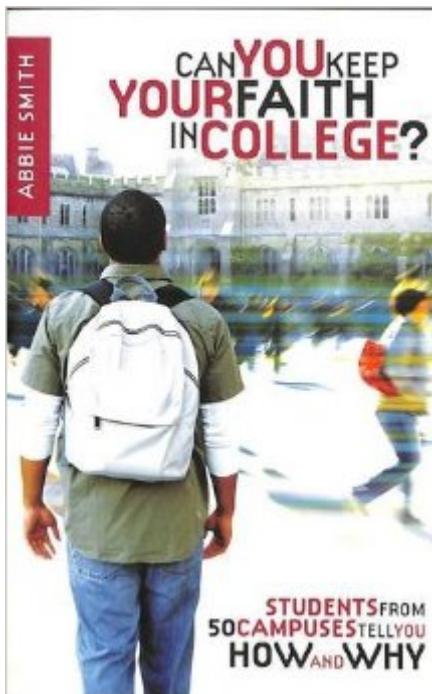


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# Can You Keep Your Faith In College?: Students From 50 Campuses Tell You How - And Why



## **Synopsis**

Is It Possible? Temptation abounds in this collegiate world immersed in the world. So, can you keep a God-centered, adventure-based, Christ-driven life throughout college? Abbie Smith found the answer to be a resounding YES! Packed with encouragement specifically for these trying years, *Can You Keep Your Faith in College* compiles experiences shared by students from more than thirty-five schools across the nation. You're not alone in the struggle to maintain the faith you carried with you when you first set foot on campus. The book targets pertinent issues including, "The Transition," academics, dorm life, peer pressure, extracurricular activities, sports, Greek life, dating, studying abroad, racial relations, and "God's Surprise Encounters." Don't let your faith whittle away; build it up! It's what defines you.

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## **Customer Reviews**

If you know a young person in college who is a believer, they need this book. While every story is not perfect, they are generally very inspiring and helpful. Most college kids wonder if they are the only ones dealing with the issues they face, and this book makes it very clear that they are not alone. The benefits cannot be denied, because hearing from their peers about these issues makes a greater difference than it ever would coming from anyone else. Put it on your gift list this year.

My church recently started a campus ministry where I lead worship. It's been a few years since I graduated from college, but I can still recall the difficulties. Recently, I have come across some amazing testimonies of how difficult the transition from home to college is in today's world. Can you

Keep Your Faith in College? addresses these difficulties in a very real and practical way. I say "very real" because it is written not by pastors or parents, but by actual students that are living the adventure of the college journey at the present, which gives this book credibility, in my opinion. Addressing normal college situations like dorms, class, dating, sororities/frats, parties, church and outside college activities these young believers share their ups and downs, problems and solutions, giving great advice on how to protect and renew their faith in Christ. I meet a lot of young believers, and especially of late, brand new college converts in the ministry I serve, and I am glad to have this resource to share with them as a means of encouragement and discipleship. I would recommend this book to parents, students, and churches that have campus ministries or just lots of young men and women.

I purchased this book for my Bible Study with high school Senior girls. What stuck out to me was that this wasn't a basic (or boring) study on preparing for college life, but it brought to life the real experiences and struggles of Christian college students. I loved the openness and rawness of each individual. As a youth pastor and graduate of college, I highly recommend this book for both pre-college students and current college students.

The research indicates that anywhere from 75 to 90% of high school seniors who identify themselves as Christians will abandon their faith by the time they graduate from college. These are frightening statistics. Abbie Smith's Can You Keep Your Faith in College? introduces readers to students who are Christians at different stages of their journey with God. They tell their stories about that journey, the good and the bad. These students do not have all the answers but they do believe that God is living on the campuses of America. The students' stories cover subjects such as: the Classroom, The Dorm, The Pressures, The Greeks, Dating, Transition, Sports, Going Abroad, Barriers and Small Moments. No matter where you are in your life and journey with God, every student should be able to find several stories that inspire and resonate with them. I enjoyed "The Harder Way" (Duke University) by James M. It made me think about life and choices in general. One of my favorite stories is "Jesus and Plate Tectonics" (Washington University) by Steven R. We all need the courage of our convictions. The story that hit me square between the eyes was "Embarrassed by Jesus" (University of Colorado) by Dana W. Read it and think about similar experiences in your life. I'm sure everyone has had one. Armchair Interviews says: Can You Keep Your Faith in College? is a book that reminds us all that we can overcome the obstacles that we or others place in our path as we make our faith journey on the campuses of America.

This book has many short stories about the obstacles college students faced that tested their faith. It gives ideas on how they handled themselves in these situations that allowed them to keep their faith in college. Kids need all the help they can get with all that is out there trying to influence them.

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