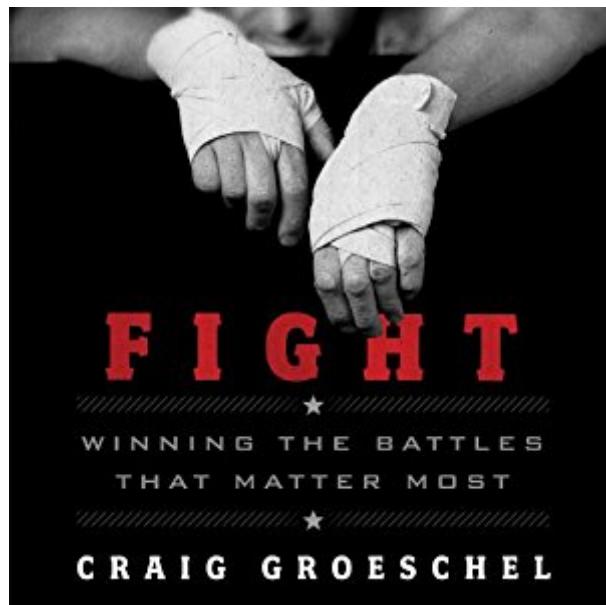


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# Fight: Winning The Battles That Matter Most



## **Synopsis**

Author and pastor Craig Groeschel helps you uncover who you really are - a man created in the image of God with a warrior's heart - and how to fight the good fight for what's right. You will find the strength to fight the battles you know you need to fight - the ones that determine the state of your heart, the quality of your marriage, and the spiritual health of your family. Craig will also look at examples from the Bible, including our good buddy Samson. Yep, the dude with the rippling biceps and hippie hair and a thing for Delilah. You may be surprised how much we have in common with this guy. By looking at his life, you'll learn how to defeat the demons that make strong men weak. You'll become who God made you to be: A man who knows how to fight for what's right. And don't you dare show up for this fight unarmed. Learn how to fight with faith, with prayer, and with the Word of God. It's time to fight like a man. For God's Sake, FIGHT.

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## **Customer Reviews**

In this era of political correctness, there aren't many willing to tackle topics that are gender specific. However, Pastor Craig Groeschel is not afraid to challenge trends or risk the ire of the PC police. He actually believes what he has written about and practices those principles in his latest book. His focus in FIGHT is on the growing number of men who are not willing to fight for anything or about anything. These are men who have become so passive that they are being relegated to minor roles in society, much to the detriment of family units and society in general. Whether or not one agrees with the concept that men and women have unique attributes that enable them to play specific roles,

it would be difficult to deny that the lines have become blurred in recent years. Groeschel believes the Biblical principles that picture man as a warrior rather than a wimp, who is more than willing to fight for his wife, children, faith and country. The idea has become almost unthinkable in some circles, a throwback to the bad old days when a man of strength was respected and admired. This is not to say that Groeschel is advocating some kind of return to a caveman-as-role-model era. He actually redefines the type of strength that men need and that families and societies are painfully missing. Rather than advocating some kind of patriarchal, authoritarian male behavior, Groeschel is encouraging men to find the warrior within them by seeking strength from God to be all that he was created to be. What does it really mean to be strong? What battles are worth fighting? How does a man recognize a righteous battle? In his easy, conversational style, Groeschel presents his theme in short two- and three-page chapters that illustrate his points. *“Pick Your Battles”* begins, “If all this talk about fighting and violence and being a warrior bothers you, let me just say this: the virtue of strength is determined by how it’s used. If it’s used to love and protect, it’s good...a warrior is only as worthy as his cause.” At a time when men, and people in general, seem to be shirking responsibility, it is very interesting to read a different perspective than the one we get from much of the news and entertainment media. Those sources are quick to promote the idea that the government is responsible for everyone, and all we have to do is let it take care of us. A simple study into the dynamics of broken homes and families in crisis will reveal that, in a majority of cases, there is no strong leadership. Absentee fathers have grown to epidemic proportions. The result is more of the same in the next generation as the patterns are repeated. *FIGHT* would certainly make an interesting small group study and encourage men to get in touch with their inner warrior. Reviewed by Maggie Harding

It's no secret: I'm nerdy. I can probably bench the same weight as when I was thirteen. And, I'm pretty sure if I were to punch someone, I'd hurt myself. But, there is still something inside of me as a man that is intrigued by the fight. I can't shake it. Author Craig Groeschel appeals to this God-wired desire for the fight in men in his upcoming book *Fight*. This 160-page book is written specifically for men. Through its five sections and 35 micro-chapters, Groeschel takes us into a deeper study of the life of Samson, and how his life really isn't all that dissimilar from our very own at times. At first, this book started out slowly for me. I felt like it took a while to get into the content, especially since it is already a smaller book at only 160 pages. That said, once we got into the study of Samson in *Judges*, I loved it. This deals with some very real and contemporary issues for any man. We quickly learn, as men, that we have been fighting for many of the wrong things rather than fighting to be a

man of integrity. Specifically, Groeschel deals with three areas of weakness: lust ("I want it."), entitlement ("I deserve it."), and pride ("I can handle it."). As we study the life of Samson, we learn that it is never too late to change those statements into "I want God," "I deserve death," and "I can't handle anything without God." I understand that for many men reading a book is not on the top of their priorities. However, this book really was written for you. This book is for the young man striving to find direction in his life. This book is for the middle-aged man struggling through a midlife crisis. This book is for the old man reflecting on the legacy he is to leave behind. And, that's really the point behind this book: no matter where you are at in life or what mistakes you have made in life, it is never too late to begin fighting for the right things. I strongly recommend this book for men and men's ministries (especially since the DVD and study guides will be available in November 2013). The world has yet to see what God can do through one man wholly surrendered unto Him. You can be that man. I received a free copy of this book from Net Galley in exchange for my honest opinion.

I'm a big fan of Craig Groeschel and in "Fight" he delivers a knockout book on how men can fight the good fight and be strong men of God. By intermixing personal stories with the biblical tale of Sampson he illustrates some strong principles of what real strength is and how men can overcome the pitfalls in life that drag many of us down. What I enjoy most about his writing is that you can almost hear his personal "voice" as you read. He has a clear and distinctive writing style that is both honest and funny. If you are looking for encouragement in the proper ways to walk through life as strong, man of God, this is a great read. Five stars for strong writing that hits home.

I received an excerpt from this book as part of a daily devotional and knew immediately that I needed and truly wanted to read the entire book. In fact, I bought two copies: a digital version and a hardback for when I forget to charge my Kindle. Craig Groeschel pulls no punches and sounds like a coach giving an inspiring half time talk to a team that is way behind. This is an excellent book that I would recommend to any man who is serious about living for God.

Men were created to fight for what's right, to fight for their families and to fight for what is right. There's glory on the battlefield and honor in the fight. Pastor Craig Groeschel uses the life of Samson to illustrate how he succeeded and failed in battles. Most important - Samson was God's anointed judge to the people of Israel. The anointing didn't leave him until he failed finally at the hands of a betraying woman Delilah. Even then, "His hair began to grow back..." and the anointing returned. Even in your failures, you belong to God. Trust in Him to be there for you.

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