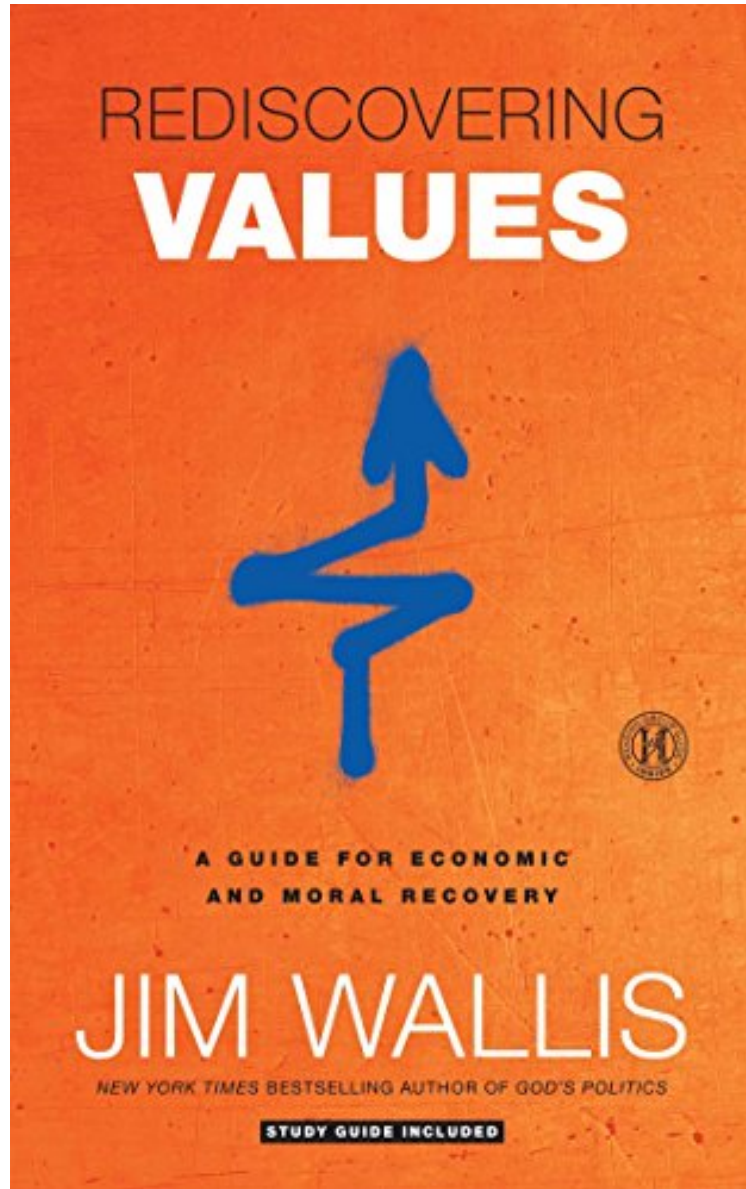


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. More than just rediscovering By Joe Tye The title is a bit misleading: there is no roster or list of values to be found, or "rediscovered," in this book. That is an exercise we must each conduct in our homes, our workplaces, and our communities, being careful to distinguish between core values and the

things that we value. This book will hopefully be a catalyst to that much-needed process. More than calling upon us to rediscover lost values, Wallis is calling upon us to recover our humanity, to take action to put our values into practice. The book is also a call to rebalance: to restore the checks and balances on what has become an under-regulated market (and thus far from being a free market), but also to rebalance our personal priorities. One of the most challenging of Wallis's 20 moral exercises is to compare a list of your self-proclaimed priorities with the reality check of your calendar and checkbook register. More than anything, the book is a call to re-engage. We've been asleep at the switch while, as Wallis puts it, bad habits and bad values have trickled down; we've been sleep-walking as the safety net for those most in need has eroded away, as the environment has been trashed, and as the gap between the super-rich few and everyone else has reached levels not seen since the roaring twenties. I especially appreciated the epilogue by Tim King, and his metaphor that there are two possible spiritual responses to the Great Recession: we can build walls (the response of fear) or we can grow roots (the response of hope). This is a book about hope, about growing roots. There is hope that if we change our choices (e.g. by taking the moral exercises at the back of the book) we can, as Wallis says, change the script.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Nation of Faith By A. Keith Barton

Beginning with Ghandi's seven deadly social sins: politics without principle, wealth without work, commerce without morality, pleasure without conscience, education without character, science without humanity, and worship without sacrifice

Jim Wallis' treatise on how to reconnect our political and social values with Christian beliefs is especially salient in the 21st century. Today's Great Recession is apocrophal compared to the Great Depression of the 30s in that the top 1% held 3.3 trillion or 34% of our entire nations's wealth. Wall Street is so out of touch with mainstreet that Scott Brown's recent election in Massachusetts is mainstreet's answer to "no more redistribution of wealth to the wealthy. We are a nation of idolators building a Tower of Babel on Wall Street. Subprime mortgages, stimulus packages, TARP, do nothing but promote a sinful culture that is the antithesis of the "Good Samaritan" philosophy that eschews self for the greater good. The author challenges us to 20 moral exercises at [...] to change our "meism" to selfless acts of faith that espouses service and stewardship over wasteful consumption.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Asking the wrong questions By Noel D. Osborn

Jim Wallis has hit the nail on the head. We have indeed been asking the wrong questions, such as "When will this economic crisis be over?" Or "When can we get back to normal?" It would be a serious mistake to try to get back to what we have thought of as normal in our economy. It is a matter of values that need to be rediscovered, values on which our nation was founded. The right question to ask is, "How can this crisis bring us to a 'new normal?'" This means that, as Wallis states in his Introduction, "We need a new normal, and this economic crisis is an invitation to discover what that means." Wallis deals in detail with a number of specific principles on which our country, our Congress, and our people need to focus. The book is thought provoking and ideal for small group discussion. A must read!

When we start with the wrong question, no matter how good an answer we get, it won't give us the results we want. Rather than joining the throngs who are asking, When will this economic crisis be over? Jim Wallis says the right question to ask is How will this crisis change us? The worst thing we can do now, Wallis tells us, is to go back to normal. Normal is what got us into this situation. We need a new normal, and this economic crisis is an invitation to discover what that means. Some of the principles Wallis unpacks for our new normal are . . .

- Spending money we don't have for things we don't need is a bad foundation for an economy or a family.
- It's time to stop keeping up with the Joneses and start making sure the Joneses are okay.
- The values of commercials and billboards are not the things we want to teach our children.
- Care for the poor is not just a moral duty but is critical for the common good.
- A healthy society is a balanced society in which markets, the government, and our communities all play a role.
- The operating principle of God's economy says that there is enough if we share it.
- And much, much more . . .

In the pages of this book, Wallis provides us with a moral compass for this new economy—one that will guide us on Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street. Embracing a New Economy

Getting back to "the way things were" is not an option. It is time we take our economic uncertainty and use it to find some moral clarity. Too often we have been ruled by the maxims that greed is good, it's all about me, and I want it now. Those can be challenged only with some of our oldest and best values—enough is enough, we are in it together, and thinking not just for tomorrow but for future generations. Jim Wallis shows that the solution to our problems will be found only as individuals, families, friends, churches, mosques, synagogues, and entire communities wrestle with the question of values together.

"Agree or disagree -- Jim Wallis touches your heart, stretches your mind, and challenges your values. He thunders like an Old Testament prophet, yet he is gentle and gracious. With a heart for people and a dream for a better tomorrow, Jim Wallis looks tough times in the eye and talks of hope." -- Leith Anderson -- President of National Association of Evangelicals

"Wallis is the most influential and visionary religious leader of our time. His broad appeal and impact are reminiscent of Reinhold Niebuhr and Martin Luther King Jr. Not only has he provided clear intellectual direction for our political, cultural, and spiritual renaissance he has launched a movement to renew the church and our democracy." -- Robert M. Franklin -- President of Morehouse College and author of "Crisis in the Village: Restoring

Hope in African American Communities" About the Author Jim Wallis is a bestselling author, public theologian, speaker, preacher, and international commentator on religion, public life, faith, and politics. He is president and CEO of Sojourners, where he is editor-in-chief of Sojourners magazine. He regularly appears on radio and television, including shows like Meet the Press, the Daily Show with Jon Stewart, the O'Reilly Factor, and is a frequent guest on the news programs of CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, MSNBC, Fox, and National Public Radio. He has taught at Harvard's Divinity School and Kennedy School of Government on Faith, Politics, and Society. He has written eight books, including: Faith Works, The Soul of Politics, Who Speaks for God? and The Call to Conversion.