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## Beholding And Becoming Book

Become What You Behold

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## Beholding And Becoming Barnes And Noble

You are in the process of becoming. Every day is an opportunity to be shaped and formed by what moves your heart | drives your thoughts | captures your gaze. Is it any wonder that where you direct your eyes and your heart matter in your day-to-day?

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## Beholding And Becoming A Guided Companion

We become what we behold when we set our hearts and minds on Christ and His redemption story here in the details of our daily lives. Not just on Sunday, not just on holidays, not just when extraordinarily hard or wonderful things happen, but today. Â Â Â

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## Beholding And Becoming Pdf

Bestselling author and artist Ruth Chou Simons invites you on a new journey to Beholding and Becoming. With more than 850 pieces of intricate, original artwork, Ruth encourages you to elevate your gaze to the One who created all things.

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## Beholding And Becoming Counseling

Today is an opportunity for God to demonstrate His love and His faithfulness in the midst of your mundane. No circumstance is too ordinary or too forgotten for Him to meet you there in worship. His transforming grace turns your "everyday ordinary" into a holy place of "becoming."

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## Beholding And Becoming

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There is a lyrical seriousness, a mature beauty in both the written word and water colors, that appropriately gives this book the feel of Gracelaced's older sister. For those of us who read Simon's first book and loved it, this is a perfect companion as we mature in our faith. If you're looking for a book that lays Christ before you as a prize worth having, this is it. ...more



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ARC - this book is exactly the message our world needs right now. Beholding and Becoming are two themes interwoven amongst Ruth's art. The central idea is that what we behold, worship at our core, is what we become. Ruth's insightful and truth-filled words convict and led me to repentance but also realigned my worship back to God.

Her art is beautiful. She ties in hymns and quotes into the book that strengthen her message and deepened my worship. This is a must read!!

I have been a fan of Ruth Chou Simons for years and have been anxiously awaiting this new release and it does not disappoint! I love how Ruth ties in each beautiful watercolor illustration to her words. The imagery is symbolic of messages within the written text. So, the two go hand in hand to really get Ruth's message across. I knew this book was going to speak to me right away when it began with a commentary on our modern day fixation on social media and the digital world. I often feel disconnected from my faith life by all the "noise" in my life. And I appreciate how Ruth reminds us all to turn away from all of that noise and reconnect with God in each chapter.

As with her other books, I found that I enjoyed reading one short chapter and stopping to reflect on Ruth's words and meditate on her paintings. There is a lot to think about and pray about within each chapter. I found that my favorite chapter was Ruth's reminder to "Be Glad in Today." Something that isn't always easy to do in our busy, hectic lives and something that I continually work on. Whether you read this book straight through or pick it up every so often to read one chapter or focus on one painting, you will find dozens of gems to reinvigorate your faith life.

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This lovely book draws readers toward God, who heals and restores. Beholding and Becoming is a definite must-read, lovely to share, most importantly, impacts lives for eternity. I am honored to highly recommend Beholding and Becoming.

\*I received an Advanced Reader's Copy from the publisher. The opinion stated is my own. I have not been compensated in any way.\* ...more

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The beauty in Beholding and Becoming is not limited to the artwork. The words are just as lovely. Each of the book's 16 chapters is broken down into 2 sections: Beholding and Becoming. Ruth gives us a concept or attribute of the Lord to Behold and then gives us encouragement in allowing Christ to work in us so we can Become. The first chapter starts out with a bang in "Beholding: God's Greatness in Creation" and then moves to "Becoming: It's OK to be Small". Ruth asks us the question of, Are we ok with God being great and us being not great? How do we see us and the Lord? Are we in control or is He? Other examples of chapters throughout the book are "Beholding: God's Provision in the Unremarkable/Beholding: Learning to Love What Must Be Done" and "Beholding: God's Example for Family/Becoming: The Mission Field is at Your Kitchen Table". My favorite is

the last chapter “Beholding: Our True Home/Becoming: Actively Abide”. In it Ruth talks of how nothing of this world will satisfy; our true home is in Him, the Lord Himself. Our longings will be satisfied solely in Him because He is whom we were created for. We were made to abide in him, but that abiding is an active thing not a passive one. It is a choice, a “deliberate pursuit”.

If allowed, this book will pierce and prod, it will challenge and encourage. It offers us an opportunity to really question how and what we think of the Lord. It encourages us to allow all the workings of our everyday lives to be places and times of worship not just something to grit our teeth and get through. Being called to be worshippers is not just a calling to do a thing, it’s calling to know and respond to a person.

My very favorite thing about Ruth is her consistency, day in and day out, in pointing us to see Jesus: to be looking to Him for all things and in all things. Beholding and Becoming is a beautiful extension of Ruth’s daily encouragements to worship in the midst of the everyday. I highly recommend. ...more