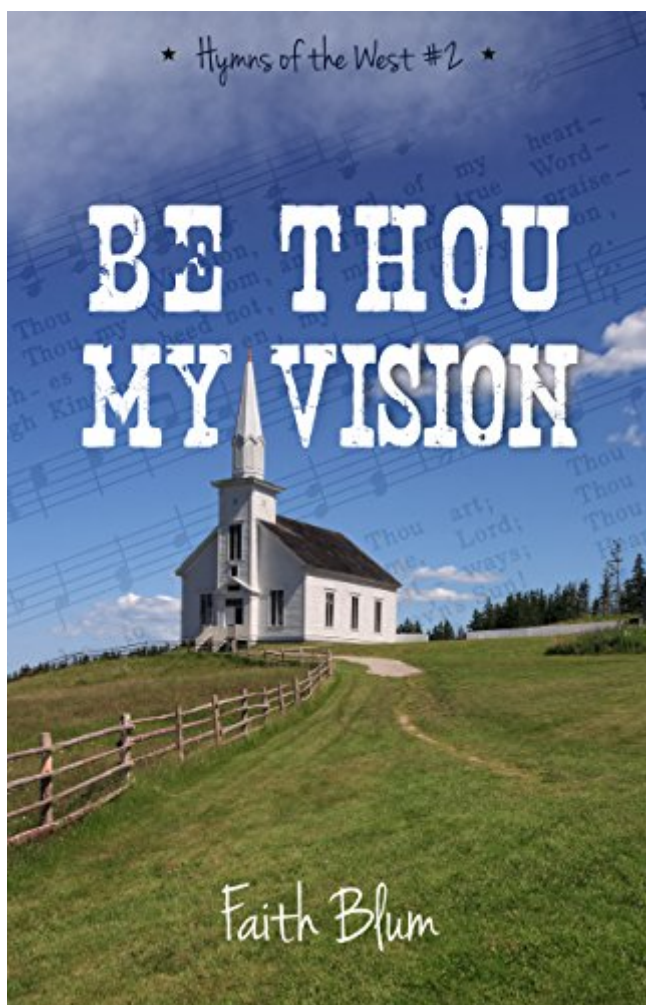


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Synopsis

A spinster wanting something different—Anna Stuart was comfortable with her life until the letter came. The letter shatters all the routines, comfort, and enjoyment of simply taking care of her father and older brother. As she starts to go to church—against her father's wishes—she finds a new meaning for her life, but she wants more. Two motherless boys—Then she meets John and James and discovers a new purpose to her life. She offers to help their father and enjoys the challenge. One rumor that could destroy it all. A pastor should never be more careful who he keeps company with. Can Anna and those around her see the true vision they need from God? Or will the rumors destroy all her happiness? Again.

Note from the Author: Even though this book is the 2nd in the series, reading *A Mighty Fortress* is not essential to reading *Be Thou My Vision*. That being said, some things in *A Mighty Fortress* would help you to further understand some of the backstory in this book.

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Most of my books I acquire free through daily book club, as I did this one. I wish it had not ended so soon. I loved it, however, I still wanted more. It came across as a very real, feasible story and I wanted more. See what you think when you read it.

I read the first chapter and cry. It was so sad and then each chapter hook you in to read more. Good writing. I hope the next book is good as this one.

Age Appropriate For: 10 and up for very mild romantic themes Best for Ages: 10 - 18 While the last book I read by Faith Blum, *A Mighty Fortress*, had many shortcomings, the message touched my heart, so I decided to give her next book a try. In skills in writing, Faith has come a long way. This book was far better written and laid out. There weren't confusing scenes, rambling dialog, and pages and pages of scripture. I can tell that she worked very hard between the books to improve and listen to constructive criticism. Before I get to some of the things I liked about the story, let me get some of the shortcomings out of the way. Anna goes from being a non-believer to a mature Christian far too quickly. You really don't see her struggle with any real issues, even the anger or sorrow you would expect from some things that happened in her early life. But then, most of the characters were a bit one-dimensional. Showing, not telling was probably the biggest issue with this book. Instead of showing the changes within Anna or the other characters, the narrator or other characters tell us. The story jumps ahead several times and tells what changes took place, instead of showing. It got a bit irritating at times, but not so much that I hated the book. I did love Blum living up to the highest ideals of courtship. Yes, at times that made it seem a bit fake. I think far too often, in attempt to be real, we think that those ideas are silly. While maybe the reality of love, courtship, and life is messier than this story and some books make it out to be, treasuring high ideals is important. There wasn't even a kiss in the story. I also really loved how Anna took the two motherless boys under her wing and loved them. Seeing not only a problem but being willing to do something about it had me cheering. The challenges with helping the boys was probably one of the best written parts of the book. Even though the book was fairly simplistic, it was very engaging. I listened to it while on a car trip and was't very happy when I was only a little bit from the end of the story and the trip was at an end. I had to wait until the next day to finish it. I recommend this book to those who like very clean romance, westerns, and good, Christian morals.

This was a good story but ended too abruptly to suit me. Some parts did not include enough details,

and others too many.

Twice I was interested, but sad how people react to bad circumstances within their lives and very good when they find there really is a God who loves and will help us to learn to lean on him to give understanding for future living.

This book is a very good and interesting read. It continually held my attention from beginning to end. I rated it a 4 because of so many things still under and the abrupt ending.

Chose because it is real to life. I would love for those needing God or those who know God to read this. It shows how sharp the tongue can be and be cautious jumping on gossip trains.

As with the first book, this story is a very good book. Being withdrawn and isolated for a long time makes it hard to go out and open yourself to the needs of others.

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