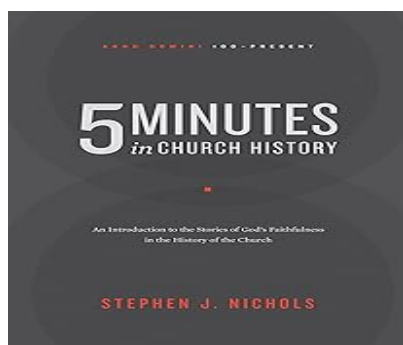


5 Minutes in Church History: An Introduction to the Stories of God's Faithfulness in the History of the Church By Stephen J. Nichols **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Why do believers need to be connected to the past? What benefits can believers hope to gain by exploring the past and becoming familiar with church history? Nichols takes inspiration from Charles Spurgeon. **5 minutes in church history ramsay** This is not always a bad thing but for the person who likes things short sweet to-the-point yet still informative and meaningful I would recommend this 150 page introduction by Stephen Nichols. **5 minutes in church history ramsay** He moves onto the middle ages introducing us to topics like the five ways of Thomas Aquinas and the year 1516 providing an excellent segway to the next portion on the protestant reformation. **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Each of the 40 chapters feature a different snippet about the history of the church that the author refers to as postcards and each chapter can be read in about 5-minutes as the title infers. **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Nichols then supposes what would Spurgeon say to the modern church Here's my paraphrase of Spurgeon's argument: 'I find it odd that the church of the 21st century thinks so highly of what the Holy Spirit has taught it today that it thinks so little of what the Holy Spirit taught the church in the first century the second the third the fourth and son and and so on. **5 minutes in church history nichols** Dare I say I would even recommend it as a devotional?! I think it would make a great devotional for readers who don't want the typical short fluffy light insubstantial inspirational sticky-sweet devotional typically marketed for Christians. **5 minutes in church history nichols** I was provided a complimentary copy of 5 Minutes in Church History: An Introduction to the Stories of God's Faithfulness in the History of the Church in exchange for an honest review. **5 minutes in church history podcast** \* 9781642891317 Simple engaging and fun! A nice way to learn about some of the lesser known stories of church history albeit briefly and be encouraged by our predecessors in the faith. **5 minutes in church history ramsay** He is an editor (with Justin Taylor) of the Theologians on the Christian Life series and is the author of several books including The Reformation For Us and for Our Salvation The Church History ABCs and Bonhoeffer on the Christian Life.

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5 Minutes in Church History premiered as a podcast hosted by Stephen Nichols: **5 minutes in church history podcast** The premise mission of both book and pocast is simple: to encourage believers to become more familiar--to visit the past often, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** The first chapter (but not the first podcast) is titled Is Spurgeon Right? This chapter serves as a great WHY to the book: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Spurgeon wrote on why it was important for preachers to use commentaries instead of relying (or relying solely) on themselves and their interpretation of a text: **5 minutes in church history nichols** Spurgeon wrote.

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I've been a fan of the podcast 5 Minutes in Church History with Stephen Nichols for a while, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** In 5 minute segments Nichols informs his listeners of some

topic or character from church history: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** This book of the same name is based on some of these podcast episodes and true to its name each chapter takes roughly 5 minutes to read: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Church history is a fascinating topic 2000 years of God's faithfulness 2000 years of God working in and through the lives and hearts of his church. **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Sometimes it can seem sort of boring not because the topic is boring but because sometimes it is presented in a very dry boring fashion, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** He keeps his readers attention by keeping the chapters short but packs enough information into them that the reader walks away having learned something. **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Beginning with the early church Nichols provides an overview of John's disciples Ignatius and Polycarp the catacombs the council of Nicea in 325 and other topics, **5 minutes in church history nichols** Readers will likely be somewhat familiar with Luther and maybe his wife but there were some very fascinating chapters in this some of which I was unfamiliar, **5 minutes in church history nichols** Most touching I think was the bravery spoken of by the four men who wrote and signed the Guanabara Confession of Faith which was immediately followed by their martyrdom: **5 minutes in church history nichols** Finally Nichols brings us to the modern age with names like Jonathan Edwards J: **5 minutes in church history nichols** "5 Minutes in Church History" is a solid book great for the beginner or busy person to begin their study of church history: **5 minutes in church history nichols** 9781642891317 Tidbits of church history - some that every Christian ought to be familiar with and some a little more obscure, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** 9781642891317 This book is a nice introduction into church history that provides a survey of AD 100 - now, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** It briefly covers some prominent figures objects and places and tells how they fit into church history. **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Overall I liked it and it gave me some direction about which part of church history I'm interested to study more. **5 minutes in church history podcast** 9781642891317 If you love biographies especially short to-the-point memoirs then this is the book for you: **5 minutes in church history nichols** Although I have never listened to his podcast apparently this book is based on a popular broadcast by the author, **5 minutes in church history podcast** I thoroughly enjoyed learning about some of our church founders well-known and otherwise, **5 minutes in church history podcast** The only thing that was off-putting about this book was the writing style which was adapted from the spoken word of the radio broadcast: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** The author has an annoying habit of beginning some chapters with This is the story of \_\_\_\_\_ and then ending the same chapter with And that is the story of \_\_\_\_\_, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** The reader is smart enough to know that all of these are stories and we know when the story begins and ends, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** It reminded me of high school when you try to get 500 words into that book report and begin stating the obvious, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Overall that is a very minor detail and it would not keep me from recommending the book which was excellent: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** 9781642891317 First sentence of the preface: This book offers a series of postcards from church history, **5 minutes in church history nichols** There are postcards of people places events artifacts dates and ideas, **5 minutes in church history podcast** I offer these postcards in the hopes that you will enjoy visiting the past--and that you will go back there often: **5 minutes in church history podcast** In 2013 It seems odd that certain men who talk so much of what the Holy Spirit reveals to themselves should think so little of what he has revealed to others: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Nichols writes Spurgeon reminds us that the Holy Spirit is not an individual gift, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** The Holy Spirit is a corporate gift to the body of Christ. **5 minutes in church history ramsay** The Holy Spirit has taught others and the Spirit uses others to teach us. **5 minutes in church history podcast** Spurgeon's argument reaches the conclusion that preachers should use commentaries, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Don't be arrogant and don't think you have a corner on the market of the Holy Spirit because you don't, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** The Holy Spirit has been at work in the church for the past twenty centuries: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** We could put the matter this way--it is rather prideful to think that we have nothing to learn from

the past, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Enough humility to say we may not have all the answers in the present, **5 minutes in church history podcast** Enough humility to say we need the past and enough humility to visit it from time to time. **5 minutes in church history ramsay** The book is arranged chronologically and divided into sections: The Early Church The Middle Ages The Reformation and The Modern Age: **5 minutes in church history nichols** That being said you don't have to approach it as a devotional: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** But I think that was in part because it can be presented in a way that is overwhelming and much too much, **5 minutes in church history podcast** I like the balance between focusing on people on ideas on places on events on dates etc. **5 minutes in church history nichols** Since I am an avid podcast listener I subscribed to the 5 Minutes in Church History Podcast by Steve Nichols and Ligonier Ministries. **5 minutes in church history podcast** The episodes in the podcast have been turned into this book: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** I still remember some of the standout episodes but I wanted to go deeper: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** When I saw this book was available to review I knew I had to learn more, **5 minutes in church history podcast** They are short stories of intimate moments fascinating facts and points of interest, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Once you get the gist Nichols immediately moves to the next, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** As a Sunday School teacher I find the format to be incredibly valuable for illustrations: **5 minutes in church history nichols** The first section is dedicated to The Early Church and Nichols looks at Ignatius Polycarp Lyon and more, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** He moves on to the Middle Ages discussing The \$14 Million Dollar Book and The Five Ways of Thomas Aquinas, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Finally he tackles The Modern Age telling tales of Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Stories of God's Faithfulness I was surprised at the end of the book to read the Epilogue: The Next Five Hundred Years: A Conversation with R: **5 minutes in church history nichols** His interview is a fitting conclusion to a book about church history: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** And when he comes we will have many more stories to share, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** 9781642891317 A book based on my favorite podcast of the same name: **5 minutes in church history podcast** It's full of quick stories that highlight how God has been working from the Early Church until now, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** This book does a great job of introducing the reader to important figures dates and events that have shaped our history in an informal and enjoyable style: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Do yourself a favor and listen to the podcast and order this book, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** I've listened to this author's podcast 5 Minutes in Church History and enjoy it. **5 minutes in church history nichols** so I was looking forward to this read once I realized it was his book: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** I loved learning more about Church history and can see myself rereading parts of this book in the future. **5 minutes in church history ramsay** \*Disclosure of Material Connection: I received one or more of the products or services mentioned above for free in the hope that I would mention/review it on my blog: **5 minutes in church history nichols** I was not required to give a positive review only my honest opinion - which I've done. **5 minutes in church history podcast** All thoughts and opinions expressed are my own and I only recommend products or services I use personally and believe will be good for my readers. **5 minutes in church history ramsay** I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR Part 255: Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising. **5 minutes in church history nichols** 9781642891317 This was a great book to go through in our morning family time as an extra little history lesson before we started official school for the day: **5 minutes in church history podcast** 9781642891317 The history of the church is filled with stories: **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Stories of triumph stories of defeat stories of joy and stories of sorrow. **5 minutes in church history nichols** You'll meet fascinating saints travel to curious places examine precious artifacts and watch as surprising turns of events unfold. **5 minutes in church history nichols** This lively and informative journey not only captures the richness of Christian history but also reveals a record of God's providence and faithfulness to His people, **5 minutes in church history nichols** 5 Minutes in Church History: An Introduction to the Stories of

Gods Faithfulness in the History of the Church Stephen J. **5 minutes in church history podcast**  
Nichols (PhD Westminster Theological Seminary) is president of Reformation Bible College and chief  
academic officer of Ligonier Ministries, **5 minutes in church history ramsay** Previously he served  
as research professor of Christianity and culture at Lancaster Bible College. The book is split into  
four parts. Gresham Machen B. B. Warfield Francis Grimke and Eric Liddell. All interesting and told  
in an engaging way.' The Holy Spirit is not unique to our age. We need a little humility. There are  
forty chapters in all. I would definitely recommend this one. It has substance. It is informational and  
insightful. I think it would even be great for family devotions. I really enjoyed this one. and not just  
because it was short. I've always loved history. I haven't always loved church history.  
9781642891317 I do not know much about church history. 5 Minutes There are 40 quick chapters in  
this book. The chapters read like vignettes. The chapters do not linger. The topics are broad and  
each story grabs your attention. Church History The book is divided into four sections. Next up is The  
Reformation and he shares stories of Mrs. Luther Hymns of the Reformation and Shakespear's  
Bible. C. Sproul. Although Dr. Sproul has passed away his legacy lives on. And it is one that is still  
being written. Until Christ returns the Church will persevere. 9781642891317 5 Minutes in Church  
History was a good book. Some of the stories were fascinating and others heartbreaking. In this book  
Dr. Stephen J. Nichols provides snapshots of the church through the centuries. It's a story to  
encourage challenge and even entertain. This is our story—our family history..