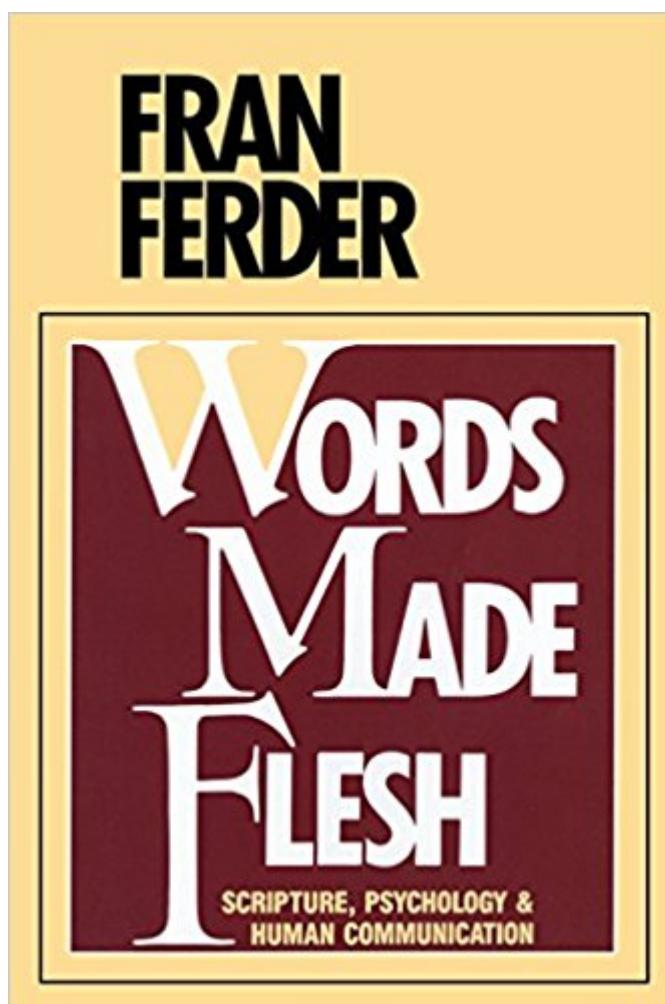


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# Words Made Flesh: Scripture, Psychology And Human Communication



## **Synopsis**

Reflective, insightful, and useful, this enduring favorite successfully integrates solid scriptural research with contemporary psychological insights. All those interested in communications skills and better relationships will find it useful.

## **Book Information**

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I first saw this book in a graduate level course designed to help church workers, as nonprofessional counselors, understand how to help the people they encounter. I was awed by how profound, yet

simple, the insights in this book are. For example, Ferder stresses that our feelings, even "bad" ones, are gifts from God to help us seek healing. She calls them "moments of Grace." Often working from the original Greek, Ferder explains the meaning of words like "compassion" and "caring" in more depth than the English translation might lead one to expect. Ferder is also very careful to provide balance -- for instance, when is serving Godly and when is it self-destructive? She provides guidelines. I'm buying a copy for my church library.

It is a very helpful Book wellwritten

Great book!

Like the style and manner of presentation. Very "to the point" and practical. Enjoyable to read and excellent for reflection.

Rereading it again. It is even better the second time.

The title of the book starts out as disrespectful. Jesus IS the Word made Flesh, this is one of His titles and should never be used as a 'pun on words' The author has issues with the Sacraments and the Catholic Church's decisions. The author mocks the Sacrament of Confession on page 69 by calling it,.. "annonymous voices in dark little rooms." She also disagrees that The Church listed anger as one of the cardinal sins. She also takes Saint Augustine's quote about Adam and Eve out of context. Her writings are not to be trusted as in line with the teachings of The Church and can mislead people away from the Sacraments into a 'self-help' situation.

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