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Author: Dr. Craig von Busek
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INSPIRATION & GIFT

Heart and Home

Author: Victoria Duerstock
Publishing House: Abingdon Press

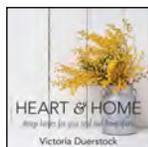
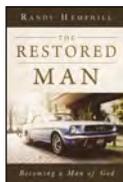
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YA FICTION / NONFICTION

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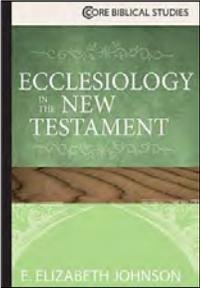
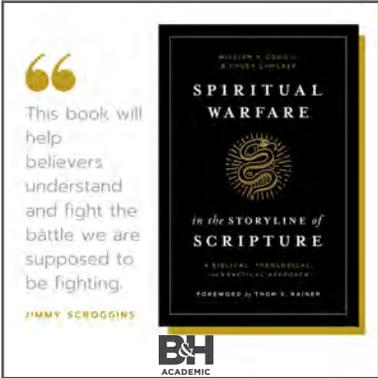
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How the New Testament writers talk about the church.

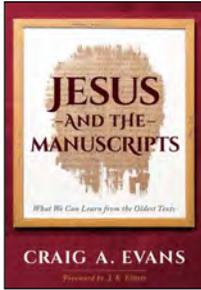
The earliest Christians thought of themselves in communal terms. They did not simply make individual commitments to Jesus as God’s messiah; they constituted themselves as communities shaped by the in-breaking of God’s realm. They likely learned to do so from Jesus himself. When he summoned an inner circle of his followers and numbered them twelve, he signaled that his ministry had the character of a reform movement within Israel.

In his work of preaching, healing, exorcism, and prophetic sign actions, Jesus shaped his followers into what would eventually become the church. By transgressing contemporary religious and social boundaries in his ministry, he planted the seeds of the church’s later inclusion of non-Jews.

This book will investigate New Testament texts about the church from a comparative standpoint. That is, the various authors adopt different metaphors for their communities—family, assembly, nation, priesthood, and so on to make varying claims about how they ought to live together and how they ought to live among their neighbors. In their descriptions of themselves as the church, Christians implicitly and explicitly describe their theology but also the Roman empire, the Jerusalem temple, the synagogue, popular philosophical circles, and first-century domestic order.

E. Elizabeth Johnson is J. Davison Philips Professor of New Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Her Ph.D. is from Princeton Theological Seminary. Johnson is interested in the ways the church uses the Bible to think about faith and life. She is drawn to exploring how the Pauline letters invite us to reflect about who God is and what Jesus’ death and resurrection mean for human life and society. She has also published a number of articles on the New Testament related to families and family values.

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JESUS AND THE MANUSCRIPTS: WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THE OLDEST TEXTS

ACADEMIC

Introduces readers to the diversity and complexity of the ancient literature that records the words and deeds of Jesus.

This book is a follow up to the author's previous title, *Jesus and The Remains of His Day*.

Forward by J.K. Elliott (Professor in Leeds, England).

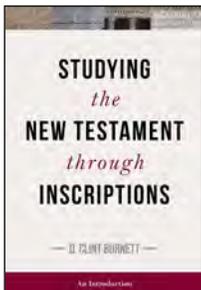
This diverse literature includes the familiar Gospels of the New Testament, the much less familiar literature of the Rabbis and of the Qur'an, and the extracanonical narratives and brief snippets of material found in fragments and inscriptions. This book critically analyzes important texts and quotations in their original languages and engages the current scholarly discussion. Evans argues that the Gospel of Thomas is not early or independent of the New Testament Gospels but that it should be dated to the late second century. He also argues that Secret Mark, like the recently published Gospel of Jesus' Wife, is probably a modern forgery. Of special interest is the question of how long the autographs of New Testament writings remained in circulation. Evans argues that the evidence suggests that most of these autographs remained available for copying and study for more than one hundred years and thus stabilized the text.

Key points and features:

- Written by popular author and Bible scholar Craig A. Evans
- Includes 20+ pages of high-quality color photos
- Walks readers through the various works of ancient literature, both biblical and non-biblical, that mention Jesus
- Critically analyzes important texts and quotations in their original languages and engages the current scholarly discussion

Craig A. Evans, PhD, DHabil, is the John Bisagno Distinguished Professor of Christian Origins at Houston Baptist University in Texas. He is a frequent contributor to scholarly journals and the author or editor of over eighty books, including *Jesus and The Remains of His Day* and *A Handbook on the Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith*.

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STUDYING THE NEW TESTAMENT THROUGH INSCRIPTIONS, AN INTRODUCTION

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Studying the New Testament through Inscriptions is an intuitive introduction to inscriptions from the Greco-Roman world. Inscriptions can help contextualize certain events associated with the New Testament in a way that many widely circulated literary texts do not.

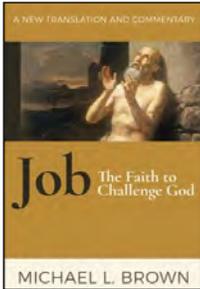
This book both introduces inscriptions and demonstrates sound methodological use of them in the study of the New Testament. Through five case studies, it highlights the largely unrecognized ability of inscriptions to shed light on early Christian history, practice, and the leadership structure of early Christian churches, as well as to solve certain New Testament exegetical impasses.

Key points and features:

- No other book like this on the market—this is the first of its kind!
- A practical and much-needed tool for graduate students, seminarians, and pastors
- Showcases five detailed case studies, designed to show students exactly how to use inscriptions
- Includes 20+ black and white photos
- Three appendices provide additional information for those who want to learn more

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[JOB: THE FAITH TO CHALLENGE GOD, A NEW TRANSLATION AND COMMENTARY](#)

Just as there was no man on earth like Job, there is no book on earth like the book of Job. In this new commentary, biblical scholar Michael Brown brings Job to life for the twenty-first-century reader, exploring the raw spirituality of Job, his extraordinary faith, his friends' theological errors, the mysteries of God's speeches, and the unique answers to the problem of suffering offered in the book of Job.

Undergirded by solid Hebrew scholarship but written with clarity for all serious students of Scripture, the commentary provides an important introduction to the study of Job, a new translation, a series of theological reflections, and additional exegetical essays providing in-depth discussion of key passages.

Additional topics covered in the theological reflections include:

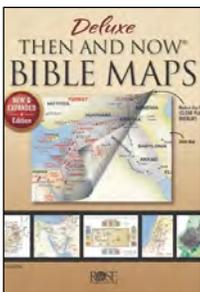
- Challenging God as an act of faith
- How would Job comfort a sufferer?
- Who was Satan?
- Job and Jesus
- Job and the New Atheists

Features and audience:

- Hebrew for today's reader. Literal and conversational style.
- Includes verse-by-verse commentary (2/3 of book)
- Rest is theological reflections, exegetical essays (1/3).
- Students and "educated" lay interested to discover the raw spirituality of job and his immense faith.

Michael L. Brown (PhD, New York University), is president of FIRE School of Ministry and has served as an adjunct or visiting professor at seven leading seminaries. He is the host of the daily, syndicated talk radio show, The Line of Fire, and is the author of more than thirty-five books and over one thousand popular articles. He has contributed to numerous scholarly publications, engaged in public debates on a wide range of theological and cultural topics, and is considered a leading Messianic Jewish apologist.

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[DELUXE THEN AND NOW BIBLE MAPS \(NEW AND EXPANDED EDITION\)](#)

The NEW and EXPANDED Edition of the best-selling *Deluxe Then and Now Bible Maps* has more than 30 new pages of highly detailed relief maps, full-color illustrations, and diagrams, this book lets you see where places of the Bible are today. The clear plastic overlays show modern cities and countries on top of beautifully rendered relief Bible maps.

This new edition has the same great content as the original book, plus so much more. All updated modern geography and an attractive new look to the Bible maps.

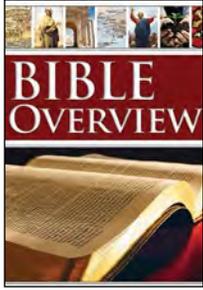
Key points and features:

- 8 clear plastic overlays show modern places on top of Bible maps
- Spiral binding allows pages to lie flat when open
- Uses a larger, easier-to-read type than most Bible atlases
- Reproducible for classroom use

Discover Fascinating Facts, such as:

- The book of Revelation begins with seven letters to seven churches. Those churches were located in cities near each other in modern-day Turkey.
- In the book of Ruth, Naomi and her family leave Bethlehem to escape a famine and they migrate to Moab. The land of Moab is located in modern-day Jordan.
- God sent Jonah to preach to Nineveh, which lies on the outskirts of modern-day Mosul, Iraq.
- When Moses fled Egypt he went to the land of Midian, which is in modern-day Saudi Arabia.

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ROSE BIBLE OVERVIEW (COMPACT EDITION)

BIBLE REFERENCE

An ultra-handly reference book providing a deeper understanding of the Bible and how it was written! Packed with over 150 charts, maps, timelines, and color photos, this guide offers an at-a-glance overview of each biblical book's purpose, theme, historical context, author, date, and audience—plus ways to recognize Christ's presence from Genesis to Revelation.

The Bible is made up of 66 books, written over 1600 years, by about 40 writers. The Bible Overview will give you a grasp of each book quickly in this full-color handbook.

Packed with short summaries, quick-reference charts & diagrams, full-color maps, and illustrations, Rose's Bible Overview is the perfect solution to cover over 2,000 years of Bible history, people, and events at a glance! It includes a fantastic 2-to-6 page overview of each book of the Bible, and includes:

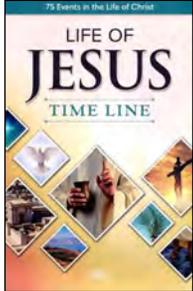
- The purpose of the book
- The theme and how it fits in with the rest of the Bible
- The author, date, audience, and brief history of that time period
- Outline and key verses of each book so you can find important stories fast
- Maps, time lines, charts, and full-color photos
- Archaeological discoveries that give insight into the culture of the time
- Explanation of how Jesus is reflected in each book
- Practical applications for God's people today



Perfect for personal study or for the Bible study that wants to hand out overviews for each book.

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There is also a Bible Overview pamphlet available!



ROSE PAMPHLET: LIFE OF JESUS TIME LINE

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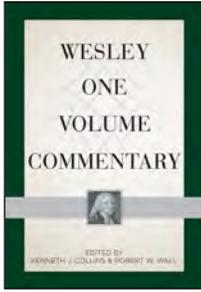
There are 89 chapters in the Gospels that cover Jesus' life from his birth to his ascension—that's a lot to cover! Enjoy having an easy-to-read time line which shows over 75 events in Jesus' life and ministry along with key scriptures—at a glance!

Easily see the stories of Jesus in the four Gospels in a fresh new way by looking at them in the order they happened with this full-color time line. From the birth of Christ in Bethlehem to his ascension into heaven, see helpful Bible references for 75 key events, including Jesus' ministry, the Transfiguration, the Last Supper, and more at a glance!

- Key Features of this Life of Jesus Time Line Pamphlet:
- Color-coded time line of 75 key events from Jesus' life and ministry
- Includes 1-4 scripture references for each event
- Day-by-day overview of Jesus' last week
- Full-color photos and illustrations
- Fits easily into the back of most Bibles for handy reference



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WESLEY ONE VOLUME COMMENTARY

BIBLE REFERENCE

Fully explore scholarly, Wesleyan interpretation of scripture.

This work is the only specifically Wesleyan Bible commentary available and assists pastors in sermon preparation, small group leaders in lesson preparation, and laypeople in Bible study.

This much-anticipated, one volume commentary on the entire Bible was written by more than 40 scholars from the broad range of Wesleyan denominations, including The United Methodist Church, The Church of the Nazarene, The Church of God (Anderson), The Church of God (Cleveland), The Wesleyan Church, The Free Methodist Church, and The Salvation Army.

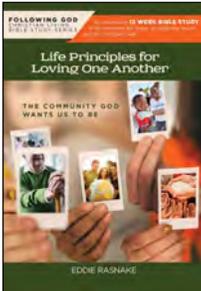
It fully explores the Wesleyan interpretation of Scripture, but does not include the actual scriptures.

Joel B. Green, Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Fuller Seminary, called this commentary, "The Wesley Study Bible +++." The commentary form will allow for a much greater exploration of Wesleyan themes and theology than a Study Bible ever could.

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FOLLOWING GOD: LOVING ONE ANOTHER: COMMUNITY GOD WANTS US TO BE

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible makes it clear that our faith is not an individual sport. In our modern age of isolation, the timeless message of Scripture calls us back to being the "body of Christ" - an interconnected amalgamation of diverse individuals living in community with each other.

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This Bible study will look at every "One Another" command in the Bible, and hopefully move closer to being the community God desires and Christ is praying for us to be.

There are 59 "one another" statements in the New Testament that are direct commands. Together, they define God's desire for His people - how He wants us to interact in relationship with each other. The centerpiece of these "one another" exhortations is the repeated call to "love one another." In fact, one could say that it is not possible to rightly live out the other "one anothers" without loving one another first. The Bible makes it clear that our faith is not an individual sport. In our modern age of isolation, the timeless message of Scripture calls us back to being the "body of Christ" - an interconnected amalgamation of diverse individuals living in community with each other. Over the course of this Bible study we will look at every "One Another" command in the Bible, and hopefully move closer to being the community God desires and Christ is praying for us to be.

- Lesson 1: Community Matters
- Lesson 2: Loving One Another
- Lesson 3: Ministering to One Another
- Lesson 4: Praying for One Another
- Lesson 5: Forgiving One Another
- Lesson 6: Encouraging One Another

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FOR HIS GLORY: LIVING AS GOD'S MASTERPIECE

BIBLE STUDY

When you hear the word masterpiece, you think of art or other objects...not yourself. You are a new creation and a masterpiece!

This 6-week, verse-by-verse study of Ephesians helps you understand your identity in Christ.

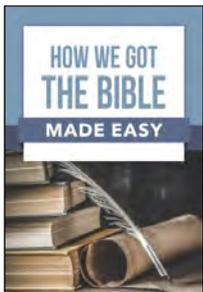
What comes to mind when you hear the word masterpiece? Perhaps you think of a beautiful painting, a spectacular home renovation, or a captivating sunset. But few of us would describe ourselves with that word. We tend to listen instead to the lies that define us as rejected, unwanted, less than, ugly, stupid, or a failure. Sometimes we can feel more like worthless junk than a valuable masterpiece. Yet that is exactly what God's Word says that we are!

In *For His Glory*, Marian Jordan Ellis leads us in an in-depth study of Ephesians to help us dismantle the lies we've believed about ourselves and replace them with a new identity built on God's Word. The truths in this beloved epistle speak to the core beliefs we carry about ourselves, revealing to us our part in God's magnificent design to redeem a people for Himself who reflect His glory to the world.

Drawing on her own journey of transformation and her passion to equip women to overcome shame, insecurity, inferiority, and condemnation, Marian invites us on a journey to discover our true worth in Christ, our status as beloved children of God, and our glorious calling as His masterpiece.

Marian Jordan Ellis is passionate about Jesus and helping women of all ages and stages to experience the victorious Christian life. Having a Master's degree in biblical studies, she hosts a monthly community Bible study for hundreds of women at Mission City Church in San Antonio, where she serves as the Director of Women's Ministry. The founder of Redeemed Girl Ministries, Marian speaks at women's conferences and events both domestically and internationally and regularly shares her writings and Bible teachings through her blog, website (Redeemedgirl.org), the Redeemed Girl App, and YouTube channel. She is the author of *Stand: Rising Up Against Darkness, Temptation, and Persecution*, and numerous other titles.

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MADE EASY: HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE

BIBLE STUDY

This title from the popular "Made Easy" series is designed to help readers understand the history of the Bible. *How We Got the Bible Made Easy* will increase your confidence in the reliability of the Scriptures!

The "Made Easy" series helps you quickly find biblical answers to important questions. These pocket-sized books are packed with clear explanations and key facts you need to know. A unique feature is its use of four-color graphics throughout, to make the study more interesting. View the [full series at www.hendricksonrose.com](http://www.hendricksonrose.com).

Can you trust the Bible? From Moses to Gutenberg, find out how we got the Bible and discover key information and fascinating facts on key people and events in Bible history in an easy-to-understand way.

From the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls to the modern translations of KJV and NIV, each of the quick-reference topics included in this handbook feature solid overviews, full-color illustrations, and more to deepen your understanding of the Bible's reliability.

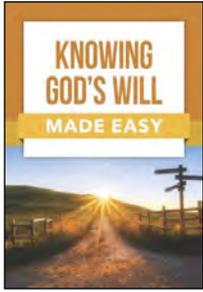
It also includes key people and events throughout the history of the Bible.

Find out what people did to preserve the text of the Bible over the centuries, and learn the inspiring stories behind names like John Wycliffe and William Tyndale.

Using simple summaries, it answers common questions, such as:

- How was the Bible translated?
- Does the Bible have errors in it? Is it accurate?
- How did we get the English Bible?
- Why are the Dead Sea Scrolls important?
- And more!

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MADE EASY: KNOWING GOD'S WILL

BIBLE STUDY



Everyone needs a little help navigating through life's tough decisions. This newest addition to the popular Made Easy series is a helpful road map to give you confidence along the journey.

Am I following God's will for my life? What is his will and how can I find it in the Bible? Believers often wonder about these questions and aren't sure who to turn to and where to look for guidance.

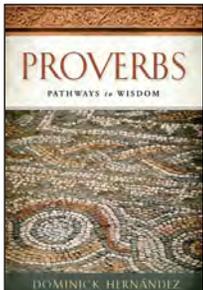
Experience the peace, confidence, and rest that comes from knowing God's will and learning how to follow him. Get a solid overview of what the Bible says about God's plan for your life. Packed with simple summaries, key verses, and clear explanations, Rose's *Knowing God's Will Made Easy* quick guide helps you find peace in knowing what the Bible says about God's plan and guidance for your life.

This little book is packed with answers to tough questions, like:

- Who is God and why should I trust him?
- What is God's will?
- How can I recognize God's leading?
- How does the Bible say God guides us?
- What does God do with failure?
- And more!

The 'Made Easy' series helps you quickly find biblical answers to important questions. These pocket-sized books are packed with clear explanations and key facts you need to know. A unique feature is its use of four-color graphics throughout, to make the study more interesting. View the [full series at www.hendricksonrose.com](http://www.hendricksonrose.com).

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PROVERBS: PATHWAYS TO WISDOM

BIBLE STUDY

The book of Proverbs invites people to grow in wisdom—biblical wisdom in order to experience the good life.

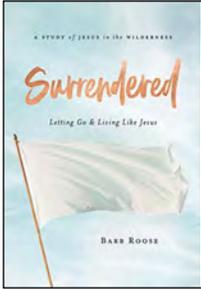
It is a practical book written for people like us—parents, children, friends, and coworkers. A collection of biblical sayings and wisdom that will make our modern lives run a bit more smoothly. Inside you encounter the wise and the foolish, all on a journey to find the wisdom that comes from God alone.

Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom explores the context, language, and interpretation of this wisdom literature genre. Each chapter covers the historical context and interpretations of well-known verses and prevalent themes throughout the book. From the figure of wisdom to the Woman of Valor in Proverbs 31, Hernández explores these verses and reveals literary and historical details that bring more meaning to familiar passages.

Additional optional components for a four-week study include a DVD featuring Dominick Hernández and a comprehensive Leader Guide.

Dominick Hernández is the Assistant Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He teaches Old Testament and serves as the Director of the seminary's Online Hispanic Program. Dr. Hernández completed his PhD in Hebrew Bible at Bar-Ilan University (Ramat Gan, Israel) where he was trained in Semitic Philology. Dr. Hernández teaches on an array of topics including biblical wisdom, ancient Near Eastern literature, and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Dr. Hernández is deeply invested in the academic community in which he continues to research, write, and present at scholarly conferences. Dr. Hernández is committed to the church, having served in English, Spanish, and Hebrew-language ministries in the United States and abroad.

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SURRENDERED: LETTING GO AND LIVING LIKE JESUS

Learn how to surrender like Jesus.

Are you facing a problem in life that you just can't fix, no matter what you do? Perhaps you've heard the phrase "Let go and let God." But it's easier said than done. Is it possible that giving up on what you can't change is God's path to peace for your life?

In this study of Jesus in the wilderness, Barb explores Jesus' time of testing and contrasts it with the Israelites' failures in the wilderness. Instead of a band-aid approach, Roose looks at Jesus in the wilderness to face situations beyond our control.

As you learn from Jesus' example, you'll discover six principles that will equip you to let God lead you to victory despite your circumstances as you deal with the problems and pain you are facing:

- Recognize You Can't Handle It
- Stop Following Your Feelings
- Give Up Control and Reach for God
- Embrace God's Better Blessing
- Let Go of Fear
- Experience the Blessings of a Surrendered Life

If you're tired of following your feelings or being disappointed by unchanging circumstances, learn how to surrender like Jesus and experience God's power and peace in your life as never before.

Watch for the companion book to release in September 2020!

Barb Roose is a popular speaker and author who is passionate about connecting women to one another and to God, helping them apply the truths of God's Word to the practical realities and challenges they face as women in today's culture. Barb enjoys teaching and encouraging women at conferences and events across the country, as well as internationally. She is the author of the *Joshua: Winning the Worry Battle* and *Beautiful Already: Reclaiming God's Perspective on Beauty* Bible studies and the books *Winning the Worry Battle: Life Lessons from the Book of Joshua* and *Enough Already: Winning Your Ugly Struggle with Beauty*. She also writes a regular blog at BarbRoose.com and hosts the "Better Together" podcast.

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[A DEVOTIONAL JOURNEY INTO THE EASTER MYSTERY: | HOW PRAYERFUL PARTICIPATION IN THE PASCHAL MYSTERY BRINGS LIFE, JOY, AND HOLINESS](#)

CATHOLIC

This book sweeps readers through the various liturgical celebrations of Lent, the Paschal Triduum, and the Easter Season, unveiling the rich spiritual treasures contained in each. Based principally on the solemn texts themselves and on the writings of the Fathers of the Church, it clarifies the meaning and purpose of each celebration and suggests practical ways for participants to pray these observances more fruitfully.

Entering the celebrations from Ash Wednesday through Lent and the Easter Triduum with the holy insights contained here allows the faithful more effectively to engage Christ Himself, who meets us in these divine ceremonies.

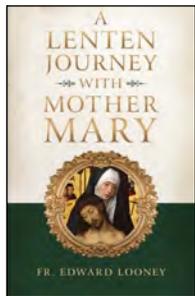
A Devotional Journey into the Easter Mystery shows readers how prayerful participation in the Paschal Mystery brings life, joy, and holiness. It's a powerful aid for every Christian who seeks to make Lent and Easter a truly life-changing experience.

Chapters include:

- How to Enter the Combat Stupendous: Ash Wednesday and Lent
- How to Intercede for the World: Good Friday's Cross
- How to Enter the Promised Land: The Easter Vigils Lucernarium and Liturgy of the Word

Christopher Carstens is director of the Office for Sacred Worship in the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin; a visiting faculty member at the Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois; editor of the *Adoremus Bulletin*; and one of the voices on *The Liturgy Guys* podcast. He is author of *A Devotional Journey into the Mass* (Sophia) and, coauthor with Father Douglas Martis, of *Mystical Body, Mystical Voice: Encountering Christ in the Words of the Mass* (Liturgy Training Publications). He is also author of the forthcoming *Principles of Sacred Liturgy: Forming a Sacramental Vision* (Hillenbrand Books). He lives in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin, with his wife and eight children.

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[A LENTEN JOURNEY WITH MOTHER MARY](#)

CATHOLIC

You are invited to walk with the world's singular model of faith and purity — the Virgin Mary herself — each day of your Lenten spiritual pilgrimage to Easter. Here the enlightened Fr. Edward Looney presents Mary's messages one by one, dedicating each week of Lent to an overarching theme from her apparitions and drawing from each a vibrant new spiritual lesson for your life.

With the help of Our Lady and Fr. Looney, you'll discover how to make your examinations of conscience more fruitful, you'll learn powerful new methods of prayer, and you'll gain an unwavering trust in Our Lord's love and mercy. As you struggle to pray during times of fasting, a new peace will envelop you as you grow in confidence that the Mother of God is praying for you.

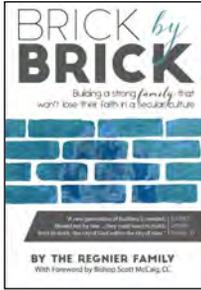
You'll also learn:

- The three ways Mary works to convert sinners
- How specifically to pray for the healing of a broken heart
- Why and how you should pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary
- How a Marian apparition is judged to be worthy of belief
- What Mary teaches us about praying for the dead

Best of all, at the end of your Lenten journey with Mother Mary, you'll be prepared to experience the Pascal Mystery through the eyes of Mary herself, sorrowing and rejoicing with her as the events of Holy Week give way to the palpable rising of Christ in your life.

Fr. Edward Looney was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Green Bay in June 2015 and is an internationally recognized Marian theologian, writer, speaker, and radio personality. He is a member of the Mariological Society of America and serves on its administrative council. Fr. Looney is the author of the bestselling books *A Heart Like Mary's* and *A Rosary Litany*, and his writings have also appeared in the pages of *Catholic Digest* and online at *Aleteia* and *Catholic Exchange*. Fr. Looney has appeared on radio and television through the apostolates of *Relevant Radio*, *Radio Maria*, *Shalom World*, and *EWTN*.

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BRICK BY BRICK: BUILDING A STRONG FAMILY THAT WON'T LOSE THEIR FAITH IN A SECULAR CULTURE

CATHOLIC

Far too many Catholic families today experience the heart-wrenching pain of their grown children abandoning the practice of the faith. Parents pray and hope that their children will, at the very least, go to Mass as adults only to see the faith tradition and beauty of the Church lost among the next generation.

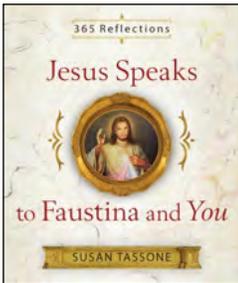
With real life stories, tons of humor, and practical advice, this three-generation family illustrates seven key principles of discipleship parenting that bore them great fruit. Grow in your understanding of God’s purpose for the family, and be moved in your parenting and family life to create a future of missionary disciples.

The Regnier parents, whose five adult children don’t merely continue to go to Mass but have all even become Catholic missionaries, are often asked, “How did you do it? How did you raise children who are so active in sharing and living their Faith?” Here you’ll hear the answer from each member of the family, parents and children. From their many voices, real-life stories, and often amusing anecdotes emerge many wise principles and sure methods you can adapt to your own circumstances: family-proven best practices for raising children strong in the Faith.

Concerned parents will learn from these remarkable pages how they, too, can raise their children to have a similar personal relationship with Jesus, live their Faith dynamically, and have evangelistic hearts—even while remaining ordinary, well-rounded, approachable people passionate about life in all its aspects.

André and Angèle Regnier cofounded Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) in 1988 at their alma mater, the University of Saskatchewan. For thirty years, CCO has ministered to students on campuses across Canada. In 2015, André and Angèle were awarded the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal for distinguished service to the Church, the highest medal that can be awarded to laymen by the pope. They have five children and two grandchildren and currently live in Ottawa.

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JESUS SPEAKS TO FAUSTINA AND YOU, 365 REFLECTIONS

CATHOLIC

In her celebrated 700-page spiritual *Diary*, St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) tells of her many visions of Jesus and her conversations with Him. For years now, best-selling and award-winning author Susan Tassone has lived in the thrall of that spiritual classic, recently drawing forth from its rich mystical depths 365 meditations.

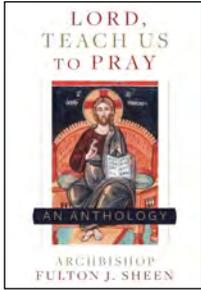
Each meditation features Jesus’ words to Faustina, to which Tassone has added a short original reflection and a prayer to help you hear and *live* by Jesus’ words *as if they had been spoken directly to you*. From these pages, you’ll discover the mercy, love, and compassion of the Lord that’s available for you – day by day, each day of the year.

In *Jesus Speaks to Faustina and You*, these are some of the things you will learn:

- The amazing depths of Jesus’ infinite, unfathomable love for you
- Ways to heal your family through the mystery of God’s mercy
- How to develop stronger, deeper, more effective daily prayers
- How to increase your awareness of and response to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit
- How to overcome temptations – all of them!
- That purgatory is real, important ... *and a blessing*
- How you can use the Divine Mercy Chaplet for all your needs, including overcoming despair, converting sinners, appeasing God’s anger, comforting the dying, and finding solace in the midst of suffering
- How to become a saint by learning from the Saint of Mercy, a woman who spent her life – day by day – learning about infinite love and the compassion of God, who is Divine Mercy

Susan Tassone has long been a passionate champion for the holy souls in purgatory and is recognized as leading a worldwide “purgatory movement.” The award-winning author of eleven best-sellers, including *St. Faustina Prayer Book for Adoration*, Susan makes speaking appearances throughout the country. Over a dozen cardinals and bishops worldwide have endorsed her works. She’s a frequent and popular guest on national radio and television programs as well as social media. In 2013, she was featured in the groundbreaking documentary *Purgatory: The Forgotten Church* and was on the cover of *Catholic Digest* magazine in 2017. She also continues to work tirelessly to raise donations for Masses for the holy souls. Susan holds a master’s degree in religious education from Loyola University Chicago and had the honor and privilege of being granted two private audiences with St. John Paul II, who bestowed a special blessing on her and her ministry for the holy souls. Learn more at susantassone.com.

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LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY: A FULTON SHEEN ANTHOLOGY

CATHOLIC

Over the course of Archbishop Fulton Sheen’s storied career, thousands approached him with a simple request: “Teach us to pray.” Archbishop Sheen proclaimed this surefire pathway to sanctity and intimacy with God.

Now, for the first time ever, his wise teachings on prayer have been collected into a single volume to help you perfect your prayers and make them what they must become: a daily, holy habit.

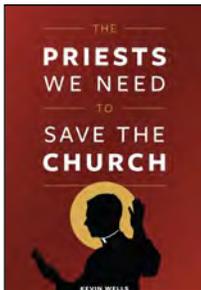
First come Bishop Sheen’s insightful reflections on the Our Father and its indispensable connection to the Seven Last Words of Christ. Then Bishop Sheen unveils smoldering, oft-overlooked riches in other everyday Catholic prayers, transforming them from rote recitations into powerful moments of communion with God.

With his help, you’ll then journey through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, learning how to bring peace to your soul and grow more receptive to God’s grace. You’ll also discover how to make your Holy Hours more efficacious and master a variety of other techniques that Bishop Sheen employed in his own fruitful quest for holiness. Best of all, you’ll immerse yourself in an incomparable collection of Fulton Sheen’s reflections on the Mass, meditations for Holy Hours, and dozens of prayers he recommends for most occasions in the Christian life.

Prayer, meditation, Holy Hours, the Mass, and even a bit of philosophy: it’s all here in this delightful anthology of the works of the saintly archbishop Fulton J. Sheen!

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979) spent almost forty years evangelizing Catholics and non-Catholics alike through his voluminous writings and his thousands of nationwide radio and television broadcasts. Along the way, he served the Church as auxiliary bishop of New York and bishop of Rochester. On July 5, 2019, Pope Francis approved a miracle that occurred through Sheen’s intercession, clearing the way for his beatification. Al Smith is the founder and director of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Mission Society of Canada and editor of the best-selling book *The Cries of the Jesus from the Cross: A Fulton Sheen Anthology*. He has served the Church for many years as a Catholic evangelist, radio host, writer, Internet broadcaster, and retreat director and has served on the board of directors of the Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Foundation in Peoria, Illinois, promoting the cause of Sheen’s canonization.

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PRIESTS WE NEED TO SAVE THE CHURCH

CATHOLIC

While dissolute bishops and priests around the world grab headlines for their untoward words and deeds, too many other unfruitful priests minister as little more than glad-handing bachelors doing social service work. Top and bottom, is this the Church that Christ intended? Are these the priests we need?

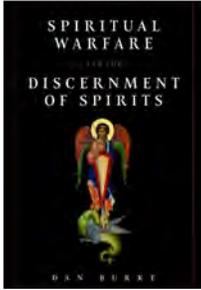
“No!” cries author Kevin Wells in these compelling pages that showcase how heroic priests can faithfully tread the narrow path of holy self-sacrifice first blazed by the apostles themselves. From scores of insightful interviews with modern priests, exorcists, seminary formators, and even disillusioned laity, Wells here draws forth a blueprint for priestly holiness that can once again fill our Church with priests abounding with sincere, supernatural faith, on fire with God’s love, and moved by the irresistible impulse to save souls, no matter the cost to themselves.

Reading this book will deepen your own faith and help you understand what all priests, by their vocation, are consecrated and called to be. Giving a copy to your parish priest will help him – and encourage him – as he strives to become a member of the small but growing contingent of holy priests we need.

"This book is a salutary challenge to what can become an all-too-comfortable life. Kevin Wells, and the lives of the exemplary priests he describes, set out to identify and heal the ills of the modern priesthood and set us back on the path to sanctity."
—Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti, PhD, DMin,
Research Associate Professor, Catholic University of America

Kevin Wells is a former sports reporter with the Tampa Tribune, where he covered Major League Baseball and other sports. He is the author of *Burst, A Story of God’s Grace When Life Falls Apart*. He is a freelance writer and evangelist, addressing various Catholic topics. Wells is President of the Monsignor Thomas Wells Society for Vocations, which financially and prayerfully commits itself to the promotion of strong priests, seminarians, and practicing the fullness of the Catholic Faith. His work with youth earned him the James Cardinal Hickey National Figure Award from the Archdiocese of Washington. In 2009, he survived a close brush with death after a malformed line of vessels in his brain hemorrhaged. The day after invasive brain surgery failed to control the flow of blood that was compressing his brain, Kevin was anointed by Fr. James Stack — the longtime best friend of his murdered uncle, Msgr. Thomas Wells. To this day, witnesses in the dark neuro-ICU room still tell of the miracle that unfolded at his bedside.

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[SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND THE DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS](#)

CATHOLIC

Satan is always at work breeding sadness and anxiety while providing obstacles that prevent souls from making spiritual progress. In this concise yet powerful book, author Dan Burke presents the venerable, time-tested wisdom of Catholic mystics to help you understand the influence of the Enemy on your mind and heart, and the tactics you need to combat him.

**"I recommend this book for anyone ready to grow in holiness."
—Cardinal Gerhard Ludwig Müller, Former Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith**

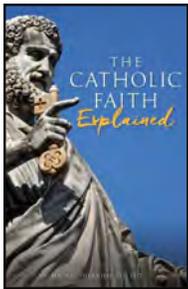
With St. Ignatius as his guide, Burke presents here an indispensable, authoritative manual for engaging in daily battle with the Adversary—combat that is both inevitable and winnable. Burke will help you recognize the ebbs and flows of consolation and desolation, and distinguish between the voices of God and of Satan. Best of all, you'll come to see the spiritual life not as a science to be learned, but as an intuitive art to be practiced as you move with increasing success from habitual sin to sanctity.

The battle for our souls is unavoidable. The saints won theirs by learning how to be spiritual warriors and by recognizing that we become stronger through battle and grow weaker from avoidance. With this book as your guide, you'll grow in strength and contentment as you learn:

- How to take captive every negative thought and make it obedient to Christ
- St. Ignatius's revelations exposing how the Devil seeks to influence us
- The Paradigm of Ascent and the Five Steps to Sanctity
- The three ways you can discern "Good Spirits" from "Bad Spirits"
- The three principal causes of desolation—and what you must do when it afflicts your soul
- Proven methods for moving away from sin and toward self-giving love of God and neighbor

Dan Burke is an award-winning author, writer, and speaker on Catholic spirituality. He is the Executive Director and writer for EWTN's National Catholic Register.

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[THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED](#)

CATHOLIC

What is the point of faith, and, in particular, of the Catholic Faith?

**"Michel Therrien's The Catholic Faith Explained is clearly, concisely, and even beautifully written. Even more, it gives us something desperately needed in the Church: a book that paints the "big picture" of what Catholicism is all about. If you know someone—a family member, a friend, a co-worker—who has left the Catholic Church, or who just has serious questions about the Catholic faith, this is the book for them."
—Brant Pitre, Author of "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist"**

Written in a welcoming style, this straightforward book provides a clear, compelling answer to that question. As such, it's meant for non-Catholics who are curious about the Catholic Faith, for cradle Catholics who may never have really understood the Faith, and for longtime Catholics who've begun to question the Faith and may even be thinking of leaving it.

Here, free of controversies and polemics, you'll encounter the principal beliefs that form the framework of Christianity, and, in particular, a thorough explanation of what the Church teaches about Jesus. To accomplish this faithfully, author Michel Therrien relies on just two sources—the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church—to provide an authoritative overview of what the Faith teaches about God and why believing in Him is important.

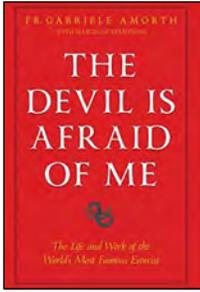
In twenty short, easy-to-digest chapters, Therrien presents you with Christianity as the Catholic Church understands it.

Among scores of other fundamentals of the Faith, this book will teach you:

- How we come to know God
- How God reveals Himself to us
- Who God is, as Scripture reveals Him
- Jesus Christ's loving plan for humanity
- How to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ
- How Catholicism will bring you happiness

Michel Therrien is the CEO of Praeambula Network, a lay apostolate that provides discipleship formation and strategies to individuals and organizations for the work of the new evangelization. He has taught at St. Vincent Seminary and the Augustine Institute and served as president of the Institute for Pastoral Leadership in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He holds a B.A. in theology from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington; an M.A. in theology and Christian ministry from Franciscan University of Steubenville; a licentiate in sacred theology from the International Theological Institute in Gaming, Austria; and a doctorate in fundamental moral theology from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland.

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**THE DEVIL IS AFRAID OF ME:
THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS EXORCIST**

CATHOLIC

"We can do nothing against you because you are too protected!"

So declared a frustrated host of devils to Father Gabriele Amorth, the priest exorcist in Rome who spent thirty years battling the Devil and his minions by performing more than a hundred thousand exorcisms. At the same time, he deftly used modern media to awaken our disbelieving modern culture – and even the Church – to the reality of the Devil and his nefarious actions at all times and everywhere.

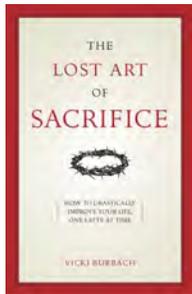
In these eye-opening pages, angelologist Father Marcello Stanzione tells the story of the life of Father Amorth, and includes, as well, not merely many anecdotes about his exciting life but also long excerpts from various interviews Father gave to the media, religious and secular. By means of those interviews, you'll learn firsthand from Father Amorth many forgotten truths about the Devil and his ways, and in particular the devious methods he has adopted in recent years to corrupt believers and unbelievers alike. It's simple to spot them, argues Father Amorth, and simple even to resist them.

"We can do nothing against you because you are too protected!" said the devils that Father Amorth battled. Let Father Amorth teach you in these pages how you can be protected too!

Fr. Gabriele Amorth (1925-2016), a priest of the Congregation of San Paolo, was internationally recognized as the world's greatest exorcist. His mission of expelling the devil through incessant dedication has earned the gratitude of thousands of believers and the esteem of the most important authorities of the Catholic Church. He has written various successful works and had a very popular radio program on Radio Maria in Rome.

Fr. Marcello Stanzione (b. 1963), one of the top Italian experts on angels, is a priest of the Archdiocese of Salerno, Italy. He is the author of more than forty books in Italian, many of which have been translated into other languages.

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THE LOST ART OF SACRIFICE

CATHOLIC

Jesus taught that if we are to call ourselves Christians, we must deny ourselves, pick up our cross, and follow him. But what does denying ourselves look like? How exactly must we carry our cross? And what does He mean when He says we must lose my life in order to save it?

Burbach explains that while Christ's words are challenging, he isn't asking us to pick up our cross because he is vindictive or twisted, nor because He wants to see us suffer. It's because sacrifice is the greatest manifestation of love, and He created our souls in order to love and be loved.

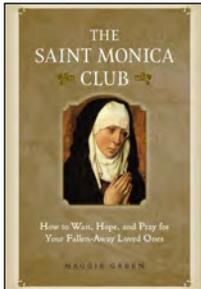
In these powerful pages, she contrasts – as Jesus did – our selfish worldly culture with the way Christians are called to live, illuminating the essential role that sacrifice must play in every worthy human life. Not content with explaining the importance of sacrifice and singing its praises, Burbach ends each chapter with practical, down-to-earth suggestions to help readers cultivate the art of sacrifice in their lives, so that each may find a way to follow Christ as He commands us.

In our materialistic and secular world, we have lost the art of sacrifice - an art that connects us with the very root of our souls. That's why this book is so vitally important today.

Best of all, she shows that not only is it critical that we each undertake ever more sacrifices, large and small, as we go about our daily lives but that doing so is the path to joy: great joy today and immeasurably greater joy hereafter.

Vicki Burbach relishes the calm inspiration of spiritual reading amidst the roller coaster of life. A passionate convert to the Faith, Vicki is an avid reader who moderates an international book club at SpiritualDirection.com. She feels blessed to journey with thousands of like-minded pilgrims through some of the greatest Catholic books ever written. Her writing has been featured online at *National Catholic Register*, *Big Pulpit*, and *Catholic Exchange*. You can also find her at PelicansBreast.com.

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THE SAINT MONICA CLUB: HOW TO WAIT, HOPE, AND PRAY FOR YOUR FALLEN ONES

CATHOLIC

In the fourth century, a young man named Augustine turned his back on the Church, plunging into a frenzied life of lust and dissipation. His renunciation left Monica, his pious Catholic mother, weeping and praying for his salvation . . . for more than a decade!

Like so many Catholics today – even perhaps like you – Monica wrestled daily with the pain of having a loved one fall away from the Faith. Like us, she often feared that her prayers and tears were of little worth, empty, futile.

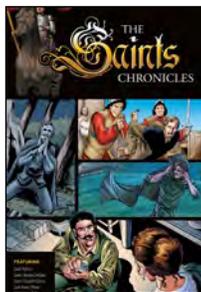
After nearly two decades, Augustine returned to the Faith, and in a big way. Revered today as Saint Augustine, he joined in holiness his mother, Monica – now Saint Monica – whose sacrifices, prayers, and pain finally won for both of them the crown of sanctity.

In these pages, author Maggie Green provides wise, compassionate guidance for members of what she calls “The Saint Monica Club”: good Catholics suffering like Monica the rejection of the Faith by persons they love dearly. Herself a longtime and long-suffering member of the club, Green shows how persevering as Monica did in devoted love for straying souls – loving them as God does – will not only quiet the lingering, aching cry of our hearts, but will also draw our lost loved ones back to the Faith and into the arms of Jesus again. Yes, the nonconfrontational Way of Saint Monica is hard. But it is the only way. These pages demonstrate that, with the souls of our loved ones at stake, it is worth the effort . . . and worth the wait.

Read the 5-star reviews at <https://www.sophiainstitute.com/products/item/saint-monica-club>

Maggie Green is a pen name for a Catholic wife and mother who waits for some of her children to return to the Faith. She and her husband live with their children in the Mid-Atlantic area of the United States.

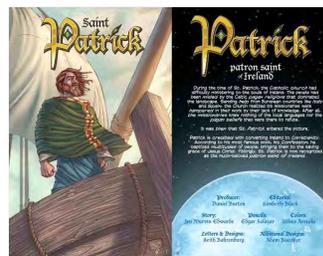
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THE SAINTS CHRONICLES, COLLECTION 1

The Saints Chronicles bring vividly to life the stories of courageous Christians from the earliest days of Christianity to modern times.

All four volumes of this Graphic Novel Series are packed with engaging texts and dramatic images that captivate and inspire readers of all ages.



CATHOLIC / CHILDREN'S



In this first volume, you'll dive into the life of Christianity's boldest heroes of the Faith, including:

- St. Patrick, a young boy captured by Irish pirates and made a slave, only to escape and later return to convert all of pagan Ireland to Christianity.
- St. Jerome Emiliani, the bold soldier who became a Christian while imprisoned in a dark dungeon, escaping to join the priesthood and lead a life in service to the poor and suffering.
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the wealthy New York widow who made vows of poverty and chastity, creating the very first Catholic schools in the United States and becoming America's first saint.
- St. Henry Morse, the Catholic convert who became a priest and bravely spread the Faith in Protestant England, only to be arrested and martyred for being Catholic.
- St. Joan of Arc, the thirteen-year-old-girl who God called to rally a demoralized army and lead the Catholic French to an overwhelming defeat of the English.

The stirring adventures of these brave Christian souls remind us that God has in mind for each of us a unique mission, worthy of all our imagination and all our daring.

Appealing to readers of all ages, these four Graphic Novels will enhance literacy and promote content retention while introducing Catholic saints in a form that can be enjoyed again and again.

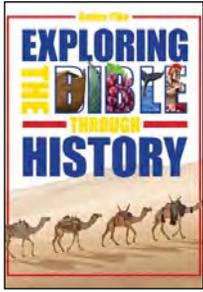
A few of the contributors include:

Tod Smith (PENCILSpencilsd several other projects for DC ('Green Lantern', 'Blue Devil', & 'Peacemaker'), followed by a run on The Green Hornet for NOW Comics, and a variety of fill-ins for Marvel, including Conan, The Silver Surfer, Punisher, Green Goblin, and the Scarlet Spider. This led to his being offered the penciling for Darkhawk, a fairly new character at Marvel, which he did for two years, right up to the Marvel implosion of the mid-nineties.

Ulises Arreola Palmera (Colorist) DC: Green Arrow, Justice League Of America, Justice League Dark, Green Arrow, Flashpoint: Deadman and the Flying Grayson's, Batgirl, Brightest Day Aftermath, DC Comics Presents: The New 52.

Edgar Salazar (Artist) has worked on the following projects: Venom, X-Men: Blue Annual, Star Wars: Jedi of the Republic, Ice Man, Guardians of the Galaxy. DC: Justice League of America: Black Adam, Smallville: Alien, Deathstroke, Constantine, He-Man, Secret Origins.

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EXPLORING THE BIBLE THROUGH HISTORY

CHILDREN'S

How can you help kids get the "big picture of the Bible? How can you help them understand the Bible's place in history?

The first in a series of interactive Bible lesson resources based off of Rose Publishing's *Giant 10-Foot Bible Time Line*. This book features twenty-five lessons, where children, through multiple activity options, explore the Bible and discover God through history.

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Imagine having a series of Bible lessons (with the help of an illustrated timeline) to help kids picture and learn about key people, places, and events! Each lesson includes:

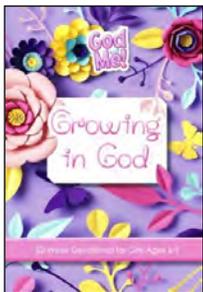
- ✓ A memory verse
- ✓ Bible story
- ✓ Prayer
- ✓ Small group time
- ✓ Life application
- ✓ and four activity options with review questions.



In addition, each lesson includes interactive options for use with the separate Giant 10-Foot Bible Time Line.

Amber Pike is a wife, homeschooling mom, children's minister, and author. At sixteen, she was called into the ministry and went on to graduate from Campbellsville University with a double major in Theater and Educational Ministry. Amber has spent the last eleven years working as a children's minister. She is also a contract writer and author, blessed with the opportunity to reach children and adults all over the world. Amber gets to share her experience, passion for the Word of God, and love of Christ on a daily basis through her church, as well as through her writing opportunities. Her most important (and favorite) role in life, however, is taking care of the wonderful family God has blessed her with.

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GOD AND ME!: GROWING IN GOD 52-WEEK DEVOTIONAL FOR GIRLS

CHILDREN'S



From friends and popularity to Bible study and trusting God, this 52-week devotional packed with over 200 hands-on activities and games covers relevant topics for girls ages six to nine and introduces them to God's precious promises for their lives.

This book is packed with Bible stories and over 200 games, quizzes, recipes, crafts, stories about girls like them, and more! The colorful illustrations and activities will encourage girls to rely on God and his great love for them. It's never been easier to help girls build a solid foundation of faith for a lifetime!

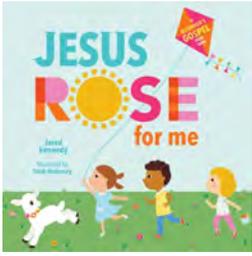
This devotional covers 52-weeks of material and it's all you need for an entire year! Each week includes:

- ✓ A Bible story
- ✓ Relatable stories to help girls apply the lesson
- ✓ Reflection and life application questions
- ✓ Hands-on activities (crafts, recipes, quizzes, puzzles, games, etc.)
- ✓ Memory verse and prayers

About the Series: In the [God and Me! Series](#), you will find more devotions and activities in the same trusted, Bible-teaching format you've come to rely on. Each book includes devotionals based on the topics that matter most to you and your family. Editions available for ages 2-5, ages 6-9, and ages 10-12. There is even a companion boys series, called [Gotta Have God](#).

Lynn Klammer is a bestselling, internationally published author of books and articles. Her award-winning literary work has appeared in a variety of magazines, and she is the author of nine books. She has written in the areas of education, psychology, health, parenting, marketing,

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JESUS ROSE FOR ME: THE TRUE STORY OF EASTER

CHILDREN'S



Every Easter, we celebrate that Jesus is more powerful than death. But what does that mean for your little one? Jesus Rose for Me by author Jared Kennedy helps toddlers and preschoolers understand the true meaning of Easter in a personal, memorable way.

This board book is a part of [The Beginner’s Gospel Story Bible series](#). For children ages three to seven, this beautifully illustrated book begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter, when Jesus rose for us. Children will learn that Jesus is our king, and that everyone who trusts in him is part of his forever family.

Help your kids understand that Jesus died for us and rose from the dead. Because of the compelling content and modern, vivid illustrations, children will live in the joy of the greatest truth of all: Jesus is alive!

This conversational book simply tells the story of the gospel and invites children to respond. Jesus Rose for Me helps toddlers and preschoolers celebrate that every day is resurrection day.

“Too many gospel presentations leave Jesus hanging on the cross. But a dead Savior is no Savior at all. In *Jesus Rose for Me*, Jared Kennedy completes the story. Read this radiant book to a young child, and introduce them to the living King who loves them.”
—Matt Smethurst, Managing editor, The Gospel Coalition; author of *Before You Open Your Bible: Nine Heart Postures for Approaching God’s Word*

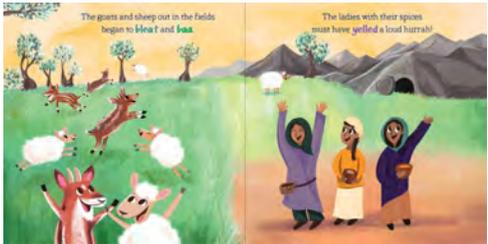
Jared Kennedy MDiv, ThM, leads the children’s ministry creative team as Pastor of Families at Sojourn Community Church in Louisville, KY, and is the children’s ministry strategist for Sojourn Network. He is the author of *The Beginner’s Gospel Story Bible* and *Are You Close to God?*; the coauthor of *The Leadership Mosaic*; and has developed two VBS programs, *Proof Pirates* and *Clap Your Hands, Stomp Your Feet*. He and his wife, Megan have three girls: Rachael, Lucy, and Elisabeth.

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THE QUIET CRAZY EASTER DAY

CHILDREN'S



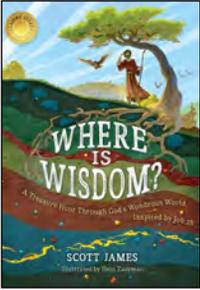
You might think of the first Easter as a quiet, peaceful morning. But with all creation celebrating the risen Lord of Lords, it may not have been so quiet!

The Quiet Crazy Easter Day imagines the crazy celebration that might have occurred when Jesus arose . . . a festive day filled with chirps and croaks, shouts and coos and loop-de-doo.

Join the rejoicing as we follow along with the Easter story and learn how we too can shout and sing and spread the news that Jesus is alive.

Jill Roman Lord is an award-winning author of seventeen Christian children’s books. She loves celebrating Jesus and drawing others closer to Him in her writing. Jill’s creative writing teacher pulled her out of her ninth-grade class to give her a blank journal and told her to keep writing; she did. She enjoys traveling with her husband, Bill, visiting their kids who have flown the coop, and running with her golden retriever.

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WHERE IS WISDOM? A TREASURE HUNT THROUGH GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD, INSPIRED BY JOB 28



Where can we find wisdom? Down in the deep caverns? At the bottom of the ocean floor? This visual tour through the poetry of Job 28 parallels Scripture and leads readers on a treasure hunt through the wonders of God's creation.

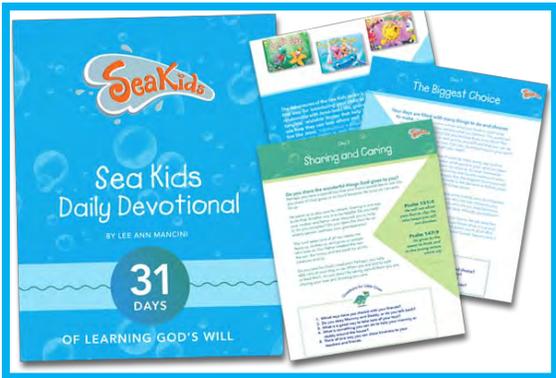
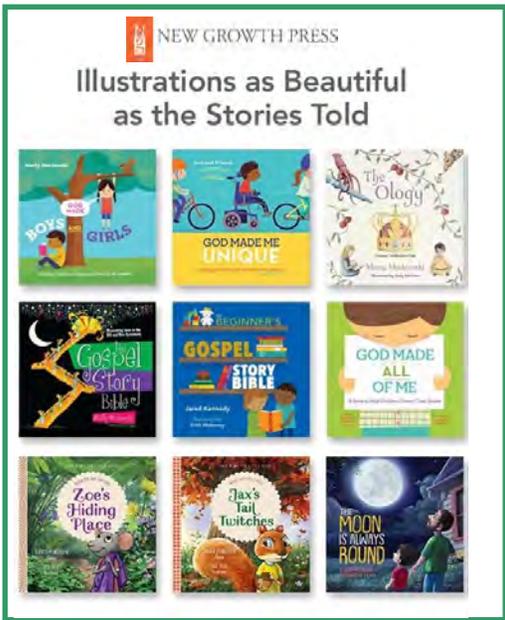
Among all the dazzling treasures this world has to offer, we learn of an even greater treasure—wisdom—and of the mighty God who alone can lead us to it.

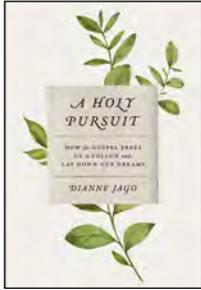
Beautifully illustrated, *Where Is Wisdom?* is a unique celebration of the words and imagery of Job, one that guides young readers high and low to marvel ultimately at the true end of wisdom, Jesus Christ. The author was inspired by Job 28. It explores Job's wisdom and positive elements instead of the depressing parts of the story. Kids learn about the true treasure and wisdom.

This is a sophisticated children's fiction book. This is a large format book with a more modern art style.

Scott James is an author of books for children and families, including *The Expected One* (B&H, 2014), the family worship book *Mission Accomplished* (2015), and illustrated children's book *The Littlest Watchman* (2017). Endorsers for these books include Russell Moore, David Platt, Trevin Wax, Jim Daly, and Collin Hansen. Scott is a monthly columnist for *ParentLife Magazine* and also contributes to online outlets such as The Gospel Coalition, Story Warren, Radical, ERLC, and LifeWay. A speaker at ERLC events, Scott serves the ERLC as a Research Fellow. He partners with Focus on the Family as a member of their Physician Resource Council and also serves as a Fellow for the Center for Baptist Renewal. He and his wife, Jaime, have been married for sixteen years and have four children. Scott is a medical doctor in the field of pediatric infectious diseases.

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A HOLY PURSUIT:
HOW THE GOSPEL FREES US TO FOLLOW AND LAY DOWN OUR DREAMS

CHRISTIAN LIFE

“Chase your dreams and follow your heart, no matter the cost” is the call of the world today.

The opposite extreme, often advised by the church, is to lay down all of our dreams and passions, avoiding all self-interest. This book helps you look upward and see your faith as the foundation of your dreams.

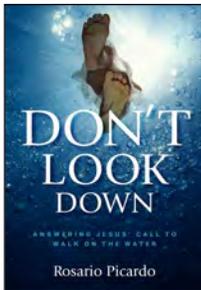
One narrative says to follow a passion, and the other says to lay it down. Both offer happiness and purpose on the other side. But what does the Bible say about dreams, goals, and passions?

With compelling illustrations from Dianne Jago’s unexpected journey in creating Deeply Rooted Magazine, along with thoughtful scriptural examples, Dianne shares an honest account of how God changed her plans and aligned them with His.

As you read this book, you will be challenged to look upward instead of inward, seeing the God-given purpose of every Christian as the foundation of your “dreams.” Scripture shapes a believer’s pursuits and the gospel speaks to our passions. Instead of the one-size-fits- all formula for dream-chasing, A Holy Pursuit will help you identify whether it’s time to pursue, pause, or surrender a dream you hold.

Dianne Jago is the founder and chief editor of *Deeply Rooted Magazine*, where she works with her team to encourage, inspire, and equip women to be deeply rooted in Christ alone. She is a military wife and homeschooling mother of three from central Pennsylvania.

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DON'T LOOK DOWN:
ANSWERING JESUS' CALL TO WALK ON WATER

CHRISTIAN LIFE

This book is for followers of Jesus who may find themselves stuck in a rut spiritually, at a decision point but too afraid to make a move or wondering why they aren't living a more fulfilled, purposeful life.

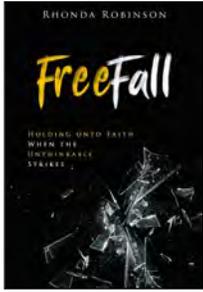
This book features practical application for turning faith into Kingdom work and discipleship in our faith communities. It also features fresh, encouraging, and imitable stories of people (church planters and entrepreneurs) who have heard Jesus say to them, "Come," and who have walked with Jesus in remarkable and instructive ways.

Many believers today want to see their faith in action. They want to know where Jesus is going to use them for his glory in the world. Yet, many are stuck not knowing how to turn the ignition on their faith. They may not expect to hear from God or may not have the courage to answer God's call. This book will be a spark to help people out of their "boats" and onto whatever water Jesus has called them.

It is an ideal resource for church planters, church planting teams and teaching pastors, couples, college students, ministry leaders, and anyone hoping to put their faith into motion.

Rev. Dr. Rosario (Roz) Picardo is dean of the chapel of the Pohly Leadership Center, and a professor at United Theological Seminary. He is the founding pastor of Embrace Church in Lexington, Kentucky and Mosaic Church in Beavercreek, Ohio. An ordained elder in The United Methodist Church, Roz holds a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and a Doctorate of Ministry from United Theological Seminary. He leads a consulting group, Picardo Coaching, for church planters and pastors.

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FREEFALL: HOLDING ONTO FAITH WHEN THE UNTHINKABLE STRIKES

CHRISTIAN LIFE

“He died at the scene.”
 “It’s malignant.”
 “I want a divorce.”

We all know life can change in an instant. But what happens when that life is ours?

Certain words, whether whispered or shouted, once uttered, transform into a knife that severs us from the life we once knew. Such words can send us into a spiritual free fall. We find ourselves descending into a world we never wanted to enter.

Words meant to comfort, on the other hand, may feel empty, while hope seems out of our reach. *FreeFall* reminds us the God we serve gave us the tools for our survival, even in our darkest hour. It equips us to hold onto our faith by laying out a clear course of action to regain purpose and meaning within a life we can’t imagine living.

The author writes with authenticity from her own tragic experiences of losing her 13-year-old son in a car accident and her husband's debilitating illness.

Rhonda Robinson is a mother of nine who carefully built her life nurturing her family, gardens, and writing parenting columns. Rhonda saw her world shatter with the words, “Dan died at the scene.” Through life-altering events, disabling illnesses, and devastating loss, Rhonda learned to break down and rebuild her life. She became a witness to the undeniable, unseen hand of God.

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GIVING THANKS FOR A PERFECTLY IMPERFECT LIFE

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Dispel the worldly lies that perfection is (1) attainable or (2) desirable.

This book will help Christian readers see through the untruths of striving for perfection and find true contentment, rest, and peace by learning to love the imperfect in life as we watch God restore, redeem, and remake our lives according to his purpose and plan.

As a recovering perfectionist, Michele Howe can speak from personal experience how damaging and paralyzing spending one's life in pursuit of perfection on any plane is to us spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically. Perfectionists believe they can control their relationships, lives, environments, as well as the people around them, when the Bible teaches us that only God is in control. True safety and inner peace come from submitting ourselves to the loving and sovereign control of God; not from our attempts to manipulate, maneuver, or massage circumstances to our liking.

Giving Thanks for a Perfectly Imperfect Life will address the most common life scenarios that perfectionists attempt to control. This resource will include twenty-five chapters composed of a Bible passage, a quotation, a real-life account, an essay focusing on the specific chapter topic, a take-away action thought, a prayer, and several suggestions for practical steps to offer thanks for our imperfect lives.

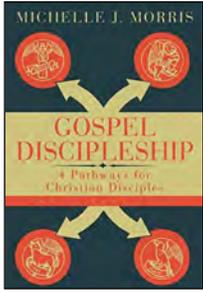
It is a practical book that will help readers find true contentment, rest, and peace in God.

Written by Hendrickson’s best-selling trade book author!



Michele Howe is the author of over twenty books and has published over three thousand articles and reviews on parenting, women's issues, and the empty nest. She has been on *Focus on the Family* and is featured on *CareLeader.org* regularly (DivorceCare/GriefShare/Single Parenting resource group). Her books include *Strength for All Seasons*, *Joyous Faith*, *Navigating the Friendship Maze*, and *Living Bravely: Super Incredible Faith Devotional for Kids 6-9*. Visit <https://michelehowe.wordpress.com/>

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GOSPEL DISCIPLESHIP: 4 PATHWAYS FOR CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Live and walk on the unique path Jesus is calling you to follow as a disciple.

There was a time when discipleship was taken for granted. It was assumed that people could be persuaded to believe and that each person would step into the path that took them to Jesus. That assumption is no longer valid. As early as the Gospels, Jesus and his biographers recognize that each person brings experience to the journey, which travels through different times and places.

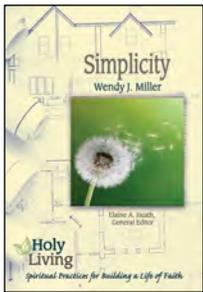
By understanding what type of disciple you are, you can clarify the path they need to walk. Some people love to go on mission trips; some people really thrive learning from a great teacher; some people connect to God through painting and music; and some people just want to have a cup of coffee and talk about life and eventually get around to talking about Jesus.

Readers of *Gospel Discipleship* can be set free from the guilt of not feeling like a “real” disciple because they don’t feel called to experience the journey the same way as everyone else. Instead, participants can become the disciple Jesus wants them to be. They can spend their valuable time and energy living and walking on the path where Jesus is calling them to follow.

For group study, a congregation guide is also available for leaders to guide participant’s through the process as well as evaluate the entire congregations strengths.

Michelle Morris is Lead Equipper for the United Methodist Arkansas Conference Center for Vitality. Prior to joining the Center for Vilaity, she served as pastor to United Methodist churches in West Memphis and Fort Smith. She has a B.A. in English and French and an M.A. in Comparative Literature from the University of Arkansas. She graduated with her M.Div. from Perkins School of Theology in 2009 and her Ph.D. from the Graduate Program in Religious Studies at Southern Methodist University in 2014. She also graduated with a certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies. Her dissertation examined the subject of infertility in the New Testament. She was a contributor to the *CEB Womens Bible*, and she periodically writes for the *Adult Bible Studies Curriculum* for Abingdon/Cokesbury. Michelle and her husband, Travis, have a son, Soren (not named for Kierkegaard).

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HOLY LIVING SERIES: SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH: SIMPLICITY

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Developing the spiritual practice of simplicity is key to a healthy, vibrant relationship with God and others. This book helps us know how to begin and implement this practice.

[The Holy Living series](#) brings a fresh perspective on the spiritual disciplines, enabling us to apply their practices to our current lives. Practicing these spiritual disciplines opens us to God’s transforming love. Other disciplines studied: Celebration, Confession, Discernment, Neighboring, Study, and Worship.

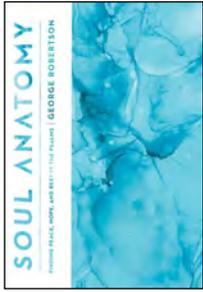
At its core, the spiritual practice of simplicity enables us to eliminate from our lives all the things—both material possessions and thoughts, habits, and attitudes—that distract us from God so that God has complete freedom to work in and through us. Simplicity brings freedom, balance, and perspective to our lives and enables us to align our priorities with the priorities of God. It reorients us and allows us to be open to the present moment.

This is one of series of eight books that introduces a spiritual practice, suggests way of living the practice daily, and provides opportunities to grow personally and in a faith community with others who engage with the practice. Each book consists of an introduction and four chapters and includes questions for personal reflection and group discussion.

Elaine A. Heath is a theologian whose work is interdisciplinary, integrating pastoral, biblical, and spiritual theology in ways that bridge the gap between academy, church, and world. Her current research interests focus on community as a means of healing trauma, emergent forms of Christianity, and alternative forms of theological education for the church in rapidly changing contexts. Heath is the author of numerous books and articles, the most recent of which is *Healing the Wounds of Sexual Abuse: Reading the Bible with Survivors* (2019), a republication with updates of a previous volume: *We Were the Least of These: Reading the Bible with Survivors of Sexual Abuse* (2011). She also recently served as general editor of the Holy Living series, eight volumes each of which focuses on a particular spiritual practice. Within that series, she authored *Holy Living: Celebration*. Her other publications include *Five Means of Grace: Experience God’s Love the Wesleyan Way* (2017), *The Mystic Way of Evangelism, Revised and Updated 2nd Edition* (2017), *God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church* (2016), *Missional. Monastic. Mainline* (co-authored with Larry Duggins, 2014), *Longing for Spring: A New Vision for Wesleyan Communities* (co-authored with Scott Kisker, 2010), and *Naked Faith: The Mystical Theology of Phoebe Palmer* (2009).

Heath’s vocational journey includes having served as Dean of the Divinity School at Duke University, and the McCreless Professor of Evangelism at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. She is a pioneer in new forms of theological education. In that capacity Heath is co-founder of the Missional Wisdom Foundation, a non-profit educational organization that equips clergy and laity to develop diverse forms of Christian community and social enterprise.

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[SOUL ANATOMY: FINDING PEACE, HOPE, AND REST IN THE PSALMS](#)

CHRISTIAN LIFE

How do you worship when you're depressed? Where do you find words to express inexpressible joy? What do you pray when you need to rest?

Soul Anatomy is a biblical guide for working through emotional turmoil in a gospel-centered way. By working through the Psalms from beginning to end, men and women will find a God-authored script by which to express every category of the human experience.

The Bible's inspired hymnbook guides believers through the highest summits and lowest troughs of life and invites the not-yet believer to a Redeemer who ultimately experienced all of the emotions of these prayers in his incarnation.

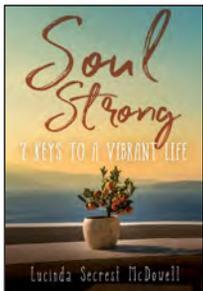
Author George Robertson enables readers to find a sympathetic Savior in the Psalms who experienced every human emotion, and he helps men and women see the God-inspired vocabulary for expressing every feeling to the Father.

Soul Anatomy helps men and women respond to the love of God in all the ways the psalmists do: spiritually, vocationally, physically, and volitionally. As divinely inspired prayers, God offers the vocabulary he welcomes from us when we do not know how to pray.

Discover the heart of Jesus through the prayers of Jesus, the High Priest who can sympathize with us.

George Robertson received his baccalaureate degree from Covenant College; master in divinity and master in theology from Covenant Theological Seminary; and doctor of philosophy degree in historical and theological studies from Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. Currently he is the senior pastor at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN, and a council member for The Gospel Coalition. He previously served as senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Augusta, GA; pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, IL; and lecturer/adjunct professor at Covenant Theological Seminary. He is married to Jackie and they have four children: Taylor, Anna, Abbey, and Caroline.

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[SOUL STRONG: 7 KEYS TO A VIBRANT LIFE](#)

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Do you have the strength of soul you need to live out God's story for your life? Let award-winning author Lucinda Secrest McDowell show you how to become soul strong!

How do I know my life makes a difference?

How am I supposed to balance life when it seems I can't catch a break?

How do I move forward spiritually and with purpose?

The answer to these questions is in learning how to live *Soul Strong*.

The faith journey is not one of physical perseverance or mental determination. It is something that goes much deeper.

To live vibrantly rests in the soul's capacity to endure. But how you might ask can we strengthen our soul so we are able to live out God's story for our lives? *Soul Strong* offers stories, biblical teaching, and practical suggestions centered around seven key areas essential in the vibrant woman's life.

Seven key decisions can give you soul strength for the story God calls you to live:

1. Live Loved
2. Be Authentic
3. Dwell Deep
4. Pray Always
5. Overcome Pain
6. Extend Kindness
7. Share Stories

Author recognition includes:

- ✓ **2017 Christian Retailing BEST Award for Devotional**
- ✓ **2018 SELAH Award Finalist**

God wants to give you strength of soul for the story He has called you to live. Let these practical guidelines and prompts help you live authentically and love extravagantly. You can choose today to live *Soul Strong*!

Lucinda Secrest McDowell is a storyteller and seasoned mentor who engages both heart and mind while "helping you choose a life of serenity and strength." A graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and Furman University, McDowell has authored thirteen books, including the award-winning *Dwelling Places* and *Ordinary Graces*. Known for conveying deep truth in practical and winsome ways, McDowell codirects the reNEW writer's retreat and blogs weekly at EncouragingWords.net.

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STRENGTH OF A WOMAN: WHY YOU ARE PROVERBS 31

CHRISTIAN LIFE

You may not feel like the so-called perfect Proverbs 31 woman, but rest assured, you are the Proverbs 31 woman! No perfection required.

Book and companion devotional!

“The poem known as Proverbs 31 details how we can yoke ourselves to Christ so we do not carry our burdens alone. Our legacy is not defined by the world. Your legacy is defined by God and is held deep within this familiar heroic hymn that God sings over you.”
—Lauren Crews

Strength of A Woman will have you celebrating as you understand the blessing God sings over you as a woman. Look at the familiar Proverbs 31 Scripture passage and begin to understand the Jewish teachings and the true meaning of the passage. Through this study of the passage, you will:

- Discover the hidden beauty in the imagery of the Hebrew alphabet through word study;
- Understand the challenges you face now in comparison to those in biblical times;
- Embrace God's purposes versus societies expectations; and
- Enjoy insights into a strong woman's day-to-day life.

Also look at the companion devotional, [*Strength of a Woman Devotional, 30 Days to Celebrating Your Place in Proverbs 31*](#), on page 36.

Lauren Crews earned her master of divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. An experienced leader in women's ministry, speaking and writing Bible studies, she is also a full-time schoolteacher and a part-time adjunct professor equipped to break down difficult concepts into easy-to-understand truths. Her passion for Bible study and research is the birthplace for *Strength of a Woman*.

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CARING FOR THE SOULS OF CHILDREN: A BIBLICAL COUNSELOR'S MANUAL

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Coming alongside struggling children can feel like an uphill battle. Counselors and parents mistakenly believe children somehow need different answers to life's problems than adults need but Jesus Christ is always the way.

Children struggle with the same desires adults struggle with, are lured by the same lies adults fall prey to, and can find hope in the same source adults can find hope in our Lord and Savior.

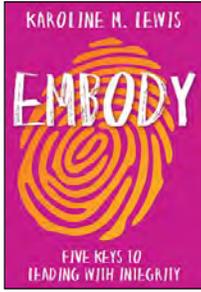
In this manual for biblical counselors, men and women will learn how to help struggling children with the hope found in our Redeemer as presented in the Word of God. *Caring for the Souls of Children* equips counselors, parents, pastors, and anyone else who wants to love children with the hope of Jesus to boldly trust in the sufficiency of Christian scripture.

Rather than relying on different methods to reach children, this manual helps counselors share the truth of Christ the way, the truth, and the life all while tailoring interactions and teachings to the understanding of children.

Edited by counseling professional and author Amy Baker, this in-depth resource offers the biblical wisdom and practical insights of contributing authors who are experienced in biblical counseling for children.

Amy Baker, PhD, is the ministry resource director at Faith Church (Lafayette, IN); director of counseling for Vision of Hope, a faith-based residential treatment program; instructor and counselor at Faith Biblical Counseling Ministries; a council member of the Biblical Counseling Coalition; and the author of *Getting to the Heart of Friendships* and *Picture Perfect: When Life Doesn't Line Up* as well as several counseling mini-books. She and her husband, Jeff, have two children.

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EMBODY: FIVE KEYS TO LEADING WITH INTEGRITY

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Embody your Christian beliefs in every decision, every act of ministry leadership.

Pastors and other leaders feel trapped in systems and institutions where actions and decisions often seem to have little to do with the scripture they read or the theology they profess. They are swept into leadership norms that resemble business models more than mission. They see in others and (sometimes) recognize in themselves the disconnect between their own theology and their leadership. They feel unable to fully integrate their beliefs with their behavior.

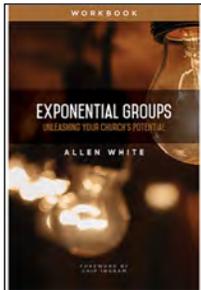
Many leaders—younger ones, especially—are frustrated and disillusioned by this disconnect. They see hypocrisy all around them, and in themselves. They see that our culture is at a critical juncture, which gives ministry a greater sense of urgency. But they want to do things differently, to be what they believe. They want to embody their Christian beliefs in every decision, every act of ministry leadership.

The functional authority of scripture must be evident in the way church leaders lead, both within the congregation and in the public square. The way we church leaders lead proves the bible does—or does not—matter. In *Embody*, Karoline Lewis shows how to frame leadership in the church and public square theologically, and from the perspective of incarnation. She shows how leadership can be a direct line between what you believe and what you do. She incorporates examples of Jesus' leadership and the Paraclete in the Gospel of John, showing how leadership was achieved by walking beside.

Embody offers practical things for the reader to consider and do, instruction and guidance for how to make the 'integration steps' necessary in order to become an embodied leader, and exploration of core components of embodied leadership.

Karoline M. Lewis, holds the Marbury Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She is a regularly featured presenter and preacher at the Festival of Homiletics and a frequent contributor for numerous Christian journals and online resources, including the popular website WorkingPreacher.org where she also co-hosts the site's weekly podcast, "Sermon Brainwave," and authors the site's weekly column, "Dear Working Preacher." Karoline holds a Ph.D. from Emory University. She lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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EXPONENTIAL GROUPS WORKBOOK, UNLEASHING YOUR CHURCH'S POTENTIAL

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

This is a helpful tool for pastors and church staff to act on the principles of the *Exponential Groups* book.

With the original book, *Exponential Groups*, readers learned how to connect their "unconnected" members into community, recruit small group leaders, maintain current discipleship strategies, and implement new strategies to keep their churches strong and healthy. Now with this workbook, they can continue this work and take it to the next level.

This workbook contains updated material, church success stories, and practical exercises to plan and execute these proven methods. In an effort to help take the guesswork out of groups, the workbook contains samples and actual examples of job descriptions, timelines, leader recruiting tools, promotional materials, and other pieces essential to a successful group launch. This workbook can be used as a self-study tool for pastors and church staff, or as a companion to Allen White's online courses and live in-person training events. Move from inspiration to implementation with this helpful workbook!

Key points and features:

- Build off the success of the original book with this helpful study aid
- Additional and updated material includes church success stories, practical exercises, and examples of how to implement the book's concepts in your own church
- Can be used alongside the author's robust online courses and in-person training events

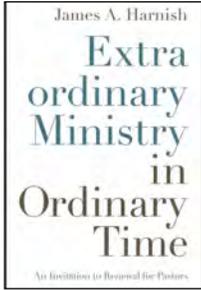
Praise for *Exponential Groups* (book)...

"Allen has written a terrific book from the seat of a practitioner. Having helped countless churches start and maintain small groups ministries, Allen's voice is one to be trusted. But beware: read this book only if you're ready for your small groups to grow!"

—Steve Gladen, Small Groups Pastor, Saddleback Church and Author, *Small Groups with Purpose and Leading Small Groups with Purpose*

Allen White has served on staff at New Life Christian Center, California, and Brookwood Church, South Carolina, and has coached over 1,500 churches across North America. Allen teaches workshops for various churches and organizations, such as Saddleback Church and Willow Creek Canada, and is part of the Small Group Network out of Saddleback Church, which has chapters in all fifty states and many countries. He holds a BA in Biblical Studies and Missions and an MDiv in Christian Education from Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri.

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY IN ORDINARY TIME: AN INVITATION TO RENEWAL FOR PASTORS

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Spiritual practices for sustaining a thriving pastoral ministry.

What energizes someone for the long haul of pastoral ministry? Holy days like Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost are the exception. "Ordinary Time", the longest season of the Christian year, is where pastors spend most of their ministry.

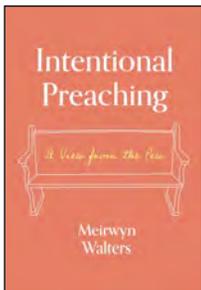
James Harnish invites pastors and other ministers to see "Ordinary Time" as a metaphor for the ordinary days of ministry. "Whether we thrive or merely survive depends on what we do with the ordinary days," he writes.

Harnish encourages ministers to develop spiritual disciplines and personal relationships to nourish their souls for long-term ministry. He highlights the importance of reflection on scripture, spiritual reading, journaling, prayer, and spiritual conversation with trusted friends.

This 6-week study focuses on themes Harnish found crucial in over four decades of ministry: power, people, places, proclamation, perseverance, and promise. Daily readings help readers develop their own customized practices of spiritual formation to sustain and strengthen their life and ministry.

James A. Harnish is a retired United Methodist pastor, writer, and teacher. He served in pastoral ministry for 43 years in Florida, including 22 years as senior pastor of Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa. Harnish was founding pastor of St. Luke's UMC in Orlando. He and his wife, Martha, live in Longwood, Florida.

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INTENTIONAL PREACHING, A FEW FROM THE PEW

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Intentional Preaching is the handy guide that every preacher needs.

In preparing and delivering their sermons, preachers make dozens of decisions, some intentionally, many perhaps less so. Why not make thoughtful decisions for everything that goes into preaching a good sermon?

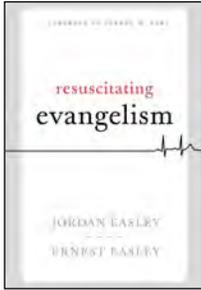
Targeted at preachers, the book consists of 117 squiblets ranging from a sentence to three or four pages, each on a particular aspect of preaching. Some are quite short, offering practical wisdom, some provide specific advice and tools, and some contain vignettes from the field. In this delightful and sage book, there is something for every preacher to improve his or her preaching.

Key points and features:

- Explores the panoply of elements in good preaching, from hand gestures, to use of voice, to captivating illustrations
- Easily readable (and incredibly humorous) short chapters for busy pastors
- A handy guidebook in a small trim size, packed with snippets of sage advice

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RESUSCITATING EVANGELISM

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

When was the last time you shared your faith? If we're being honest, it's an awkward, challenging conversation.

In February 2020, this title was a #1 NEW RELEASE on Amazon.com for Christian Church Growth!

Christians know that we're supposed to be sharing the gospel with the lost. Jesus gave us the Great Commission before he left, telling us to go and make disciples of all nations. But we still just . . . don't do it. Why?

Is evangelism dead?

Here's the good news: Evangelism is the means by which Jesus promised to build His church, and Jesus will make good on His promises. In *Resuscitating Evangelism* father-son duo Jordan and Ernest Easley—both pastors and evangelists—share a biblical strategy for obeying Jesus and bringing new life to evangelism. As we bring new life to evangelism, we'll see God bring new life to the lost all around us.

Jordan Easley is the senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Cleveland, Tennessee. He holds degrees from Dallas Baptist University in Dallas, Texas, and Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, and also attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Jordan is the author of *Life Change: Finding a New Way to Hope, Think, and Live*. He and his wife, Audra, live in Cleveland, Tennessee, and are the proud parents of their two children, Jailee and Asher.

Ernest Easley is the teaching pastor over evangelism at First Baptist Church in Cleveland, Tennessee. He served as a lead pastor for over thirty-one years in Texas and Georgia and professor of evangelism for three years at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. He studied at Baylor University, Dallas Baptist University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Luther Rice Seminary. Ernest is the author of *Through the Valleys* and contributor on sermonsearch.com and preaching.com. He and his wife, Julie, have three children and seven grandchildren.

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SIMPLIFY THE MESSAGE: MULTIPLY THE IMPACT

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Deliver sermons with clarity, passion, and boldness.

Simplify the Message: Multiply the Impact is designed to help preachers break through the noise of culture and the cauldron of church to deliver sermons with clarity, passion, and boldness.

Paul told the Corinthians: "When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I didn't come preaching God's secrets to you like I was an expert in speech or wisdom. I had made up my mind not to think about anything while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and to preach him as crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:1-2, CEB)

Author Talbot Davis shares the insights and habits that will empower the reader's preaching and teaching to be:

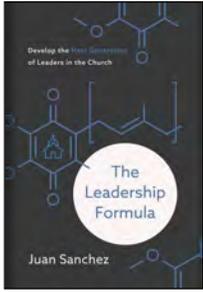
- Both creative and disciplined
- Both carefully prepared and thoroughly spontaneous
- Both rooted in history and connected to modernity

Simple is the opposite of simplistic. Sermons with clear & un-mistakable focus are best able to plumb the depths not only of Gospel beauty but of the hearers' lives.

This book meets the needs of both young preachers developing their skills who need structure, a process, and hope, and more seasoned preachers who may have "settled", needing tools to invigorate their preparation and inspire their delivery.

Talbot Davis is the pastor of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, a congregation known for its ethnic diversity, outreach ministry, and innovative approach to worship. He has been repeatedly recognized for his excellence in congregational development. During his 10-year term as pastor at Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church prior to serving Good Shepherd, that congregation doubled in size and received the conference's "church of excellence" award six times. Talbot has also received the conference's Harry Denman Award for Excellence in Evangelism. Since Talbot began serving at Good Shepherd in 1999, average worship attendance has quadrupled, growing from 500 to 2000 each Sunday. Talbot holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Princeton University and a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. He lives in Charlotte with his wife, Julie, and they have two grown children.

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**THE LEADERSHIP FORMULA:
DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS IN THE CHURCH**

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

We have a leadership problem, and we all know it.

When we look at our churches, we see two glaring problems: a lack of qualified leaders, and a general mistrust of leadership as a response to sinful leadership. But churches need leaders. What do we do? The answer is in *The Leadership Formula*.

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Author is a speaker at the
April 2020 TG4
(Together for the Gospel)
conference.

In the New Testament, qualified leaders are identified by:

1. Character
2. Conviction
3. Care
4. Competency

When these four qualities are observed over time, the result is credibility.

Pastor and author Juan Sanchez helps readers know what to look for in leaders, how to identify them, and how to commission them in the church, for the sake of the world.

This book was originally published in Spanish by B&H Espanol.

Juan Sanchez has served as senior pastor of High Pointe Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, since 2005. He is a graduate of the University of Florida (B.M.Ed) and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div., Th.M., Ph.D.). Juan also serves as a council member of The Gospel Coalition, co-founder and president of Coalición, assistant professor of Christian theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and president of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. Juan is the author of *1 Peter for You* and *Seven Dangers Facing Your Church*.

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**WONDERING ABOUT THE BIBLE WITH CHILDREN: ENGAGING A CHILD'S
CURIOSITY ABOUT THE BIBLE**

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Help the Bible become a life-long companion for faith and spiritual growth for the children in your church.

Wondering about the Bible with Children encourages natural curiosity and wonder as biblical faith stories are read. This book addresses the following questions:

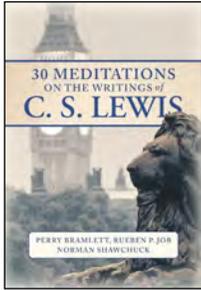
- How do we talk about miracle stories, healing stories, and the creation stories? What about violence?
- What's the reader's role in helping children learn about the Bible and feel comfortable asking questions about what they read?
- When kids ask about the relevancy of the Bible for today, what do we say?

How we read and interpret the Bible with children may mean the difference between whether or not it will continue to be an important source for their faith development as they become young adults. We want to teach them in ways that they don't have to unlearn later.

Written by an expert in children's ministry as a guide for anyone helping with the *Celebrate Wonder* Sunday school curriculum; however, it is relevant for all adults who want to explore ways to help children read, engage, wrestle, and grow into deeper understanding of the Bible. A great resource for those who come to the Bible with souls open to be fed and who want their children to seek faith and wisdom.

Elizabeth Caldwell teaches as Adjunct Faculty in Religious Education at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, TN. She recently retired as Harold Blake Walker Professor of Pastoral Theology and Associate Dean of Students and Academics at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She is ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Chicago. She was also the Common English Bible Readability Editor and wrote the "Life Preserver Notes" in the *Deep Blue Kids Bible*.

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30 MEDITATIONS ON THE WRITINGS OF C.S. LEWIS

DEVOTIONAL

Begin your day each morning with a devotion based on the writings of C.S. Lewis!

30 Meditations on the Writings of C. S. Lewis combines three strong spiritual voices writing on topics such as grief, joy, fear, loss, salvation, and love for today's readers inspired by quotes from C.S. Lewis.



A number of years ago, friends and coauthors Bishop Rueben P. Job, Perry Bramlett, and Norman Shawchuck created together a spiritual reader pairing a collection of quotes from beloved author C.S. Lewis with their own unique spiritual reflections. After their deaths, their work was recovered and Abingdon is excited to share this story and this beautiful book posthumously with those looking for daily inspiration from excellent and thoughtful Christian writing.

The collection of thirty devotions begins each day with a short quote from Lewis followed by a reflection from Job, Bramlett, or Shawchuck in a beautifully designed book.

- Chapters include:
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| 1. Salvation | 11. Sin | 21. Aslan's Country |
| 2. Joy | 12. Christian Marriage | 22. Hope of Heaven |
| 3. Serenity | 13. Jesus | 23. Spirituality in Nature |
| 4. Prayer | 14. Running From God | 24. The Heart of a Child |
| 5. The Trinity | 15. Conversion | 25. The Church and Sacraments |
| 6. Worship | 16. The Risk of Discipleship | 26. Evangelism |
| 7. God | 17. Grief | 27. The Grace of Good Books |
| 8. Evil | 18. Faith | 28. Spiritual Direction |
| 9. The Bible | 19. The Holy Spirit | 29. Laughter and the Comic Spirit |
| 10. Devotional Life | 20. Forgiveness | 30. Friendship |

This collection is perfect for starting any time of the year and is an excellent gift for the C.S. Lewis fan in your life.

Rueben P. Job was a United Methodist bishop, pastor and acclaimed author and served as World Editor of The Upper Room publishing program. Best-known for the classic book, *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*, he also authored or co-authored *A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants*, *A Wesleyan Spiritual Reader*, *Living Fully*, *Dying Well*, *Listen*, and co-edited *Finding Our Way: Love and Law in The United Methodist Church*. Bishop Job also chaired the Hymnal Revision Committee that developed the 1989 United Methodist Hymnal.

Perry C. Bramlett was a respected minister and the founder of C. S. Lewis for the Local Church—Interstate Ministries, a nationwide speaking and teaching ministry and is the author of *C. S. Lewis: Life at the Center*, *Touring C. S. Lewis' Ireland and England* and was a contributor to the best-selling *C. S. Lewis Readers' Encyclopedia*.

Norman Shawchuck was a teacher and consultant at Vanguard University of Southern California. He founded Shawchuck & Associates and worked and taught in Korea, Indonesia, Egypt, and Israel. He was the author of several church leadership books as well as coauthor, with Rueben P. Job, of the *Guides to Prayer* series.

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90 DAYS WITH THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

DEVOTIONAL

A devotional for men and women of all ages. It is your chance to take a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the story line of Scripture.

You will encounter God's plan of redemption in Scripture through the study of Bible narrative, the essential doctrines of the faith, and the call to join in God's mission locally and around the world.

Learn about the importance of God's communication, and the different ways in which He has chosen to communicate with us. God reveals Himself both through His creation and through His Word. However, we view God's Word with suspicion and doubt, even though it is perfectly true, trustworthy, and authoritative—just like its Author. Because of our response, Jesus became like us to take our place so we could share in His.

How will the gospel of Jesus Christ transform you over the next 90 days?

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FINDING CALM IN A BUSY DAY: DAILY REFLECTIONS ON REST, HOPE, AND LOVE

DEVOTIONAL



Find a place of rest and relaxation amid the busyness of life.

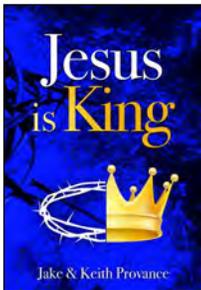
Daily life, even with so many modern conveniences, keeps us in a constant state of busyness. Never-ending to-do lists, family, work, church, and social activities fill our minds and schedules leaving little energy or time for the reflection, prayer, and rest we need to be our best selves and accomplish all our tasks and activities.

Finding Calm in a Busy Day offers readers a place of rest in the busyness of life. These 100 devotions offer thoughtful insights, scripture, and prayer with a message that all are deserving of calm, peace, and hope, and are accepted and loved by God.

Encouraged by these devotions, readers will grow in their love for the Lord and will be equipped to face the challenges they encounter in their busy days through scripture, prayer, and reflection.

- ✓ Features one hundred inspirational devotions.
- ✓ Encourages women to rest and reflect in order to be their best self and grow in their love for the Lord.
- ✓ Third title in a popular devotional series.
- ✓ Padded hardcover with a ribbon.

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JESUS IS KING

DEVOTIONAL

The latest in the Word & Spirit best-selling pocket book series!

Jesus is KING! This little book is designed to inspire and encourage the reader to live in the fullness of life that Jesus Christ provided for us.

Every chapter brings understanding and clarity of who Jesus was, what Jesus did, and what He is still doing for us today! It provides a unique perspective by blending short narratives, scriptures, and inspired insights by Christian leaders. *Jesus is King* is an extraordinary look at Jesus that will leave a powerful imprint on every reader.

Who is Jesus? Not just a child born in a manger...Jesus is the only Son of God. Not just a good man...Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Take a deeper exploration into Jesus and who he is with these topics/chapters:

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| 1. Jesus is King | 7. Jesus is for You |
| 2. Jesus is Risen | 8. Jesus is with You |
| 3. Jesus is Our Advocate | 9. Jesus is in You |
| 4. Jesus is the Way | 10. Jesus is the Prince of Peace |
| 5. Jesus is the Truth | 11. Jesus is Your Neighbor |
| 6. Jesus is the Life | 12. Jesus is Our Savior |

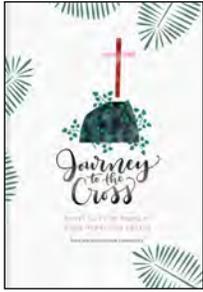
Check out the additional titles in this series:



Keith Provance, involved in Christian publishing for more than 40 years, is the founder and president of Word and Spirit Publishing, a company dedicated to the publishing and worldwide distribution of scriptural, life-changing books. He also works as a publishing consultant to national and international ministries. Keith continues to write with his wife, Megan, and his son Jake. He and Megan have authored a number of bestselling books with a total sales of over 2 million copies.

Jake Provance is a successful young writer, who has written seven books and has plans to write several more. Jake's first book, *Keep Calm and Trust God*, has sold over 500,000 copies. Jake is a graduate of Domata Bible School in Tulsa, OK, and has a call on his life to work in pastoral care ministry, with a particular passion to minister to young adults. Jake and his wife, Leah, live in Tulsa, OK.

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(IN)COURAGE:
JOURNEY TO THE CROSS: FORTY DAYS TO PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR EASTER

DEVOTIONAL

Another inspiring book from Dayspring’s (in)courage brand!

This in-depth devotional will provide forty days to prepare your heart for Easter. It includes devotional prompts, and is filled with scripture, prayers and words of wisdom

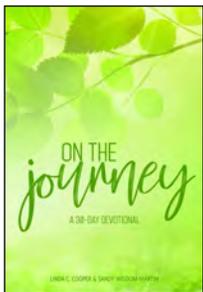
In *Journey to the Cross*, you will be guided through forty days of encouragement that will help prepare your heart for Easter during the season of Lent. Through Scripture, short essays, encouraging stories, quotes, reflective questions, and prayers, you will be pushed to set aside the chaos and concerns of everyday life to focus on Christ. You will also enjoy being led through the meaningful themes of sacrifice, reflection, gratitude, prayer, and fasting. Prayers and quotes offer reminders of what Jesus has done for you through the resurrection, helping you kindle thankfulness and strip away anything that is standing between you and God so you can experience the full life He promises.

Whether you’re a lifelong believer or a new one, any woman looking to find more meaning in the weeks leading to Easter will find it in *Journey to the Cross*. Featuring (in)courage’s warm, authentic, and encouraging voice, this book focuses not on your phase of life or circumstances, but on your heart, making it a fulfilling read for women of all ages and stages. It also makes a great gift, which God could use in the lives of your friends, daughters, or ministry partners to help them better experience the power and wonder of Easter with more intentionality and depth.

Mary Carver is a writer and speaker who lives for good books, spicy queso, and television marathons – but lives because of God’s grace. She writes about giving up on perfect and finding truth in unexpected places at MaryCarver.com. Mary and her husband live in Kansas City with their two daughters.

(in)courage welcomes you to a place where authentic, brave women connect deeply with God and others. Founded in 2009 by DaySpring, the Christian products subsidiary of Hallmark Cards, Inc., (in)courage is a vibrant community that reaches thousands of women every day. Through the power of shared stories and meaningful resources, (in)courage champions women and celebrates the strength Jesus gives to live out our calling as God’s daughters. In the middle of your unfine moments and ordinary days, you are invited to become a woman of courage.

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ON THE JOURNEY: A 30-DAY DEVOTIONAL

DEVOTIONAL

This thirty-day devotional will help you experience our extraordinary God through the journeys of two ordinary Christ followers.

Discover what God wants to say to you.

On the Journey helps readers experience their extraordinary God in new ways. With Scripture, story, and prayer, readers will be inspired to look for their own God moments as they move through their days. Each of the thirty devotions offers wonderful examples of how believers can see everyday life events through eyes of faith as they are encouraged to be prepared for the opportunities the Lord places before them.

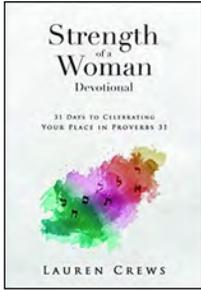
Coauthored by the executives of the Woman’s Missionary Union®, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, *On the Journey* will have readers seeing missions in a whole new light.

Go to <https://www.newhopepublishers.com/shop/on-the-journey/> to read a sample chapter!

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Linda C. Cooper was unanimously elected as the twenty-third president of National WMU® in June 2015. A native of Tompkinsville, Kentucky, Linda earned a degree in dental hygiene from Western Kentucky University and has ministered to others through a thirty-seven-year career as a dental hygienist in the same dental office in Smiths Grove, Kentucky. Linda and her husband Jim have been married for thirty-seven years and have an adult son and daughter and two grandsons.

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[STRENGTH OF A WOMAN DEVOTIONAL: 30 DAYS TO CELEBRATING YOUR PLACE IN PROVERBS 31](#)

DEVOTIONAL

You are stronger than you think.

Take a 31-day journey through a familiar passage and enjoy the power and dignity that God offers in His words over you.

As women we carry not only our own incredible loads and challenges but those of our loved ones as well. We are the ones who are expected to hold it all together. Sometimes shame and doubt take root, and we can lose sight of God's plan for us. But we are women. Women Scripture says are warriors and leaders.

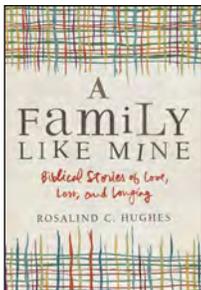
The poem known as Proverbs 31 details how we can yoke ourselves to Christ so we do not carry our burdens alone. Our legacy is not defined by the world. Your legacy is defined by God and is held deep within this familiar heroic hymn that God sings over you.

Based on the imagery of the Hebrew alphabet, these daily devotions will help you celebrate your God-given strength in the midst of a crazy, mixed up life. Enjoy the power and dignity within God's words over you!

Note: This devotional also has a companion book *Strength of a Woman, Why you are Proverbs 31*, which is on page 28.

Lauren Crews earned her master of divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. An experienced leader in women's ministry, speaking and writing Bible studies, she is also a full-time schoolteacher and a part-time adjunct professor equipped to break down difficult concepts into easy-to-understand truths. Her passion for Bible study and research is the birthplace for *Strength of a Woman*.

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[A FAMILY LIKE MINE: BIBLICAL STORIES OF LOVE, LOSS, AND LONGING](#)

FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS

A comforting reminder that there's a place for everyone in God's family.

Families are complicated, and they always have been. *A Family Like Mine* explores the surprising variety of family stories and relationships reflected in the Bible, emphasizing God's grace, reconciliation, and renewal. The book tells the family stories of our spiritual ancestors in ways that resonate with our own family stories.

Author Rosalind Hughes weaves accounts of familiar and less well-known biblical characters with stories of family formation, estrangement, adoption, and more. She imaginatively retells biblical stories, inviting the reader to dig deeper into the motivations, disappointments, faith, and fulfillment we hold in common with our biblical ancestors.

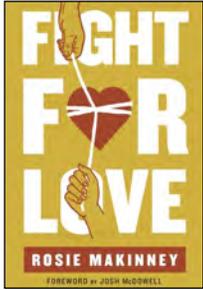
Story-based and biblically informed, *A Family Like Mine* combines spiritual autobiography with Bible study to provide a gentle but probing look at the many "mansions" of God's household, where Jesus has prepared a place for all God's children. Reflection questions encourage readers to examine and compare their own family history and spiritual journey with the stories of families found in the Bible.

Great for:

- People who hunger to find their place in God's family
- Those who have moved away from the understanding of faith and family in which they were raised
- Study Groups

Rosalind C. Hughes is an Episcopal priest in the diocese of Ohio. She serves as rector, Church of the Epiphany, Euclid, Ohio. She is a contributing editor at *Episcopal Café* (episcopalcafe.com). Hughes holds a master of divinity from Bexley Hall Episcopal Seminary and a master of arts in theology from Oxford University.

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[FIGHT FOR LOVE: HOW YOUR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY CAN WIN IN THE BATTLE AGAINST PORN](#)

FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS

Help! My husband's addicted to porn!

If these words are familiar to you or someone you know, you've found the right book. Fight For Love is a biblical battle plan for wives seeking to take their marriage back from porn.

Pornography is a billion-dollar industry, a national epidemic, seeping into our homes, and taking marriages captive. In the battle against porn, instead of hiding, faith-filled women must engage this issue head-on, armed with a right understanding of biblical truth and their roles as wives and mothers. With God's help and a battle plan in hand, wives and their husbands can face the darkness and emerge victorious, taking back their marriages and families.

In these pages you'll discover:

- The science behind why your husband struggles to stop watching porn
- Why the wrong marital advice will only make things worse
- How to help your husband get free and stay free from porn
- How to best protect your kids and yourself from porn
- What fighting against porn will do for you, your marriage, your family, and your faith

While many wonderful and needed books address healing from the aftermath of porn, this compelling book empowers wives who want to stay and fight right now—for their marriage, for their family, and for love. Are you ready to step into the light and fight?

Rosie Makinney is a writer and speaker who ten years ago entered the fight against her husband's compulsive porn use. Through her faithful and uncompromising stance and his repentance, counseling, and group work, their marriage is now porn-free. From the very beginning of her journey, Rosie has been bold and relentless about reaching other wives struggling with porn-invaded marriages and has built a recovery community on the central coast of California. Together with her husband, Mark, a certified sexual addiction therapist, Rosie founded Fight For Love Ministries, which takes a message of hope and truth into churches. Rosie is passionate about kick-starting this discussion among women to empower them with both the facts and the faith to fight against porn addiction and its effects on them, their spouses, and their families. Connect with her at: RosieMakinney.com

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[\(IN\)COURAGE: A MOTHER'S LOVE: CELEBRATING EVERY KIND OF MOM](#)

FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS

This new product from (in)courage will give women the opportunity to offer the mothers in their lives a beautifully curated and customized experience, filled with real-life stories, Scripture, brief devotions, and biblical encouragement.

Not just for the traditional mom, this includes stories from "spiritual moms", "adopted moms", "aunts who are like moms", and more.

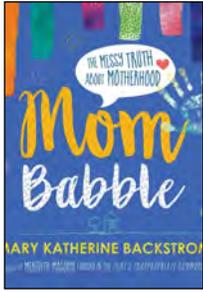
In this beautiful book, the (in)courage community has gathered unique and diverse stories that offer heartfelt encouragement to all sorts of mothers, whether they be mothers in the traditional sense, mothers in the spiritual sense, or mother-figures who break the mold.

This book is full of reflections of God's heart, sure to help any daughter give a tangible expression of love to her mom, and it will also allow any woman to share a meaningful gift with a mother-figure who has been impactful in her life, a new mom in her circle of friends, or a close loved one facing the joys and challenges of motherhood.

Anna Rendell is the author of several devotionals for women. She is the Digital Content Manager at (in)courage, a DaySpring community, and a speaker who shares real-life stories of encouragement with moms' and women's ministries. She lives in Minnesota with her husband and their three kids. For more from Anna, visit AnnaRendell.com, and find her on all social media as [@annaarendell](https://www.instagram.com/annaarendell).

(in)courage welcomes you to a place where authentic, brave women connect deeply with God and others. Founded in 2009 by DaySpring, the Christian products subsidiary of Hallmark Cards, Inc., (in)courage is a vibrant community that reaches thousands of women every day. Through the power of shared stories and meaningful resources, (in)courage champions women and celebrates the strength Jesus gives to live out our calling as God's daughters. In the middle of your unfine moments and ordinary days, you are invited to become a woman of courage.

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MOM BABLE: THE MESSY TRUTH ABOUT MOTHERHOOD

FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS

Hope, humor, and spiritual inspiration to families in the trenches of parenthood from the founder of Mom Babble.

Mary Katherine Backstrom spends her days mending boobos, conquering the boogie man, comforting heartaches, laughing at knock-knock jokes, cooking pancakes, throwing baseballs, and mopping muddy floors. In other words she spends her days relishing in the beautiful, constant noise that is a life with children.

"I love how honest and relatable Mary Katherine is in her writing. When an author is raw, it is easy to make a connection to their work."
— Meredith Masony, Founder of That's Inappropriate

"Mary Katherine brings love, wisdom, compassion, humor, and insight to her writing that is a must read for every parent."
— Love What Matters

Mary Katherine (MK) Backstrom, founder and personality behind the Mom Babble online community, offers up hope, humor, and spiritual inspiration to families in the trenches of parenthood.

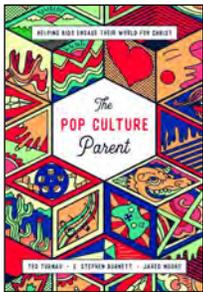
With laughter, crying, and eye-rolls MK's, oh so, real essays about raising littles will delight all the not perfect, not always holy, not completely normal, messy, honest and wonderful moms that read them. MK's conversational approach connects with readers like dear friends cozied up on a coffee date.

Enhanced with 4-color fun illustrations.

The author's organization has 235,000 followers!

Mary Katherine (MK) Backstrom is an essayist, viral blogger, founder and personality behind Mom Babble, a growing community of 200,000 followers. The Mom Babble social media pages boast more than 20 million views, and she has been awarded The Today Show Iris Award. Dealing both candor and inspiration, MK has become a well-known presence in the parenting blogosphere. Her publications include The Today Show, Washington Post, Yahoo.com, and Scary Mommy. MK is married to her college sweetheart (Ian), and they currently reside in sunny Florida with their son (Ben), daughter (Holland), and two golden retrievers.

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THE POP CULTURE PARENT: HELPING KIDS ENGAGE THEIR WORLD FOR CHRIST

FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS

Parents often feel at a loss with popular culture and how it fits in with their families. They want to love their children well, but it can be overwhelming to navigate the murky waters of television, movies, games, and more that their kids are exposed to every day.

Popular culture doesn't have to be a burden. The Pop Culture Parent equips mothers, fathers, and guardians to build relationships with their children by entering into their popular culture-informed worlds, understanding them biblically, and passing on wisdom.

This resource provides Scripture-based, practical help for parents to enjoy the messy gift of popular culture with their kids. By engaging with their children's interests, parents can explore culture while teaching their children to become missionaries in a post-Christian world.

By providing realistic yet biblical encouragement for parents, the coauthors guide readers to engage with popular culture through a gospel lens, helping them teach their kids to understand and answer the challenges raised by popular culture.

The Pop Culture Parent helps the next generation of evangelicals move beyond a posture of cultural ignorance to one of cultural engagement, building grace-oriented disciples and cultural missionaries.

"Ted Turnau and his friends Stephen Burnett and Jared Moore have articulated essential counsel for parents struggling to adopt the right attitudes toward guiding their children, and themselves, into being 'in the world but not of it.' The book is founded upon nonnegotiable biblical principles: respect for children, the gift of culture, and the gospel against legalism or perfectionism. It is honest, at times painfully so, and real-life examples abound. But what permeates these pages is love, love that is based on God's grace and reflected in our understanding devotion to the family."
--William Edgar, Professor of Apologetics,
Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

Ted Turnau teaches culture, religion, and media studies at Anglo-American University in Prague, Czech Republic. He has a PhD from Westminster in apologetics and wrote *Popologetics* (2012) to help Christians engage popular culture. He and Carolyn have three grown children. Ted enjoys jazz and blues, movies, games, and Japanese culture.

E. Stephen Burnett explores biblical truth and fantastic stories as publisher of *Lorehaven Magazine* and writer at Speculative Faith. He has also written for *Christianity Today* and *Christ and Pop Culture*. He and his wife, Lacy, live in the Austin, Texas area, and serve as church members and foster parents.

Jared Moore serves in pastoral ministry. He has a PhD in systematic theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and cohosts *The Pop Culture Coram Deo* Podcast. Jared also served as second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He and his wife, Amber, and their four children enjoy popular culture together.

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FICTION

"... Suspense, deceit, betrayal..."
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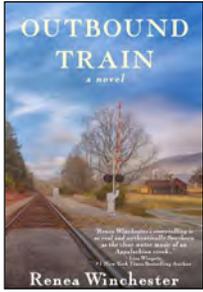
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OUTBOUND TRAIN

FICTION: CONTEMPORARY

The Parker women struggle to make frayed ends meet in a town where they never quite do ... at least, not without expert weaving and a bit of brute force.

"Renea Winchester's storytelling is as real and authentically Southern as the clear water music of an Appalachian creek"
-- Lisa Wingate, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author

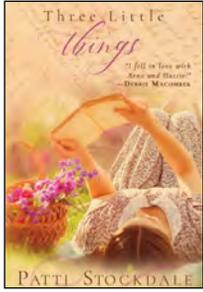
In 1976, memories from a night near the railroad tracks sixteen years earlier haunt Barbara Parker. She wrestles with past demons every night, then wakes to the train's five-thirty whistle. Exhausted and dreading the day, she keeps her hands busy working in Bryson City's textile plant, known as the "blue jean plant," all the while worrying about her teenage daughter, Carole Anne. The whistle of the train, the hum of those machines, and the struggle to survive drives Barbara. When an unexpected layoff creates a financial emergency, the desperate pressure of poverty is overwhelming.

Unbeknownst to Barbara, Carole Anne sneaks out at night to walk the tracks so she can work at Hubert's Bar. She's hoarding money with plans to drive her mother's rusty, unused Oldsmobile out of Bryson City, and never return. She only needs one opportunity ... if she can just find it.

When Carole Anne goes missing, Barbara finds herself at a crossroad—she must put aside old memories and past hurts to rely on a classmate for help finding her daughter. But this is the same man she blames for the incident years ago. Is she strong enough—or desperate enough—to do *anything* to keep her daughter safe?

Renea Winchester was born in Bryson City, North Carolina. She is the author of two nonfiction books set in Atlanta Georgia where she lived for 17 years. Outbound Train is her first novel.

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THREE LITTLE THINGS

FICTION: HISTORICAL

One forbidden love. Two broken hearts. Three little things.

Hattie Waltz should forget the troubled neighbor leaving for boot camp in 1917. He forgot about her ages ago. It had always been the Waltz's verses the Kreger's, his family pitted against hers. When she hands him a farewell gift, a chemistry lesson unfolds. The good kind.

Arno Kreger can't leave Iowa or his old man fast enough. He's eager to prove his worth on the battlefield and stop blaming himself for his brother's death. Before entering the train, he bumps into Hattie. He's loved her forever, always from the sidelines, because nobody crosses Hattie's pa.

One innocent letter soon morphs into many. Arno and Hattie share three little secrets in each letter and grow closer together. But he's on his way to a war across the ocean, and she's still in her father's house. Their newfound love will need to survive dangers on both fronts.

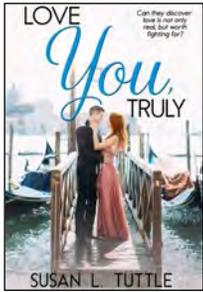
"Charming and moving, Three Little Things tells a sweet story of two wounded souls. Hattie and Arno are appealing characters, and their personal growth and their building romance will draw you in. The novel also sheds light on women's roles on the Home Front in WW I and the persecution of German-Americans, something rarely discussed. With touches of both humor and depth, this story is a keeper."
— Sarah Sundin, best-selling author

"I fell in love with Arno and Hattie...I want more...The promise of more books by Patti Stockdale. I want more!"
—Debbie Macomber, New York Times #1 Best-Selling Author

"A well-drawn cast of supporting characters creates a strong sense of community, and colorful colloquialisms ("whip-thin and homely as a cow pie") add flavor. Lovers of G-rated historical romance will be charmed by the earnest, emotionally vulnerable connection between these young lovers."
—Publisher's Weekly

Patti Stockdale loves hope, history, and a good happily ever after. She can't remember numbers, so she married a statistician. Thanks to him, she's lived all sorts of places and worked all sorts of jobs. While employed by the Washington Redskins, she once answered the phone, "Washington Indians." She doesn't work there anymore. For 11 years, she directed the programming at a nonprofit senior center and hosted an annual talent show, rocking a Dolly Parton wig, Annie Oakley boots, and a sweet-although snug-Batman costume. She no longer works there either. These days, Patti writes books and occasionally educational assessments and magazine articles. Please visit her at www.pattistockdale.com

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LOVE YOU, TRULY

FICTION: ROMANCE

Can they discover love is not only real, but worth fighting for?

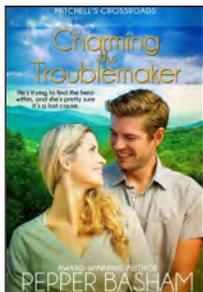
Blake Carlton, the camera-shy son of Hollywood’s Darling, dodges the invasive limelight and scripted relationships that so often accompany fame. But when his mother’s popularity declines and she falls into a depression, he offers himself up as the next bachelor on a reality show, hoping to reignite interest in her career while creating a way for them to finally connect.

After her fiancé dumps her for her best friend, aspiring photographer Harlow Tucker is done with romance—until her beloved, disabled sister requests her aid to start a nonprofit. Harlow agrees to do whatever is needed to raise funds, even reluctantly costarring on a dating show with a notorious womanizer who distrusts anyone behind a lens.

As Blake and Harlow navigate the superficiality of a reality show, their preconceived notions of love are challenged. Deciding to trust each other feels like the ultimate risk, but taking that chance could lead to a love truly picture-perfect, worth both of their hearts.

Susan Tuttle lives in the Mitten State where she's a homeschooling mom of three and happily married to her best friend. Between raising her teens and leading the women's ministry at church, she finds time to write. She's firmly convinced that letters were meant for words, not math, and loves stringing them together into stories that inspire and encourage. Romance, laughter, and cookies are three of her favorite things, though not always in that order. Connect with Susan at www.susantuttle.com.

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MITCHELL'S CROSSROADS: CHARMING THE TROUBLEMAKER

FICTION: ROMANCE

He's trying to find the hero within, and she's pretty sure it is a lost cause.

Book two in the Mitchell's Crossroads series.

"A well-written love story filled with suspense, mystery, and a loving family."
—*Library Journal Review Charming the Troublemaker* by Pepper Basham



When Dr. Alex Murdock is demoted to a university in rural Virginia, the last thing he expects to find is a future. He is forced to work at a rural university, his life is full of secrets surrounding his family, and he has to start over in a new town. Luckily, Rainey, the daughter of his landlord, is there to get him settled.

Rainey Mitchell does not need a high-class flirt in her wounded world, but trouble and temptation wafts off the new professor as strong as his sandalwood-scented cologne. She has a great job helping children in need, her family is around her, she is mother to a fabulous little girl, and is getting over the betrayal of her ex-husband.

Rainey just wants to stay away from the new professor, who has the same charm as her ex. Unfortunately, they seem to need each other. Rainey needs his grant-writing ability to save her program, and Alex is terrible at the lecturing at which Rainey excels. The two must work together to fulfill their goals, but will they be able to do it? Rainey's insecurities and Alex's obsession with protecting his family could be their undoing.

When these circumstances thrust them together to save her tutoring clinic, can the troublemaker find the hero inside and encourage the reticent Rainey to open her heart again?

Pepper Basham is an award-winning author who writes romance peppered with grace and humor with a southern Appalachian flair. Her books have garnered recognition in the Grace Awards, Inpsys, and the ACFW Carol Awards, with *The Thorn Healer* selected as a 2018 finalist in the RT awards. Both her contemporary and historical romance novels consistently receive high ratings from *Romantic Times*, with *Just the Way You Are* as a Top Pick. Her books are seasoned with her Appalachian heritage and love for family. She currently resides in the lovely mountains of Asheville, NC where she is the mom of five great kids, a speech-pathologist to about fifty more, and a lover of chocolate, jazz, hats, and Jesus. You can get to know Pepper on her website, www.pepperdbasham.com, on Facebook, Instagram, or over at her group blog, The Writer's Alley.

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SPRING SPLASH

FICTION: ROMANCE

The heart of a champion may surprise you.

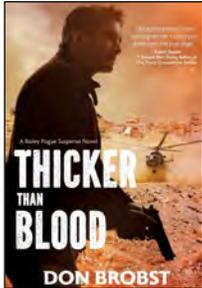
When an injury sidelines college swimmer Anna Callaway, her dreams are crushed. She pours herself into her sports marketing practicum, helping a local special needs organization promote their athletic event. What she doesn't expect is a swim team ripe for the Special Olympics—and their handsome but stubborn coach.

Craig Holt has dealt with eager and ignorant volunteers before. No matter how determined or persuasive uptight Anna might be about coaching his team to the Special Olympics, he has no intention of allowing her to raise the hopes of his swimmers, his sister, or his guarded heart.

Then Anna herself gets a second chance at becoming a champion. Will she pursue her lifelong goals or make room for a new dream?

Denise Weimer writes historical and contemporary romance and romantic suspense set in her home state of Georgia. She's authored over ten novels and a number of novellas. As a managing editor for the historical imprints of Lighthouse Publishing of the Carolinas, she also helps others reach their publishing dreams. A wife and mother of two daughters, Denise always pauses for coffee, chocolate, and old houses.

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**A BAILEY POGUE SUSPENSE NOVEL:
THICKER THAN BLOOD**

FICTION: SUSPENSE

Blood is thicker. But is blood enough?

"An action packed, plot twisting thriller I didn't put down until the final page,"
—Robert Dugoni, #1 Amazon Best-Selling Author of The Tracy Crosswhite Series.

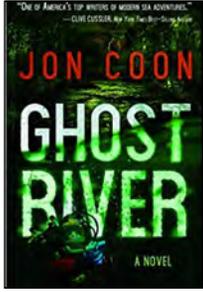
The murder of one old friend and the revelation of a secret life by another leads Dr. Bailey Pogue to risk his life by going undercover for the CIA.

But when he exposes a plot by an international crime syndicate that threatens to upset the balance of power in the Middle East, the revelation comes at a price: the syndicate has kidnapped his daughter. Now he must stop the trafficking of young girls and rescue his daughter while remaining undercover.

Is saving those you love worth committing treason? Will Pogue's loyalties prove too high a price to pay?

Don Brobst is a physician practicing medicine in Alabama. He is a dedicated father of three wonderful children and grandfather of seven. He has a passion for writing and caring for the poor and needy in Africa and the Middle East. He enjoys spending time in New York when he can, where he continues to write in the city that he and Gwen loved, but his work overseas takes more of his time every year. Although he enjoys writing, he is most passionate about his family, life, God, and serving the poor.

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GHOST RIVER, A NOVEL

FICTION: SUSPENSE

Gabe Jones is not like most underwater criminal investigators—he talks to the dead and the dead talk back. In this crime-thrilling suspense novel, Gabe dives into a watery world of crime and corruption as a paranormal experience helps him uncover the grisly truth of his partner’s death.

**“One of America’s top writers of modern sea adventures.”
—Clive Cussler, *New York Times* Best-Selling Author**

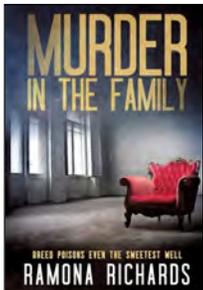
After losing his trooper partner Charlie in a recovery dive, Gabe Jones is not prepared for what he discovers when he attempts to investigate the scene of Charlie’s death. In the murky waters of the Florida panhandle, Gabe calls on his special talent—the ability to talk to the dead—in order to question his partner’s departed spirit about the details of his death. As a result, Gabe uncovers an underwater graveyard, along with a dire warning that more deaths are coming if he doesn’t stop Charlie’s killer.

In a race against time, the underwater spirits lead Gabe to the incriminating evidence he needs to expose the killer. But when his investigation is discovered, it puts Charlie’s family at risk, especially his daughter Emily. Will Gabe have what it takes to outwit his adversaries, save Emily, and expose the killer, even as he navigates the tumultuous waves of relationships he finds himself in above water?

- Content provides entertainment while affirming Christian beliefs and values.
- Characters are complex yet relatable and inspiring.
- Through the rescue of an innocent person, readers will experience the thrill of victory of good over evil.
- Author’s experience creates authenticity to the storyline through details and descriptions.

Jon Coon trained as a commercial oil field diver specializing in explosives work and deep salvage after four years in the Navy. He was lead diver and operations manager for the salvage of several large bridges as well as numerous oil field projects. His first novels, *Thief of the Deep* and *Blackwolf*, drew extensively on his commercial explosives and archaeological experiences. Jon has extensive writing experience with a bachelor of arts in English and a master of divinity degree. He has been a scuba instructor trainer for more than forty years.

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MURDER IN THE FAMILY

FICTION: SUSPENSE

What if you inherited the one thing you’d been avoiding all your life? The one thing someone else is willing to kill to acquire?

When murder stays all in the family...“Greed Poisons Even the Sweetest Well”.

This stand alone thriller just won a 1st place SCWC Notable Book Award!

It was for Traditionally-Published Fiction from the Southern Christian Writers Conference.

Storm chaser Molly McClelland must return to her small Alabama hometown when she unexpectedly inherits her hoarder aunt’s house . . . and all of its contents. Despite her suspicions that her aunt was murdered, Molly wants nothing more than to sell everything and get back to the life she loves. Especially once her homecoming reignites the decades-old family conflict that drove her away in the first place. But when Molly uncovers caches of cash, journals revealing secrets-and a body-amongst the stockpiles, she finds herself locked in a cat-and-mouse dance with a deadly endgame.

Molly teams with local sheriff, Greg Olson, to find the truth. But will her determination and his skills be enough, or will the killer-or killers-put an end to their efforts once and for all?

Ramona Richards is a speaker, writer, and editor. Prior to *Murder in the Family*, she wrote six novels for Love Inspired Suspense. She also is a non-fiction writer, releasing *My Mother’s Quilts* (Worthy) and devotionals from Abingdon and Barbour Books. She is also the associate publisher for Iron Stream Media. She is an award winning editor who has worked for Abingdon Press, Thomas Nelson, Rutledge Hill Press, and Ideals magazine. You can learn more at: <https://www.ramonarichards.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/ramonapope.richards>

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THE EDGE OF EVERYWHEN

FICTION: YOUTH

A unique middle-grade novel, *The Edge of Everywhen* tells the story of Piper, a 13-year-old self-proclaimed book nerd whose world has been upended after the death of her mother. Will the discovery of a book like no other, with an omniscient narrator, help her cope?

Full of mystery and intrigue, *The Edge of Everywhen* story bridges the chasm between faith-based and fantasy kid-lit genres. It is a book-lover's book, carrying the reader right into the adventure as Piper and Phoenix embark upon a life-changing journey, in search of their father and of a faith to call their own.

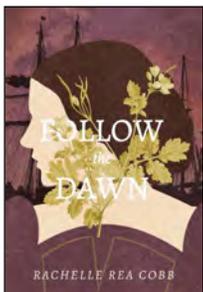
Piper and her autistic little brother (and best friend) Phoenix cling to one another as they are forced to move a thousand miles away from everything familiar and live with their rich, estranged aunt.

Piper reaches to the books on her shelf for comfort, but it is one unique book, *Novus Fabula*, who offers true guidance as the omniscient narrator in the story. It watches them arrive at their aunt's home, with tired hearts and stones in their stomachs, and now its whispered voice must point the children to depend upon the sovereignty of God during the most dire times as they await word of their missing father.

"What's that you say? Books cannot speak? On the contrary, dear Reader. Quite the contrary. Books are one of the few things on this earth that truly speak, from the moment the first word is penned until the book's last Reader has drawn their final breath. Let me show you."—Novus Fabula

Allison (A.S.) Mackey is a member of the Shoals Writers Guild and the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI). She wrote her first sci-fi novel at age fifteen (it was horrid), but she still went on to solidify her love for creative writing with a degree in English literature from the University of Georgia. She is proud to be represented by agent Elizabeth Bennett at the Transatlantic Literary Agency. A.S. is the mother of three adult children. She lives in Florence, Alabama, where she and her husband are church planters and worship leaders.

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FOLLOW THE DAWN

FICTION: YOUTH

Historical fiction for teens! Book 5 in the Steadfast Love Series.

Will these two hearts—the battle-scarred and the broken—ever find true freedom?

Anna Emory grew up the invisible, shy younger sister, and she prefers it that way. But when her father attempts to arrange an unsavory marriage, Anna learns that courage is sometimes found in adversity. Then she meets a boy and his father struggling in their relationship, and they tip her quiet world upside down.

Captain Mathieu Tudder has run from responsibility, entrusting his young son's care to another and devoting his Sea Beggar ship to the Dutch Revolution. After that cause fails, Tudder returns to England for the son he left behind...all he has left of the wife he lost. But his son, seems to have given his heart to a unknown and quiet lady—a woman who reminds him of all he's ever loved and lost.

Tudder wants his son back, yet Anna stands in his way.

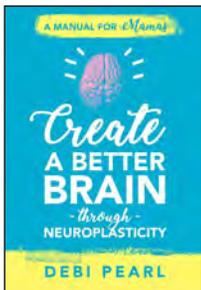
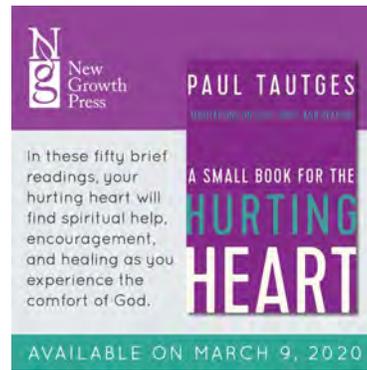
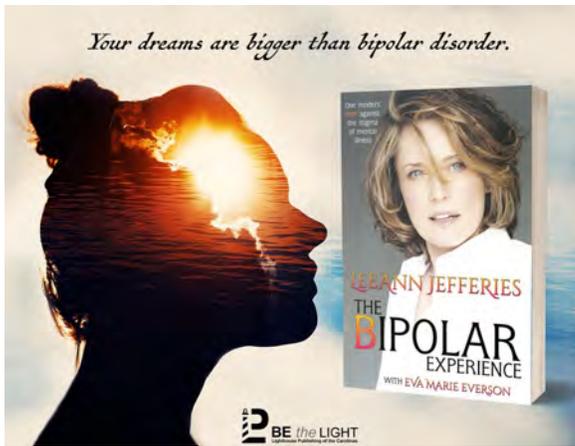
"Through a finesse of description and with a cast of sometimes flawed but loveable characters, Cobb brings us a story of love amidst heartbreak and tragedy. Placed in an unusual but refreshing time period and setting, Follow the Dawn explores the true meaning of family, friendship, loss, and restoration. It's refreshing to see a romance that knows its stakes, but still leaves readers feeling satisfied from beginning to end."
— Hope Bolinger, author of *The Blaze trilogy*

"Through elegant prose and relatable characters, Cobb seamlessly weaves events from the 16th century into a timeless story of love, loss and second chances."
— Tara K. Ross, Author of *Fade to White* & Cohost of *The Hope Prose Podcast*.

Rachelle Rea Cobb has history with words. She is the author of the Steadfast Love Series and Write Well, a short writing guide, and she works with fellow authors as a freelance editor. When she's not writing, editing, or reading, she's working on her fixer-upper dream home with her husband (who shares the same first name as the fictional hero in her first three books!). She doesn't drink coffee, but she loves chai tea and lemonade (though definitely not together).

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**CREATE A BETTER BRAIN THROUGH NEUROPLASTICITY:
A MANUAL FOR MOMA'S**

What if you could equip your child's brain so they can be happier, more self-disciplined, self-confident, and self-motivated? The science of neuroplasticity says you can, and this book shows you how!

"Create a Better Brain through Neuroplasticity is a sage's wisdom melded with cutting edge science, yet reads like a novel. THE game changer for how we think and live!"
-Dr. Kim Plath, ND

Practical neuroplasticity can truly be life changing for children dealing with ADHD, Autism, and brain damage. You will learn how to change your child's brain so they can be happier, more self-disciplined, self-confident, and self-motivated (Mama too)!

Help your child become the leader of the pack, excelling in all academics. Be amazed as you learn how music and physical activity causes the brain to actually increase in volume.

On the flip side, Debi will examine activities and mindsets that will cause damage to the brain. Learn from the latest medical research, read quotes from the best doctors in the field of neuroplasticity, and enjoy riveting, real-life stories of neuroplasticity in action.

Debi Pearl is a best-selling author. She was raised in Memphis, Tennessee, in a good home, by parents who were faithful to point her to God. As a teenager Debi was actively involved in witnessing and ministering to the sick and wounded veterans. About twenty five years ago, Debi and her husband Mike moved to rural Tennessee where they continued in the work by holding Bible studies in local homes, which eventually led to regular meetings of the local body of believers, and the starting of the prison ministry where Mike ministered every Saturday for twenty three years. God eventually led Mike and Debi into the ministry of writing on child training and family relationships, which they now feel is their life's work and calling. The result of this work led to the formation of No Greater Joy Ministries (NGJ), a 501(c)(3). To date over 1,200,000 of her books have been sold in over ten languages. Her first book in the Help Meet series, *Created To Be His Help Meet* has sold over 500,000 copies in several languages.

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DOUBT LESS: WHEN FAITH IS HARD

PERSONAL GROWTH

Is God good? Can I trust him with my life? Is the Bible true?

These are just some of the questions that can plague young adults as they stand at the crossroads of life, when new responsibilities loom large and the world around them treats God as a small or irrelevant part of life.

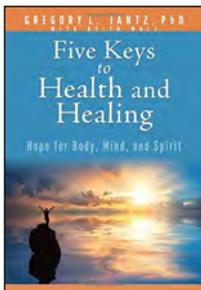
In *Doubt Less*, author and Cru campus minister Shelby Abbott comes alongside young Christians to help them honestly face their doubt and turn to God for the gift of faith. He reminds readers that biblical scripture recounts the stories of many men and women who have also faced deep misgivings and uncertainty in their walk of faith.

Using both Scripture and personal illustrations, Abbot shows us how to feed our faith in seasons of doubt through authentic relationships with other Christians, hearing from God in the Bible, and practicing thankfulness. Doubt should not scare us, nor should it become our obsession. He urges readers to see the difference between doubt and unbelief, assuring us that big questions can press us deeper into the heart and character of God rather than push us away from him.

Used for biblical reflection, group discussion, devotional reading, *Doubt Less* is full of gospel hope for those grappling with the mysteries of Christian faith.

Shelby Abbott is an author, campus minister, and conference speaker on staff with the ministry of Cru. His passion for university students has led him to speak at college campuses all over the United States and author the books *Jacked, I Am a Tool* (To Help with Your Dating Life), and *Pressure Points: A Guide to Navigating Student Stress*. He and his wife, Rachael, have two daughters and live in Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

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FIVE KEYS TO HEALTH AND HEALING, HOPE FOR BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

PERSONAL GROWTH

In 2016, Rose/Aspire released four books by noted Christian Phycologist, Dr. Gregory Jantz. The series now continues with the focus on health and healing.

Is there an area of your life you want healing in? Do you find yourself struggling to stay positive? Everyone struggles with a challenge that can lead to hopelessness. Chances are there is an obstacle in your life you desperately want to overcome and you are tired of it weighing you down and holding you back. But how can you move forward? How can you heal?

Instead of solely addressing the healing of emotions or spiritual life, Dr. Gregory Jantz's proven and effective method encourages the focus on healing the whole person with 5 keys:

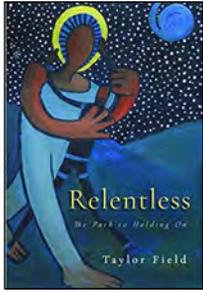
1. Harness Your Thoughts
2. Heal Your Emotions
3. Nurture Your Relationships
4. Nourish Your Body
5. Deepen Your Spirit

Dr. Jantz's biblically based advice will give you courage and tenacity as you take the first steps on the path toward wholeness and wellbeing, sustained and strengthened by a foundation of hope. You will discover...

- 7 stress-management strategies to practice
- 8 ways to experience inner peace
- 10 traits of healthy relationships
- 6 ways to strengthen your relationships
- 9 strategies for eating to enrich your body and lift your mood
- 6 steps toward a better lifestyle
- And much more!

Dr. Gregory L. Jantz is a best-selling author of 39 books. He is a go-to media source expert for a range of behavioral-based afflictions, as well as drug and alcohol addictions. Dr. Jantz has appeared on CNN, FOX, ABC, CBS, and has been interviewed for the *New York Post*, *Associated Press*, *Family Circle*, and *Women's Day*. He is also a regular contributor to *The Huffington Post* and *Psychology Today* blogs. Pioneering whole-person care nearly 30 years ago, Dr. Jantz has dedicated his life's work to creating possibilities for others, and helping people change their lives for good. <https://www.drgregoryjantz.com/>

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RELENTLESS: THE PATH TO HOLDING ON

PERSONAL GROWTH

Do you feel like giving up? Don't!

There are some moments in life when you just want to give up, but don't! Like Jacob, keep wrestling. Like the persistent widow, keep persisting. Just when you feel like giving up, God may relent and let you win.

For more than forty years, the author has worked in cities with people who are homeless or in difficult situations. He has seen firsthand what qualities help someone survive. *Relentless* is the most important of those qualities...learn how you can acquire it in this book.

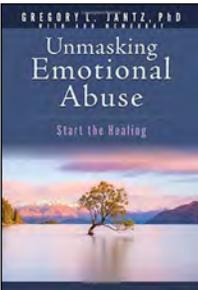
Through the biblical stories of some of Scripture's most persistent and gritty people, *Relentless*...

- inspires courage in the discouraged;
- develops grit in the fainthearted; and
- helps you see when God is pressing you.

Learn how to recognize when God is pressing you and how He eventually appears to "lose." He loses so you can be a winner.

Taylor Field is anything but ordinary. For the last 30 years he has served as the pastor director of Graffiti Community Ministries in New York City where he has been recognized for his church and community ministry. A recipient of the Clovis Brantley Award by the North American Mission Board, Graffiti Community Ministries, ministering to more than 10,000 people a year, serves and empowers children, youth, and adults on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Recognized as an author for substantive content, his book *Mercy Streets* was recognized as Best Outreach Resources in Testimony/Biography by *Outreach Magazine* and his book *Squat* received an Honorable Mention, *ForeWord Magazine* Book of the Year. In 2013, he was awarded Wake Forest University's Pro Humanitate award. He works together with his wife, Susan Field. Taylor has a PhD from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary where he received the Alumni Achievement Award and an MDiv from Princeton Seminary. He has two married children who are both working in ministry in New York City. He has authored several New Hope titles.

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UNMASKING EMOTIONAL ABUSE, START THE HEALING

PERSONAL GROWTH

This book helps readers who have been victims of emotional abuse heal and move forward in God's truth.

Not all abuse is physical. The wounds of emotional abuse may not be visible, but they still leave scars. Whether a stabbing comment or constant putdowns, most people face emotional abuse at some point in their lives, so how can you learn to detect it and stop the cycle of abuse? How can you heal after enduring it? This practical and handy guidebook examines the different descriptions of emotional abuse, and includes stories from people who have found healing in Christ.

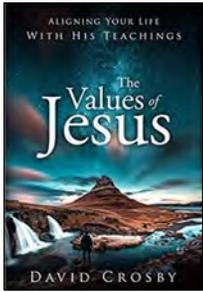
As a child of God, you were created to have emotional freedom, a strong sense of self, and a peace that surpasses understanding. Emotional abuse and its false messages keep you from finding and understanding the truth of who you are. The good news is that what others may have sabotaged, God is able to rebuild. Jesus said knowing truth has the power to set you free, and Dr. Gregory Jantz helps you recognize emotional abuse and its effects.

Emotional abuse limits your choices, your value, and your worth. Healing from emotional abuse opens you up to regaining that full life. This book will help get you there, and offers 10 biblically-based steps for healing:

1. Stepping Out of Blame
2. Granting Forgiveness
3. Reclaiming Personal Power
4. Avoiding Conflicts
5. Addressing Hurts
6. Maintaining Healthy Relationships
7. Healthy Communication
8. Discovering Gifts and Talents
9. Solving Problems
10. Recognizing Progress

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THE VALUES OF JESUS: ALIGNING YOUR LIFE WITH HIS TEACHINGS

PERSONAL GROWTH

Are you a values-driven person? God has provided the standard. Learn how to live by His standards.

In a world of increasing moral relativism—where each person is empowered to decide for themselves what is right or wrong—*The Values of Jesus* reminds us God has set the standard.

Jesus, the ultimate authority and model of the Father’s heart, showed on earth and recorded in His Word what God values, and His teachings give us insight into the values that should shape our lives. He didn’t leave us to flounder. He left us empowered.

Pastor and storyteller David Crosby takes a look at the values reflected in Jesus’ teachings and shows us how to live those out in our own lives in key areas such as: love, family, finances, relationships, traditions, etc. As you align your values with His teachings, your life will change. As you live out the values of Jesus, those around you will be greatly impacted. Who will you begin to influence?

David Crosby is a pastor, author, and former who has helped countless people evaluate their values. Additionally, after one of the nation’s most horrific natural disasters, Hurricane Katrina, he and his church were responsible for deploying 21,000 volunteers to projects including 1,100 home recovery operations and 91 new home constructions. To this day, his former church deploys approximately 100 volunteers a week in a dozen intentional ministry outlets in the city. David, author of *The Care Effect* and *Your Pain Is Changing You*, is active in community and denominational affairs and has received many awards and recognitions for his civic involvement. He and his high school sweetheart Janet Rose Crosby split time between their farm in Texas and New Orleans and have three children and seven grandchildren.

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YOU ARE WHAT YOU DO AND SIX OTHER LIES ABOUT WORK, LIFE, AND LOVE

PERSONAL GROWTH

Author and pastor Daniel Im considers seven of society’s lies, the context that causes them to flourish, and the burdens they place on us.

The way that we’ve done things for centuries has been unsettled and unseated. We’re living in a new normal.

And while on the surface many of these changes look like the next best thing, there’s actually a complex and fragile web of lies holding it all together:

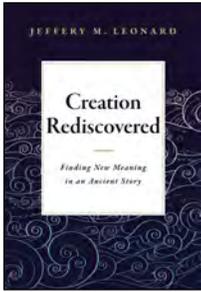
1. You are what you do
2. You are what you experience
3. You are who you know
4. You are what you know
5. You are what you own
6. You are who you raise
7. You are your past

In *You Are What You Do*, author and pastor Daniel Im considers these seven lies and the context that causes them to flourish. Through personable stories, research, and pastoral insight, Daniel will show you how to recognize these everyday lies in your life, so that you can discover the truth on the other side. The truth that leads to freedom. The truth that moves you from surviving to thriving. The truth that will unlock a life of purpose, adventure, meaning, and destiny.

Daniel Im is a highly sought after leader traveling to cities like New York, Vancouver, Los Angeles, Sydney, and Seoul to teach, speak, consult, and coach. He has pastored in six major cities around the world in churches ranging from 100 people to 50,000 people. His podcasts have been downloaded millions of times. He has written two paradigm-shifting bestselling books, *No Silver Bullets: Five Small Shifts that will Transform Your Ministry*, and *Planting Missional Churches: Your Guide to Starting Churches that Multiply* (second edition). He has an M.A. in Global Leadership and is a Gallup Certified Strengths Performance Coach. Daniel lives in Nashville, Tennessee, with his wife Christina and their three children. For more information, visit danielim.com and follow him on social media @danielsangi.

“Daniel Im is one of our generation’s innovative and strategic thinkers, one of God’s gifts to the Kingdom in our era. In a culture that is transfixed with the power of helping ourselves, this book offers a different alternative — one rooted in the imago dei and the gospel. This is a helpful, thoughtful, inspiring book with a timely message.”
— J.D. Greear, Pastor, The Summit Church, Durham, NC and Author, *Above All*

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CREATION REDISCOVERED: FINDING NEW MEANING IN AN ANCIENT STORY

SCIENCE & RELIGION

In this book, Jeffery Leonard writes to fellow travelers in the faith who want to take the biblical text seriously, while at the same time appreciate science's exploration of what we consider to be God's creation.

- Written by a Bible scholar Unique, timely, and fresh interpretation helps readers see the Bible's creation stories as vessels of healing and hope in God's larger plan for humanity.
- It attempts to redirect Christians to read the ancient creation stories within the context in which they were written.

Leonard guides readers through a contextual reading of the Bible's creation stories.

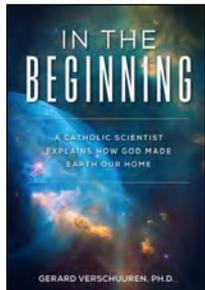
It is his contention that setting the Bible's creation texts back within their ancient context allows us to do both of these things. Indeed, Leonard believes that when we reread what the Bible has to say about creation in its original setting, We find meaning in the text far more profound than what we have previously imagined.

Over the last two centuries, few subjects have generated as much controversy for Christians as has creation. The whethers, whens, and hows of creation have often become a battlefield in which the pitched forces of competing sides—Darwinists and creationists, young-earthers and old-earthers, and literalists— have struggled for the upper hand. Like most battles, this fight has tended to inflict a fair amount of collateral damage along the way. This is especially true for those put in the terrible position of feeling they have had to choose between the Bible they have fallen in love with and the science they have studied.

While written for the classroom, the author writes in a "trade book" and engaging literary style.

Jeffery M. Leonard is Associate Professor of Religion at Samford University in Birmingham, AL, where he specializes in Hebrew, Hebrew Bible, and the ancient Near East. He received his MDiv from Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, NY, and his PhD from Brandeis University in Waltham, MA. When he is not sequestered away in his study or the classroom, Dr. Leonard will be found traveling, backpacking, reading, or just enjoying time with his beloved wife and two sons.

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IN THE BEGINNING: A CATHOLIC SCIENTIST EXPLAINS HOW GOD MADE EARTH OUR HOME

SCIENCE AND RELIGION

The taste of fresh berries, the quiet cadence of waves lapping a lakeshore, the song of an owl in the night, the glory of a sunset: so many details manifest the reality that Earth is not merely the place where we are, but that it is truly our home and is meant to be our home. Most modern scientists dismiss this notion as romantic nonsense, arguing instead that Earth and, indeed, the entire universe is actually a cosmic accident, the mystifying result of billions of years of random events.

Here in this work of basic science written for non-specialists, scientist Gerard Verschuuren confronts those men and women on their own territory force for force, atom for atom, cell for cell, and even planet for planet.

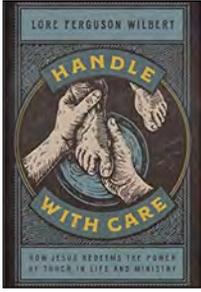
With clear, well-documented explanations, he shows that the latest findings of modern cosmology, physics, chemistry, geology, and other sciences tell a remarkably different story. Instead of the vaunted randomness of our immense universe, scientists have recently discovered indisputable patterns in the structures of matter and energy. Over the eons, these distinctive patterns drove the universe inexorably toward formation of the Earth as what we experience it to be: our secure, exceptional, and singularly welcoming home.

In these pages, you'll learn, among other things:

- Why the universe is so old . . . and so vast!
- Earth's unique chemical and geological characteristics that make it a hospitable place for mankind
- How the moon became critical to life on Earth
- How volcanism, mass extinctions, and even changes in the Earth's orbit prepared the way for mankind
- Evidence that evolutionary changes are not, as the atheists claim, random
- Why the Catholic Church has always distinguished the Book of Scripture from the Book of Nature
- How science presupposes the existence of God without even realizing it!
- The limitations of the scientific method and how those limitations trip up scientists
- The many hidden, unscientific dogmas of science
- The errors of Stephen Hawking and other popular cosmologists
- Why science wrongly denies that the universe was made for mankind
- Evidence that we live in a purpose-driven world (and why science is blind to it)

Gerard Verschuuren is a scientist, writer, speaker, and consultant, working at the interface of science, philosophy, and religion. He is a human geneticist who earned a doctorate in the philosophy of science, and studied and worked at universities in Europe and the United States.

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HANDLE WITH CARE: HOW JESUS REDEEMS THE POWER OF TOUCH IN LIFE AND MINISTRY

SOCIAL ISSUES

Our culture is in a time when reports of inappropriate touch are commonplace. In the church, we're not doing much better. On one hand, we give side hugs or instate six-inch rules. On the other, we find out—almost daily—about sexual misconduct, affairs, and abuse inflicted within our own walls.

Singles are staying single longer, dating is wrought with angst over purity, and marriages struggle to not interpret all forms of touch as sexual. We can't even talk about touching our own bodies without the underlying assumption that it must be sexual. There is simply no place in our culture—and in the church—where touch doesn't seem threatened or threatening.

In the laws within the Old Testament, there is a form of one statement made 38 times: "Do not touch." So much seems off-limits to the people of God. But a curious thing happens in the New Testament when Jesus begins His ministry: He touches. Jesus touches the sick and the outcasts, the bleeding and the unclean.

What could it mean for families, singles, marriages, churches, communities, and the world to have healthy, pure, faithful, ministering touch? Somewhere in the mess of our assumptions and fears about touch, there is something beautiful and good and God-given. As Jesus can show us, there is ministry in touching.

Lore Fergus Wilbert has lived all over the United States and is unsettled enough to call nowhere home, but she lives in Flower Mound, Texas, for now. She is a wife to her husband and a member of The Village Church where they both serve. She writes and edits full time for many publications like *The Gospel Coalition*, *Christianity Today*, *Revive Our Hearts*, *Fathom Magazine*, and The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission on spiritual formation, faith, culture, and theology in life. You can read more of her work at sayable.net.

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