



# Bible Studies

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# **MEN ONLY**

## **Every Man's Battle** (SERIES) by Steven Arterburn

*Millions have found Every Man's Battle the single greatest resource for overcoming the struggle and remaining strong in the face of temptation. With extensive updates for a new generation, this phenomenal bestseller shares the stories of dozens who have escaped the trap of sexual immorality and presents a practical, detailed plan for any man who desires sexual integrity.*

## **Man in the Mirror** by Patrick Morley

*The Man in the Mirror has established itself as a cornerstone in men's literature since its 1989 release. Winner of the prestigious Gold Medallion Award and appearing on the bestseller list eighteen times, it has helped thousands of men understand the person who stares back at them from the glass each morning and know what to do about his twenty-four most difficult problems. Written by a foremost Christian men's leader, this powerful book invites men to take a probing look at their identities, relationships, finances, time, temperament, and most important, the means to bring about lasting change. If life's demands are constantly pressuring you to run faster and jump higher, this book is for you. Rich in anecdotes, thought-provoking questions, biblical insights, and featuring focus questions in each chapter suitable for personal or group use, The Man in the Mirror offers a penetrating, pragmatic, and life-changing look at how to trade the rat race for the rewards of godly manhood.*

## **Spiritual Leadership** by J Oswald Sanders

*The need for talented, vigorous leaders in the church cannot be overemphasized. Such times demand active service of men and women who are guided by and devoted to Jesus Christ.*

*With more than 1 million copies sold, Spiritual Leadership stands as a proven classic for developing such leadership. J. Oswald Sanders, a Christian leader for nearly seventy years and author of more than forty books, presents the key principles of leadership in both the temporal and spiritual realms. He illustrates his points with examples from Scripture and biographies of eminent men of God, such as Moses, Nehemiah, the apostle Paul, David Livingstone, Charles Spurgeon, and others.*

*Featured topics include:*

- *The cost of leadership*
- *The responsibility of leadership*
- *Tests of leadership*
- *The qualities and criteria of leadership*
- *The art of reproducing leaders*
- *The one indispensable requirement of leadership*

*Sanders holds that even natural leadership qualities are God-given, and their true effectiveness can only be reached when they are used to the glory of God.*

**Wild at Heart, Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul** by John Eldredge

*Every man was once a boy. And every little has dreams, big dreams, dreams of being the hero, of beating the bad guys, of doing daring feats and rescuing the damsel in distress. Every little girl has dreams, too: of being rescued by her prince and swept up into a great adventure, knowing that she is the beauty.*

*But what happens to those dreams when we grow up? Walk into most churches, have a look around, and ask yourself: What is a Christian man? Without listening to what is said, look at what you find there. Most Christian men are . . . bored.*

*John Eldredge revises and updates his best-selling, renowned Christian classic, Wild at Heart, and in it invites men to recover their masculine heart, defined in the image of a passionate God. And he invites women to discover the secret of a man's soul and to delight in the strength and wildness men were created to offer. John Eldredge is the director of Ransomed Heart*

# **WOMEN ONLY**

## **A Confident Heart** by Renee Swope

*Do you ever feel like you're not good enough, smart enough, or valuable enough? Do words you say to yourself, or hear from others, make you question your worth and purpose? Best-selling author, Renee Swope understands. Even with a great family, a successful career, and a thriving ministry, she still sometimes struggled with paralyzing self-doubt. Offering the voice of a friend, Renee candidly, and sometimes humorously, shares her story of overcoming self-doubt with powerful Biblical Truths that transformed her life — and thousands of others!*

## **A Modern Girls Guide to Bible Study** by Jen Hatmaker

*Written specifically for today's busy women, this book offers user-friendly advice on how to get the most from personal Bible study time. Transform the academic nature of Bible study into a fresh, simple format that will radically change the way you interact with Scripture forever. This great leader's resource can be used with the Modern Girl's Bible Study series or as a tool for discipleship ministry.*

## **Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed** by Kay Arthur

*Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David - Member Book provides the participant experience for the women's Bible study taped at the 2007 Deeper Still conference featuring Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, and Kay Arthur. These three women explored their lives and the life of David in this six-session Bible study. The messages presented by these beloved authors are divided into three segments, two lessons from each author. Each segment focuses on the life of David at a different stage of his life: as a young man (sessions one and two by Priscilla Shirer), as a middle-aged man (sessions three and four by Beth Moore), and as a man facing the final third of his life (sessions five and six by Kay Arthur). You'll laugh with them, cry with them, and learn to love God with them.*

## **Armor of God** by Priscilla Shirer

*All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you.*

## **Becoming Myself: Embracing God's Dream of You** by Stasi Eldredge

*God has dreams - just for you. Becoming Myself is a hope-filled book for anyone who wonders if her life will ever change - if she will ever change. In Stasi Eldredge's most intimate work yet, she shares her own struggles with self-worth, addiction, and her past as she shows listeners how God is faithfully bringing us to a life of freedom and wholeness. God desires to restore us, and he is able to restore us - the real us. As he heals our inner life he calls us to "rise to the occasion" of our lives. The most important journey any woman can take is the one into becoming her true self through the love of God. It's a beautiful paradox: The more God's you*

*become, the more yourself you become - the woman he had in mind when he thought of you before the creation of the world.*

**Believing God** by Beth Moore

*The bride of Jesus Christ in our generation is nearly paralyzed by unbelief. God is calling His bride to a fresh and lavish anointing of faith. This in-depth study examines the lives of Abraham, Moses, and others as examples of persons who believed God*

**Breaking Free** by Beth Moore

*Beth considers Breaking Free her life message. This in-depth Bible study leads you through Isaiah 61:1-4 to discover the transforming power of Christian freedom by drawing parallels between the captive Israelites and the spiritual strongholds in our lives. First released in 1999, this updated edition includes 11 new video teaching messages, along with updated Bible study content and testimonies from women like you who have found freedom from their personal captivity. No matter what life stage you're in or struggles you're going through, if where you are isn't where you want to be, don't stay there. Break free.*

**Breathe: Making Room for Sabbath** by Priscilla Shirer

*With a jam-packed life, what's missing is space--space for God to speak, room for you to hear. It's time to set aside the activities and busyness that swallows up rest and peace. It's time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God.*

**Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul** by Stasi Eldredge

*The message of Captivating is this: Your heart matters more than anything else in all creation. The desires you had as a little girl and the longings you still feel as a woman are telling you of the life God created you to live. He offers to come now as the Hero of your story, to rescue your heart and release you to live as a fully alive and feminine woman. A woman who is truly captivating.*

**Children of the Day: 1 & 2 Thessalonians** by Beth Moore

*Join Beth Moore and walk the shores of Thessalonica with this verse-by-verse Bible study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians. During this nine week study, you'll learn how to let go of past mistakes and discover your circumstances are not coincidental - God's timing is impeccable! Whether you're facing family crises, medical diagnoses, relationship troubles, doubts, or fears, you'll come away encouraged that even though it may not feel that way, you are exactly where Christ wants you to be!*

**David** by Beth Moore

*David: Seeking a Heart Like His Member Book by Beth Moore guides participants through a compelling 11-week group Bible study of David for women. Each day of the week you'll find Bible reading related to the previous week's video topic, fill-in-the-blank statements, and reflective questions. Explore David's life. Some days you'll want to be just like him; other days you won't want to be anything like him. Discover the truth that God will never give up on you.*

### **Discerning the Voice of God** by Priscilla Shirer

*Do you feel that the ability to hear God's voice is for other people and not for you? Is it only for people who lived in Biblical times?*

*Not at all! The God who loved you enough to die for you loves you enough to talk to you. And wherever you are in your spiritual walk, God will find a way to speak to you in a way you will understand.*

*Become acquainted with the Voice that has spoken from a fire and a cloud, with visible signs and an invisible Spirit, through a burning bush and burning hearts. Hear from some of the most well known Christians in history about how God speaks to them, and discover for yourself how you can discern the voice of God.*

### **Esther** by Beth Moore

*The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's overloaded and stressed woman. Esther, while a queen, lived as an outsider in a hostile environment. Women will learn strong lessons of faith, providence, and hope to equip them to live courageously "for such a time as this."*

### **Gideon** by Priscilla Shirer

*Gideon: Your weakness. God's strength. is a 7 session women's Bible study by Priscilla Shirer. When we hear the name Gideon, most of us think about his 300 soldiers or the fleece he laid out under the evening sky. But Gideon's story is so much bigger than that—bigger than any one man and his mark on Israel's history. Like everything else in the Bible, this is a story about God and His people. His love for them, as well as His strength operating in spite of their weakness—even through their weakness. And because God's people includes you and me, Gideon's story is also about us—our lives, our doubts, our struggles, and our possibilities as believers. From a state of fear, weakness, and insecurity, Gideon emerged as Israel's hero, filled with God's presence and His passion for deliverance. This study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key that the Lord gives you to unlock the full experience of His strength in your life. In what ways do you feel insufficient? Those places create the greatest opportunity to experience the sufficiency of God. Instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, see them as the gifts that they are, given specifically and strategically by God to unlock the door of God's strength.*

### **Girls with Swords: How to Carry your Cross Like a Hero** by Lisa Bevere

*If there ever was a time for women to be armed, it's now. Worldwide, women are targets of prejudice, sex trafficking, abuse, and even gendercide. Lisa Bevere writes that these attacks say more about who women might be in the future than who they have been in the past. In Girls with Swords she explains how the enemy is seeking to disarm women on every level. It's time for women to become the heroes God created them to be and stand—courageous, discerning, forgiving, and wise.*

### **He Speaks to Me** by Priscilla Shirer

*A common question of many Christians is, "How can I know when God is speaking to me?" Priscilla uses the account of God speaking to Samuel in 1 Samuel 3 to show how God speaks to Christians and how we can discern His voice and position ourselves to respond. In this exciting adventure, participants will discover how God spoke to Samuel, Samuel's response, and how He speaks to believers today; they will be encouraged to listen and respond to God's voice; and*

*by listening to God's voice and obeying Him, women will experience spiritual growth, Christian discipline, and the desire to serve.*

**Intimate Issues** by Linda Dillow

*Intimate Issues answers the twenty-one questions about sex most frequently asked by Christian wives, as determined by a nationwide poll of over one thousand women. Written from the perspective of two mature Christian wives and Bible teachers—women who you'll come to know as teachers and friends—Intimate Issues is biblical and informative: sometimes humorous, other times practical, but always honest. Through its solid teaching warm testimonials, scriptural insights, and experts' advice, you'll find resolution for your questions and fears, surprising insights about God's perspective on sex, and a variety of practical and creative ideas for enhancing your physical relationship with the husband you love.*

**James** by Beth Moore

*James: Mercy Triumphs - Bible Study Book by Beth Moore provides a personal study experience five days a week plus viewer guides for the 8 video sessions of this in-depth women's Bible study. James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways, James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any other New Testament book. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer. 8 video sessions with 7 weeks of print study.*

**Keep it Shut: What to Say, How to Say It, and When to Say Nothing At All** by Karen Ehman  
*Got words? Oh yeah, you do! The average woman speaks over 20,000 a day—not to mention the ones she types online. Karen Ehman—a woman whose words have often landed her in a heap of trouble— shares from experience the how's (and how-not-to's) of dealing with the tongue in her new book Keep It Shut . Using biblical examples, as well as Karen's own personal (and sometimes painful!) stories, Keep It Shut will equip you to know what to say, how best to say it, and when you'd better just keep your lips zipped!*

**Let It Go: How to Stop Running the Show and Start Walking in Faith** by Karen Ehman  
*Women are wired to control. We make sure the house is clean, the meals are prepared, the beds are made, the children are dressed, and everyone gets to where they're going on time. But sometimes our strength of being conscientious can morph into the weakness of being a slight—or all out—control freak! This humorous, yet spiritually practical book will help you learn how to control what you should, trust God with what you can't, and more importantly, decide which one is which! Join Karen Ehman, a recovering control freak, as she enables you to: draw the line between mothering and micromanaging; influence your husband instead of manipulating him; take control of your schedule yet welcome interruptions from God; learn to control your emotions when you can't control the circumstances; stop pursuing the appearance of perfection and start pursuing the person of God.*

**Living Beyond Yourself** by Beth Moore

*Through this study participants will look at the supernatural aspects of the fruit and that you cannot grow, learn, or produce the fruit on your own. Beth challenges you to develop the fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. A Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond yourself.*

**Open Your Bible** by Raechel Myers

*We're all longing to hear from God, aching to know who He is and know His heart. The beautiful truth is this—we can encounter the living God today in the pages of His Word. The Bible is for you and for now. Whether you already open your Bible every day, have never read it before, or struggle to keep up with studying Scripture, *Open Your Bible*, a 7-session study from the women behind *She Reads Truth*, will leave you with a greater appreciation for the Word of God, a deeper understanding of its authority, and a stronger desire to truly know the Bible inside and out.*

**Organic God** by Margaret Feinberg

*Do you long for a genuine encounter with God? You're not alone. Whether we realize it or not, most of us hunger for an organic relationship with God—one stripped of all the pollutants, additives, and distractions of this world. We want to know God as He really is.*

**Present over Perfect: Leaving Behind Frantic for a Simpler, More Soulful Way of Living** by Shauna Niequist

*In this five-session video Bible study, New York Times bestselling author Shauna Niequist invites you on a journey that changed her life. She will walk a path with you, a path away from frantic pushing and proving, and toward your essential self, the one you were created to be before you began trying to prove and earn your worth. Shauna will help you begin leaving behind busyness and to rediscover the person you were made to be. *Present Over Perfect* is a hand reaching out, pulling you free from the constant pressure to perform faster, push harder, and produce more, all while maintaining an exhausting image of perfection. She offers an honest account of what led her to begin this journey, and a compelling vision for an entirely new way to live: soaked in grace, rest, silence, simplicity, prayer, and connection with the people who matter most to us.*

**Scouting the Divine** by Margaret Feinberg

*Discover the spiritual adventure of a lifetime in the critically acclaimed *Scouting the Divine: My Search for God in Wine, Wool, and Wild Honey* Margaret spent a year visiting shepherds, farmers, vintners, and beekeepers in order to better understand the a land flowing with honey, the meaning of abiding in the vine and much more. This book and the accompanying Bible study guarantee you won't read the Scripture the same way again.*

**Seamless** by Angie Smith

*In seven sessions, *Seamless* covers the people, places and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Participants will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word. *Seamless* helps replace insecurity that holds participants back with clarity and helping them move forward with confidence in their understanding of Scripture. Each week of study features key information that ties all of scripture together into the seamless truth of the gospel message and is accompanied by maps, general Bible facts, and word studies.*

**Stepping Up** by Beth Moore

*Explore the pilgrimage theme found in Psalms 120–134. As you reflect, pray, and respond to these treasured Psalms, you'll experience a new level of intimacy with God. This unique study is enriched with songs by Travis Cottrell and other musical guests.*

**Stuck** by Jennie Allen

*God is about doing something on this planet. He is about doing something in me, and as long as I am privately fighting and losing inside, He is not getting a thing done through or in me. He has a plan for these spaces inside of us, the places we feel broken, but we have to go to Him. Stuck is a journey to take an honest look at the fight going on inside, leading us to the God who has a plan to restore it, to restore us.*

**To Live is Christ** by Beth Moore

*More than any other person, Paul provides us an example of sold-out servanthood. He understood what it means to die daily, crucified with Jesus Christ. As a result, Paul shows us how to live fully as a bond servant to Christ. As you study the Book of Acts and the Letters of Paul, you will come to know the characters personally. Most of all you will feel the challenge to follow Paul's example just as he followed the example of Christ.*

**War Room** by Priscilla Shirer

*War Room Bible Study Leader Kit includes 5 scriptural lessons and inspiring movie clips found in the new Kendrick Brother's movie War Room. This short series provides a variety of heart-felt and/or humorous movie scenes and Bible study sessions that can be used in a corporate church message series or a small group Bible study setting. Session topics include:*

- *Dealing with Spiritual Lukewarmness*
- *Christian Accountability*
- *Grasping Grace and the Gospel*
- *Engaging in Spiritual Warfare*
- *Trusting God in Prayer*

**What Love Is** by Kelly Minter

*The Letters of 1, 2 & 3 John were written to encourage followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the truth. Believers are challenged to look at contrasting themes such as walking in the light instead of darkness, truth versus lies and deception, loving God more than loving the world, and the meaning of true fellowship and community rather than shallowness. This 7-session study not only reveals the heart of John but also the heart of Jesus. A great addition to The Living Room Series, this study includes recipes and a more relational approach.*

**Wonderstruck: Awaken to the Nearness of God** by Margaret Feinberg

*In Wonderstruck, Margaret invites you to toss back the covers, climb out of bed, and drink in the fullness of life. Learn to unearth the extraordinary moments in every day life, recognize the presence of God in the midst of your routine, and discover peace in knowing you're wildly loved. You'll find it is possible to regain the missing spark of mystery in the day-to-day. Winsome yet compelling, whimsical yet profound, the stories from Wonderstruck will inspire you to fall in love anew with God.*

# **MEN, WOMEN or MIXED**

## **The 2:7 Series, Book 1 - Growing Strong in God's Family**

*This first book in The 2:7 Series is designed to help you build a strong foundation for your Christian life through enriching Bible study, Scripture memory, and group interaction. With its biblical and practical approach to discipleship, this workbook will yield long-term, life-changing results, such as:*

- *A closer relationship with God*
- *A keener sense of priorities*
- *Renewed concern for non-Christian friends*
- *A growing camaraderie within your study group*

## **The 2:7 Series, Book 2 - Deepening Your Roots in God's Family**

*When a tree takes root, it's not long before the action is mirrored above ground. It's the same way with people. The deeper you root your life in Christ, the stronger you'll become. In this 2:7 Series Bible study, you'll first learn how to make Christ the Lord of your life. Then you'll discover how easy it is to branch out by reviewing your spiritual life and sharing it with others. Recently updated, The 2:7 Series focuses on having a more relational relationship with God. Now with more room to write answers and journal, your course in personal discipleship just went deeper.*

## **30 Days to Understanding the Bible by Anders**

*Understand the Bible in 30 Days introduces you to key Bible characters, places, and events in chronological order so that you can "think your way through" the entire Word of God. Through interesting, memory-enhancing exercises, Understand the Bible in 30 Days acquaints readers with the core teachings of Scripture in just 15 minutes a day!*

## **THE BIBLE SAVVY STUDY (4 Book Study)**

**Epic: The Storyline of the Bible (Book 1 of the Bible Savvy Study)** by James L. Nicodem  
*How does the Bible fit together? Trying to make sense of it all is a tall task. There are so many different people and places and events comprising so many different stories, it makes one's head spin. In this helpful book, pastor James Nicodem helps you make sense of the Bible with one simple revelation: It is not dozens of separate stories but rather one single story. Nicodem guides the reader across the high points of the story so it becomes easy to see how it all fits together. All those stories and poems and lessons make up the greatest epic tale in history, a story with a single theme: redemption.*

## **Foundation: The Reliability of the Bible (Book 2 of the Bible Savvy Study)** by James L. Nicodem

*Can the Bible be trusted? Do we even know where it came from or how it got to us? What makes this book so special? People wonder about questions like these, and there are answers to be found. Pastor James Nicodem provides the concise and concrete answers we need to these questions about the trustworthiness of the Bible. He explains foundational doctrines, such as inspiration and revelation, and offers a clear account of the history of our modern Bible.*

*Perfect for believers at any stage, questioners, or skeptics. Foundation provides a firm and trustworthy base upon which we can stand in our belief of the Bible.*

**Context: How to Understand the Bible (Book 3 of the Bible Savvy Study)** by James L. Nicodem

*How do we understand a book as complex as the Bible? History, laws, poetry, prophecy, apocalypse, letters (or epistles)...and all of it written thousands of years ago! In this uncomplicated, clarifying book, Pastor Jim Nicodem explains how to accurately interpret a Bible passage by unpacking its various contexts. Start with its historical setting: author, recipient, date, and purpose. Then determine its literary genre: law, narrative, prophecy, poetry, gospel, or epistle. Finally, identify the key theological issues. Sound difficult? Not once you employ the simple study tools other book includes. Perfect for everyone, from first-time Bible readers to Bible study leaders. Context is a wonderful tool to help with basic Bible reading or more in-depth study.*

**Walk: How to Apply the Bible (Book 4 of the Bible Savvy Study)** by James L. Nicodem

*What does it mean to follow the teaching of the Bible? "The Bible says..." is a common enough refrain for Christians deciding how to live or what to do. But even if we know what the Bible says, that doesn't make it easy to follow--especially in an age that often disparages the Bible. With pointed teaching and motivation from the Bible itself, pastor James Nicodem encourages us in this difficult but vitally important challenge. Using the COMA (Context, Observation, Message, Application) structure, he offers helpful and understandable teaching on how a Christian can learn to walk out what the Bible teaches. Perfect for believers at any stage, Walk is a wonderful inspiration and guide for those seeking to follow Jesus, honor God, and walk in the way of the Word.*

**The Book of Galatians** with Kyle Idleman

*In depth study of the Book of Galatians.*

**The Book of James** with Francis Chan

*In depth study of the Book of James.*

**Chazown** by Craig Groeschel

*Tired of living half a life—or even a waking nightmare? Struggling to find meaning in a job you don't like? Facing graduation or mid-life changes in a faltering economy? Wishing you could rekindle a dream you gave up long ago?*

*It's time to get your vision checked!*

*In this practical, energizing guide, pastor and author Craig Groeschel shows how to live life fully by finding, naming, and achieving your unique, God-given goal. The secret: knowing your chazown, a Hebrew word for "vision," "dream," or "revelation."*

**Community: Starting Well in Your Small Group** by Andy Stanley

*Community is a way for new small groups to grow together, and for churches to introduce people to groups. In this eight-session, video-based study, specifically designed for launching new small groups well, you'll explore how building deep relationships with the people in your small group and serving in the larger community around you will grow your faith. You'll learn why your unique story matters...to God and to the people you do life with.*

### **A Contrarian's Guide to Knowing God** by Larry Osbourne

*This practical guide speaks to those who are weary of formulaic faith or who are haunted by nagging doubts about the church, as well as those who find the traditional spiritual disciplines impractical or even agonizing because of their personal wiring. Easy to read but filled with challenging ideas, this book provides a spiritual foundation for pastors and teachers, committed Christians, and anyone interested in discovering God for themselves but wary of predictable paths.*

### **Cost of Discipleship** by Bonhoeffer

*What can the call to discipleship, the adherence to the word of Jesus, mean today to the businessman, the soldier, the laborer, or the aristocrat? What did Jesus mean to say to us? What is his will for us today? Drawing on the Sermon on the Mount, Dietrich Bonhoeffer answers these timeless questions by providing a seminal reading of the dichotomy between "cheap grace" and "costly grace." "Cheap grace," Bonhoeffer wrote, "is the grace we bestow on ourselves...grace without discipleship.... Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock.... It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."*

### **Crazy Love, Overwhelmed by a Relentless God** by Francis Chan

*It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe—the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you've verbalized it yet or not, we all know something's wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts—it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.*

### **Daring to Draw Near** by John White

*Prayers are windows--windows on eternity. Through the prayers in the Bible we look into the profoundest issues of life and death, and the deepest longings of our own hearts. And we learn about the God to whom we pray, the one who wants to talk with us, the one who takes the initiative in our relationship with him. In this classic book on prayer, John White helps us listen to Abraham plead for Sodom and Gomorrah. We watch Jacob wrestle with the Angel of the Lord. We hear David confess his sin. We also see him dance before the ark of the covenant. We hear Hannah ask for a child. Finally, John White shows how Jesus' prayers on the cross present a model for facing our last hours as well. The ten prayers in this book will take you near to the holy one of the universe, the personal God of each person in the world.*

### **The Deity Formerly Known as God** by Jarrett Stevens

*'I do not want my image of God. I want God.' ---C. S. Lewis Like Lewis, Jarrett Stevens wants to truly know and experience God, not some distorted and destructive image of the Almighty formed over the years. With wry humor and profound insights, Stevens searches to align his broken images of God with the images of God found in the Bible. Attempting to recapture the spirit of J. B. Phillips' classic, *Your God Is Too Small*, Stevens addresses various assumptions we have about God and sorts through twelve different views of God---six*

*destructive and six constructive. God is not, for instance, the cop around the corner waiting to catch you breaking the law. Neither is he a talent show judge, wincing as you struggle through life. What if those destructive images we've shaped were replaced with more positive ones---a neighbor you can call for help in the dead of night ... or a tired-eyed father waiting for his child to return home safely? These images come straight from Jesus' teachings and invite us into a new experience with the true and living God.*

### **Divine Direction** by Craig Groeschell

*Divine Direction will help you seek wisdom through seven principles. You'll consider one thing to stop that's hindering you; how to start a new habit to re-direct your path; where you should stay committed; and when you should go even if it's easier to stay. The book also includes criteria that will help you feel confident in the right choice, and encourages you with principles for trusting God with your decisions.*

### **Encounters with Jesus** by Timothy Keller

*The people who met Jesus Christ in person faced the same big life questions we face today. Like most of us, the answers handed down to them didn't seem to work in the real world. But when they met Jesus, things immediately started to change for them. It seems he not only had the answers—he was the answer. In Encounters with Jesus, Timothy Keller shows how the central events and meetings in Jesus' life can change our own lives forever.*

### **The End of Me** by Kyle Idleman

*Are you sometimes perplexed with Jesus's teaching? Do you really want what he wants? Bestselling author Kyle Idleman reveals that the key to the abundant life Jesus promised lies in embracing His inside-out way of life.*

*As he examines Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, Kyle unpacks the many counter-intuitive truths, including: brokenness is the way to wholeness, mourning is the path to blessing, and emptiness is required in order to know true fullness. Ultimately you will discover how Jesus transforms you as you begin to live out these paradoxical principles. Because only when you come to the end of yourself can you begin to experience the full, blessed, and whole life Jesus offers.*

### **Ephesians** by J.D. Grear

*Has it ever dawned on you that nothing has ever dawned on God? He knew before the world began that His people would face hardship, so He gave us His Word. The Book of Ephesians is a survival manual—it equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle writes to encourage believers to live well—we've been lifted from the graveyard of sin and called to shout the gospel into the darkened world.*

*Pastor and author J.D. Greear walks through the powerful words of Paul. In 9 sessions, J.D. digs into the text of Ephesians verse-by-verse and challenges believers to live out the gospel.*

### **Finding Faith in the Dark** by Laurie Short

*Can we trust a God who gives us different answers than we pray for? Who only fully reveals himself when we look back? Who lets us walk in darkness for months (and sometimes years) at a time? In Finding Faith in the Dark, Laurie Short says yes, and through her story and the stories of others, she reveals a God who is able to transform the dark chapters of our lives into opportunities of grace. Maybe you've been there:*

- *The husband or wife you stayed faithful to had an affair*
- *The death of a spouse or child has torn your heart*

- *A diagnosis has taken away your health, your plans and your future*

*When these things happen, we are left wondering "Where is that God who promises to answer our prayers if we trust in Him? Why isn't my life turning out the way I hoped, let alone how I had planned?" If you are, or have ever been, in that place, this book is for you. And more than helping you find your way out, this book will help you find your way through that place.*

**First Principles (SERIES)** by Jeff Reed

*This is the first book in a set of books from the First Principles Series. Book One covers the beginnings of personal faith and carefully lays a firm foundation for growth. Both new and seasoned believers will benefit from its clear teaching. It starts or re-energizes the participants in growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*

**Following God, Life Principles from the Old Testament** by W. Barber, E. Rasnake, R. Shepherd

*David as a young man anointed as king over Israel... Josiah, the "boy king"... Nehemiah leads the people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem... These men and others are Old Testament examples of leadership qualities we can all learn from today. Both the good and the bad are examined in-depth to show insights in Following God's Life Principles from the Kings of the Old Testament. As part of the following God's Character Studies", this workbook study contains twelve lessons on men whose lives God worked to shape and teach others in Israel, in Judah, and for future generations who read God's Word.*

**Following God, Life Principles from the Prophets of the Old Testament** by W. Barber, E. Rasnake, R. Shepherd

*This book is the Fourth in a series of books designed to provide a personal look at the lives of key characters found in the Bible. The theme Following God is one that emphasizes the importance of building a relationship with God, living a life totally surrendered to His leading. Examples are giving of those who receive blessing from a surrendered walk with God as well those who did not follow His direction. This Bible study is designed in an interactive format, incorporating important scriptural points of interest. Other features include a look at the characters mentioned from a historical perspective, as well as interesting facts, about the time these characters lived.*

**Forgotten God** by Francis Chan

*In the name of the Father, the Son, and ... the Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of all three, but how often do we live with an awareness of only the first two? As Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit-the Helper-so that we could be true and living witnesses for Christ. Unfortunately, today's church has admired the gift but neglected to open it. Breakthrough author Francis Chan rips away paper and bows to get at the true source of the church's power-the Holy Spirit. Chan contends that we've ignored the Spirit for far too long, and we are reaping the disastrous results. Thorough scriptural support and compelling narrative form Chan's invitation to stop and remember the One we've forgotten, the Spirit of the living God.*

**Friendship with God, Developing Intimacy with God, Walking with God Series** by D. Cousins & J. Poling

*“Well, I go to church, but I wouldn’t describe God as my best friend.” “I want to feel closer to God, but I’m not sure how to get there.” Can you hear yourself in these statements? Do you know others who would? If so, this study is a great place to learn that God is a friend worth having. You’ll discover in a fresh way the God who loves you. You’ll see how he has sought you out, and that he really desires to know you as a friend. You’ll also learn the basic tools for two-way communication with God. This study is the foundation for all the other lessons in the Walking with God series—and can be the beginning of a vital walk with God for you.*

**The Incomparable Christ** by John Stott

*Sorting through the numerous books of recent years, you may find yourself lost in a thicket of viewpoints, some troubling to faith, some puzzling to the intellect. But John Stott, one of the outstanding evangelical voices of the last half century, offers in *The Incomparable Christ* an enriching vision of Jesus that defies measurement. In this newly Americanized, paperback edition Stott invites you to view Jesus from four perspectives: *The Original Jesus: How the New Testament witnesses to Jesus in the Gospels, Acts and the Letters* *The Ecclesiastical Jesus: How the church has presented Jesus historically, from Justin Martyr, Benedict and Anselm, to Thomas À Kempis, Martin Luther and Thomas Jefferson, to Gustavo Guitiérrez, N. T. Wright, and the Edinburgh and Lausanne missionary confessions of the twentieth century* *The Influential Jesus: How people from St. Francis to Tolstoy, from Gandhi to Roland Allen, from Father Damien to William Wilberforce have taken inspiration from him* *The Eternal Jesus: How he continually challenges today’s men and women through ten visions from the book of Revelation* This is the Jesus who is like no other—worthy of your worship, your confession and your obedience as you follow him into the future.*

**The Incomparable Jesus, Experiencing the Power of Christ, Walking with God (SERIES)** by D. Cousins & J. Poling

*No one has been like Jesus in all of history. The work and words of God all center in him—from the prophecies that foreshadowed him, to his miraculous birth, to his unparalleled teaching, to his resurrection and ascension into heaven. Through an inductive study of Matthew 1–15 and other material, you’ll discover the wonder and majesty as well as the tenderness and compassion of Jesus. This workbook can be used with the next book in the Walking with God series, “Follow Me!” as a two-part study on the life of Christ. You’ll cover all of Matthew and the entire life of Christ on earth—and profoundly deepen your knowledge and experience of the matchless Forgiver and King named Jesus.*

**The Jesus I Never Knew** by Philip Yancey

*“There is no writer in the evangelical world that I admire and appreciate more.” Billy Graham Philip Yancey helps reveal what two thousand years of history covered up What happens when a respected Christian journalist decides to put his preconceptions aside and take a long look at the Jesus described in the Gospels? How does the Jesus of the New Testament compare to the “new, rediscovered” Jesus—or even the Jesus we think we know so well? Philip Yancey offers a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work—his teachings, his miracles, his death and resurrection—and ultimately, who he was and why he came. From the manger in Bethlehem to the cross in Jerusalem, Yancey presents a complex character who generates questions as well as answers; a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to radically transform your life and stretch your faith. *The Jesus I Never Knew* uncovers a Jesus*

who is brilliant, creative, challenging, fearless, compassionate, unpredictable, and ultimately satisfying. “No one who meets Jesus ever stays the same,” says Yancey. “Jesus has rocked my own preconceptions and has made me ask hard questions about why those of us who bear his name don’t do a better job of following him.”

### **Jesus Is** by Judah Smith

*Judah Smith digs deep to answer the most common and the most difficult questions about Jesus, a man so few understand and so many desperately need. In Jesus Is, Judah Smith explores a number of topics that reveal Jesus’ purpose for coming, what He accomplished while He was here, and what that means for us.*

*Jesus is greatly revered, harshly criticized, and sorely misunderstood. Judah breaks down who Jesus is and explains to readers how understanding Jesus more fully will not only enrich their lives, but also give them meaning, as well as save them. The 8-week Jesus Is Participant’s Guide, intended for use with the DVD-based study of the same title, will help participants discover how to have a deeper, lasting relationship with Jesus, and to commune with and grow in Him. Judah will show you that Jesus is more than a good teacher, more than an inspiring leader. He is the point of all life.*

### **Joseph, A Man of Integrity & Forgiveness** (SERIES) by Charles R. Swindoll

*Charles Swindoll reveals to us a man buffeted with the same kinds of problems we face today, whose tenacious faith in God ultimately won him great honor and achievement. No family today is more dysfunctional than Joseph’s was. No one faces greater temptation than that which Potiphar’s wife offered Joseph. No faith is challenged more severely than was Joseph’s on death row. Yet Joseph stood firm, exemplifying what is possible when ordinary people maintain their connections with God. Like an epic novel filled with intrigue, tension, and torrential emotions, Joseph’s triumphant story touches us all. Great Lives: Joseph presents a fresh look at one of the most intriguing characters in the Old Testament and focuses on the virtue of forgiveness in the face of deceit and betrayal.*

### **Life Is** by Judah Smith

*Judah Smith believes Jesus shows us how to live life to the fullest. In this follow-up to his New York Times and USA Today bestseller Jesus Is \_\_\_\_\_, Judah completes the new sentence again and again, revealing how*

- *Life is to be loved and to love.*
- *Life is to trust God in every moment.*
- *Life is to be at peace with God and yourself.*

· *Life is to enjoy God. Judah writes as a friend, welcoming new believers, lifelong followers of Jesus, and even the merely curious. He shows us the love of God that defies human logic and the life that God intends for us to have in the here and now. With excitement and humor, Judah looks at the stories in the Bible from his unique angle and shows how life is all about loving God and loving others*

### **Mere Christianity** by C.S. Lewis

*In the classic Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis, the most important writer of the 20th century, explores the common ground upon which all of those of Christian faith stand together. Bringing together Lewis’ legendary broadcast talks during World War Two from his three previous books*

*The Case for Christianity, Christian Behavior, and Beyond Personality, Mere Christianity provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear this powerful apologetic for the Christian faith.*

**Moses, A Man of Selfless Dedication** by Charles R. Swindoll

*Was he the sleek-and-trim, fun loving animated man in *The Prince of Egypt* or the handsome, strong-hearted, superstar played by Charlton Heston in *The Ten Commandments*? The most likely answer is "neither." The Bible gives a much more accurate picture of the Moses God used in such remarkable ways, Charles Swindoll paints a portrait of the biblical Moses in this fascinating look into the heart and mind of Moses: *A Man of Selfless Dedication*. Swindoll gives us straight facts based squarely on the truth revealed in God's Word. He also fills in the fine-line details of Moses' life with emotion and feeling, because Moses, like all of us, was a human being with faults and frailties. And finally, Swindoll helps us apply the lessons of Moses' life to our own daily dilemmas. When you face your personal Red Sea test, will you be prepared? Your decision to go forward in life instead of retreating will be bolstered by your having studied the real Moses of the Bible? the Moses who tried to decline his assignment from God; the Moses who dazzled Pharaoh; the Moses who received the Ten Commandments; the Moses who was sometimes disobedient and weak; the Moses who was the greatest leader of God's people in all of history; the Moses of faith and selfless dedication to his God.*

**Multiply** by Francis Chan

*Jesus gave his followers a command: "Follow me." And a promise: "And I will equip you to find others to follow me." We were made to make disciples. Designed for use in discipleship relationships and other focused settings, *Multiply* will equip you to carry out Jesus's ministry. Each of the twenty-four sessions in the book corresponds with an online video at [www.multiplymovement.com](http://www.multiplymovement.com), where New York Times bestselling author David Platt joins Francis in guiding you through each part of *Multiply*.*

*One plus one plus one. Every copy of *Multiply* is designed to do what Jesus did: make disciples who make disciples who make disciples.... Until the world knows the truth of Jesus Christ.*

**Not a Fan** by Kyle Idleman

*Are you a follower of Jesus? Don't answer too quickly. In fact, you may want to read this book before you answer at all. Consider it a "Define the Relationship" conversation to determine exactly where you stand. You may indeed be a passionate, fully devoted follower of Jesus. Or, you may be just a fan who admires Jesus but isn't ready to let him cramp your style. Then again, maybe you're not into Jesus, period. In any case, don't take the question—Are you a follower of Jesus?—lightly. Some people don't know what they've said yes to and other people don't realize what they've said no to, says Pastor Kyle Idleman. But Jesus is ready to clearly define the relationship he wants with his followers.*

*Not a Fan* calls you to consider the demands and rewards of being a true disciple. With frankness sprinkled with humor, Idleman invites you to live the way Jesus lived, love the way he loved, pray the way he prayed, and never give up living for the One who gave his all for you.

### **Paul, A Man of Grace & Grit** by Charles R. Swindoll

*The apostle Paul. The converted terrorist, inspired author, amazing teacher, and patient mentor. This colossal figure strode boldly onto the stage of the first-century world and left an indelible signature of greatness never to be forgotten. His life? Magnificent! And his ministry? Impressive. While assigned sainthood by some today, by his own description he was "the chief of all sinners." No other person in the Bible, aside from Christ Himself, had a more profound influence on his world and ours than Paul.*

*He was a man of real grit, with a firmness of mind and spirit and unyielding courage in the face of personal hardship and danger. Tough, tenacious, and fiercely relentless, Paul pursued his divine mission with unflinching resolve. And God used him mightily to turn the world upside down for Christ in his generation.*

*But Paul's message and his style were also marked by gentle grace. This man, who tormented and killed the saints of God, understood and explained grace better than any of his contemporaries. Why? Because he never got over his own gratitude as a recipient of it. God's super-abounding grace transformed this once-violent aggressor into a humble-but-powerful spokesman for Christ. A man with that much grit desperately needed that much grace.*

### **Paul for Everyone (SERIES)** by Tom Wright

*Making use of his scholar's understanding, yet writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Tom Wright captures the verve and sparkle of these letters. Paul wrote the letters while in prison facing possible death, but their passion and energy are undimmed. They reveal Paul's longing to see young churches grow in faith and understanding, rooted in Jesus himself, and to see this faith worked out in practice. Wright's stimulating comments are combined with his own fresh and inviting translation of the text.*

*Tom Wright has undertaken a tremendous task: to provide guides to all the books of the New Testament, and to include in them his own translation of the entire text. Each short passage is followed by a highly readable discussion, with background information, useful explanations and suggestions, and thoughts as to how the text can be relevant to our lives today. A glossary is included at the back of the book. The series is suitable for group study, personal study, or daily devotions.*

### **The Purpose Driven Life** by Rick Warren

*You are not an accident. Even before the universe was created, God had you in mind, and he planned you for his purposes. These purposes will extend far beyond the few years you will spend on earth. You were made to last forever! Self-help books often suggest that you try to discover the meaning and purpose of your life by looking within yourself, but Rick Warren says that is the wrong place to start. You must begin with God, your Creator, and his reasons for creating you. You were made by God and for God, and until you understand that, life will never make sense. This book will help you understand why you are alive and God's amazing plan for you---both here and now, and for eternity. Rick Warren will guide you through a personal 40-day spiritual journey that will transform your answer to life's most important question: What on earth am I here for? Knowing God's purpose for creating you will reduce your stress, focus your energy, simplify your decisions, give meaning to your life, and, most importantly, prepare you for eternity. The Purpose Driven Life is a blueprint for Christian living in the 21st century---a lifestyle based on God's eternal purposes, not cultural values. Using over 1,200 scriptural quotes and references, it challenges the conventional definitions of worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism. In the tradition of Oswald Chambers, Rick Warren offers distilled*

wisdom on the essence of what life is all about. This is a book of hope and challenge that you will read and re-read, and it will be a classic treasured by generations to come.

### **The Pursuit of God** by A.W. Tozer

*To have found God and still to pursue Him is a paradox of love, scorned indeed by the too-easily-satisfied religious person, but justified in happy experience by the children of the burning heart. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux stated this holy paradox in a musical four-line poem that will be instantly understood by every worshipping soul:*

*We taste Thee, O Thou Living Bread,  
And long to feast upon Thee still:  
We drink of Thee, the Fountainhead  
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.*

*Come near to the holy men and women of the past and you will soon feel the heat of their desire after God. Let A. W. Tozer's pursuit of God spur you also into a genuine hunger and thirst to truly know God.*

### **Romans For You** by Tim Keller

*I have always believed that at the heart of Romans 8 you have the secret to really using the gospel in your heart to change yourself in a profound way. - Tim Keller*

*Join Dr Timothy Keller as he opens up the second half of the book of Romans, beginning in chapter 8, helping you to get to grips with its meaning and showing how it transforms our hearts and lives today.*

*Combining a close attention to the detail of the text with Timothy Keller's trademark gift for clear explanation and compelling insights, this resource will both engage your mind and stir your heart.*

### **Spiritual Discipleship** by J Oswald Sanders

*As J. Oswald Sanders points out, true discipleship is more than intellectual assent to a belief in Christ; it involves the whole person and lifestyle.*

*True disciples pursue their Master. They know that God is watching over their faith, but they also take Scripture's command seriously: "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you." They take pains, by His power, to look more and more like Jesus.*

*This book will help you to be such a disciple. It examines Jesus' teaching on what it means to follow Him, helping you become the kind of Christian Jesus wants you to be—not one devised by man or even other Christians. You'll learn:*

- *The profile of an ideal disciple*
- *Conditions for discipleship*
- *The tests that disciples endure*
- *How disciples pray and grow*
- *The posture and practices of a disciple*
- *And more*

## **Starting Point, A Conversation About Faith** by Andy Stanley

*Everything has a starting point—your life, your relationships, your education, your career.*

*Sometimes we forget that faith has a starting point as well. For some of us, our faith journeys began in childhood as a set of beliefs handed to us by a parent, teacher, or pastor. Maybe you developed a framework of faith based on personal experience. Or maybe you had no faith at all. Too often, a faith formed in childhood isn't strong enough to withstand the pressures of adult life.*

*But what if you could find a new starting point for faith?*

*Welcome to Starting Point – an 8-session small group conversation about faith (DVD/digital video sold separately). Whether you're new to faith, curious about God, or coming back to church after some time away, it's a place where your opinions and beliefs are valued, and no question is off limits.*

*During the eight sessions, you will:*

- *Use this Starting Point Conversation Guide to reflect on central questions of faith and life.*
- *Watch the video component each week in preparation or as part of the discussion.*
- *Explore and share what you're learning with other people in a conversational environment.*

## **Stuck** by Jennie Allen

*So many of us live stuck. Stuck in trying to seem perfect. Stuck in sadness. Stuck feeling numb. Stuck pursuing more stuff to make us happy. Stuck in something we can't even name. These stuck places often go unattended inside of us and they are shaping our lives more than we would like to think. We've been trying to fix this feeling with everything but...*

**God.** *He has a plan for these spaces inside of us, the places we feel broken, but we have to go to Him. Stuck is a journey to take an honest look at the fight going on inside, leading us to the God who has a plan to restore it, to restore us.*

*The eight lessons in this study guide are simple and interactive, offering projects, stories, and Bible study to dig into Scripture, to deeply engage the mind and heart. Because as we realize that our stuck places are the very places that make us ache for God, we find Him waiting there for us with hope and freedom.*

## **Thriving in Babylon** by Larry Osbourne

*Meet a man forced to live in a fast changing and godless society. He faced fears about the future, concern for his safety, and the discouragement of world that seemed to be falling apart at warp speed. Sound familiar? His name was Daniel, and with the power of hope, humility, and wisdom, he not only thrived, he changed an empire while he was at it. Though he lived thousands of years ago, he has a much to teach us today.*

*Even in Babylon, God Is in Control*

*In Thriving in Babylon, Larry Osborne explores the "adult" story of Daniel to help us not only survive – but actually thrive in an increasingly godless culture. Here Pastor Osborne looks at:*

- *Why panic and despair are never from God*
- *What true optimism looks like*

- *How humility disarms even our greatest of enemies*
- *Why respect causes even those who will have nothing to do with God to listen*
- *How wisdom can snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat*

*For those who know Jesus and understand the full implications of the cross, the resurrection, and the promises of Jesus, everything changes – not only in us, but also in our world.*

### **Traveling Light** by Max Lucado

*Weary travelers. You've seen them -- everything they own crammed into their luggage. Staggering through terminals and hotel lobbies with overstuffed suitcases, trunks, duffels, and backpacks.*

*Backs ache. Feet burn. Eyelids droop. We've all seen people like that. At times, we are people like that -- if not with our physical luggage, then at least with our spiritual load. We all lug loads we were never intended to carry. Fear. Worry. Discontent. No wonder we get so weary. We're worn out from carrying that excess baggage. Wouldn't it be nice to lose some of those bags? That's the invitation of Max Lucado. With the Twenty-third Psalm as our guide, let's release some of the burdens we were never intended to bear. Using these verses as a guide, Max Lucado walks us through a helpful inventory of our burdens. May God use this Psalm to remind you to release the burdens you were never meant to bear.*

Anything by:

C.S. Lewis

Tim Keller

Beth Moore

Kelly Minter

# MARRIAGE

## **2 Becoming 1** by Don Meredith

*Don and Sally Meredith's groundbreaking Two Becoming One has transformed and strengthened hundreds of thousands of marriages over the past three decades. For couples wanting to get the most from the Two Becoming One study, we highly recommend reading this book along with the workbook. Couples will learn how to eliminate sources of conflict and put Christ at the center of their marriage. They will also learn the definition of the divine purpose of marriage and God's faith-based principles for oneness. There's also practical advice for how to build marital intimacy and how to move from a performance-based to a faith-based relationship*

## **Love After Marriage** by Joel Caldwell

*The idea of Love After Marriage is to look at each of the few issues that have led to marital difficulties and divorce; to help couples proactively protect and grow their marriages.*

## **Love and Respect** by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs

*Reveals the secret to couples meeting each other's deepest needs--without love she reacts without respect, and without respect he reacts without love, and a painful, negative cycle begins.*

## **Meaning of Marriage** by Tim Keller

*Modern culture would have you believe that everyone has a soul mate; that romance is the most important part of a successful marriage; that your spouse is there to help you realize your potential; that marriage does not mean forever, but merely for now; and that starting over after a divorce is the best solution to seemingly intractable marriage issues. But these modern-day assumptions are wrong. Timothy Keller, with insights from Kathy, his wife of thirty-seven years, shows marriage to be a glorious relationship that is also misunderstood and mysterious. The Meaning of Marriage offers instruction on how to have a successful marriage, and is essential reading for anyone who wants to know God and love more deeply in this life.*

## **Mingling of Souls** by Matt Chandler

*Matt Chandler, one of today's leading Christian voices, helps navigate the process Solomon himself followed for Attraction, Courtship, Marriage ... even Arguing. Dive deeper as Matt offers an eternal, counter-intuitive perspective on:*

- *Physical Attraction*
- *Dating vs. Courtship*
- *Navigating the Ups and Downs of Marriage*
- *The Importance and Beauty of Sex*
- *How to Fight Fair*

**You and Me Forever** by Francis Chan

*Marriage is great, but it's not forever. It's until death do us part. Then come eternal rewards or regrets depending on how we spend our lives.*

*In his latest book, Francis Chan joins together with his wife Lisa to address the question many couples wonder at the altar: How do I have a great marriage? Setting aside typical topics on marriage, Francis and Lisa dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls.*

*In the same way Crazy Love changed the way we saw our personal relationship with God, You and Me Forever will radically shift the way we see one of the most important relationships in our life.*

*Jesus was right. We have it all backwards. The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage. Whether you are single, dating or married, You and Me Forever will help you discover the adventure that you were made for and learn how to thrive in it.*

*100% of the net profits from You and Me Forever will go towards providing food, shelter and rehabilitation for thousands of orphaned children and exploited women around the world.*

# **FINANCE**

## **Financial Peace University** by Dave Ramsey

*Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson, money-management class taught by America's most trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. And now you can experience this life-changing class the way that's best for you: with other people in a local group, online at your own pace or both!*

## **Compass**

*This nine week small group study teaches individuals God's perspective of managing money and possessions. It will provide the practical applications of handling finances, and really gets to the heart of the matter.*

## **Love & Money** by Brightpeak

*We believe that money is more than just a numbers game. Being successful requires an understanding of how our cultural, spiritual, behavioral, emotional and practical dimensions influence our relationship with money.*

*We call this "Knowing Your Story" and it's the first step towards gaining financial strength.*