

# Literature List

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The Servant Heart Emmaus Community would like to offer you a list of books for your discipleship journey.

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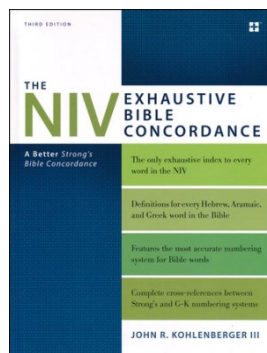


## SHEW Recommended Reading List

*The journey to discipleship is not a journey that we take alone. There are many who are walking with us. All of us occasionally need some help along the way as we continue to move into a deeper relationship with Christ. This reading list has been compiled to help you along the way. Please let us know if you find this list helpful or if you have some suggestions that might be meaningful to others in the community.*

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## ~ Bible Study ~

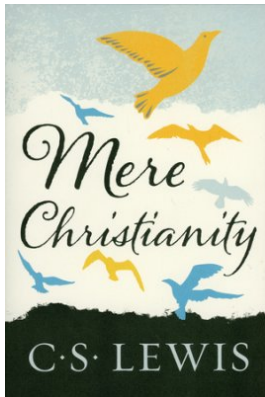


### **The NIV Exhaustive Bible Concordance (2015) ZONDERVAN - John R. Kohlenberger, III**

Along with exhaustive indexing of every word of the NIV, this third edition features the Goodrick-Kohlenberger numbering system, eliminating gaps, flaws, and inaccuracies of the classic Strong's numbers. Cross-references to Strong's enable compatibility with other reference works. This edition has definitions for every Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek word in the Bible and is solidified by computer-verified accuracy.

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## ~ Apologetics ~

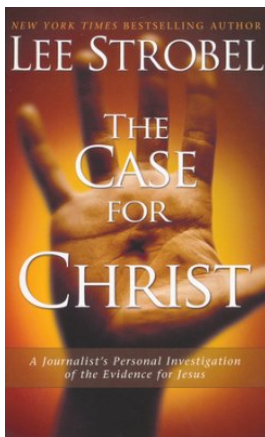


### **Mere Christianity (2001)**

**HARPERONE - C.S. Lewis**

Arguably the 20th century's most influential Christian writer, C.S. Lewis sought to explain and defend the beliefs that nearly all Christians at all times hold in common. His simple yet deeply profound classic, originally delivered as a series of radio broadcasts, is a book to be thoroughly digested by believers and generously shared with skeptics.

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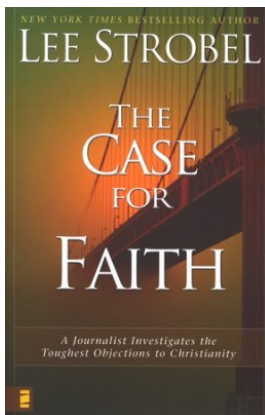


### **The Case For Christ (1998)**

**ZONDERVAN - Lee Strobel**

A seasoned journalist chases down the biggest story on record in *The Case for Christ*. Retracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, former Chicago Tribune legal editor Lee Strobel cross-examines a dozen experts with tough, point-blank questions in search of credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth was positively the Son of God. This riveting quest for the truth about history's most compelling figure reads like a captivating, fast-paced novel, yet it's anything but fiction! An ideal paperback for skeptics!

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### **The Case For Faith (2000)**

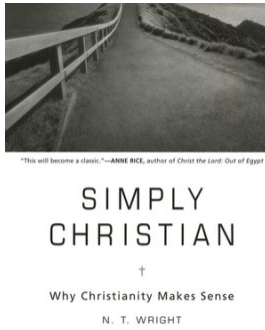
**ZONDERVAN - Lee Strobel**

Skeptics of Christianity are everywhere, boldly asking tough questions in order to disprove the faith. Doubt no more! Get your hands on *The Case for Faith* and take heart! Author Lee Strobel, a journalist, investigated the toughest objections to Christianity and found solid answers. Whatever intellectual or emotional objections one has to the Christian faith are directly refuted by Strobel's honest and thorough discoveries.

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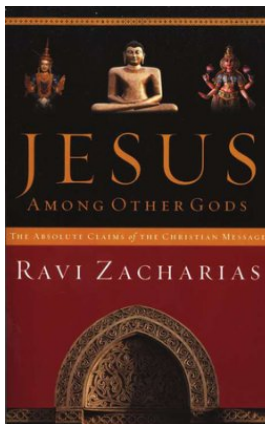
### **Simply Christian (2011)**



## ZONDERVAN - N.T. Wright

Why is justice fair? Why are so many people pursuing spirituality? Why do we crave relationship? And why is beauty so beautiful? N. T. Wright argues that each of these questions takes us into the mystery of who God is and what he wants from us. For two thousand years Christianity has claimed to answer these mysteries, and this renowned biblical scholar and Anglican bishop shows that it still does today. Like C. S. Lewis did in his classic *Mere Christianity*, Wright makes the case for Christian faith from the ground up, assuming that the reader is starting from ground zero with no predisposition to and perhaps even some negativity toward religion in general and Christianity in particular. His goal is to describe Christianity in as simple and accessible, yet hopefully attractive and exciting, a way as possible, both to say to outsiders "You might want to look at this further," and to say to insiders "You may not have quite understood this bit clearly, yet."

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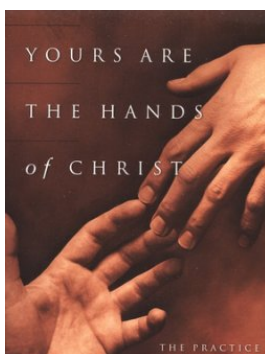
## Jesus Among Other Gods (2002)

### THOMAS NELSON - Ravi Zacharias

No such thing as absolute truth? Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias' work is a brilliant defense of the unique truth of the Christian message. Exposing the futility of Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism, he also highlights his own journey from despair and meaninglessness to the discovery that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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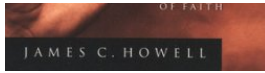
## ~ Discipleship ~



## Yours Are The Hands of Christ (1999)

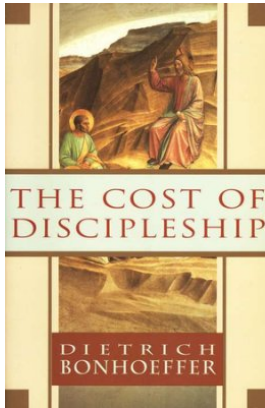
### UPPER ROOM - James C. Howell

Christians long to make a difference in the world as a faithful response to the call of discipleship. *Yours Are the Hands of Christ* helps us find ways to apply our faith in daily life. Written in a lively, personal style, this book takes a fresh look a familiar moments in the life of Jesus and also draws on the lives of



saints through history who are great examples to us of how to be the hands of Christ today.

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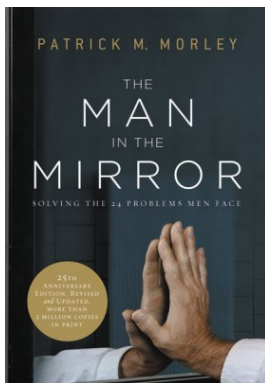


### **The Cost of Discipleship (1995)**

#### **TOUCHSTONE - Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

*The Cost of Discipleship* compels the reader to face himself and God in any situation. Bonhoeffer speaks of "Cheap Grace": preaching forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession. "Cheap Grace" is 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's costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."

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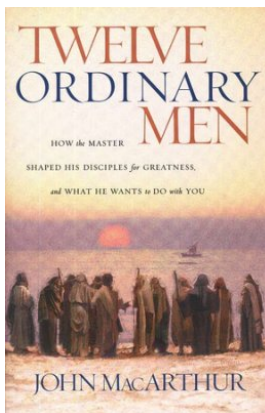


### **The Man in the Mirror (2014)**

#### **ZONDERVAN - Patrick M. Morley**

Identity. Relationships. Money. Integrity. What problems do *you* face? Men grappling with the pressures of everyday life don't need spiritual fluff---they need real answers, and Morley offers them in this revised and updated edition of his bestseller. Learn how to trade the rat race for the rewards of godly manhood! Each chapter includes focus questions.

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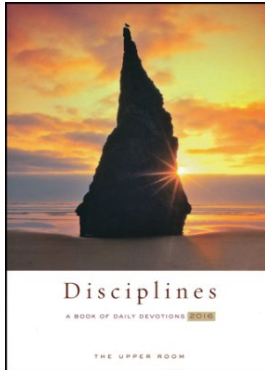
### **Twelve Ordinary Men (2006)**

#### **THOMAS NELSON - John MacArthur**

In John MacArthur's *Twelve Ordinary Men*, you'll discover that contrary to popular belief, we do not have to be perfect to do God's work. Look no further than the twelve disciples whose many weaknesses are forever preserved throughout the pages of the New Testament. Jesus chose ordinary men - fisherman, tax collectors, political zealots - and turned their weakness into strength, producing greatness from utter uselessness. Join MacArthur as he draws principles from Christ's careful, hands-on training of the original twelve disciples for today's modern disciple - you!

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## ~ Devotion ~

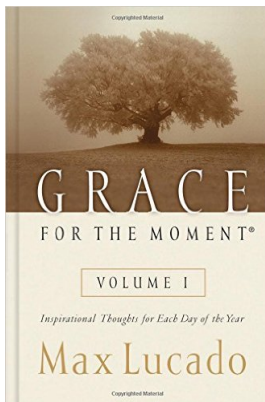


### **Disciplines (2015)**

**UPPER ROOM - Colett Rita**

As surely as your body needs food and water, your spirit needs daily interaction with scripture. Reading scripture every day keeps your relationship with God fresh and alive. The *Upper Room Disciplines 2016* contains simple, one-page devotions from 53 writers that will nurture your spirit daily with a selected Bible reading, a meditation on the reading, and a prayer or suggestion for reflection.

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### **Grace for the Moment (2000)**

**THOMAS NELSON - Max Lucado**

For such a small book, *Grace for the Moment*® has had a major impact on countless lives. With more than 2,500,000 copies sold, this devotional continues to touch lives as it emphasizes the help and hope of God in everyday moments. Each daily reading features devotional writings from Max Lucado's numerous bestsellers as well as a Scripture verse selected especially for that day's reading.

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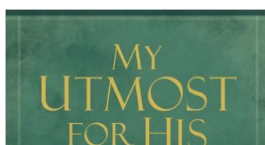


### **A Guide to Prayer for All God's People (1994)**

**UPPER ROOM - Norman Shawchuck**

Enter the Lord's presence in faith, with thanksgiving! Packed with nourishing "food for the soul," this daily devotional provides prayers of invocation, psalms, Scripture readings, reflections, space for personal journaling, and hymns for each day of the year. Each meditation is thematically consistent with the ecumenical *Common Lectionary*. Also includes direction for individual spiritual retreats.

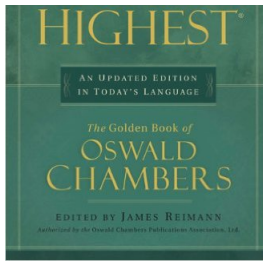
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### **My Utmost for His Highest (1987)**

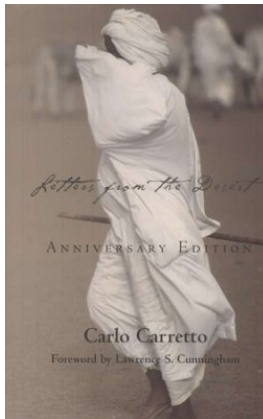
**BARBOUR - Oswald Chambers**

For nearly seventy-five years, countless millions of Christians



the world over have trusted the spiritual companionship of Oswald Chambers's classic daily devotional, *My Utmost for His Highest*. Addressing a wide range of topics, including discipleship, faith, love, and obedience these brief scripture-based readings will draw you into God's presence and form you as a disciple of the Risen Lord. You'll treasure their insight, still fresh and vital, and you'll discover what it means to offer God your very best for His greatest purpose - to truly offer Him your *utmost* for His highest.

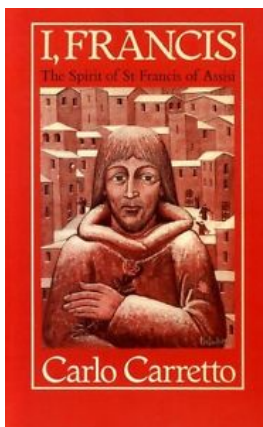
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### **Letters from the Desert (2002)** **ORBIS BOOKS - Carlo Carretto**

At the age of 44, after a prominent career as a Catholic activist, Carlo Carretto was summoned by a voice that said: "Leave everything, come with me into the desert. I don't want your action any longer, I want your prayer, your love." Carretto responded by leaving for North Africa, where he joined the Little Brothers of Jesus and embraced the example of Charles de Foucauld. Among the fruits of Brother Carlo's response was *Letters from the Desert*, the first and most popular of his many books. Its life-affirming message has inspired countless readers in a dozen languages. Simply, it reminds us that in the evening of our lives we will be judged by love.

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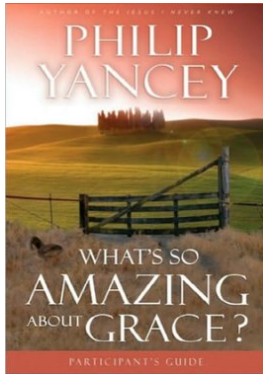


### **I, Francis (1982)** **ORBIS BOOKS - Carlo Carretto**

Carlo Carretto's book on Saint Francis is poetic, spiritual, and instructive. He tells the story with touching simplicity. It is about Francis and his time, but the author keeps one eye ever on our own time--and in spite of the lapse of more than seven centuries, succeeds in drawing for us a lesson both sweet and severe.

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~ Grace ~



### **WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE? (2000)**

**ZONDERVAN - Philip Yancey**

It's one thing to talk about grace; it's another to taste its power. This book takes you and your study group for interactive, gut-level encounters with radical, life-changing grace. Through candid video interviews, Philip Yancey integrates true-life faces and experiences with *10 Powerful Sessions that will rock your pre-conceptions, get you thinking and talking, and help you discover why grace is more amazing than you ever dreamed.*

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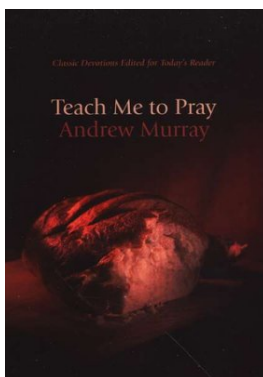
### **Grace: More Than We Deserve, More Than We Imagine (2012)**

**THOMAS NELSON - Max Lucado**

In *Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine*, Max Lucado calls readers back to consider the abundant richness of God's offer. It's an offer to live a changed life, a call to genuine transformation and the courage to see it through. Don't let grace pass you by. When you let it in, it will rock your world, and change your heart.

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## **~ Prayer ~**

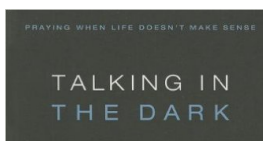


### **Teach Me to Pray (2002)**

**BETHANY HOUSE - Andrew Murray**

Contemporary Christians know that God answers prayer and that praying is important, but most also wish their prayer life could be more effective. Murray instructs readers from Scripture and the life of Jesus that prayer is the root and strength of all work for God, that God intends to answer every prayer, and that prayer is meant to be a way of life. These thirty-one classic meditations, written in 1885, have been edited and clarified for new readers.

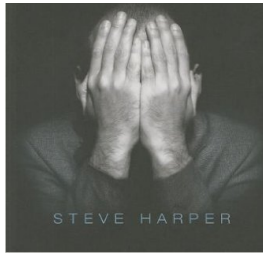
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### **Talking In The Dark (2007)**

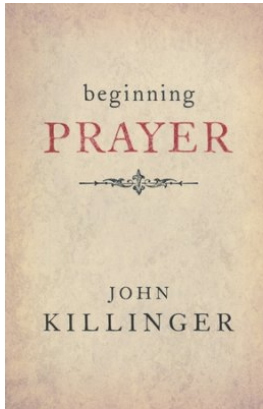
**UPPER ROOM - Steve Harper**

If you're frustrated in your prayer life and wonder whether prayer is



worth the effort, this book is for you. Nothing daunts Harper in this wrangle with God. No doubt, experience or unholy feeling is out of bounds as he considers life and prayer's dark patches. No matter how lost or lonely you feel, he offers assurance.

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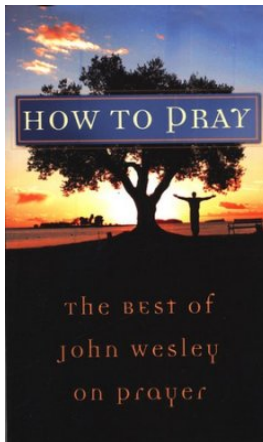


### **Beginning Prayer (2013)**

#### **UPPER ROOM - John Killinger**

The timeless primer *Beginning Prayer* is a simple how-to book designed for the person who is fairly new at prayer. Killinger addresses topics such as the appropriate attitude for prayer, the best time to pray, the best place for prayer, various postures for prayer, and the mood required for prayer. He also introduces readers to twenty-one methods of praying, including the prayer of silence, praying the Lord's Prayer, praying for others, and keeping a prayer journal.

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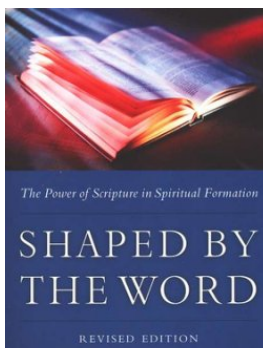
### **How to Pray (2008)**

#### **BARBOUR - John Wesley**

Let John Wesley guide you into a deeper prayer life-these excerpts from his prolific writings will motivate and challenge you to greater communion with God. In approximately 45 readings, Wesley explains the why and how of prayer for believers at any stage of the Christian life. Lightly edited for ease of reading, Wesley's insights are sure to improve the way you pray!

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## ~ Spiritual Growth ~



### **Shaped by the Word (2001)**

#### **UPPER ROOM - M. Robert Mulholland, Jr.**

Here is a new way to read scripture - a way that allows scripture to shape your spiritual life. Learn to

- listen for the voice of God in the Bible,
- move from *informational* reading to *formational* reading of the Bible



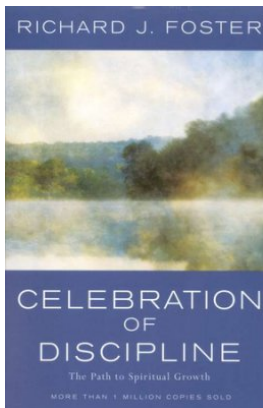


to formational reading of the Bible,

- give up "control" over the text and let God lead your reading and understanding.

This kind of meditation on the Word can bring you to a more vibrant relationship with God. Only through such formational reading of the Bible will you find yourself shaped by the Word.

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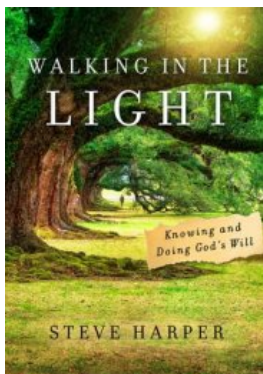


### **Celebration of Discipline (1998)**

**HARPERONE - Richard J. Foster**

In the twenty years since its publication, *Celebration of Discipline* has helped over a million seekers discover a richer spiritual life infused with joy, peace, and a deeper understanding of God. For this special twentieth anniversary edition, Richard J. Foster has added an introduction, in which he shares the story of how this beloved and enduring spiritual guidebook came to be.

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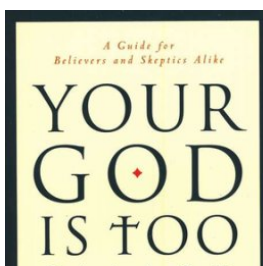


### **Walking in the Light (2014)**

**UPPER ROOM - Steve Harper**

While Christians are hungry to know God's will, we often don't know how to go about learning what that might be. With his gentle, pastoral style, Steve Harper encourages you to pray and read scripture in ways that lead to knowing and doing God's will. He employs the metaphor of walking in the light to frame a method of prayer and practice, using scripture and tradition to inform the steps of this ongoing walk with God called discernment. Questions for reflection and discussion are provided at the end of the book.

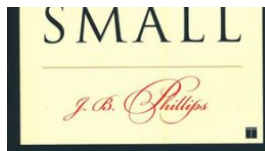
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### **Your God is Too Small (2004)**

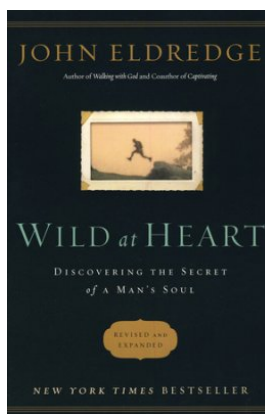
**TOUCHSTONE - J.B. Phillips**

In *Your God Is Too Small*, J. B. Phillips explains that the trouble facing many of us today is that we have not found a God big enough for our modern needs. In a world where our experience of life has grown in myriad directions, and our



experience of me has grown in myriad directions, and our mental horizons have been expanded to the point of bewilderment by world events and scientific discoveries, our ideas of God have remained largely static. It is nearly impossible, Phillips argues, for an adult to worship the conception of God that exists in the mind of a child of Sunday-school age, the "God-in-a-box" notion, limiting God to such inadequate conceptions as "Resident Policeman," "Grand Old Man," "Meek-and-Mild," and "Managing Director." As a result of these insufficient ideas of God, many people live with an inner dissatisfaction, without any faith at all.

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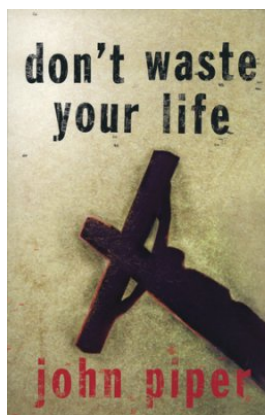


### **Wild at Heart (2011)**

#### **THOMAS NELSON - John Eldredge**

In *Wild at Heart*, John Eldredge inspires and speaks to the soul of Christian men everywhere. Do you dare to be the man God created you to be---passionate, adventurous, and free? In this revised edition of his look at Christian manhood, Eldredge challenges you to pursue the purpose God has given you. Encouragement for every man who wants to walk the road least taken---and insights for the woman who loves him!

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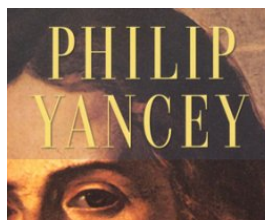


### **Don't Waste Your Life (2003)**

#### **CROSSWAY - John Piper**

In this provocative work *Don't Waste Your Life*, Pastor John Piper challenges us to set aside the trivial pursuit of self-fulfillment so that we can develop a deeper passion for God. Piper believes that if we passionately submit the sufferings we endure, the risks we take, and the goals we set to the pursuit of God's glory, then not one moment of our lives will be wasted. Don't miss this opportunity to rekindle your passion for the cross of Christ and the glory of God.

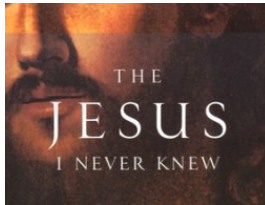
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### **The Jesus I Never Knew (2002)**

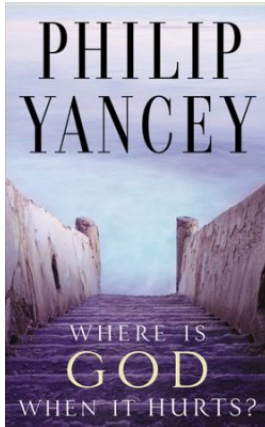
#### **ZONDERVAN - Philip Yancey**

In *The Jesus I Never Knew*, Philip Yancey reveals the real Jesus beyond the stereotypes, offering a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work---his teaching, his miracles



ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST AND HIS WORK---HIS TEACHING, HIS MIRACLES, his death and resurrection---and ultimately, who he was and why he came. Relating the gospel events to the world we live in today, *The Jesus I Never Knew* gives a moving and refreshing portrait of the central figure of history.

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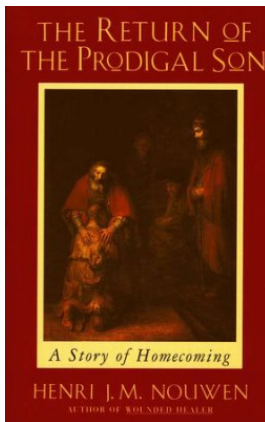


**Where is God When it Hurts? (1997)**  
**ZONDERVAN - Philip Yancey**

"If there is a loving God, then why ... ?" No matter how the question is completed, at its root lies the issue of pain. Does God order suffering? Or did he simply wind up the world's mainspring and now is watching from a distance?

In this Gold Medallion Award-winning book, now revised and updated, *Where is God When It Hurts* reveals a God who is neither capricious nor unconcerned. Using examples from the Bible and from his own experiences, Yancey looks at pain--- physical, emotional, and spiritual---and helps us understand why we suffer.

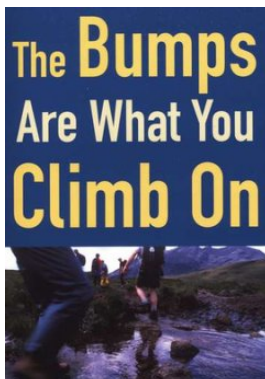
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**The Return of the Prodigal Son (1994)**  
**RANDOM HOUSE - Henri J.M. Nouwen**

When Henri Nouwen stumbled across a poster of Rembrandt's *Return of the Prodigal Son* he began a spiritual journey that would help him understand the biblical parable as well as the story of his own life. Take this opportunity to join Henri as he leads the wayward prodigal and judgmental sibling who reside within each of us towards the open-handed, overwhelming compassion and eternal love of the Father. *The Return of the Prodigal Son* will transform your reading of the parable and the way you understand your life story.

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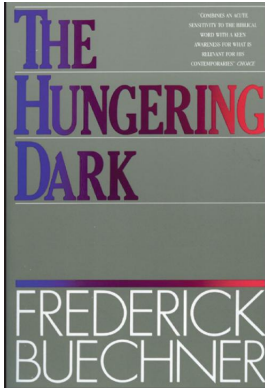


**The Bumps Are What You Climb On (2006)**  
**BAKER BOOKS - Warren W. Wiersbe**

You can't prevent the crisis hours of life, but you can successfully deal with them! In *The Bumps Are What You Climb On*, Wiersbe offers solid hope and comfort for times when you're faced with depression, frustration, disappointment, or loneliness. He presents biblical wisdom in thirty brief, accessible meditations that'll guide you to respond with faith

Warren W. Wiersbe

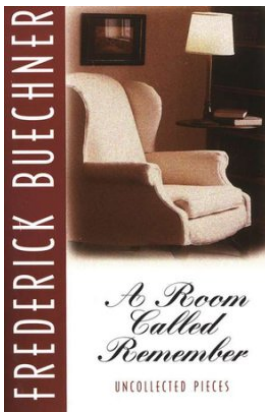
and spark a fresh optimism for facing a new day or new week. You'll discover how to trust in God's promises, reap the benefits of forgiveness, find contentment, add joy to life, and more. Find it at [ChristianBook.com](http://ChristianBook.com) [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) [Lifeway.com](http://Lifeway.com)



**The Hungering Dark (1985)**  
**HARPERONE - Frederick Buechner**

Drawing on texts from the Old and the New Testaments, *The Hungering Dark* invites us to discover the hidden face of God, the manifestation of his grace, revealed in stillness, in unexpected places, often "through a glass, darkly." It invites us to say "yes" to "the possibility of God" and to recover "this fantastic hope that the future belongs to God, that holiness will return to our world."

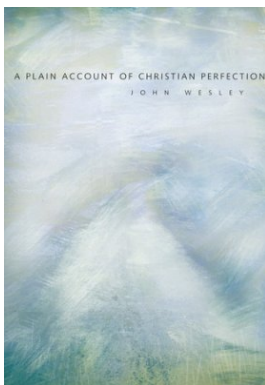
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**A Room Called Remember (1992)**  
**HARPERONE - Frederick Buechner**

*A Room Called Remember* brings together some of Buechner's finest writings on faith, love, and the power of words in the form of essays, addresses and sermons. Here Buechner explores autobiography as theology, offers exhilarating reflections on biblical passages, and leads us into the "room called Remember," that "still room within us all where the past lives on as part of the present where with patience, with charity, with quietness of heart, we remember consciously to remember the lives we have lived.

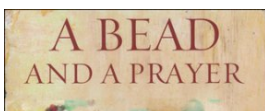
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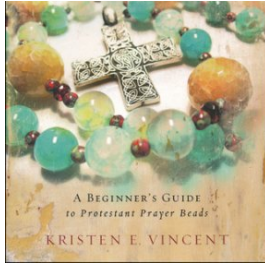
**A Plain View of Perfection (1966)**  
**BEACON HILL PRESS - John Wesley**

In this foundational text, John Wesley records the steps of his journey to understanding and accepting the doctrine of Christian perfection or holiness. He draws together personal reflections, sermons, hymns, testimonies, and doctrinal explanations to form a portrait of the life of perfect love.

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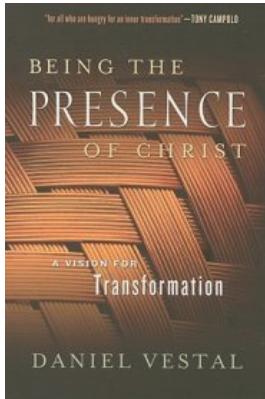


**A Bead and a Prayer (2013)**  
**UPPER ROOM - Kristen E. Vincent**



Roman Catholics have a long history of devotion to the 15 mysteries in the rosary, but it's still quite unusual for Protestants to use prayer beads as a form of spiritual exercise. Vincent helps you overcome these reservations and see the advantages, offering this moving 4-week Bible study.

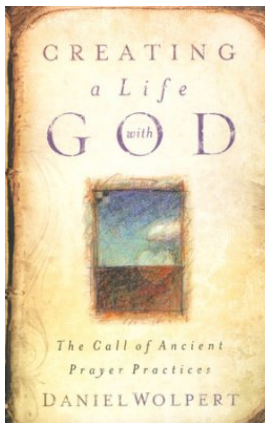
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### **Being the Presence of Christ (2008) UPPER ROOM - Daniel Vestal**

"What does it mean to be a Christian? What difference does it make? Do you merely believe Jesus' teachings or embody them? Christian discipleship means practicing the presence of Christ in your daily life. You react to things in a measured Christian manner. (Recall the WWJD fad of a few years ago.) It means you change from the inside out. Such a deep, whole spiritual change within you changes the world around you.

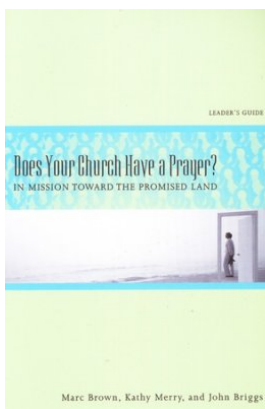
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### **Creating A Life With God (2003) UPPER ROOM - Daniel Wolpert**

More than a "how-to" book, Creating a Life with God offers an opportunity to learn and adopt different types of prayer practices. Some of the prayer practices include creativity, journaling, the general practice of solitude and silence, and the Jesus prayer.

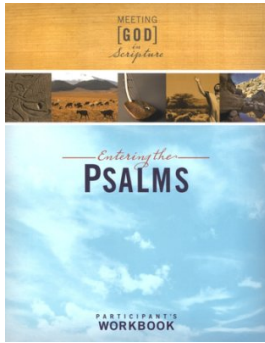
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### **Does Your Church Have a Prayer? (2009) UPPER ROOM - Mark Brown, et al.**

Congregations seeking revitalization can take heart. Jesus has already prayed for their unity so that they may share his love with the world! The Does Your Church Have a Prayer? Leader's Guide presents a model of Christian transformation to guide a congregation through a journey of spiritual renewal in fulfillment of Jesus' prayer in John 17. The accompanying Participant's Workbook consists of a six-week plan for Bible studies that, along with sermons and worship, will help generate congregational feedback critical to establishing a twenty-four month action plan for the congregation.

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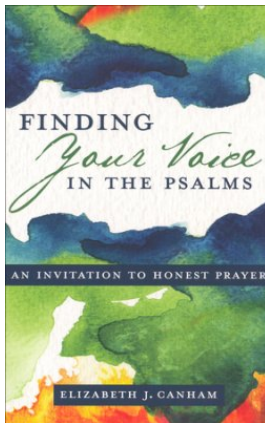


## Entering the Psalms (2009)

### UPPER ROOM - Anne Crumpler

Learn to read the Psalms in ways that deepen your relationship with God and inspire soulful living. Praying the Psalms is praying life itself. Entering the Psalms models the movement from reading scripture to personal prayer, using provocative entry-point questions to deepen the participant's engagement with scripture. Participants explore various types of psalms in this six-week study.

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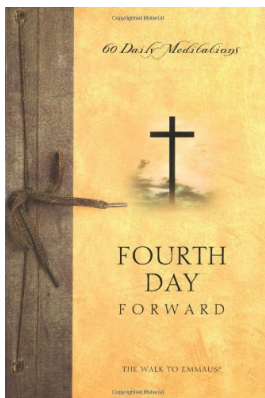


## Finding Your Voice in the Psalms (2013)

### UPPER ROOM - Elizabeth J. Canham

Liz Canham, an Episcopal priest, shares with readers a love for the Psalms that was deepened during her years of living and working in a Benedictine monastery. She combines Biblical scholarship, pastoral experience, and spiritual wisdom in this exploration of seven themes found throughout the Psalms--including anger and disappointment, resting in God's faithfulness, and learning to praise. Each chapter concludes with a psalm prayer, suggestion for reflection, and a prompt for writing an original psalm. A guide for group study is also included.

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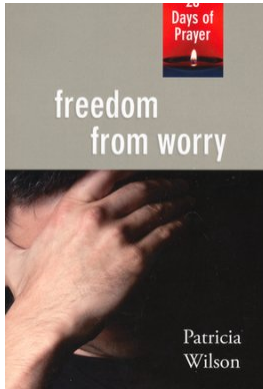


## Fourth Day Forward (2010)

### UPPER ROOM

This booklet was put together by pilgrims for pilgrims. Each of the 60 undated meditations elaborates on one of the 15 themes you heard during your weekend. As you read, your spirit will be nourished on your Fourth Day. You will be encouraged in your daily discipleship. You will find yourself drawing closer to Christ, participating faithfully in your congregation, and living as a Christian on mission to your community and the rest of the world.

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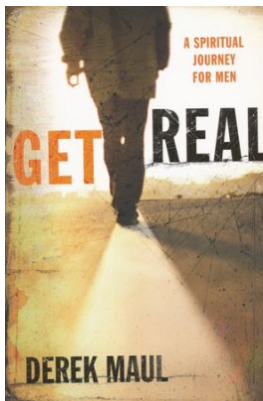


### **Freedom from Worry (2013)**

#### **UPPER ROOM - Patricia Wi**

Patricia Wilson brings her warmth and encouragement to readers who struggle with the sometimes debilitating habit of worry. Based on the Psalms, *Freedom from Worry* emphasizes God's loving-kindness and power to relieve every anxiety. For each of the 28 days of prayer you will find--a thoughtful meditation, a reflection based on a psalm, a prayer to personalize with your own hopes and fears, and a mindfulness exercise. Guidance for small-group conversation or extended personal meditation is included.

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### **Get Real (2012)**

#### **UPPER ROOM - Derek Maul**

Derek Maul (*In My Heart I Carry a Star*) has a deep concern for men, whether in the spheres of work, family, or other relationships, and how they relate to their spiritual lives. To serve this vital part of the Christian community, *Get Real* is a celebration of modern Christian manhood. A true Christian man should be unaffected by cultural imperatives and its imposed values of power, acquisition and individuality, rather finding strength in a discipleship role. Short chapters address desire (where our treasure is), discipleship (putting ourselves in submission to Christ), devotion (how we worship God), and daring (living our faith) as Maul offers his life experiences to illustrate these elements that should be integral to a true Christian life. The offer of a true connection with God is real and available to any man, and Maul makes that clear in his book.

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### **A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God (2006)**

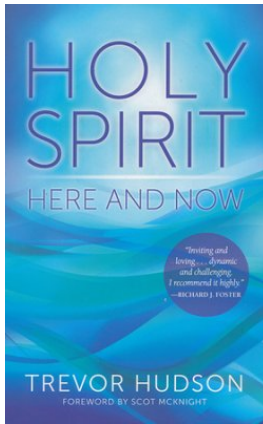
#### **UPPER ROOM - Rueben Job, et al**

Treasures from the first centuries of faith are timelessly relevant. Through original prefaces and quoted texts from old and new sources, *A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God* connects you to the ages and with God by encouraging the habit of simple, reflective prayer. Each day offers guidance for an opening affirmation, a petition of prayer, and daily scripture selections. Themed "Readings for Reflection" include excerpts from writers such as Frederick Buechner, Jovce RUDD, Henri



Nouwen, Mother Teresa, Howard Thurman, C.S. Lewis, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, John Wesley and others.

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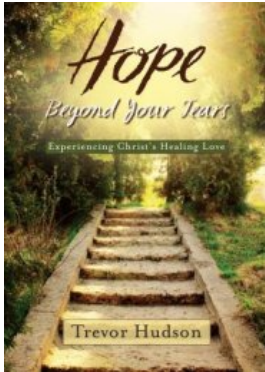


### **Holy Spirit Here and Now (2013)**

**UPPER ROOM - Trevor Hudson**

The Holy Spirit dwells in you, urging you forward in your desire to develop a deeper relationship with God. In *Holy Spirit Here and Now*, Trevor Hudson invites you to move beyond "religion as usual" into an adventure of restoration, renewal and transformation. The Spirit brings about a renovation of our entire lives: emotions, body, soul, relationships, vocation--all become an arena for the Holy Spirit's work.

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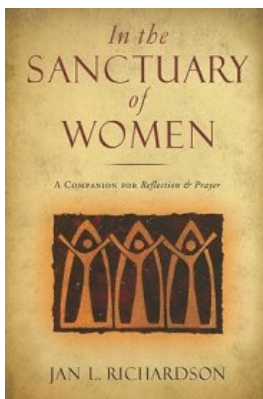


### **Hope Beyond Your Tears (2012)**

**UPPER ROOM - Trevor Hudson, et al.**

A warm, personal study that demonstrates how the power of the Resurrection can transform people's lives.

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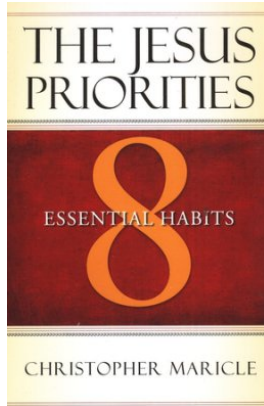
### **In the Sanctuary of Women (2012)**

**FRESH AIR BOOKS - Jan L. Richardson**

This book, Richardson writes, is an invitation to enter into a conversation. Here amongst these pages, in the presence of women past and present, is a place to enter into the mysteries that lie at the heart of who we are. Drawing from the often hidden wellsprings of women's wisdom in Jewish and Christian traditions, *In the Sanctuary of Women* gathers together six women from scripture and history whose lives invite us to move more deeply into our own: Eve, St. Brigid of Kildare, the Desert Mothers, Hildegard of Bingen, Harriet Powers, and the woman of the Song of Songs. Each chapter becomes its own sanctuary, gracing and engaging the reader with the reflections, stories, poetry, prayers, and blessings that Richardson offers. An invitation into reflection and prayer alone or in the company of others, *In the Sanctuary of Women* is a book to treasure and to share with the women and the men in your life.



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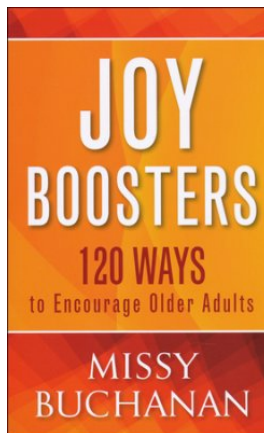


### **The Jesus Priorities (2007)**

#### **UPPER ROOM - Christopher Maricle**

"What would Jesus do?" is a great guiding question for groups to consider as they struggle with living the Christian life. But the question assumes that we know the Bible well enough to come up with the answer. Maricle helps by mapping out the main priorities Jesus modeled in his life and ministry. A formal analysis of the Gospels yields 8 priorities to emulate: healing, love, prayer, confidence in the treasures in heaven, oneness with God, spreading the Word, innocence, and humility.

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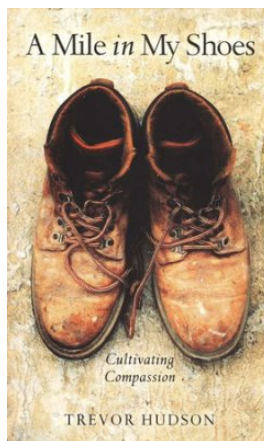


### **Joy Boosters (2013)**

#### **UPPER ROOM - Missy Buchanan**

Do you know an elderly person who needs encouragement? Older adult advocate and creativity specialist Missy Buchanan offers a bounty of ways to engage with older adults and uplift their spirits. A perfect guide for families, senior residence facilities, churches, and anyone who wants to minister more effectively to older adults.

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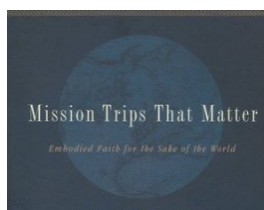


### **A Mile in My Shoes (2005)**

#### **UPPER ROOM - Trevor Hudson**

In the dark period of South Africa's history, between 1980 and 1991, Trevor Hudson developed an eight-day experiential program called The Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope. He designed it to enable comfortable, young, middle-class South Africans to reflect upon the meaning of their faith and discipleship within the harsh and oppressive socio-political realities of their nation. From this experience grew a pattern to help all Christians cultivate the depth of compassion Christ requires.

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### **Mission Trips That Matter (2008)**

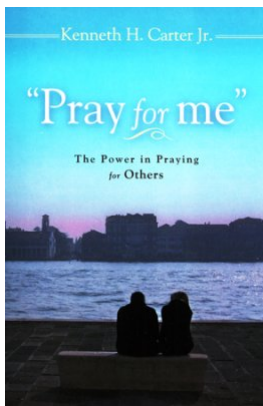
#### **UPPER ROOM - Don C. Richter**

It happens - in preparation for a missions trip we can concentrate more on what we're going to do than on how we're going to do it. Our plan might not be God's plan, and finding



going to do it. Our plan might not be God's plan, and missing out God's plan for the mission trip can insure that we do whatever we do in the right spirit. We need to realize that those on the mission field are human beings, not just 'them', and we need to understand that keenly. Focusing on the Gospel is the key in preparing for the trip, whether it stays on course or if it veers wildly off what we have set as the itinerary. Embracing the idea of being ambassadors for Christ in the missions field and bringing the Gospel to unreached people should be our goals, not simply following checklists or sticking to a rote game plan. *Mission Trips That Matter* addresses the whole person, providing resources as well for the short-term missions-minded Christian.

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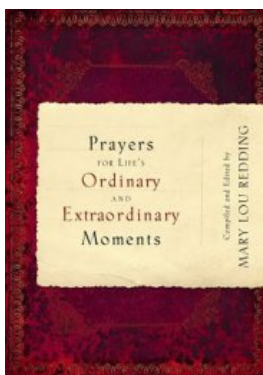
### **Pray for Me (2012)**

#### **UPPER ROOM - Kenneth H. Carter, Jr.**

Ken Carter reached a point when he knew his prayers for others—even as a pastor—were not what they might have been. He decided to explore Christian intercession in depth. Now he shares what he's discovered about the power of intercession, a practice at the heart of Christian living.

Praying for others is meant to be part of the fabric of life as a Christian. Find out how to be prepared when someone says to you, "Pray for me." These chapters give you the foundation for a deeper, more meaningful prayer.

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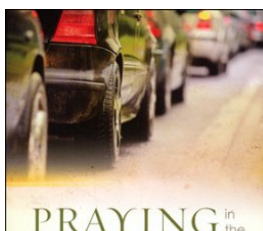


### **Prayer's For Life's Ordinary and Extraordinary Moments (2012)**

#### **UPPER ROOM - Mary Lou Redding**

A collection of authentic and heartfelt prayers for all occasions, written by Christians who have experienced highs and lows in their own lives.

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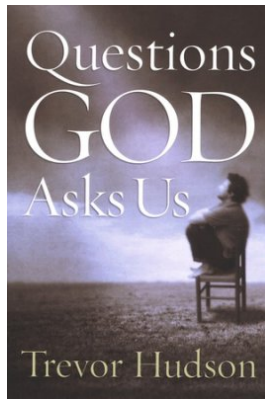
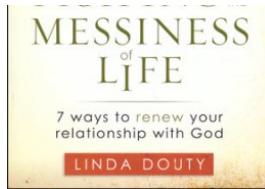


### **Praying in the Messiness of Life (2011)**

#### **UPPER ROOM - Linda Douty**

How can you find more time for prayer when life keeps you on the run?

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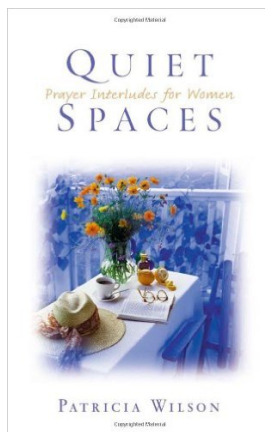


### **Questions God Asks Us (2009)**

#### **UPPER ROOM - Trevor Hudson**

People often look to the Bible for answers, but Trevor Hudson notes that there are also questions God asks - questions that provide a starting point for a deep dialogue between God and human beings. In *Questions God Asks Us*, Hudson points to five questions posed by God the Father in the First Testament and five questions posed by Jesus - God the Son - in the Second Testament. The question, "Where are you?" invites us to "come out of hiding" and be honest with God about our thoughts, feelings, and concerns. "What are you looking for?" invites us to discover the desires of our hearts and let God help us sort the healthy from the unhealthy. Often the question serves as a starting point for genuine conversation with the Creator. Hudson assures us, "We are not starting the conversation with God from scratch. He has already begun it. We just need to plug into the conversation that is already going on."

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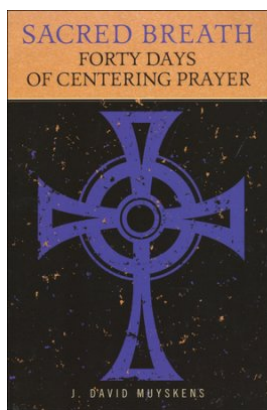


### **Quiet Spaces (2002)**

#### **UPPER ROOM - Patricia Wilson**

The intimate relationship with God you've yearned for is well within your grasp, despite the chaos of juggling multiple roles, deadlines, and commitments. With *Quiet Spaces*, you can learn to calm your mind and listen for God's still small voice in the midst of the tumult around you. Author and professional speaker Patricia Wilson knows what it's like to struggle with finding a few minutes for herself. Through *Quiet Spaces* she shows how even a few stray minutes can become a blessed opportunity for a focused encounter with God. Each prayer interlude, which can be completed in as little as five minutes, offers a calming passage from the Psalms, a heartfelt prayer, inspiration from Christ's words, and an exercise to help readers return to their world. Yes, you can find time to pray, and you can connect with God--let this unique devotional book help you discover how.

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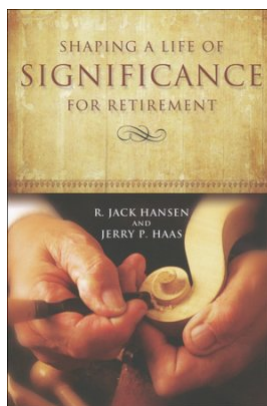


## **Sacred Breath (2010)**

### **UPPER ROOM - J. David Myskens**

In *Sacred Breath* you will find a guide for 40 days of prayer. Each day's meditation leads into a time of contemplating scripture and silent communion with God. The first 10 readings focus on receiving God's love, the second 10 on obstacles to our relationship with God, and the last 20 on the rhythm of receiving and giving in our walk with God. *Sacred Breath* includes scriptures, breathing exercises, and an outline for group meetings.

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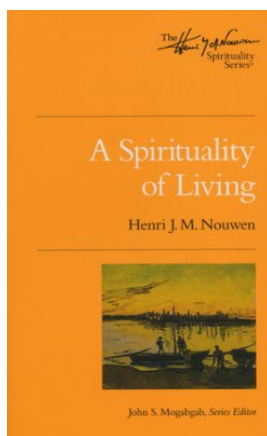


## **Shaping a Life of Significance for Retirement (2010)**

### **UPPER ROOM - R. Jack Hansen, et al.**

Retired engineer Jack Hansen and spiritual formation leader Jerry Haas explore the transitions, opportunities, and challenges of facing retirement through a series of interviews with persons facing retirement and already in retirement. *Shaping A Life of Significance for Retirement* is about the more personal dimensions of the transition from working full-time to retirement, including relationships, feelings of self-worth and purpose, and spiritual and intellectual growth.

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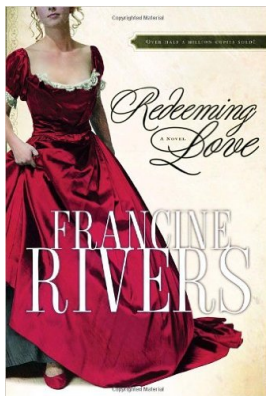


## **A Spirituality of Living (2012)**

### **UPPER ROOM - Henri J. M. Nouwen**

In *The Spirituality of Living* Henri Nouwen identifies 3 essential disciplines for maintaining a life of discipleship: solitude, community, and ministry. In solitude we learn to listen to God through prayer. We realize that we are beloved sons and daughters of God. In community we learn to celebrate, as well as to practice vulnerability and forgiveness. After we have experienced solitude and community, we feel God's call to minister to a hurting world. God empowers us to do amazing things. This encouraging, insightful book will inspire you to practice solitude, community, and ministry. The result, Nouwen promises, is a fruitful, Spirit-filled life.

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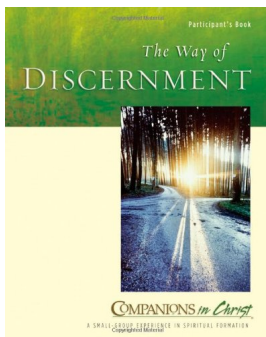


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