

New Resources February 2021

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ADULTS
220.68
HUFFMAN

Huffman, Eric. ***Scripture and the Skeptic: Miracles, Myths, and Doubts of Biblical Proportion***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2021.

Summary: "The Bible is the best-selling, most widely read, and most quoted book in history. It is also misunderstood, misquoted, and fiercely debated. If, as Christians believe, the bible is the word of God, why is it so complex and difficult to interpret parts, yet simple enough for even children to understand in others? In *Scripture and the Skeptic*, Eric Huffman helps readers understand and cope with confusion about the bible and provides answers to questions by reframing it as a perfect and seamless story. Huffman illustrates how the bible, even the parts some consider ungodly, presents the beautiful story that God intended to tell"-- --Provided by publisher.

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CLARK-
SOLES

Clark-Soles, Jaime. ***1 Corinthians DVD: Searching the Depths of God***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2021.

Summary: 1 Corinthians is basically a letter Paul wrote to a people who were trying a wild new social experiment known as a Christian community. Centuries later, our churches deal with many of the same issues Paul addresses: factions, sexual immorality, gender issues, money concerns, theological questions, lawsuits, problems in worship, and problems in leadership. In *1 Corinthians: Searching the Depths of God*, Jaime Clark-Soles explores these topics and the awe-inspiring, breathtaking world of the first-century church. In this six-week study, you will learn to look at 1 Corinthians from a variety of viewpoints and apply its lessons to your own faith. The six-session DVD features Jamie Clark-Soles guiding participants through the study. The video sessions are approximately 10-12 minutes in length and, when combined with the six book chapters, make an ideal six-week group study. All video sessions are closed-captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Can't We All Just Get Along? (11:56) -- 2. Relationship Status: It's Complicated (12:21) -- 3. Freedom: From What, For What? (10:27) -- 4. Gathering for Good (12:27) -- 5. Talented and Gifted (12:35) -- 6. Bodies This Side of the Grave and Beyond (and In Between) (12:35)

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ADULTS
241.4
BERLIN

Berlin, Tom. ***Courage DVD: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2021.

Summary: As Christians, we do our best to live our lives as Jesus lived, following the examples of his many virtues—including honesty, faithfulness, and generosity. But one virtue that is often overlooked is courage. Throughout Jesus' life, he was called upon to be brave: in the face of his enemies, when being tempted, and certainly at the time of his death. By examining the life of Christ, we can begin to understand what true courage is and how God works in our lives when we exhibit a brave faith. In *Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith*, pastor and author Tom Berlin challenges us to unlock the courage that we already possess as Christ followers, and in doing so, we can begin to find the remarkable life Jesus offers us. Although

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Content Notes:

- 1. The Clarity of Courage (8:52) -- 2. The Conviction of Courage (7:15) -- 3. The Candor of Courage (8:21) -- 4. The Hope of Courage (7:05) -- 5. The Fortitude of Courage (7:06) -- 6. The Love of Courage (7:07)

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ADULTS Mills, Cheri L. ***Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American***
242.34 MILLS ***Slavery***. Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, 2021.

Summary: "Each of these forty devotions for Lent includes the testimony of a person who escaped slavery through the Underground Railroad, a Scripture passage, and a reflection connecting biblical and historical themes to challenge modern readers to work for liberation"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS Kimbrough, S. T. ***Living with Coronavirus: Poems for Suffering, Grieving,***
242.4 ***Dying, and Living***. Eugene, Oregon, RESOURCE Publications, 2020.
KIMBROUGH

Summary: This volume of poems addresses the human effects of the coronavirus pandemic including: prolonged illnesses, death, disruption of society, families, the work force, and economy. There are the accompanying emotional effects of grief, distressed orphaned children, over-stressed hospital staffs, anxieties over the shortage of health workers, medication, and other medical needs. There are also increased incidents of suicide and numerous other emotional entanglements and physical conditions for which a country, city, village, and family are often not prepared. At times such as these, language becomes extremely important in how we communicate with one another. How we face the realism and facts of the moment is vital for the health of a person and a nation. One notes especially the importance of the language of political leaders at a time of national and global suffering. The poems also address issues the pandemic has brought into the open, such as racism, the vulnerability of the poor, and the importance of governmental leadership in a national and worldwide crisis. People of faith emphasize the importance of a faith response to our common humanity amid suffering. Among many other questions, they ask: How shall we live with the enduring problem of pandemics that require changing of attitudes and an ongoing concern for others? --Wipf & Stock

ADULTS Roose, Barbara L. ***Joshua DVD: Winning the Worry Battle : A Bible***
248.843 ***Study***. Nashville, Abingdon Women, 2018.
ROOSE

Summary: "Just pray about it." "God's got this." Although these phrases are heartfelt words of encouragement, sometimes when you're really worried and stressed, they just sound like clichés. We long for something more. We want to know how to have a bold and courageous faith. In Joshua, a six-week, in-depth Bible study for women, you'll join God's people as they arrive on the edge of the Promised Land only to find themselves in hostile territory. You'll learn how to fight in faith as you internalize God's promises, draw strength from God's faithfulness, act in obedience to God's commands, and believe what our limitless God can do. The study uses tangible objects—including stones and scarlet rope—to remind you of your commitment to overcome

worry and to experience God's victory in daily struggles and bigger battle. The Participant Workbook includes 5 lessons for each week with space for recording reflections and answers. Other practical tools included in the study are a Leader Guide, a DVD, and a Leader Bundle. The DVD offers video featuring Barbara's engaging teaching style with six 20–25 minute sessions (with closed captioning). --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. On the Edge of Uncertainty: Facing Our Fears (23:36) -- 2. God, Knock Down My Worry Walls: Letting God Fight for Us (25:29) -- 3. Fighting Friends to Help Us: Getting Into Position (24:55) -- 4. Defeating the Kings of Worry: Attacking the Roots of Our Worries (25:43) -- 5. Claiming Our Inheritance: Receiving Our Victory (23:37) -- 6. Amen!: Living in Victory (21:13)

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Content Notes:

- About the Author -- Introduction -- Leader Helps -- 1. On the Edge of Uncertainty: Facing Our Fears -- 2. God, Knock Down My Worry Walls: Letting God Fight for Us -- 3. Fighting Friends to Help Us: Getting Into Position -- 4. Defeating the Kings of Worry: Attacking the Roots of Our Worries -- 5. Claiming Our Inheritance: Receiving Our Victory -- 6. Amen!: Living in Victory -- Video Viewer Guide Answers -- Group Roster

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Content Notes:

- About the Author -- Introduction to This Study -- Introduction to the Book of Joshua -- On the Map: The Land of Canaan -- 1. On the Edge of Uncertainty: Facing Our Fears -- 2. God, Knock Down My Worry Walls: Letting God Fight for Us -- 3. Fighting Friends to Help Us: Getting Into Position -- 4. Defeating the Kings of Worry: Attacking the Roots of Our Worries -- 5. Claiming Our Inheritance: Receiving Our Victory -- 6. Amen!: Living in Victory -- Notes -- Video Viewer Guide Answers

ADULTS
248.86
MILLER

Miller, Beth Taulman. ***What Loss Can Teach Us: A Sacred Pathway to Growth and Healing***. Nashville, TN, Upper Room Books, 2021.

Summary: "Often when we experience the heartache of a significant loss, we choose to patch ourselves up, put our heads down, and contort ourselves around our pain. The rush is on to get back to status quo. Yet, what if our good, compassionate God longs for each of us to be on the formational journey towards becoming an emotionally and spiritually mature adult and offers us an "on-ramp" to that experience through stewarding our pain? Typically, though, we want to shut pain down in the fastest way possible-and most of us have many strategic ways of doing so. Set in the context of the author's own story of loss, *What Loss Can Teach Us* offers stepping stones for the journey of not "getting through" the chaos of loss and pain but saying yes to the invitation of emotional and spiritual formation. Spiritual practices that serve as meaningful companions for the process are included"-- -- Provided by publisher.

ADULTS
305.8 TISBY

Tisby, Jemar. ***How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice***. Grand Rapids, MI, Zondervan, 2021.

Summary: Racism is pervasive in today's world, and many are complicit in the failure to confront its evils. Jemar Tisby, author of the award-winning *The Color of Compromise*, believes we need to move beyond mere discussions about racism and begin equipping people with the practical tools to fight against it. *How to Fight Racism* is a handbook for pursuing racial justice with hands-on suggestions bolstered by real-world examples of change. Tisby offers an array of actionable items to confront racism in our relationships and in everyday life through a simple framework--the A.R.C. Of Racial Justice--that helps readers consistently interrogate their own actions and maintain a

consistent posture of anti-racist action. This book is for anyone who believes it is time to stop compromising with racism and courageously confront it. Tisby roots the ultimate solution to racism in the Christian faith as we embrace the implications of what Jesus taught his followers. Beginning in the church, he provides an opportunity to be part of the solution and suggests that the application of these principles can offer us hope that will transform our nation and the world. Tisby encourages us to reject passivity and become active participants in the struggle for human dignity across racial and ethnic lines. Readers of the book will come away with a clear model for how to think about race in productive ways and a compelling call to dismantle a social hierarchy long stratified by skin color. --Cokesbury

CHILDREN
241.697
RAYMOND

Raymond, Sue. ***Responding to Violence: A Curriculum for Children's Facilitators***. New York, United Methodist Women, 2021.

Summary: The 2021 children's curriculum by Sue Raymond, an educator and longtime Mission u facilitator, will help prepare children for the violence that they will unfortunately encounter over the course of their lives. Together, facilitators and children will explore how to respond to violence through the lenses of scripture, role-play, and discussion. Throughout the sessions, children will examine violence within their families, including sibling rivalry; among friends; in their communities; and even within themselves. Each session is grounded in scripture and introduces concepts and skills to help children learn how to respond to the violence that they will, or have already, faced in their lives. Activities like games and role-play as well as crafts help underline what they are learning. The four sessions in Responding to Violence can be adapted to a variety of settings outside of the Mission u format, including Sunday school, and other church school programs. Adaptations for distance learning are also provided throughout. --UMW

YOUTH
261.83
GODFREY

Godfrey, Jay. ***Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence: A Curriculum for Youth Leaders***. New York, United Methodist Women, 2021.

Summary: The 2021 youth curriculum by Jay Godfrey, Transformative Education and Training specialist for United Methodist Women, leads youth through eight one-hour sessions that explore our experience with violence at all levels of our society and how youth can become peacemakers as an expression of their faith. As children of God, we are compelled to counter the forces of violence in our communities and in our world with actions grounded in love of God, neighbor, and self. What that looks like for us individually and collectively is the question at the heart of this curriculum. The sessions feature interactive Bible studies that are designed to create space for participants to think theologically about the root causes of violence and about "becoming peacemakers in a culture of violence." The Bible studies also serve to anchor and reinforce the activities that explore how violence in the lives of youth stems from oppression. Adaptations for conducting the sessions on a virtual meeting platform are provided throughout. --UMW