

New Resources July-September 2015

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ADULTS
155.937
PARACLETE

Grieving the Sudden Death of a Loved One. Brewster, Mass: Paraclete Press, 2012.

Summary: When someone we love suddenly dies, we are stunned. We had no preparation and no time to gradually absorb the reality that our world was about to change dramatically. Because this type of loss is so disruptive, recovery almost always is complicated. This video is for those who have suffered a sudden loss through a medical disruption, suicide, homicide, accident, military death, or an unexplained death. Through expert advice and personal testimony, this video will offer support and encouragement for rebuilding your life after such a devastating loss. Grieving the Sudden Death of a Loved One provides a full hour of support, wisdom, and counsel from experts of many backgrounds including Earl A. Grollman, the "Hero of The Heartland" for his work with the families and volunteers of the Oklahoma City bombing. --Paraclete Press

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200.1
TEACHING

Philosophy of Religion Course Guidebook. Chantilly, Va: The Teaching Company, 2003.

Summary: Can humans know whether the claim "God exists" is true or not? If so, how? If not, why not? Questions such as these have perplexed humans since the first moment we were capable of asking them. Now in Philosophy of Religion you can explore the questions of divine existence with the tools of epistemology, the branch of philosophy that concerns itself with what we can know. In Professor James Hall, Chair of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Richmond, you have an unusually qualified teacher. The son of a Baptist minister (who himself later became a university professor), Professor Hall first trained at a seminary before taking his doctorate in philosophy and embarking on a teaching career nearly 40 years ago. --The Teaching Company

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ADULTS 220
VANDER
LAAN

Vander Laan, Ray. **Israel's Mission Discovery Guide: 5 Lessons on Becoming a Kingdom of Priests in a Prodigal World.** Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2015.

Summary: WHAT'S YOUR MISSION? God gave the assignment to His people thousands of years ago: to bring "lost sheep" back into the love and safety of His kingdom. He said to become a "Kingdom of Priests," and put God on display to show the world what He is like. It's still our task today. In this thirteenth volume of the That the World May Know ® film series, you'll glimpse the urgency and rewards of welcoming the strangers and prodigals the Lord longs to embrace. Discover the mission that can give your life - and the lives of those around you - greater meaning than you ever imagined. Join renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan as he guides you through the lands of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. Filmed on location in the Middle East and elsewhere, the That the World May Know ® film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus. --Back Cover

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ADULTS
226.06 DAVIS

Davis, Talbot. **Head Scratchers : When the Words of Jesus Don't Make Sense .** Nashville, Tennessee : Abingdon Press, 2015.

Summary: Sometimes Jesus says things that make you scratch your head. Much of what Jesus has to say is uplifting or inspiring. But let's face it: Sometimes Jesus says things that are confusing, perplexing, or even offensive. In Head Scratchers, Talbot Davis leads you to understand some of these difficult words. In each chapter, he examines a different statement or brief

teaching from Jesus, using the provided biblical and other background to help illuminate the passage in question. Davis not only guides you to understand the passage, but shows you what it means to take it to heart and embrace a new way of life as a result. Starting with a passage we struggle with, Davis opens it to reveal a challenging, hopeful word that will bring the gospel's transformative power into your life. Discussion questions at the end of each chapter are designed to help leaders of small groups. Also available when purchasing the book is access to a free video trailer and an audio recording of the author's sermons as another way to experience the weekly message. 5 sessions. --Cokesbury

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232.1
STANLEY

Stanley, Andy. **Why in the World DVD: The Reason God Became One of Us.** Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2015.

Summary: In this four-session video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Andy Stanley takes a closer look at one of the unique things Christians believe: God became one of us. Why in the world would God do that? -- Zondervan

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ADULTS
232.954
MORRIS

Morris, Joe E. **10 Things I Wish Jesus Hadn't Said.** Abilene, Tex: Leafwood Publishers, 2015.

Summary: The hard lessons of Jesus sear and scorch, challenge and demand. They call us to accountability, responsibility, and action. These words refuse to let us off the hook. The easy sayings seem to contradict and counter the hard messages. These teachings are easily ripped from context, manipulated, and distorted to allow excuses for behavior Jesus denounces at other times. Ten Things I Wish Jesus Hadn't Said focuses on ten of these sayings: five that make it hard to be a Christian; five, in seeming contradiction, that make it easy--all re-scripted in present tense narrative and reframed for contemporary readers. --back cover

ADULTS
241.63
INITIATIVE

DivorceCare. Wake Forest, N.C: Church Initiative, 2004.

Summary: The DivorceCare Basic Kit equips your church with the tools needed to conduct an effective, ongoing ministry program in your community for people hurting because of separation and divorce. DivorceCare is a seminar/support group ministry designed to be lay led. The 13 video seminars on DVD feature contemporary Christian authors and leaders who share insights and testimonies of God's mercy and grace. These dynamic videos also include personal testimonies from people who have been through divorce. The workbooks contain a note-taking outline for the video sessions, a daily Bible study that reinforces the information presented on the videos, a gospel presentation and insights from respected Christian experts. Complete leadership training resources and publicity materials are also included in the Basic Kit. Session videos have the option of turning on English subtitles for the hearing-impaired. --Church Initiative

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INITIATIVE

DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays. Wake Forest, N.C: Church Initiative, 2014.

Summary: All the materials you need to run an effective DivorceCare Surviving the Holidays seminar at your church. The DVD offers optional subtitles to minister to hearing-impaired participants. The Survival Guide includes a note-taking section, more than 30 daily devotions and other resources to minister to a hurting person during the holidays. The Leader's Guide features suggestions on maximizing community exposure and publicity for your seminar, a guide for leading the holiday group discussion time and information on accessing valuable online tools for hosting an event. -- DivorceCare

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241.64
BAYLOR

Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics. Waco, Tex: The Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University, 2015.

Summary: Our labor should mirror God's creation and care for the world, but often it is mere drudgery because we idolize work or distort its meaning. "Work can be a powerful source of livelihood, purpose, individual agency, social place, and connection to the divine," Darby Ray notes, but its "ability to confer these positive meanings is threatened by the dynamics of consumer culture." Joel Schwartz focuses on the threat to work's role in preserving our dignity and furthering our fulfillment. Christine Fletcher investigates why we undervalue caring for the weak, young, and old, and consider this "love's labor" for women. Jonathan Sands Wise warns that we dangerously overvalue efficiency at the expense of other values in our work. Matt Beal considers how to respond to underemployment, which takes a high spiritual toll as work becomes entwined with personal identity. Robert Dickie critiques both the "poverty gospel" and the "prosperity gospel" for focusing on "what we earn and what we own rather than for whom we work and why we work." Mitch Neubert and Kevin Dougherty study faith-work integration, and Bob Newell explores options to empty retirement. --Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University

ADULTS 242
WALL

Pray for the World : A New Prayer Resource from Operation World . Downers Grove, IL : Operation World, a Ministry of WEC International, 2015.

Summary: For decades, Operation World has been the world's leading resource for people who want to impact the nations for Christ through prayer. Its twofold purpose has been to inform for prayer and to mobilize for mission. Now the research team of Operation World offers this abridged version of the 7th edition called Pray for the World as an accessible resource to facilitate prayer for the nations. The Operation World researchers asked Christian leaders in every country, "How should the body of Christ throughout the world be praying for your country?" Their responses provide the prayer points in this book, with specific ways your prayers can aid the global church. When you hear a country mentioned in the news, you can use Pray for the World to pray for it in light of what God is doing there. Each entry includes: Timely challenges for prayer and specific on-the-ground reports of answers to prayer, Population and people group statistics, Charts and maps of demographic trends, Updates on church growth, with a focus on evangelicals, Explanations of major currents in economics, politics and society. --InterVarsity Press

ADULTS
242.33 KIRK-
DUGGAN

Kirk-Duggan, Cheryl. **Mary Had a Baby: An Advent Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2014.

Summary: If the rousing lyrics and rhythm of "Go Tell it on the Mountain" are what stirs your soul, this is the Advent study that will speak to you. Each

of the four sessions of Mary Had a Baby corresponds with the four weeks of Advent and features a Christmas Spiritual. You'll listen to the music, examine related Scripture, and discuss biblical, historical, and contextual themes in a fun and interactive setting—a perfect seasonal study for small groups, choir workshops, or any gathering of those who'd enjoy a little toe tapping while strengthening their faith. The book includes leader helps. The four spirituals featured in Mary Had a Baby are "Mary Had a Baby," "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow," "Children, Go Where I Send Thee," and "Go, Tell It on the Mountain." An mp3 file of the four songs is available by following the link written in the leader guide of the book. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
248.32
KENDRICK

War Room Bible Study. Nashville, Tenn: LifeWay Press, 2015.

Summary: War Room Leader Kit provides tools needed for War Room Bible Study based on movie clips by the same title where Tony and Elizabeth Jordan seemingly have it all – great jobs, a beautiful daughter, their dream home. But appearances can be deceiving. In reality, their marriage has become a war zone and their daughter is collateral damage. But with the help of Miss Clara, an older, wiser woman, Elizabeth discovers she can start fighting for her family instead of against them. With her newly energized faith, Elizabeth's real Enemy doesn't have a prayer. Session topics include: lukewarmness, accountability, gospel and grace, spiritual warfare, and prayer. Features: Video clips from the War Room movie (4 minutes or less per session), Leader material (guides to questions and discussion with small group), 5 group sessions, 3 days of homework to complete between group sessions. --LifeWay

ADULTS
248.4
LUCADO

Lucado, Max. **Glory Days DVD: Living Your Promised Land Life Now.** Nashville, Tenn: Thomas Nelson, 2015.

Summary: Life has a way of taking the life out of us. Often we go through situations where the challenge seems so much greater than our strength. During such times, we can find hope and inspiration from the story of Joshua. God had called Joshua to take over from Moses and lead the Israelites into a paradigm shift from wilderness wandering to promise-believing. In Canaan, they would not fight for victory but fight from victory. God had a Promised Land in store for them, but they had to grasp that reality, change their mindsets, and take action to receive it. The same is true for us today. God is telling us that our best days—our "glory days"—are still ahead of us. We only need to grasp that truth and live in faith to realize this promise. --Thomas Nelson

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ADULTS

McPherson, Miles. **God in the Mirror Discussion Guide: Discovering Who**

248.4
MCPHERSON

You Were Created to Be. Grand Rapids, Mich: Baker Books, 2013.

Summary: In this six-session video study, popular pastor and author Miles McPherson helps you discover how you were created, why you were created, what your true purpose is in life, and how to live according to God's original plan. You not only have the capacity to reflect God's heart to the world, God has designed and empowered you to do so. And when we live more and more as His image bearers, we begin to experience transformed relationships with each other—and with God. This participant's guide, designed for use with the God in the Mirror DVD, provides teaching notes, discussion questions, and engaging ideas for further study. --Baker Books

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248.4
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Summary: It's tempting to define ourselves according to the cultural icons of our day. But human beings were created in the image of God. And if we really take that truth to heart and live our lives in light of it, everything changes. If you want to know how you were created, why you were created, what your true purpose is in life, and how to live according to God's original plan, God in the Mirror is for you. Miles McPherson reminds you that you not only have the capacity to reflect God's heart to the world, but that God has designed and empowered you to do so. And when we live more and more as His image bearers in this world, we begin to experience transformed relationships with each other—and with God. --Baker Books

ADULTS
248.46
GEOFFRION

Geoffrion, Jill Kimberly Hartwell. **Praying the Labyrinth : A Journal for Spiritual Exploration .** Cleveland, Ohio : Pilgrim Press, 1999.

Summary: Walking the labyrinth is becoming an increasingly popular spiritual exercise across the country and around the world. Based on her experience at Chartres Cathedral in France and her training with Lauren Artress at San Francisco's Grace Cathedral, Jill Kimberly Hartwell Geoffrion has created a simple, meaningful approach to preparing for, undertaking, and meditating on labyrinth walks. "Praying The Labyrinth" is a journal that will lead the uninitiated seeker into a spiritual exercise of self-discovery through scripture selections, journaling questions, poetry, and space for personal reflection. While it may be the perfect introduction to the art of walking the labyrinth, this book can also be used by seasoned labyrinth users to bring new and deeper meaning to their spiritual lives. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
248.86
CAULEY

Cauley, Marty J. **Dying to Go on Vacation Journal: A Journey toward Making the Most Out of Life.** North Carolina: Marbles Press, 2015.

Summary: A journal to accompany Dr. Cauley's "Dying to Go on Vacation" that will help you process what you read. Three reflection questions are included for each chapter with space for notes. Reproducible.

ADULTS
248.86
CAULEY

Cauley, Marty J. **Dying to Go on Vacation: A Journey of Discovering Life While Facing Death.** North Carolina: Marbles Press, 2015.

Summary: What are you waiting for? Is there something you are putting off until tomorrow? What if suddenly all of your tomorrows were taken away? We are all dying, but we live like we have all the time in the world. Dying to go On Vacation is the inspirational retelling of my journey of faith after receiving a terminal cancer diagnosis. It is a humorous, and sometimes heart breaking, story of positively dealing with why bad things happen to good people and what to do when the world you were building seems to fall apart. --Amazon

ADULTS
248.86
PARACLETE

Changed Forever: Grieving the Death of Someone You Love. Brewster, Mass: Paraclete Press, 2015.

Summary: In this powerful, therapeutic, new video presentation you will see and hear others discuss what you are going through right now. You will learn how to let yourself walk through your grief without letting it overwhelm you. Testimonies of people who have recently experienced the death of a loved one, as well as experts in the field, talk about how to slowly integrate the loss you have experienced, and the grief that comes with it, into a life that is changed forever. --back cover

ADULTS
253.09
CARRASCO

Carrasco, Joyce. **Who is My Neighbor? Student's Manual = ¿Quién es Mi Vecino?: Learning Spanish as Church Hospitality.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2015.

Summary: Who Is My Neighbor? is a field-tested resource through which English speakers of any church and congregation can learn basic Spanish-speaking skills to be able to communicate and provide a welcoming atmosphere to the Hispanic communities surrounding them. The six-session resource developed by the Northern Illinois Conference covers basic conversational Spanish, and simple and easy to follow Spanish-language worship material. The program encourages openness toward Spanish-speaking neighbors, understanding of different cultures, and compassion for those who struggle to learn English. This resource is easily implemented by congregations of any size, and it results in a program of hospitality that will help include Hispanic communities in your church congregation. --Cokesbury

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ADULTS
261.8
GEORGE

George, Abraham. **God of Justice: The IJM Institute Global Church Curriculum.** Downers Grove, Ill: IVP Connect, 2015.

Summary: International Justice Mission (IJM) has rescued thousands of people from oppression and violence. IJM also partners with thousands of churches to help them live out the mandate of Isaiah 1:17: to seek justice,

rescue the oppressed and care for orphans and widows. Christians need to be equipped and mobilized to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who are vulnerable and oppressed. The God of Justice is a twelve-session, discussion-based curriculum from IJM that explores the biblical narrative of justice throughout the whole of Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation. Through the participatory study of Scripture, Christians will explore God's call to engage in bringing about justice on earth. While coming to a deeper knowledge and understanding of biblical justice, participants will draw personal application for the pursuit of justice ministry in their individual lives and the wider church. Prepare to have your heart and mind engaged, to be instructed by Scripture, and to be challenged by real-life stories of people freed by the God of justice. This curriculum will help you and your church bring freedom, restoration and reconciliation to those in need. Discover how God reveals himself to those who join him on his justice journey! --InterVarsity Press

ADULTS
266.76
UNITED

Who I Am Called to Be. New York: United Methodist Women, 2015.

Summary: For laity in The United Methodist Church who feel called by God to make a lifetime commitment to full-time cutting-edge ministries of love, justice and service, there is an opportunity to become part of a covenant community and join a movement. An introduction to the ministries of United Methodist laypersons who have answered a specific call to be either deaconesses (women) or home missionaries (men). This 10-minute video includes brief stories of four persons who have answered the call and are at work in their specific contexts. Included on the DVD are two study guides in PDF format. The purpose of these study guides are to facilitate discussion among people in congregations and groups or individually about their own calling from God and whether this kind of ministry may be right for them. --United Methodist Women

ADULTS
272.9 VOICE

Hearts of Fire: Eight Women in the Underground Church and Their Stories of Costly Faith. Bartlesville, Okla: Voice of the Martyrs, 2015.

Summary: Eight women from eight very different backgrounds, yet the struggles they each faced rang with eerie similarity. From Pakistan, India, Romania, the former Soviet Union, China, Vietnam, Nepal, and Indonesia, these women shared similar experiences of hardship and persecution—all for their faith in Christ—yet they have emerged from adversity as leaders and heroines. --Voice of the Martyrs

ADULTS
291.37 WEST

West, Melissa Gayle. **Exploring the Labyrinth : A Guide for Healing and Spiritual Growth** . New York : Broadway Books, 2000.

Summary: Join Melissa Gayle West and thousands of others who are turning to labyrinth walking for quiet meditation and spiritual healing. Exploring the Labyrinth blends the timeless wisdom and meaning derived from labyrinths along with practical advice, divided among three sections: What is a labyrinth and why does it have such astonishing contemporary appeal? You'll be introduced to walking and working with this ancient archetype. Learn to construct a temporary or permanent, indoor or outdoor labyrinth from rocks, rope, canvas, and a wide variety of other materials. Discover specific ways to use the labyrinth for rituals, meaningful celebrations, spiritual growth, healing work, creativity enhancement, and goal setting. With practical advice, spiritual wisdom, and helpful resources, Exploring the Labyrinth is the complete guide to this ancient, transformative tool.

ADULTS 365
NRCAT

Breaking Down the Box. Washington, D.C: NRCAT, 2015.

Summary: Breaking Down the Box examines the mental health, racial justice

and human rights implications of the systemic use of solitary confinement in US prisons. It is a call to action for communities of faith to engage in the growing nationwide movement for restorative alternatives to isolated confinement that prioritize rehabilitation, therapeutic interventions, and recovery. --nrcatvideo

ADULTS
616.831
PARACLETE

Caring for a Loved One with Alzheimer's: An Emotional Journey.

Brewster, Mass: Paraclete Press, 2012.

Summary: This dynamic video offers insight, hope, and understanding for anyone who cares for a loved one with Alzheimer's. This disease without cure currently afflicts more than 30 million people and there are no treatments to halt its progression, making caregiving both essential--and difficult. --back cover

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PARACLETE

The Transforming Power of Caregiving: Returning to Life After Caregiving Ends.

Brewster, Mass: Paraclete Press, 2015.

Summary: Whether you have cared for your loved one for one year or many, when it ends, it will feel abrupt. The life and routine that have become yours, suddenly comes to an end with a finality that is painful on many levels. You have become a different person during your caregiving experience, yet you haven't had time to realize who that person is. Your focus was on someone else, and the thought of shifting that focus to yourself may be scary. However, exploring who you are, now, as well as what you learned about yourself--and about life itself--during your caregiving experience can be full of discovery and adventure. --back cover

ADULTS
820.9 DURIEZ

Duriez, Colin. **Bedeveled : Lewis, Tolkien and the Shadow of evil** . Downers Grove, Illinois : IVP Books, An imprint of InterVarsity Press, [2015].

Summary: The battle between good and evil—in both the seen and unseen worlds—was as clearly at play in the era of C. S. Lewis and his friends in the Oxford literary group, the Inklings, as in our own era. Some of the members of the Inklings carried physical and psychological scars from World War I which led them to deeply consider the problem of evil during the dark era of World War II. Were they alive today, their view of a spiritual conflict behind physical battles would undoubtedly be reinforced. Among the Inklings, Lewis was at the forefront of writing on human pain, suffering, devilry, miracles and the supernatural, with books like *The Screwtape Letters* and more. It is no surprise, then, that he provides the main focus of this book by expert Inklings writer Colin Duriez. J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy offers another rich resource with much to say to the World War II era and beyond. Other Inklings writings and conversations come into play as well as Duriez explores the writers' considerations of evil and spiritual warfare, particularly focused in the context of wartime. Delving into the interplay between good and evil, these pages enlighten us to the way of goodness and the promise of a far country as we explore the way out of the shadow of evil. --InterVarsity Press

CHILDREN
220 HANNA

The Greatest Adventure Stories from the Bible: 4 Family Favorites.

Burbank, Ca: Hanna-Barbera, 2014.

Summary: Noah: Violence and corruption fill the earth. To punish this wickedness, God vows to send a cleansing flood. Only one man - Noah - and his family will be spared because they alone honor God's law. God commands him to build an ark and fill it with two of every animal. Once building is under way, Noah and his sons face scorn and sabotage from their sinful neighbors - but they persevere. Noah's faith is vindicated when the heavens erupt with a

rainy torrent for 40 days. But God's test of Noah's courage and commitment is just beginning. Moses: Enslaved by Pharaoh, monarch of ancient Egypt, the Hebrews have little cause for hope until a leader emerges from among them unafraid to confront Pharaoh. He is Moses, a man of enormous faith who, despite Pharaoh's scorn, knows he bears the power of a greater kingdom: God's. Thus begins a titanic struggle between two determined men, with Moses calling down increasingly destructive plagues upon the Egyptians. The story's thrilling climax finds Moses and his people facing an angry army and a deep sea. David & Goliath: The kingdom of Israel faces a fearsome threat when the Philistine army marches across its borders. At the forefront of the invaders is the giant warrior Goliath. This tall behemoth issues a challenge: he will take on an Israelite champion in single combat and the tribe of the loser will be enslaved. For 40 days Goliath repeats the challenge and there are no comers. Finally one boy does step forth: David, a shepherd boy who armed with nothing more than his sling...and a faith in God as towering as his mighty foe. The Miracles of Jesus: Journey back to the Holy Land in the days of the New Testament and witness the wonder of a people blessed by miracles in their midst. Join Benjamin, the widow's son brought back to life by Jesus, as he walks the roads Christ Himself walked and recalls wondrous works. The wedding at Cana where water became wine; the healing of the centurion's servant; stilling the tempest; feeding the masses; walking upon the water: All unfold gloriously in a reverent, inspirational animated version to enthrall the entire family. --Warner Brothers