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Faithfully Feminist: Jewish, Christian, & Muslim Feminists on Why We Stay. Ashland, Oregon, White Cloud Press, 2015.

Summary: "'Why do you stay?' It is a common question women are asked in relation to their faith. These are not women who buy into Candace Cameron's biblically submissive theory; rather, these are women who claim a feminist identity, have membership in a particular religious tradition, and practice their faith in spite of gendered challenges. In *Faithfully Feminist* 15 Christian, 15 Jewish, and 15 Muslim women share their stories of struggle and faith. In a world where women's issues are political issues, women are judged for their positions in relation to their claimed identities. Feminists argue that you cannot be a "true" feminist if you are a practicing Christian, Muslim, or Jew. Likewise, religious practitioners claim that you cannot be a "true" Christian, Muslim, or Jew if you support feminist values. Nevertheless, women who practice these religious traditions and hold feminist values are not uncommon, and the question "Why do you stay?" is one that is frequently asked of them. *Faithfully Feminist* is the sharing of stories, encouraging other women, and acknowledging that being feminist doesn't mean giving up on your faith."-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS 232 Sweet, Leonard I. ***Jesus: A Theography.*** Nashville, Tenn, Thomas Nelson, 2012.

Summary: Jesus says, "The Scriptures point to me!" (John 5:39 NLT). But what does that mean exactly? The twenty-seven books of the New Testament are largely a commentary on the Old Testament, and each part of the Bible is a signpost to Jesus. Once this is properly understood, everything changes, including our own identities. In this magisterial work you will discover a Jesus who is larger, more glorious, and more challenging than most of us have ever imagined. Biographies of Jesus generally have been written by those trying to investigate the historical Jesus with little attention given to the grand narrative of Scripture. On the flip side, those interested in tracing the theology of Scripture are typically disinterested in historical Jesus studies. These two approaches have yet to converge...until now. Jesus is written for the average reader as well as scholars. Leonard Sweet and Frank Viola (authors of *Jesus Manifesto*) unfold the greatest story ever told in a fresh and invigorating way. So whether you are a seasoned Christian, a new believer, or someone who is intrigued by Jesus, this book unveils the discoveries of a lifetime, transforming the tired and familiar way we have read the Bible into an electrifying journey of rediscovering Christ. Introducing a new kind of Jesus biography. In this compelling work, authors Leonard Sweet and Frank Viola reclaim the entire Bible as a gripping narrative about Jesus Christ. Virtually every other "Jesus biography" begins with the nativity account in Bethlehem. In this groundbreaking book, Sweet and Viola begin before time, in the Triune God, and tell the complete interconnected story of Jesus from Genesis to Revelation. *Jesus: A Theography* is the first book ever written to combine historical Jesus

studies with biblical theology, crafting together one breathtaking saga that tells the Jesus story in both Old and New Testaments. This flagship book demonstrates clearly that every bit of Scripture is part of the same stunning drama, what the authors refer to as the theography of Jesus Christ. --Thomas Nelson

Content Notes:

- Introduction: the Jesus story -- Christ before time -- Christ in creation: the macro version -- Christ in creation: the micro version -- Jesus: birth and boyhood -- Jesus: missing years -- Jesus: preparation for ministry -- Jesus: baptism and temptation -- Jesus chooses his disciples -- Jesus: mission statement -- Jesus: healer and miracle-worker -- Jesus: teacher and preacher -- The human Jesus -- Jesus: trial and crucifixion -- The atonement and the harrowing of hell -- The resurrection, ascension, and Pentecost -- The return of the King -- Conclusion: the Jesus spirit.

ADULTS Fortune, Marie M. ***Is Nothing Sacred?: The Story of a Pastor, the Women He Sexually Abused, and the Congregation He Nearly Destroyed***. Cleveland, Ohio, United Church Press, 1999.
241.3
FORTUNE

ADULTS Starbuck, Margot. ***Unsqueezed: Springing Free from Skinny Jeans, Nose Jobs, Highlights and Stilettos***. Downers Grove, Ill, IVP Books, 2010.
248.843
STARBUCK

Summary: Ever check the mirror and wonder if you look good enough? Do you choose your clothes to disguise your flaws? Do you sometimes think plastic surgery might be the only way for you to feel good about your body? Do you ever feel squeezed into someone else's mold? Come and join Margot Starbuck in her journey to become unsqueezed! In twenty-seven brief, funny and reflective chapters she helps us discover why God really gave us bodies and what we can do with them to serve him and others. Jump out of that suffocating mold and discover what your body is really for. Includes group discussion questions. --IVP Books

ADULTS 253 Brown, Olu. ***Leadership Directions from Moses: On the Way to a Promised Land***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.
BROWN

Summary: "What do you mean you're leaving?" It happens. When people leave the church it can create a gut-wrenching situation for those in church leadership. Author Olu Brown shares principles from the story of Moses to illustrate how to help others depart from the church gracefully, how to not let yourself or a congregation be upended when others choose to leave, and how to find unexpected opportunities in the challenge of new vacancies. Leadership Directions From Moses offers scriptural inspiration for leaders trying to keep their focus on where God is leading no matter what happens. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Walker, Robert L. ***Speaking Out: Gifts of Ministering Undeterred by Disabilities***. Charleston, SC, CreateSpace, Inc, 2012.
253.087
WALKER

Summary: Twenty-four ordained and lay ministers join United Methodist Bishop Peggy A. Johnson, D.Min. in relating their sometimes heartwarming, other times heartbreaking stories. The book unveils many facets of coping with disabilities of many kinds including discrimination. Above all else, the book tells of the importance of demolishing physical and attitudinal barriers that prevent both a full acceptance of disabled ministers and a willingness to make churches, parsonages, and other facilities fully accessible. --Back cover

ADULTS Carder, Kenneth L. ***Alzheimer's/Dementia: Ministry with the***
259.41968 ***Forgotten.*** Nashville, TN, Tennessee Conference of The United
CARDER Methodist Church, 2018.

Summary: In 2009, someone was diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia every 77 seconds. Today, someone is diagnosed every 66 seconds. And the number is escalating. In 2050, it will be one person every 33 seconds. For retired United Methodist Bishop Kenneth Carder, the statistics are personal. His wife, Linda, was diagnosed with frontal temporal dementia and he was called into a new vocation—that of caregiver for Linda. Out of that experience, Bishop Carder felt led to create a five-part study, *Alzheimer's/Dementia: Ministry with the Forgotten*, (free downloadable videos and leader's guide are available below) because he wanted to help start conversations within United Methodist congregations and generate action around caring for people who have a form of dementia as well as their caregivers. The free downloadable five-part video resource and accompanying leader's guide, covers: Impact and challenges of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia; The theological basis for church involvement, Practical and specific ways local congregations can be involved in caring for those with dementia and their caregivers; Ways individuals can communicate, interact, and even worship with people who have Alzheimer's and dementia. --Tennessee Conference of The United Methodist Church

Content Notes:

- Session 1 Dementia Care: A New Vocation -- Session 2 More Than Our Memories -- Session 3 Created in God's Image: Identity in Community -- Session 4 Responding in Love -- Session 5 Burden Bearing: Our Gift

ADULTS Carter, Erik W. ***Including People with Disabilities in Faith***
259.44 ***Communities: A Guide for Service Providers, Families, &***
CARTER ***Congregations.*** Baltimore, Md, Paul H. Brookes Publishing
Company, 2007.

Summary: A congregational community is an ideal place to share and strengthen faith, form lasting relationships, and develop special gifts and talents. Too often, though, people with developmental and other disabilities lack the opportunities and supports to fully participate in the life of their faith community. That's why families and service providers need to read this groundbreaking guidebook—and share a copy with congregations that want to become places of welcome and belonging for people with disabilities. Bringing his practical ideas to life with anecdotes, quotes, and examples of successful strategies, Erik Carter helps readers reflect on how welcoming their congregation is—and could be—for people with disabilities and their families; articulate and pursue a bold vision of inclusion throughout their

congregation, community, city, or state; take steps to break down attitudinal, architectural, programmatic, and other barriers to inclusion; design appropriate, inclusive religious education programs for children, youth, and adults; learn how service providers can actively support the spiritual preferences, strengths, and needs of people with disabilities. To make inclusion work in any faith community, this how-to book gives readers workable strategies and photocopyable forms for identifying "indicators of welcome," encouraging community outreach, and gathering important information about the support needs of people with disabilities and their families. --Brookes Publishing

Content Notes:

- Lives of faith : moving toward full participation -- A welcoming congregation : signs of hospitality -- Welcoming, including, and connecting : becoming a responsive congregation -- Designing inclusive religious education programs -- Supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families : the other six days -- The contributions of service providers : supporting spiritual expression -- Launching communitywide efforts : partnering together for inclusion.

ADULTS Webb-Mitchell, Brett. ***Beyond Accessibility: Toward Full Inclusion***
261.8321 ***of People with Disabilities in Faith Communities***. New York,
WEBB- Church Publishing, 2010.
MITCHELL

Summary: A church has built an accessibility ramp and perhaps refitted its restrooms to accommodate a wheelchair. Now what? This new resource by a noted author of several books on people with disabilities offers a theological and practical approach for congregations, with clear, targeted strategies for full inclusion of all members, recognizing and using the gifts that each member brings to the congregation's life together. --Church Publishing

Content Notes:

- Introduction: beyond accessibility -- The church: the body of Christ -- Gifts, talents, and services -- Moving toward community -- Hospitality and the Stranger -- Accessibility and acceptance -- Inclusion and gestures -- Practicing love.

ADULTS Reynolds, Thomas E. ***Vulnerable Communion: A Theology of***
261.8324 ***Disability and Hospitality***. Grand Rapids, Mich, Brazos Press,
REYNOLDS 2008.

Summary: As parents of a son with disabilities, Thomas Reynolds and his wife know what it's like to be misunderstood by a church community. In *Vulnerable Communion*, Reynolds draws upon that personal experience and a diverse body of literature to empower churches and individuals to foster deeper hospitality toward persons with disabilities. Reynolds shows that the Christian story is one of strength coming from weakness, of wholeness emerging from brokenness, and of power in vulnerability. Wholeness, he argues, comes not from self-sufficiency, but from the "genuinely inclusive communion" that results from sharing our humanity--

including our lack of ability--with one another. Then, and only then, will we truly live in hospitality with one another and with people with disabilities. Reynolds offers valuable biblical, theological, and pastoral tools to understand and welcome those with disabilities. The book will be useful to academics, students, and pastors, as well as anyone touched by disability in some way. Readers will find penetrating examinations of the difficult questions of why God allows disability and what the church can learn from people with disabilities. --Brazos Press

ADULTS ***Come to the Table: How People of Faith Are Relieving Hunger and Sustaining Local Farms in North Carolina.*** Pittsboro, NC, Rural Advancement Foundation International, 2015.
261.8326
HERMANN

Summary: The second edition of the Come to the Table Guidebook is a 40-page publication released in 2015 by RAFI, the NC Council of Churches and Resourceful Communities. It includes snapshots of community groups that have pioneered innovative food access work, the current status of hunger and agriculture in North Carolina and nationally, along with new resources and stories from faith leaders and from the field. --RAFI

ADULTS ***When Pastors Prey: Overcoming Clergy Sexual Abuse of Women.*** Geneva, Switzerland, World Council Of Churches Publications, 2013.
261.832720922
BATCHELOR

Summary: When Pastors Prey not only brings forward the stories of many women whose trust has been abused by their pastors. It also offers a helpful framework in which to understand and address the problem. --Back cover

ADULTS ***Victim to Survivor: Women Recovering from Clergy Sexual Abuse.*** Eugene, Oregon, Wipf & Stock, 2009.
261.832720922
POLING

Summary: One of the church's most shameful secrets is pastors who sexually abuse their congregants. In Victim to Survivor, Nancy Werking Poling offers the harrowing and poignant stories of six women who were sexually abused by their pastors and tell in their own voices what they did about it. In their pain, these victims, survivors, and thrivers dare to call upon the church to be a safe refuge for all people, women and men alike. And in their personal journeys of healing, they demonstrate a tenacious faith, grounded in gospel truth--compelling church leaders to acknowledge this hurtful hypocrisy, advocate for healthy pastoral relationships, and finally call pastors to accountability. --Wipf & Stock

ADULTS Vines, Matthew. ***God and the Gay Christian: The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships.*** New York, Convergent Books, 2015.
261.835766
VINES

Summary: As a young Christian man, Matthew Vines harbored the same basic hopes of most young people: to someday share his life with someone, to build a family of his own, to give and receive love. But when he realized he was gay, those hopes were called into question. The Bible, he d been taught, condemned gay relationships. Feeling the tension between his understanding of the Bible and the reality of his same-sex orientation, Vines devoted years of intensive research

into what the Bible says about homosexuality. With care and precision, Vines asked questions such as: Do biblical teachings on the marriage covenant preclude same-sex marriage or not? How should we apply the teachings of Jesus to the gay debate? What does the story of Sodom and Gomorrah really say about human relationships? Can celibacy be a calling when it is mandated, not chosen? What did Paul have in mind when he warned against same-sex relations? Unique in its affirmation of both an orthodox faith and sexual diversity, "God and the Gay Christian" is likely to spark heated debate, sincere soul searching, even widespread cultural change. Not only is it a compelling interpretation of key biblical texts about same-sex relations, it is also the story of a young man navigating relationships with his family, his hometown church, and the Christian church at large as he expresses what it means to be a faithful gay Christian. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Thompson, Andrew C. ***The Means of Grace DVD: Traditioned***
264.07 ***Practice in Today's World.*** [Franklin, TN], Seedbed, 2016.
THOMPSON

Summary: The Bible tells us that Jesus' followers are called disciples. If we want to be counted among those followers, then doesn't it make sense that we figure out just what being a disciple looks like in everyday life? In *The Means of Grace*, Andrew C. Thompson presents a clear and accessible explanation of the core tenets John Wesley instilled in the early Methodist movement—baptism, searching the scriptures, prayer, The Lord's Supper, fasting, fellowship, accountability, works of mercy, and exercising the presence of God. Each means of grace is drawn from biblical examples and paired with a framework to offer a real, practical model for a life marked by holy love and holy transformation. Wesley had a phrase for what it means to live faithfully as a disciple of Jesus: walking in the ways of God. Together, the means of grace demonstrate a Wesleyan pattern of discipleship and help us understand what these ways of God are. --Seedbed

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ADULTS Fortune, Marie M. ***Love Does No Harm: Sexual Ethics for the Rest***
306.7 ***of Us***. New York, Continuum, 2006.
FORTUNE

Summary: This work is aimed at those caught somewhere in the middle between those for whom only heterosexual and monogamous marriage, or "anything goes," are paradigms of suitable behaviour and intimate relationships. Ethicist and Christian Marie Fortune explores what it means to be in an intimate relationship today, surrounded as we are by domestic violence and continued silencing of women's voices. --Bloomsbury

ADULTS Tada, Joni Eareckson. ***Barrier-Free Friendships: Bridging the***
362.4048 ***Distance Between You and Friends with Disabilities***. Grand
TADA Rapids, Michigan, Zondervan Publishing House, 1997.

Summary: Each of us knows someone who is hearing, visually, or mentally impaired, or physically disabled. Millions more suffer from invisible disabilities that can be just as devastating. Writing from her own experience as a person with a disability Joni Eareckson Tada joins with her fellow disability advocate, Steve Jensen, to share how you can overcome obstacles that have kept you from becoming friends with those who may be limited by their bodies or their circumstances. Joni shows you how to build mutually fulfilling relationships based on insights into how Jesus related to individuals with disabilities. She also offers story after story of the hope and joy of those who've crossed the barriers, from either direction, and found a lifetime of friends. --Zondervan

ADULTS Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. ***Too Heavy a Yoke: Black Women***
613.0424408996073 ***and the Burden of Strength***. Eugene, Ore, Wipf & Stock
WALKER-BARNES Publishers, 2014.

Summary: Black women are strong. At least that's what everyone says and how they are constantly depicted. But what, exactly, does this strength entail? And what price do Black women pay for it? In this book, the author, a psychologist and pastoral theologian, examines the burdensome yoke that the ideology of the Strong Black Woman places upon African American women. She demonstrates how the three core features of the ideology--emotional strength, caregiving, and independence--constrain the lives of African American women and predispose them to physical and emotional health problems, including obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and anxiety. She traces the historical, social, and theological influences that resulted in the evolution and maintenance of the Strong Black Woman, including the Christian church, R & B and hip-hop artists, and popular television and film. Drawing upon womanist pastoral theology and twelve-step philosophy, she calls upon pastoral caregivers to aid in the healing of African American women's identities and crafts a twelve-step program for Strong Black Women in recovery. --Wipf & Stock

YOUTH Miles, Al. ***Ending Violence in Teen Dating Relationships: A***
261.835730835 ***Resource Guide for Parents and Pastors***. Minneapolis,
MILES Augsburg Books, 2005.

Summary: Miles, a nationally recognized expert in the field of domestic violence and teen relationship violence, explores the complex issue of teen dating violence. Through interviews and other research, he provides critical information that parents, caregivers, clergy, and educators can use to protect teens and help them foster healthy dating relationships. Miles offers thoughtful advice and answers to such questions as: What constitutes violence in teen dating relationships? Why is the problem so pervasive? What are the warning signs that parents and other caring adults can watch for that may indicate a teen is being either abused or abusive? And what can the church do to help? --Augsburg Fortress

Content Notes:

- Hell on earth : violence in the dating relationships of Christian teens -- How Christian teachings and popular culture contribute to teen dating violence -- Unique challenges : dating violence among urban African American teens -- How clergy, youth ministers, Christian educators, and parents can help -- Healthy teen dating relationships : why teamwork is essential.

YOUTH Huffman, Mark. ***Wonderfully Made Facilitator Kit USB Drive: Faith & Sexuality Education for Ages 10-12.*** [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, 2018.
649.65
HUFFMAN

Summary: The preteen years are tough. Changes are happening to their bodies, minds, and emotions which make it hard to know exactly what's going on. And what hard topics to try and discuss with Mom and Dad. Wonderfully Made provides kids ages 10–12 the opportunity to not only ask questions about growing up, but to get faith-based answers as well. The curriculum covers physical development and spiritual connection while helping preteens establish a foundation for their life in Christ. The Facilitator Kit includes the Facilitator Guide, Facilitator Script, PowerPoint, Big Words Cards, and Definition Cards. The Facilitator Guide covers the philosophy and guiding principles of Wonderfully Made and provides important information about setting up and leading a Wonderfully Made Experience in partnership with a host church. The Facilitator Script provides scripted lesson plans for leading each module of the Wonderfully Made experience, as well as a parent meeting and closing session. The Facilitator Script corresponds with the Wonderfully Made PowerPoint. The Wonderfully Made PowerPoint includes definitions, labeled anatomical illustrations, and Bible verses to assist visual learners in absorbing the information. The Facilitator Script indicates which slide number corresponds to each part of the lesson. The Big Words Cards assist visual learners in absorbing the new vocabulary they will encounter during the Wonderfully Made experience. Each big word is printed in large type on 8½-by-11 sheets. As the facilitator introduces unfamiliar vocabulary, she or he can post the corresponding Big Words Cards around the room. The Definition Cards help children remember the large number of new words they will encounter during the Wonderfully Made experience. These small cards, with a word printed on one side and its definition on the other, can be used by individual children or in a group matching game. --Cokesbury

YOUTH Huffman, Mark. ***Wonderfully Made Participant Book: Faith &***
649.65 ***Sexuality Education for Ages 10-12.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press,
HUFFMAN 2018.

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