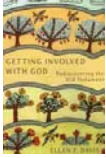


New Resources May 2021

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DAVIS



Davis, Ellen F. ***Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament.***

Cambridge, Mass, Cowley Publications, 2001.

Summary: This is a book about getting, and staying, involved with God—what it takes, what it costs, what it looks and feels like, and why anyone would want to do it anyway. --Rowman & Littlefield

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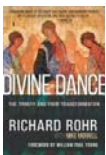
Ehman, Karen. ***What Matters Most Leader Kit: A Study of Philippians.*** Nashville, Tennessee, LifeWay Press, 2018.

Summary: The world has always been full of trials, disappointments, temptations, fractured friendships, and financial hardships. Yet Paul's letter to the Philippians claims we can discover contentment and joy in the midst of it all by prioritizing what matters most—Christ. Over 7 sessions, study the ever-relevant Letter of Philippians to deepen your relationship with Jesus, turn your worries into worship, and develop gospel-centered tools for navigating relational conflict and thriving in Christian love. --LifeWay

Content Notes:

- Session 1: The Gospel (35:53) -- Session 2: Heavenly Minded & Earthly Good (39:50) -- Session 3: Living for Christ & Others (35:02) -- Session 4: How & Why We Run the Race (28:00) -- Session 5: Turning Worry into Worship (31:08) -- Session 6: Chasing Contentment (29:40) -- Session 7: Partnership in the Gospel (11:22) -- Promotional Video.

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ROHR



Rohr, Richard. ***The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation.*** New Kensington, PA, Whitaker House, 2016.

Summary: What if changing our perception of God has the potential to change everything? God is not what you think. Visions of an angry, distant, moral scorekeeper or a supernatural Santa Claus handing out cosmic lottery tickets to those who attend the right church or say the right prayer dominate our culture. For many others, God has become irrelevant or simply unbelievable. In *The Divine Dance*, Fr. Richard Rohr (with Mike Morrell) points readers to an unlikely opening beyond this divinity impasse: the at-times forgotten, ancient mystery of the Trinity—God as utterly one, yet three. Drawing from Scripture, theology, and the deepest insights of mystics, philosophers, and sages throughout history, Fr. Rohr presents a compelling alternative to aloof and fairytale versions of God: One God, belovedly in communion, as All-Vulnerable, All-Embracing, and All-Given to you and me. *The Divine Dance* makes accessible and practicable the Christian tradition's most surprising gift... God as Community...as Friendship...as Dance. Are you ready to join in? --Whitaker House

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Benson, Robert. ***Punching Holes in the Dark: Living in the Light of the World.***

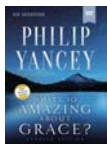
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Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: "We do not, and cannot, by definition, know much about the Kingdom to come. But the 'One Who Came Among Us' not only came to reassure us of the gift of the Kingdom that is yet unseen but to proclaim the presence of the Kingdom already among us - even when we cannot see it and we cannot hear it. Sometimes we cannot see much evidence of the Kingdom that is already here. How do we find it, not lose sight of it, and even share its message of hope with others in the darkness? Discover strength in the gifts of the Spirit and start punching holes, my friends - as hard as we can, as often as we can; and let the Light of the world sneak in"-- --Provided by publisher.

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YANCEY



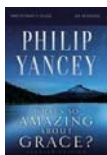
Yancey, Philip. ***What's So Amazing About Grace? Updated Edition DVD***. Grand Rapids, MI, Zondervan, 2021.

Summary: In this six-session revised and updated video Bible study, bestselling author Philip Yancey explores the concept of grace—the one thing the world cannot duplicate and the one thing it craves above all else—and explores what it looks like in action. He also examines how Christians, as the sole dispensers, are doing at lavishing the grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy. As Yancey explains, true grace is shocking and scandalous, for God does not excuse sin but always treasures the sinner. God always extends his grace to individuals regardless of what they have done—for no one is unforgivable in his eyes. Grace thus shakes our conventions with its insistence on getting close to sinners and touching them with mercy and hope. It forgives the unfaithful spouse, the racist, the child abuser. It loves today's AIDS-ridden addict as much as the tax collector of Jesus' day. Yancey offers compelling and true portraits of grace's life-changing power. He searches for its presence in his own life and in the church. He asks how Christians today can contend graciously with moral issues that threaten all they hold dear. And he challenges each of us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know, “what’s so amazing about grace.” Designed for use with the *What's So Amazing About Grace? Participant's Guide, Revised and Updated*. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- 1. No Strings Attached (16:30) -- 2. An Unnatural Act (16:00) -- 3. The Art of Forgiving (17:30) -- 4. Grace Out to the Test (19:30) -- 5. Grace Abuse (17:30) -- 6. Dispensing Grace (19:00)

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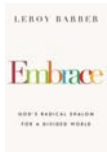
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Content Notes:

- Preface -- How to Use This Guide -- 1. No Strings Attached -- 2. An Unnatural Act -- 3. The Art of Forgiving -- 4. Grace Out to the Test -- 5. Grace Abuse -- 6. Dispensing Grace.

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BARBER



Barber, Leroy. ***Embrace: God's Radical Shalom for a Divided World.*** Downers Grove, Illinois, IVP Books, an imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2016.

Summary: The walls between us seem impenetrable. We live in an age of strife and division. Factors such as race, class, values and lifestyles keep us from connecting with others in meaningful ways. It's easy to avoid or ignore those who make us uncomfortable and those we simply do not like, but God's call to the church is to do just the opposite. Leroy Barber has spent decades pursuing reconciliation and justice amongst groups of vastly diverse people. He knows the challenge of embracing those who are difficult to embrace, yet he advocates that the way to radical shalom on earth is through pursuing these relationships. We have the opportunity as the people of God to bring true peace and unity to a world that desperately needs it. Embrace the challenge to show a divided world the bridge-building power of God's love. --InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Embracing the place -- The ones we avoid -- God likes pumpkin pie -- Looking at change the right way -- Going the distance -- Take me out to the ballgame -- Natural justice -- Loving even our enemies -- Yes, Black lives matter.

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MINGO



Mingo, MelindaJoy. ***The Colors of Culture: The Beauty of Diverse Friendships.***

Downers Grove, IL, InterVarsity Press, 2020.

Summary: We are living in a time where fear and mistrust among people of different cultural and ethnic groups is becoming the norm rather than the exception. It appears that cultural and racial divides are expanding rather than shrinking. What can we do? We can learn to see every human being from God's perspective and value their experiences even when we don't understand them. To truly connect with people who are different from us will take the grace of God, compassion, and empathy. It will mean risking everything that we think we know about other cultures to initiate small steps toward befriending others. In *The Colors of Culture*, MelindaJoy Mingo models reaching across cultures. Through vivid stories spanning several countries, Mingo shows the beauty of diverse friendships in her life. She takes risks and learns from her mistakes, recognizing that relationships are worth the cost. --InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Part 1: The Connection Between Culture and Identity: 1. History Matters -- 2. Cultural Identity and Biases -- 3. Lessons in Humility -- 4. The Bible and Diversity -- Part 2: Practices to Express Dignity and Compassion: 5. Pursue Understanding in Uncomfortable Situations -- 6. Show Kindness and Give Honor -- 7. Revisit Assumptions and Embrace Cultural Learning -- Conclusion and Next Steps -- Acknowledgments -- Notes -- Recommended Resources.

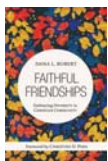
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REYES



Reyes, Michelle Ami. ***Becoming All Things: How Small Changes Lead to Lasting Connections Across Cultures***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Zondervan Reflective, 2021.

Summary: Cultural identities and cross-cultural engagement are not things that anyone can choose to ignore anymore, least of all Christians. Many of us want to have diverse friends and are passionate about justice. But if we are serious about cross-cultural relationships--real relationships that lead to understanding, healing and solidarity across cultural lines--we need to be willing to change. And that's not something that comes easy for any of us. In *Becoming All Things*, Michelle Reyes offers a poignant discussion on the challenges surrounding cross-cultural relationships in America today, including the reasons for cultural difference, stereotyping, appropriation, gentrification, racism, and more. Seeking to deconstruct these things in our own lives, Reyes focuses on the concept of cultural accommodation in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, and looks at the ways in which we need to adapt who we are in order to become all things to all people. The problems inherent in cross-cultural relationships have to do with us. We have to do better. With language that's witty, funny, and accessible, Reyes offers hope for majority and minority alike by showing what's possible when all of us are willing to try something new. --Zondervan

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ROBERT



Robert, Dana Lee. ***Faithful Friendships: Embracing Diversity in Christian***

Community. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2019.

Summary: Friendship isn't always given a lot of thought—and lately, it doesn't get a lot of time and effort, either. But in a world of busy and isolated lives, in which friendships can too easily become shallow, tenuous, and homogeneous, Dana Robert insists that good friendships are a vital and transformative part of the Christian life—a mustard seed of the kingdom of God. She believes Christians have the responsibility—and opportunity—to be countercultural by making friends across cultural, racial, socioeconomic, and religious lines that separate people from each other. In this book Robert tells the stories of Christians who, despite or even because of difficult circumstances, experienced friendship with people unlike themselves as “God with us,” as exile, as testimony, and as celebration. Jesus was a friend to his disciples. Through Jesus's life and the lives of his followers down through the ages, *Faithful Friendships* shows readers how friendship can become life-changing—and even worldchanging. --Eerdmans

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PERMAN

Perman, Matt. ***What's Best Next DVD: How the Gospel Transforms the Way You Get Things Done***. Grand Rapids, MI, Zondervan Reflective, 2019.

Summary: Unique in its approach to maximize efficiency, the *What's Best Next* Video Study presents a God-centered, gospel-oriented perspective that addresses the proper motivation to drive productivity--serving others to the glory of God. Do



work that matters. Productivity isn't just about getting more things done. It's about getting the right things done--the things that count, make a difference, and move the world forward. In our current era of massive overload, this is harder than ever before. So how do you get more of the right things done without confusing mere activity for actual productivity? The What's Best Next Video Study, a companion to What's Best Next and the What's Best Next Study Guide by author and productivity expert Matt Perman, offers a practical approach for improving productivity in all areas of life. It will help you better understand: Why good works are not just rare and special things like going to Africa, but anything you do in faith even tying your shoes. How to create a mission statement for your life that actually works. How to delegate to people in a way that actually empowers them. How to overcome time killers like procrastination, interruptions, and multitasking by turning them around and making them work for you. How to process workflow efficiently and get your email inbox to zero every day. How your work and life can transform the world socially, economically, and spiritually, and connect to God's global purposes. By anchoring your understanding of productivity in God's purposes and plan, the What's Best Next Video Study will give you a practical approach for increasing your effectiveness in everything you do. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- Busting the Twelve Myths About What it Means to Get Things Done (8 min) -- 0 - Introduction: Why We Need a Uniquely Christian View on Productivity -- 1 - Why Is it So Hard to Get Things Done? (5 min) -- 2 - Why Efficiency Is Not the Answer (10 min) -- 3 - Why We Need to be God-Centered in Our Productivity (18 min) -- 4 - Does God Care About Getting Things Done? (14 min) -- 5 - Why the Things You Do Every Day Matter (12 min) -- 6 - Put Others First: Love as the Guiding Principle for All of Life (19 min) -- 7 - How the Gospel Makes Us Productive (12 min) -- 8 - Peace of Mind without Having Everything Under Control (11 min) -- 9 - The Role of Prayer and the Scriptures in Our Productivity (19 min) -- 10 - The Core Principle for Making Yourself Effective (12 min) -- 11 - What's Your Mission: How Not to Waste Your Life (23 min) -- 12 - Finding Your Life Calling (8 min) -- 13 - Clarifying Your Roles (15 min) -- 14 - Setting Up Your Week (7 min) -- 15 - Creating the Right Routines (9 min) -- 16 - The Problem with Full System Utilization (6 min) -- 17 - The Art of Making Time (17 min) -- 18 - Harnessing the Time Killers (14 min) -- 19 - Weekly Planning (19 min) -- 20 - Managing Email and Workflow (12 min) -- 21 - Managing Projects and Actions (15 min) -- 22 - Daily Execution (11 min) -- 23 - Productivity in Organizations and Society (17 min) -- 24 - The Greatest Cause in the World (25 min) -- 25 - Conclusion (2 min)

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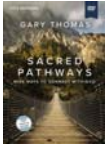
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Content Notes:

- A Word from Matt Perman -- Session 1: First Things First: Making God Supreme in Our Productivity -- Session 2: Gospel-Driven Productivity: A New Way to Look at Getting Things Done -- Session 3: Define: Know What's Most Important -- Session 4: Architect: Create a Flexible Structure -- Session 5: Reduce: Free Up Your Time for What's Most Important -- Session 6: Execute: Do What's Most Important -- Session 7: Living This Out -- Closing Words.

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THOMAS



Thomas, Gary. **Sacred Pathways DVD: Nine Ways to Connect with God.** Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2021.

Summary: As believers in Christ, many of us today fall into the trap of thinking we have to approach God in a certain way. This one-size-fits-all mentality typically leaves us feeling frustrated and distant from God. But the truth is that not every person will engage with God in the same way. For this reason, it is important to discover the particular pathway that will best help them to experience God's presence. In this five-session video study (study guide sold separately), bestselling author Gary Thomas uncovers nine of these spiritual "pathways" that people have used over the centuries to grow closer to God. He provides tools for participants to assess their key pathway (much as the Enneagram does for personality types) and encourages them to investigate the ways they most naturally express themselves in their relationship with God. Gary also points out the strengths and pitfalls of their primary pathway and helps them discover the key spiritual tendencies of their friends, family, and others around them. Whatever temperament or blend of temperaments best describes our personality, we can rest assured that it is not by accident. It comes by the design of a Creator who knew what he was doing when he made us according to his own unique intentions. Sacred Pathways will reveal the true route we were made to travel. Designed for use with the Sacred Pathways Study Guide. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- 1. The Journey of the Soul (Introduction to the Pathways) (22:30) -- 2. Pathways of Wonder (Naturalists, Sensates, Aesthetics) (22:30) -- 3. Pathways of Contemplation (Contemplatives, Traditionalists, Intellectuals) (21:30) -- 4. Pathways of Action (Activists, Caregivers, and Enthusiasts) (23:00) -- 5. Tending the Garden of the Soul (How the Pathways Applies to Your Life) (23:00)

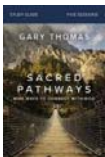
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Content Notes:

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KEEFE



Keefe, Rachael A. ***The Lifesaving Church: Faith Communities and Suicide***

Prevention. Saint Louis, MO, Chalice Press, 2018.

Summary: "There's so much silence around suicide in the church that it is quite literally killing us." --Rachael Keefe. Would you know how to respond if the person sitting next to you in your pew was contemplating suicide? Every year, millions of people engage in suicidal activity, including those in our faith communities. Yet the Church remains largely silent around the topics of mental health, depression, and suicide prevention. How can you and your faith community be prepared to recognize and respond to those struggling for their very lives in your church? Pastor Rachael Keefe shatters the taboo of suicide by sharing her own painful story of life-long depression and suicidality--and how her various faith communities responded, for better and for worse. Opening a window into her suicidal behaviors as a young person, Keefe helps us recognize the signs and struggles of those who suffer silently. Reminding us of the Church's call to be the Body of Christ for each other, Keefe empowers us to recognize the hurting in our communities and recover the lifesaving message of the Gospel-- forgiveness, acceptance and love--that helped her to heal. With chapters on how to educate your church in suicide prevention, group study reflections around the common questions surrounding suicide, and specific resources, scriptures, and prayers for clergy, suicide loss survivors, and those struggling with suicidality, *The Lifesaving Church* is critical reading for faith communities seeking abundant life for all of its members.

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 - The Body of Christ Is Suicidal
 - The Body of Christ Holds Secrets and Shame
 - The Body of Christ Is Fearful
 - The Body of Christ Is Resilient
 - The Body of Christ Is Beloved
 - The Body of Christ Is Broken. . .and Whole
 - The Body of Christ Is a Lifesaver
- Epilogue
 - The Big Questions
- Appendix A
 - Signs of Suicide Risk
- Appendix B
 - Resources for Clergy
 - Resources for Laypeople
- Appendix D
 - Resources for Those Struggling with Suicidality
- Appendix E
 - Resources for Suicide Loss Survivors
- Appendix F
 - Scripture Verses and Stories that Emphasize Hope
- Appendix G
 - Prayers

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STANTON



Stanton, Allen T. ***Reclaiming Rural: Building Thriving Rural Congregations.***

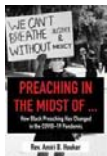
Lanham, Rowman & Littlefield, 2020.

Summary: As rural America continues to undergo massive economic and demographic shifts, rural churches are uniquely positioned to provide community leadership. Leading a rural congregation requires a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing these communities, as well as a strong theological and community-focused identity. Allen T. Stanton describes how in establishing this identity, rural leaders build a meaningful and vital ministry. Reclaiming Rural explores the myths and realities of rural places, and how those common narratives impact the leadership of rural churches. Ultimately, rural congregations must practice a contextual understanding of vitality, which understands both the strengths and challenges of leading in a rural setting. Arguing for a practice of evangelism imbued with this mission of vitality, Reclaiming Rural promotes the church as a leader in economic and community development, modeled upon a Wesleyan theology of grace. Acknowledging the many challenges facing rural churches, this book is an energetic and encouraging guide to overcoming social and economic obstacles to build a thriving congregation. -- Rowman & Littlefield

Content Notes:

- Chapter 1 - Reclaiming the Narrative -- Chapter 2 - Reclaiming Vitality -- Chapter 3 - Reclaiming Evangelism -- Chapter 4 - Reclaiming Our Theological Goals -- Chapter 5 – Reclaiming Practice -- Chapter 6 – Reclaiming a Future.

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HOOKER



Hooker, Amiri B. ***Preaching in the Midst of : How Black Preaching has Changed in the COVID-19 Pandemic.*** Columbia, South Carolina, South Carolina United Methodist Advocate Press, 2021.

Summary: Rev. Amiri B. Hooker wrote this book while he was sick with COVID-19, pulling together his notes on preaching and how it has changed in the midst of the fear, uncertainty, new technological challenges and ever-changing scope of the church today. This groundbreaking book explores the innovative and Spirit-filled ways Black preachers are bringing Jesus and justice to the people. A fierce challenge to rise up and embrace prophetic, transformative preaching, it draws from a rich blend of hip hop artists, theologians and other intellectuals as it guides readers toward a new paradigm for bringing the gospel message with relevance, authority and truth. --SC Advocate Press

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BICKERS



Bickers, Dennis W. ***The Healthy Small Church: Diagnosis and Treatment for the Big Issues.*** Kansas City, Mo, Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2005.

Summary: Our world is made up of small churches. Approximately two-thirds of all churches in America average 100 people or less on Sunday morning. Small churches can be found in every denomination and among every ethnic group but often these churches struggle to survive in the shadow of the larger churches around them. And many of these churches are afflicted with unhealthy issues such as feelings of unimportance, a lack of vision, exclusivity, limited resources, and unbalanced leadership. It is because of these ailments that many churches fail to survive. But it is possible for an unhealthy church to become a healthy church capable of experiencing growth--both physically and spiritually. In his new book, The

Healthy Small Church small church pastor Dennis Bickers diagnoses the issues that threaten the life of the small church and prescribes practical remedies. He reminds churches that transformation and healing are never easy but always worth it. He emphasizes that to maintain a healthy church one must be aware of the symptoms and act accordingly. The Healthy Small Church offers pastors and church leaders a great diagnostic tool that offers a number of diagnostic questions that you can use to determine the health of your church. --Christianbook.com

Content Notes:

- The importance of small churches -- The problem of unhealthy churches -- The importance of a proper theology and doctrine -- The value of a vision -- Transformational worship -- Accepting of change -- The ability to handle conflict -- Spiritual leadership -- Sense of community -- Financially healthy -- Mission-minded -- Long pastoral tenure -- Involved in outreach -- Pursuing excellence in ministry -- Lay ministry involvement -- Time for a checkup.

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MCKAY



McKay, William J. ***Me, an Evangelist?: Every Christian's Guide to Caring***

Evangelism. St. Louis, MO, Stephen Ministries, 1992.

Summary: *Me, an Evangelist?* presents an engaging story about a reluctant evangelist while exploring the principles and practices of sharing our faith in daily life. Author Bill McKay teaches Christians how to express God's Good News in ways that others welcome. Biblical and practical, this book shows how to joyfully, comfortably, and naturally live and share the love of Jesus with others. --Stephen Ministries

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SHIN



Shin, Sarah. ***Beyond Color Blind: Redeeming Our Ethnic Journey.*** Downers Grove, Illinois, IVP Books, an imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2017.

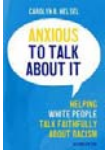
Summary: For a generation or so, society has tried to be colorblind. People say they don't see race. But this approach has limitations. In our broken world, ethnicity and racial identity are often points of pain and injustice. We can't ignore that God created us with our ethnic identities. We bring all of who we are, including our ethnicity and cultural background, to our identity and work as God's ambassadors. Ethnicity and evangelism specialist Sarah Shin reveals how our brokenness around ethnicity can be restored and redeemed, for our own wholeness and also for the good of others. When we experience internal transformation in our ethnic journeys, God propels us outward in a reconciling witness to the world. Ethnic healing can demonstrate God's power and goodness and bring good news to others. Showing us how to make space for God's healing of our ethnic stories, Shin helps us grow in our crosscultural skills, manage crosscultural conflict, pursue reconciliation and justice, and share the gospel as ethnicity-aware Christians. Jesus offers hope for healing, both for ourselves and for society. Discover how your ethnic story can be transformed for compelling witness and mission. Includes discussion questions. -- InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Part I: Redeeming Our Ethnic Stories: 1. Beyond Colorblind -- 2. Ethnicities Made for Good -- 3. The Cracks in Our Ethnicity -- 4. Ethnicities Restored for Better -- 5. Redeemed Ethnic Identities Sent Out to Heal -- Part II: Stewarding Our Ethnic Identities: 6. Trust-Building

with Ethnic Strangers -- 7. Crosscultural Skills in Community -- 8. Responding to Crosscultural Conflict in Community -- 9. Prophetic Ethnic Justice -- 10. Culture Re-creators -- Acknowledgments -- Notes.

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HELSEL



Helsel, Carolyn B. ***Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White People Talk Faithfully About Racism***. Saint Louis, Missouri, Chalice Press, 2021.

Summary: Still anxious to talk about racism? Learn how to join this crucial conversation. While we know the time to talk about racism is long overdue, many white people are still anxious to talk about it. Guilt, shame, discomfort, fear of being called a racist or saying the wrong thing are just some of the feelings that hold us back from the critical conversations happening around racism and racial equity today. In this new and expanded second edition of a Chalice Press bestseller, anti-racism teacher Carolyn Helsel offers 30% new material for this new season of the racial justice movement. Along with chapters on Feeling White, Racial Identity Development, and Spiritual Practices for Race Talk, you'll find new research and stories, and specific resources for parents and teachers. Get better at having the hard conversations about racism. Reflection questions close each chapter, making this book ideal for sharing with a friend, a small group, or book club. --Chalice Press

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Tisby, Jemar. ***The Color of Compromise Study Guide: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Zondervan, 2019.

Summary: An acclaimed, timely narrative of how people of faith have historically--up to the present day--worked against racial justice. And a call for urgent action by all Christians today in response. The Color of Compromise is both enlightening and compelling, telling a history we either ignore or just don't know. Equal parts painful and inspirational, it details how the American church has helped create and maintain racist ideas and practices. You will be guided in thinking through concrete solutions for improved race relations and a racially inclusive church. The Color of Compromise: Takes you on a historical, sociological, and religious journey: from America's early colonial days through slavery and the Civil War ; Covers the tragedy of Jim Crow laws, the victories of the Civil Rights era, and the strides of today's Black Lives Matter movement ; Reveals the cultural and institutional tables we have to flip in order to bring about meaningful integration Charts a path forward to replace established patterns and systems of complicity with bold, courageous, immediate action ; Is a perfect book for pastors and other faith leaders, students, non-students, book clubs, small group studies, history lovers, and all lifelong learners. The Color of Compromise is not a call to shame or a platform to blame white evangelical Christians. It is a call from a place of love and desire to fight for a more racially unified church that no longer compromises what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality. A call that challenges black and white Christians alike to stand up now and begin implementing the concrete ways Tisby outlines, all for a more equitable and inclusive environment among God's people. Starting today. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- Preface -- Of Note -- 1. The Color of Compromise -- 2. Making Race in the Colonial Era -- 3. Understanding Liberty in the Age of Revolution and Revival -- 4. Institutionalizing Race in the Antebellum Era -- 5. Defending Slavery at the Onset of the Civil War -- 6. Reconstructing White

Supremacy in the Jim Crow Era -- 7. Remembering the Complicity in the North -- 8. Compromising with Racism during the Civil Rights Movement -- 9. Organizing the Religious Right at the End of the Twentieth Century - - 10. Reconsidering Racial Reconciliation in the Age of Black Lives Matter -- 11. The Fierce Urgency of Now.

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Content Notes:

- 1. The Color of Compromise (17 min) -- 2. Making Race in the Colonial Era (23 min) -- 3. Understanding Liberty in the Age of Revolution and Revival (20 min) -- 4. Institutionalizing Race in the Antebellum Era (24 min) -- 5. Defending Slavery at the Onset of the Civil War (19 min) -- 6. Reconstructing White Supremacy in the Jim Crow Era (16 min) -- 7. Remembering the Complicity in the North (19 min) -- 8. Compromising with Racism during the Civil Rights Movement (26 min) -- 9. Organizing the Religious Right at the End of the Twentieth Century (20 min) -- 10. Reconsidering Racial Reconciliation in the Age of Black Lives Matter (24 min) -- 11. The Fierce Urgency of Now (20 min) -- 12. Be Strong and Courageous (5 min)

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Lewis, Lisa. ***Restoring Hope and Trust: An Illustrated Guide to Mastering Trauma.***

Baltimore, Md, Sidran Institute Press, 2004.

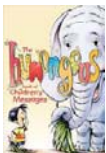
Summary: Understanding how childhood trauma overwhelms adult well-being is at the cornerstone of *Restoring Hope and Trust: An Illustrated Guide to Mastering Trauma*. Although survivors may use avoidance strategies to cope with the impact of past trauma, many find that it bubbles up anyway—often following other life stressors or a new trauma. *Restoring Hope and Trust* discusses memories of the past, the role of the nervous system, depression, self-image, and the traumatized worldview, showing clearly how past trauma affects present-day success, happiness, and relationships. This conceptual framework empowers survivors to embark on the healing journey. *Restoring Hope and Trust* is a compact volume based on a ten-session course that brings old and new understanding together in the psychoeducational approach—using simple language, illustrations, awareness exercises, and study questions to guide readers—whether they are people on the healing journey or clinicians. Author Lisa Lewis notes the importance of learning new strategies for dealing with past trauma: “Too often patients want to jump into the processing [of trauma] before they have found healthy ways of regulating their emotions. It’s important to be able to talk about the emotions, but not to be overwhelmed by them. We want the details to eventually bleach out and become more like other memories of what has happened in a persons’ lifetime....Our goal is to rob the trauma of its power.” *Restoring Hope and Trust* reflects the authors’ combined 25 years of work with groups of trauma patients at the Menninger Clinic and the Heritage Mental Health Clinic. Author Jon Allen explains: “For more than a decade, we clinicians and our patients have worked together in psychoeducational groups to learn about trauma from each other. Each individual brings unique expertise to this endeavor, primarily from life experience. Based on this large pool of expertise—personal and professional—we have continued to refine our educational program; periodically, we try to write it all down in book form. Through our books, we are striving to make all this accumulated knowledge available beyond the clinic.” Research, experience, and—most important—collaboration with patients are reflected in every page. Author Kay Kelly notes, “Many of our patients helped to develop the concepts that we present in the book. Our work with individuals,

couples, and families has helped us to refine the key elements.” Lisa Lewis agrees: “a frequent experience I have in groups is that a patient will say something along the lines of ‘I feel like you are talking only to me. How did you know that is exactly what my life has been like?’ And I reply that it is because we learned it from other traumatized people much like them. This is truly the result of a collaborative learning process with and from our patients.” Restoring Hope and Trust complements Jon Allen’s previous best-seller, *Coping with Trauma*. Allen and his coauthors set out to write the most accessible volume to date. He notes, “Whereas *Coping with Trauma* is somewhat of a hybrid book, suitable for laypersons and professional therapists, *Restoring Hope and Trust* is directed to patients (although it also should be of interest to therapists as a guide to educating patients).” Dr. James Chu points out that high-quality, client-focused books like *Restoring Hope and Trust* are rare: “Most of the authoritative texts in this area are written for therapists and other professionals. As a result, we often have had little to offer to clients seeking to learn more about their difficulties. This book fills that void with state-of-the-art information, exercises, and thoughtful suggestions.” Uninformed trauma coping strategies are often self-defeating; these short-term coping solutions frequently create bigger dilemmas. The authors of *Restoring Hope and Trust* challenge the reader to develop new coping skills and lifestyle changes that will foster the healing of traumatic wounds. According to Dr. Roy Menninger, “the authors’ unusual discussion of gifts like assertiveness, integrity, humility, courage, and sensitivity—gifts that the process of managing negative emotions can give us—is imaginative and compelling. These ideas introduce a much-needed balance in the thinking of troubled persons by depathologizing negative feelings.” Clinicians who read *Restoring Hope and Trust* will find welcome support for their ongoing treatment. Trauma survivors will find the book energizing and empowering. Dr. Menninger concludes, “This concisely written text is easily read, but these seemingly simple ideas cry out to be read again and again. Repeated reading will reward the reader with a genuinely fresh understanding of the impact of trauma on the human mind.” -- Sidran Institute

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- What is trauma? -- Intrusive symptoms -- The 90/10 -- Somatic impact : adaptation gone awry -- Identity -- Depression -- Stopgap coping -- Reenactments -- Compassion fatigue -- Treatment of trauma -- Closure.

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GROUP



The Humongous Book of Children's Messages. Loveland, Colorado, Group Publishing, 2004.

Summary: Busy pastors often find themselves scrambling to put together their children's ministry sermons. *The Humongous Book of Children's Messages* puts an end to unnecessary stress, offering more than 170 brief messages (5 to 10 minutes!) on everything from major holidays and common children's topics to 75 key Bible stories. Indexed by topic and Scripture reference, this massive collection of sermon ideas and trusty companion to ministers makes it easy to prepare great sermons in a snap.