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To Preach the Truth

God's Healing Power

Television, radio, newspapers or the internet show a daily dismal world scenario. Every week, every month there is a major civil conflict or a terrorist attack somewhere. All over the world innocent are imprisoned, women are victims of domestic violence, are forced into underpaid labor or sex work. Children are still dying by the millions before they are five years old due to unsanitary conditions, lack of safe drinking water or malnourishment. Malaria and HIV-AIDS kill millions yearly and thousands of adolescents are kidnapped to become rebel soldiers. Autocratic governments deny democratic participation to the majority and suppress ferociously any popular peaceful manifestation. The worlds climate is now threatened due to man-made disequilibrium inflicted on the atmosphere by uncontrolled fumes and gas emissions of all types. Water sources are being poisoned by unscrupulous corporations dumping huge amounts of deadly chemicals into waterways. The inequality between rich and poor nations is so vast that 7 - 10% of the worlds population controls the natural and financial resources of the world at the expense of the rest who have no access to a minimum for survival. The reasons for this hellish situation are multiple and varied. They encompass deeply ingrained religious beliefs, unacceptable economic, military and power

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disparities, and uncontrolled moral degradation affecting all realms of everyday life. These problems have profound spiritual causes and thus require a spiritual perspective. Discover the origin of the new Divine Invitation and the specific solutions it offers for today's major world problems.

Surrender!

Why did Jesus die? What does it mean that Jesus died for our sins? Christian theology has been wrestling with these questions for centuries, and theologians have proposed lots of different answers and explanations in the form of theories of atonement. But most of these theories fall short when confronted by a contemporary, postmodern worldview. Many of these models come out of orthodox (rather than Free Church) traditions, so they also lack the distinctive elements that characterize Brethren ways of understanding God and the world. The Church of the Brethren is well known for its acts of service and discipleship in the nonviolent model of Jesus, but it has not produced much constructive theology. Cooperative Salvation attempts to remedy this situation by proposing a constructive Brethren model of atonement. It analyzes the diverse atonement models proposed throughout the Christian tradition, noting where they prove inadequate. To address the shortcomings of other models, this work draws on important claims of historical Anabaptist and Brethren theology while also incorporating ideas from feminist, liberation, and process theology in order to construct an understanding of atonement that contributes a contemporary Brethren voice to the centuries-long discussion of atonement.

Growing up to Be a Child

Some invitations we desperately want: "Will you marry me?" "Would you consider a promotion?" Other invitations we never want to receive but must respond to all the same: "What treatment do you want for your tumor?" Invitations pound away at the coastlines of the soul with a transforming force. God is also sending invitations. Sometimes they seem less compelling than anything on my to-do list. Why would I want to say yes to the invitation to rest when I'm already so far behind? Why follow when I could lead? Why accept invitations to weep or to admit I am wrong or to wait? Saying yes might slow me down, sabotage my agenda and even undo who I think I am. Adele Calhoun, author of the popular *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, offers a book about invitations like these—divine invitations we miss or ignore because we've said yes to going with the cultural flow. While these invitations from God can sometimes be difficult to accept, they can heal and restore even as they shape where we go, what we do and who we become. What we say yes to, what we say no to forms the terrain of our future. Included in this book are reflection questions and exercises as well as overview charts with recommended disciplines to guide you through each theme. As you attend to the often hidden, quiet voice of the Great Inviter, you will find yourself as God created you to be.

Unexpected Guests at God's Banquet

Do past failures still trouble you? Perhaps regret over a mistake, the betrayal of someone close to you, an undone task, an angry outburst has left you feeling uneasy. You wonder if God really does forgive you. Sometimes he seems like a dark cloud instead of a loving Father. Jack Miller explains that these are symptoms of a troubled conscience. Don't try to ignore your conscience. Instead, shift your focus to what Christ has done for you. Depending on Jesus will free you to accept God's forgiveness and fill you with his peace.

Made For More

The Parabolic Teaching of Christ

God wants your whole heart. So let him have it. Does your relationship with God feel stale and predictable? Do you struggle to find the time and energy for prayer? Then perhaps you're being too polite with God. If your prayers lack passion and honesty, then God may be as bored as you are. Guarded and "religiously correct" prayers might sound nice, but to God they sound half-hearted. He wants you to pray with freedom, boldness, and raw honesty. The prayers we find in the Psalms run the gamut from awed worship to stunned silence to doubt, desperation, and rage. David and others like him had no time for safe, sanitized prayers. They wrestled with God when they prayed-with no holds barred. Starting today, you can enjoy an energizing intimacy with God. No Holds Barred will help you plunge deeper into different types of prayer-asking, thanking, praising, and confessing. It also will lead you into new forms of praying-prayers of desperation and doubt, prayers that question God's apparent slowness, prayers that demand answers. These are the prayers that hold your attention-and that capture God's attention. Don't wait any longer to begin a rich new conversation with God.

Being Right with God

This book, written by a consultant paediatrician, offers unique perspectives on child development and parenting, and on Christian life and discipleship. In it, Dr Sidebotham interweaves his own professional observations and understanding of the processes of child development with a very personal engagement with his daughter as she grows, reflections on his role as a father, and on his own journey of faith. Dr Sidebotham looks at a child's development from the point of view of the Shema prayer: love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. He uses that as a basis to explore what it might mean for Christian disciples to become like a little child. The personal nature of the book is a winner. It is generous and inclusive. A lovely book. Elaine Storkey, President of Tear Fund A beautiful and worthy book. Readers will find this a delight

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to read. Scott Bessenecker. Associate Director of Missions, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship A beautiful account of a fathers love for his daughter, weaving the spiritual, personal and professional into a testimony of Gods abundant gift of life in all its fullness: moving and inspiring. Keith Sinclair, Bishop of Birkenhead

God's Way, Not Politics

So many Christians, instead of accepting God's invitation to enter His throne room, stand alone outside the door, uncertain and ashamed. Christ beckons them to His banqueting table and offers them a room in His house, but they foolishly give up the glory of the life He has offered. They come to Jesus as Redeemer but never go beyond the doorway to abide in Him and experience the unspeakable joy of dwelling with the King of Kings. Andrew Murray knew what it meant to be continually in the Father's presence. Read these thirty-one heart-searching readings and learn how to live daily in closer communion and fellowship with Him. Accept God's invitation and live in His blessing and glory instead of shuffling your feet at the gate.

God's Invitation to More

Enter the Story of Ruth Like Never Before through This 6-Week Bible Study Ruth was a vulnerable, widowed woman starting over in a foreign land. While Naomi was returning to community, Ruth was setting herself up to be the odd one out her whole life. What gave her the strength to do it? Could it be that she sensed all along that her journey away from Moab was a journey toward home? The story of Ruth is a remarkable tale of bravery, calling, and God's provision, and it will come to life in new ways as you dig deep in this 6-week Bible study. Tessa Afshar, author of award-winning biblical and historical fiction, teaches you how to study the text, discern meaning, pray through it, and live it out. She'll show you how to draw on the same strength and courage that Ruth did and accept God's invitation to new beginnings in your own life. This Bible study also includes optional teaching videos that can be purchased separately to enrich your study.

No Holds Barred

Lectures on the Parables With preface by Professor McCrie

When Religion Isn't Enough

Herald and Presbyter

Who are you, really? In an uncertain world, we crave the security of knowing exactly who we are and where we belong. But too often as women, we try to find this safety in our roles and relationships, our professional accomplishments, or our picture-perfect homes. And as we do, our souls shrink smaller and smaller. It's because these things aren't made to hold us. In *Made for More*, Hannah Anderson invites you to re-imagine yourself, not simply as a set of roles and categories, but as a person destined to live in the fullness of God Himself. Starting with our first identity as image bearers, Hannah shows how Jesus Christ makes us people who can reflect His nature through our unique callings. She also explores how these deeper truths affect the practical realities that we face as women—how does being an image bearer shape our pursuit of education, our work, and even our desire for holistic lives? Because you are made in God's image, you will only ever know yourself—only ever be yourself—as you find your identity in Him. Find it now.

Cooperative Salvation

NIV, Men's Devotional Bible, eBook

Advance

Did you ever have a conversation with someone that so intrigued you that when you walked away you longed to know more? The kind of stimulating conversation that in the ensuing days your mind exploded with deeper thoughts and questions? Where there was a divine bond that you knew God was up to something big? What began as a casual lunch between two women resulted in a divine invitation from God. God gave Kyle Roberts and Beverly Plimpton the ultimate invitation to fulfill His call on their lives. The invitation to: a friendship orchestrated by a sovereign God the deeper life in Christ lock arms to disciple and spiritually direct others follow God's call to teach women how to disciple and spiritually direct others onto maturity in Christ We invite you to accept God's invitation to more! You're personally invited to live out your divine calling to depth, dignity, and delight in Christ.

Word for All God's Family

Life Words

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If you go to church and feel the same when you go out as you did when you went in, something is missing. That something may be relationship. So · If you do not understand the difference between religion and relationship · If your church experience leaves you feeling dissatisfied and empty · If you are not sure whether or not you have a relationship with God · If you want to have a relationship with God and don't know how · If you have a relationship with God and want it to be deeper · If any of this is tugging at your insides or raising your eyebrows or quickening your pulse this book is for you. Mary was raised in a very rigid, works-oriented religion which left her feeling afraid of God and not good enough for him. God, however, came after her and grabbed hold of her as an adult. During her ensuing faith journey she learned that many of the things she had been taught about him as she was growing up were simply not true. She learned that rather than giving people a set of rules and expectations, God is continually inviting people to enter into a personal relationship with him. When she said Yes! to that relationship she experienced an inner peace and joy unlike anything she had ever experienced before. She earnestly desires others to realize that When Religion Isn't Enough, saying Yes! to God's invitation will pave the way for them to experience that same peace and joy.

The Institute Tie

This simple and easy-to-follow guide to daily relationship with God invites readers to break out of the rut of repetitive, soulless religious practices and into a journey that is unpredictable in every way but one: God is there. Gary Holloway and Earl Lavender want to know if you're longing for a deeper relationship with God but don't know where to begin. Years of failed attempts to consistently study the Bible and personal prayers that feel repetitive and cold can discourage many of us from finding the fulfilling spiritual life we imagine. Living God's Love offers readers another way of thinking: if they are with God, every moment even the seemingly mundane is spiritually alive. Out of this conviction, the authors develop a profoundly simple book that encourages readers by walking through a view of Christian maturity attained through relationship with God.

A Divine Invitation to Create a New World

An all-new devotional Bible, the New Men's Devotional Bible helps apply God's Word to a new generation of Christian men. It includes a full year of all-new devotions by well-known---and not-so-well-known---men of God. Added features from its bestselling predecessor make this Bible more engaging, practical, and versatile than ever. Features: * Complete text of the NIV---the most read, most trusted Bible translation * A full year of weekday and weekend devotions along with application statements, questions for reflection, and more * Devotions written by a gifted author team also feature insights by Rob Bell, Chuck Colson, Brennan Manning, Brian McLaren, John Piper, Lee Strobel, Rick Warren, and Ravi Zacharias * Multiple reading plans for year-after-year use * Introductions for each book of the Bible * Over 400 callouts spotlighting key verses of the

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Bible for memorization and contemplation * Author index with biographical information on each contributor * Subject index to help you locate topics easily * Presentation page * Easy-to-read typesetting in a double-column format

The Handbook of Bible Application

Question your assumptions. Burst from your comfort zone. Experience the one-of-a-kind spiritual shock therapy of Fr. Larry Richards for effective Christian living. A gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, and retreat master, Fr. Richards will challenge you to let go of attachments, assumptions, and excuses that hold you back and give yourself more fully to God. What is it in your life that you hold on to so tightly that you can't surrender it in order to receive everything God wants to give you? Take a plunge with the tough-love life coach we all wish we had. Surrender yourself. Take a free fall of faith and allow Jesus to catch you.

Herald of Gospel Liberty

From the missions strategist behind "The 10/40 Window" In 1990, Luis Bush helped change modern missions by introducing the concept of the 10/40 window, a geographic region where large, dense populations of people suffered severe poverty and limited access to the gospel—essentially shining a light on the world's greatest need. Now, after decades spent serving in global missions mobilization, Luis has a unique perspective on what God is doing around the world. Though statistics and maps can be a great place to start, The Yes Effect reveals that true transformation begins when we restart our hearts—getting in sync with God's tenderness toward the oppressed and regaining compassion for the lost. In The Yes Effect, Dr. Bush shares his own story as well as inspiring stories of individuals and organizations around the world whose acts of love and justice are bringing hope and transformation in places of misery and immobility. From the orphans weeping in Bihar, India, to garbage collectors in Cairo, Egypt—from the single mom trying to find a way to feed her family as a Syrian refugee, to the church cowering under government control—God is at work in surprising places. And this transformation is sparked when ordinary people say yes to God, igniting an ongoing global chain reaction that sees glimpses of God's kingdom springing up all over the world. Ultimately, The Yes Effect will give you an encouraging window into worldwide efforts to spread the gospel, and it will inspire you to give God your "yes"—and like so many others before you, become part of God's global story of transformation.

The Living Church

A Commentary on the Whole Epistle to the Hebrews

Women in God's Mission

How does prayer work? What does the Bible really say about money? Does the Bible have anything to say about friendship? You'll find answers to these questions and many more, quickly and easily in *The Handbook of Bible Application*. The Bible is full of wisdom about life. Yet it's not always easy to connect the dots between the various Bible passages on any particular subject—whether it's a question about dealing with money or about overcoming depression. *The Handbook of Bible Application* is your guide to the Bible, organized by topics that impact the way you live your life every day: accountability, attitudes, contentment, depression, doubt, encouragement, friendship, money, popularity, sex, singleness, worry, and hundreds of other topics. This is a biblical resource you won't want to be without.

Abide in Christ

"A Remedy for Itching Ears" provides answers to many basic questions regarding Christian Doctrine in the Church. Learn what the Articles of Faith are, what new believers need to know about Christian Doctrinal teaching, more in-depth Doctrine for those already established in the faith in order to more fully participate in the Church and its ministries, and more.

Accepting God's Love

Invitations from God

Is there a need for healing in your life? This book can help you access God's amazing healing power. Karen Henein explores the Bible's teaching about healing, referencing hundreds of verses and relating encouraging stories. Why not learn how to actively use every point of access to God's healing power? God loves you and wants to extend His kindness, compassion, mercy, and grace. In response to your prayers and other steps of obedience, God will choose the measure, method, timing, and duration of the healing He will provide for you and your loved ones. While generating faith for healing, *God's Healing Power* also explores why God allows seasons of suffering, what the Bible says about life span, obstacles to our healing, the reality of death, and the promise of eternal life. Hope for healing and hope for heaven can run simultaneously on side-by-side tracks. Those distinct hopes will merge at the believer's last earthly horizon. God will fully restore us some day, providing a resurrected body that's immortal, indestructible, and forever free from pain. Here or there, now or then, a positive outcome awaits each believer. Whether you need faith for healing, or peace and comfort as life nears its end, God's

Healing Power will provide substantive help for your journey.

Young Men

But will it preach? The only good answer to this question often asked about a Christian theology is to preach it, which is to say, to preach according to it, to what it indicates, reflectively and critically, valid Christian preaching ought to be. This volume of selected sermons and homilies documents a career-long attempt to do exactly that. Concerned at once to be faithful to the Christian witness and to speak intelligibly and credibly to women and men here and now, it represents the way of preaching, and so directly calling for a Christian commitment, that is of a piece with the distinctive way of doing Christian theology set forth and argued for in Schubert Ogden's other books and articles. This is why each sermon or homily seeks so to interpret its scriptural text as to bring out its existential meaning for understanding ourselves and leading our lives as human beings today. It is also why each of them, in its way, directly puts the question of decision raised by Christian faith. Thus, together with its companion volume, *To Teach the Truth*, this book offers a model for bearing witness to the truth as Christians understand it.

The Epworth Herald

For sincere seekers, teachers, and preachers. This book consists of the most complete and understandable explanation of BEING right with God to be found anywhere. After a lifetime of becoming acquainted with Christian literature and 28 years of listening to other preachers, the author observed the lack of presenting BEING right with God even though it is the most important thing to be achieved in life. Only partial explanations are given in sermons that touch on the subject of being. As a result, people have a fragmented and incomplete understanding of BEING right with God. The Bible contains what it is to BE right with God but not in an organized and systematic way. Many scriptures are brought together in this book in order to present a full and understandable Biblical explanation of what it is to BE right with God and how to GET right with God.

The Way Home

Flowing from Jesus's parable of the banquet feast, this practical and challenging call to a more inclusive church shows why disabled people--the mentally retarded, the physically impaired, and others--must be part of congregational life, along with how, where, and what to do. Essential for parents, teachers, and the disabled themselves.

A New Life

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This highly interactive and motivational book offers clear insight for making Matthew 22:37-39 into a life's path. Dr. Wayne Scott presents the content through an innovative method of learning called biblical journaling. This helps you to interact with God's Word. Included are seven chapters on God's love that have been rewritten into a more contemporary style from Orison Swett Marden's book Love's Way (1891). Marden was the most widely read author of self-development books in the nineteenth century. A comprehensive supplement (presenting 103 journaling questions) is included for the purpose of bringing you to a full understanding of God's plan for salvation. The supplement starts with the question, "If you were to die today, would you go to Heaven?" If you cannot give an affirmative yes, then hopefully after working through the supplement you will be able to answer "Yes, I know I am going to heaven."

The Yes Effect

My RSVP

Women have advanced God's mission throughout history, but often face particular obstacles in ministry. Mission researcher Mary Lederleitner interviewed respected women in mission leadership from across the globe to gather their insights, expertise, and best practices. These real-life stories will shed light on dynamics that inhibit women, giving both women and men resources for partnering together in effective ministry and mission.

Joyful Journeying with God/joy in Celebrating God's Life 5 Teacher's Manual 1st Ed 2005

No subject causes more irritation, frustration, and confusion than issues concerning government. God has timeless truths in the Bible for resolving the conflict between world politics and the righteousness of God's kingdom. Misunderstanding these truths results in the actions of well-meaning Christians being viewed by the world as offensive, unloving, and hypocritical. The result causes major doubts in the credibility of the Church and limits belief in the loving message of the cross. God's Way, Not Politics brings a timely revelation to God's people of truth in His Word, which has been buried "by the cares of the world" and rationalization of man's action out of ignorance of God's love for mankind and God's promises of peace, concerning what He can and wants to do. May the Holy Spirit reveal through honest consideration of His Word what God is saying. It is time for the Church to recognize our significance as empowered citizens of the kingdom of God on earth and be the conduit of loving witnesses for good in achieving the purpose our Creator intends. Acceptance of His plan and ways will unblock our prayers for healing our land and hasten our Lord's return.

A Remedy for Itching Ears

My RSVP is the prayer guide and journal to go with Judy Warpole's book The Pleasure of His Company. My RSVP is the practical application of hearing God's words through scripture, and then, responding to Him in prayer. Each instruction plus every scripture and prayer may open the way to more intimate communication with God.

Accepting God's Forgiveness

Living God's Love

Do you feel as though something is missing in your life? Is there a void in your life? Have you been trying to satisfy that gnawing feeling of emptiness with the superficial things of this world? Have you been seeking fulfillment through religious traditions and practices? The only real solution to filling this void in your life is to invite Jesus Christ into your heart. Only a personal relationship with Jesus Christ will truly satisfy the longing that you have for a sense of fulfillment. God designed it that way. When you accept Jesus as your Savior you have new birth and new life in Christ. You become a new creation. Second Corinthians 5:17 says "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away behold all things become new. With this new life in Christ you are no longer the same. Your spiritual condition changes and you have a new spiritual identity. Making a connection with Jesus offers a fresh start on the path to becoming what God has ordained for you to be. It is the beginning to living a new life of peace and harmony and with the assurance of your eternity with God.

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