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Barefoot Church Serving the Least in a Consumer Culture Zondervan People are hungry to make a difference in their community, yet most don't know where to start. In fact, "serving the least" is often one of the most neglected biblical mandates in the church. Barefoot Church shows readers how today's church can be a catalyst for individual, collective, and social renewal in any context. Whether pastors or laypeople, readers will discover practical ideas that end up being as much about the Gospel and personal transformation as they are about serving the poor. Here they will see how the organizational structure of the church can be created or redesigned for mission in any context. Drawing from his own journey, Brandon Hatmaker proves to readers that serving the least is not a trendy act of benevolence but a lifestyle of authentic community and spiritual transformation. As Hatmaker writes, "My hope is that God would open our eyes more and more to the needs of our community. And that we would see it as the church's responsibility to lead the charge." **Missional. Monastic. Mainline. A Guide to Starting Missional Micro-Communities in Historically Mainline Traditions** Wipf and Stock Publishers Here is the long-awaited volume that provides both the theoretical foundations and practical guidance for developing new monastic and missional communities in contexts that are theologically progressive, racially and economically diverse, and multicultural. This book contains the wisdom and perspectives of people who live and serve in missional, new monastic communities in United Methodist and other mainline traditions, and it describes new forms of theological education that are emerging to resource a new generation of Christian leaders. Heath and Duggins challenge Methodists, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and other Christians to reach into their own robust, mainline heritage for resources to develop small, intentional communities that practice a rigorous life of prayer, hospitality, and justice. **Crossroads An Exploration of the Emerging-missional Conversation with a Special Focus on 'missional Leadership' and Its Challenges for Theological Education** Eburon Uitgeverij B.V. **But What Is the Church For? What Is the Mission of the Local Church?** Wipf and Stock Publishers What is the church really for? Some people are members of the church because it's part of their family tradition or their culture or their identity. Others have left the church because that's all it is in fact. Is it the best way to salvation or a way of coming closer to God? In any case, the church is not just for us or the benefits we get out of it. Very few of us would say that this is what the church is really for. There is surely something more here, something more generous, life-giving, outgoing, and gracious than what we personally get out of it. This book is about the church's outreach beyond itself—its purpose beyond any benefits for those already its members. This book is not about a church looking inwards and worrying about itself, but about a church looking outwards. The local Christian community that we belong to is part of that much bigger, much more exhilarating project of the evolving realm of God. **Jesus Unleashed Luke's Gospel for Emerging Christians** Wipf and Stock Publishers Luke's narrative of Jesus was presented to Christians who had already heard and read stories of Jesus and the birth of this new movement, Christianity. Luke seemed to rewrite the story of Jesus similar to ancient epics of the history of a nation, a movement, and the tale of a hero. Jesus and the church emerged in occupied Judea, a nation that was not only oppressed but was in exile. Occupied Judea, however, struggled for power and honor and in turn, for marginalized people who needed God. Jesus, the epic hero, journeyed to earth and Jerusalem to free those on the margins of society. This epic story lives on today in a church that also has heard the story of Jesus, but has forgotten that the friend of sinners calls Christians to also reach those who are marginalized by our occupied culture. Luke invites Christians to emerge as a movement that seeks and saves those ostracized by our communities. **The Lost Legacy** Author House Reviews: The author incorporates many brilliant theories surrounding the sustenance of youth development programs, as well as important social themes regarding bullying, as well as motives behind rape and violence. Readers will become exposed to the authors messages of social compassion, becoming aware of social constructs and social problems.... The author is very well read, communicating in an eloquent and intellectual manner. The author includes many original theories as well as compelling supplementary sources, giving the reading a strong amount of credibility Chapter ten is highly innovative and includes insightful content summarizing the contents of the book. -Krystina Murray- Xulon Press **NIV, Bible for Men, eBook Fresh Insights for Thriving in Today's World** Zondervan Enrich your spiritual life and relationship with God every single day In a world that tells us to be and live however we want, the NIV Bible for

Men inspires you to be better, dig deeper into your soul, and do more with what God gave you. Spiritually challenging and thought-provoking, each of the daily readings will move you toward one goal: enriching your spiritual life and relationship with God. Each reading begins with a short, shareable statement that introduces you to that day's meaningful, concise topic designed to address the challenges and expectations that will instantly connect with your experience, such as career, sexuality, leadership, pornography, relationships, financial stability, spiritual growth, substance addiction, culture, character, education, self-image and more. The NIV Bible for Men will help you to apply the Bible to your life every day. As you read and learn, this will quickly become your go-to Bible. Features: Complete text of the accurate, readable, and clear New International Version (NIV) 260 weekday readings from young pastors and leaders such as Matt Chandler, Shane Claiborne, Craig Groeschel, and Gabe Lyons 2 methods to engage: reading through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation or by using the topical index 52 "Myth Articles" state commonly accepted myths in our culture today, then respond to those myths with insights from God's Word

Planting Missional Churches Your Guide to Starting Churches that Multiply B&H Publishing Group Planting a church is one of the most exciting adventures you'll ever embark on. It's also one of the hardest. It requires initiative, leadership, strategy, systems, and a lot of prayer. In this second edition of *Planting Missional Churches*, not only will you find a completely redesigned book with new content in every single chapter, but you will also find several new chapters on topics such as church multiplication, residencies, multi-ethnic ministry, multisite, denominations and networks, and spiritual leadership. So if you're planting a church, be prepared. Use this book as a guide to build the needed ministry areas so that you can multiply over and over again. For additional resources visit www.newchurches.com/PMC.

Simple Church Unity Within Diversity Redeeming Press "What is simple church?" This is a simple question that doesn't have a simple answer. *Simple Church: Unity Within Diversity* is an attempt to shed light on the above question and provide some answers. The twenty-four contributors all hope this book will help people, both inside and outside the church, better understand what simple church life is all about. Far too often discussions about the church descend into arguments that accomplish little. We have no desire to take part in that. Rather, each person who has written a chapter for this book desires that it will lead to increased communication, understanding, and ultimately unity within the body of Christ. Twenty-four writers means twenty-four somewhat different perspectives. We certainly do not agree on everything. You will see that as you read through the book. What we do agree upon is that simple practices often lead to great opportunities for edification and service—both inside and outside the church. We want to share these ideas with other followers of Christ and explain what it is all about. If you would like to know more about simple church from a positive perspective, then this is the book for you!

MILE WIDE PB Good News to the Poor Social Involvement and the Gospel Crossway Help them or tell them? Be like Jesus or talk about Jesus? Social action or gospel proclamation? It seems the two are often pitted against each other, as if they are mutually exclusive. But the New Testament paints a different picture where both aspects are valued. In this plea for a renewed understanding of the Christian calling, Chester argues that faithfulness to the gospel necessitates a commitment to evangelism and social involvement. To that end, he structures the book around three basic theses: 1.) evangelism and social action are distinct activities, 2.) proclamation is central, and 3.) evangelism and social action are inseparable. Responding to Christians in both camps, Chester helps people to talk the talk and walk the walk.

The Transformative Church New Ecclesial Models and the Theology of Jurgen Moltmann Augsburg Fortress Publishers Throughout the course of his theological career, Jrgen Moltmann has been interested in the ecclesial and societal consequences of systematic theology and what each doctrine means for our life in this world. *The Transformative Church* explores these concerns in Moltmann's major texts and highlighting themes relevant for a transformative ecclesiology. Patrick Oden constructs a substantive transformative ecclesiology embedded in this world: we are to become in the church who we are to be in this world, whole in Christ so as to be a messianic people in any context.

A Flexible Faith Rethinking What It Means to Follow Jesus Today Hachette UK BONNIE KRISTIAN shows that a vibrant diversity within Christian orthodoxy—which is simply to say a range of different ways to faithfully follow Jesus—is a strength of our faith, not a weakness. It is all too easy to fail to grasp the diversity of the Christian faith—especially for those who have grown up in one branch of the church and never explored another. We fail to realize how many ways there are to follow Jesus, convinced that our own tradition is the one Christian alternative to nonbelief. *A FLEXIBLE FAITH* is written for the convinced and confused believer alike. It is a readable exploration of the lively theological diversity that stretches back through church history and across the spectrum of Christianity today. It is an easy introduction to how Christians have historically answered key questions about what it means to follow Jesus. Chapters will include 17 big theological questions and answers; profiles of relevant figures in church history; discussion questions; single-page Q&As—profiles of more unusual types of Christians (e.g., a Catholic nun or a member of an Amish community); and a guide to major Christian denominations today. As Bonnie shares her wrestlings with core issues—such as who Jesus is, what place the Church has in our lives, how to disagree yet remain within a community, and how to love the Bible for what it actually is—she teaches us how to walk courageously through our own tough questions. Following Jesus is big and it is something that individual believers, movements, and denominations have expressed in uncountably different ways over the centuries. In the process of helping us sort things out, Bonnie shows us how to be comfortable with diversity in the Body. And as we learn to hold questions in one hand and answers in the other, we will discover new depths of faith that will remain secure even through the storms of life.

Small Matters How Churches and Parents Can Raise Up World-Changing Children Zondervan Children have always been close to Jesus' heart. As his followers, it's our responsibility to protect, nurture, and pass our faith to children. In *Small Matters: Why Children Are Such a Big Deal*, authors Greg Nettle and Jimmy Mellado offer a model of discipleship that encourages parents to raise up the next generation to be deeply committed to and in love with Jesus. Ministry pioneer D. L. Moody once said that if he could relive his life, he would devote his entire ministry to reaching children for God. What Moody understood was that, by investing in them, the potential for effective change in a child's life is huge. When we awaken to the fact that children between the ages of four and fourteen are the most likely to make a decision to follow Jesus, and that the discipleship that children receive forms their future, it may give you an idea of the importance of ministering the young. Greg and Jimmy challenge the typical church models of youth discipleship and offer ways to shift into a more effective and more biblical method that begins by empowering parents in their homes and works outward: Discipling children in the home. Discipling children in the church. Discipling children in the community. Now more than ever churches have to invest in the cause of children through advocacy, sponsorship, and children's ministries—all of which need to be committed to holistic

child development. *Small Matters* will transform the way we view children, invest in them, reach out to them, teach them and, ultimately, empower them to be disciples of Jesus. "This is a book about small matters, which are really large matters... God has used the small things of this world to do his work, and he continues to do this today. In Jesus' kingdom, the first are last and the least are the greatest, the servants are the heroes and the small are the biggest winners of all." John Ortberg, author and pastor. **Sifted Pursuing Growth through Trials, Challenges, and Disappointments** Zondervan Planting and leading a new church is not easy. There are the inevitable setbacks and challenges that come with launching anything new. And the process will test and try a leader's faith, as they face discouragement, loneliness, and failure. In this book, pastor and seasoned church leader Wayne Cordeiro speaks the truth in love, offering wisdom and insight to prepare leaders as they face the difficulties and hardships of church planting, while providing encouragement and inspiration for the journey. "Sifted" is based on Jesus' encouragement to Peter in Luke 22 to keep his faith and minister to others from his weakness. An experienced practitioner, Wayne shares the things he wishes he'd known when he was starting a new church. With additional stories from other prominent, seasoned leaders, each chapter includes a thought provoking, challenge question to develop a heart that is surrendered to God, focused on "being and becoming" versus "doing and accomplishing." Wayne writes about a healthy integration and balance of personal care and leadership amidst the difficulties of the church planting journey. Loneliness and discouragement are normal in church planting, but God cares more about our journey of faith and who we are becoming than our worldly accomplishments and the churches we build. Church planting is an ongoing process of surrender, personal growth and character development. The book will challenge leaders to persevere and rededicate themselves to their calling, their marriage, and their family. Instead of a "how to" book on models and methods, this is a combination of a self-assessment book that challenges leaders' scorecards of success, encourages leaders to realize that they are not alone in what they are experiencing, and provides wisdom for the long haul to position younger leaders for a life of ministry and finish strong. **DiscipleShift Five Steps That Help Your Church to Make Disciples Who Make Disciples** Zondervan Question: What is the God-given purpose of the local church? Answer: Relational discipleship. *DiscipleShift* walks you through five key "shifts" that churches must make to refocus on the fundamental biblical mission of discipleship. These intentional changes will attract the world and empower your church members to be salt and light in their communities. Over the last thirty years, many influential church leaders and church planters in America have adopted various models for reaching unchurched people. While many of these approaches have merit, something is still missing, something even more fundamental to the mission of the church: discipleship. Making disciples—helping people to trust and follow Jesus—is the church's God-given mandate. Devoted disciples attract people outside the church because of the change others see in their Christ-like lives. And discipleship empowers Christians to be more like Christ as they intentionally develop relationships with non-believers. Through biblical and professional insights, Jim Putman and Bobby Harrington discuss the transformational effectiveness of making disciples and just how to do so, in practical terms. You'll learn: The specific roles of a disciple-making pastor. The components of person-to-person discipleship. How each ministry in your church leads to discipleship. How to implement discipleship in your church. Disciple-making leaders will not produce perfect churches, but they will create effective churches. **Hero Maker Five Essential Practices for Leaders to Multiply Leaders** Zondervan In *Hero Maker*, you will learn how to bring real change to your church and community by developing the practical skills to help others reach their leadership potential. Drawing on five powerful practices found in the ministry of Jesus, *Hero Maker* presents the key steps of apprenticeship that will build up other leaders and provide strategies for how you can: activate the gifts of those around you help others take ownership of their mission develop a simple scorecard for measuring your kingdom-building progress With rich insights from the Gospels, *Hero Maker* is packed with real-life ministry stories ranging from paid staff to volunteer leaders--from established churches to new church plants. Whether you lead ten people or ten thousand, *Hero Maker* will not only help you maximize your leadership impact; but, in doing so, you will also help shift today's church culture to a model of reproduction and multiplication. Chicago pastor and church planter Dave Ferguson and award-winning writer Warren Bird make a compelling case that God's power and purpose are best revealed when we train and release others to further advance the Kingdom of God. By becoming a hero maker and investing in others, you can join a movement of influencers that are impacting thousands of people around the world. Everybody wants to be a hero, but few understand the power of being a hero maker. **Missional Moves 15 Tectonic Shifts that Transform Churches, Communities, and the World** Zondervan The church was never designed to be a fortress for the righteous, but a flood of revolutionaries, bringing the Good News of the Kingdom to broken lives and broken communities. Today, millions of Christians are awakening to the holism of the gospel call, expanding their understanding of mission beyond just touching individual lives to impacting and transforming entire communities with the message of God's grace. If this calling toward movement and transformation is to be realized, it will require some earth-shaking shifts—"Missional Moves"—that fundamentally alter our understanding of the church and how its mission is lived out. This book provides a plan of action for your church that will empower you to unleash each member on a mission, both locally and globally. **A Cry for Mercy** Archway Publishing There are so few places in the world to find love, mercy, and peace. Yet in his deep love and compassion for us, God has provided his church and his saints as our way to seek him and find what we so desperately need. But at a time where we have never needed God more, it seems like our church has never reflected God's mercy less. *A Cry for Mercy* is about how the church today is failing to hear the cries of the people of God. Author William Cawley explains how the church's lack of meeting people's needs has affected its relevance today, and he offers his thoughts on what the church needs to do to come back to operating as Christ intended. We all have spiritual needs, and although the church is experiencing prophesied difficulties, God will never give up on us. But we must surrender to him and his love, and respond to him more willingly. If you've experienced the diminishing relevance of the Catholic church and are tired of crying out to have your spiritual needs met, then *A Cry For Mercy* will touch your heart and your conscience. Moreover, it will provide a clear path to renewing the saints of God—and by extension, the church. **Transformed A New Way of Being Christian** Zondervan What if Christianity were less about doing and more about being? In *Transformed*, author Caesar Kalinowski shows you that when you became a Christian everything about you changed in an instant. You received a new identity based on who Jesus is, not on who you were. As a believer, you literally become part of God's family of missionary servants. This is who you are—not what you do. Drawing on stories from Caesar's own journey and life in community, *Transformed* looks realistically at the identity you have been given in Christ and how it reshapes everything about you. Set free from performance-driven

spirituality and guilt, you will draw closer to God, allowing him to radically change the well-worn rhythms and patterns of your every day life and transform your relationships from the inside out. Transformed is for those who yearn for a deeper, more authentic faith, one that empowers you to live out of the truth of who God now says you are. "Caesar Kalinowski is such a wise teacher. Finally, a book on the Christian experience that actually leads its readers towards a new way of living. Transformed is a book that every skeptic, seeker, and Christian should read." —Jen Hatmaker, Author of *7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess* "If there was ever a legitimate time to offer a new pathway for being a Christ-follower it is now. Thank you Caesar for blowing the dust off of the relics of religious life and opening up the window to a God-breathed life." —Hugh Halter, Author of *FLESH, The Tangible Kingdom, & Sacrilege* **A Mile Wide Trading a Shallow Religion for a Deeper Faith** Thomas Nelson What if we're just skimming the surface? Christianity holds out the promise of a better way and a better day. So we've studied, joined more small groups, and checked all the boxes—yet, we're still hungry for more. What if the gospel we've come to know is even deeper than we ever imagined? What if the same gospel that works in us to change us continues to work through us to change everything else? Speaking from more than twenty years of experience working in the local church, Brandon Hatmaker leads us past the hurdles between our current lives and the lives we crave. He shows us how Jesus changes everything and how a greater understanding of the gospel leads to deeper faith, richer community, and more fulfilling purpose. **Exponential Series Complete Set** The Exponential Series Complete Set includes all 10 volumes from the Exponential Series of books. It contains: *Discipleshift* by Jim Putman, Bobby Harrington, and Robert Coleman *Exponential* by Dave Ferguson and Jon Ferguson *Barefoot Church* by Brandon Hatmaker *On the Verge* by Alan Hirsch and Dave Ferguson *Sifted* by Wayne Cordeiro with Francis Chan and Larry Osborne *For the City* by Matt Carter and Derrin Patrick **AND** by Hugh Halter and Matt Smay *It's Personal* by Brian Bloye and Amy Bloye *Transformation* by Bob Roberts Jr. *Missional Moves* by Rob Wegner and Jack Magruder **For the Love International Edition** The majority of our joys, struggles, thrills, and heartbreaks relate to people, beginning first with ourselves and then the people we came from, married, birthed, live by, live for, go to church with, don't like, don't understand, fear, struggle with, compare ourselves to, and judge. People are the best and worst thing about human life. Jen Hatmaker knows this all too well, and so she reveals how to practice kindness, grace, truthfulness, vision, and love to ourselves and those around us. By doing this, 'For the Love' leads our generation to reimagine Jesus' grace as a way of life, and it does it in a funny yet profound manner that Christian readers will love. Along the way, Hatmaker shows readers how to reclaim their prophetic voices and become Good News again to a hurting, polarized world. **Interrupted When Jesus Wrecks Your Comfortable Christianity** Tyndale House *Interrupted* follows the author's messy journey through life and church and into living on mission. Snatching Jen from the grip of her consumer life, God began asking her questions like, "What is really the point of My Church? What have I really asked of you?" She was far too busy doing church than being church, even as a pastor's wife, an author of five Christian books, and a committed believer for 26 years. She discovered she had missed the point. Christ brought Jen and her family to a place of living on mission by asking them tough questions, leading them through Scripture, and walking together with them on the path. *Interrupted* invites readers to take a similar journey. **Church Marketing 101 Preparing Your Church for Greater Growth** Baker Books Over 90 percent of all Christian churches in the United States have fewer than 200 members. While they vary in shape, size, ethnicity, and denomination, they have one thing in common: the desire to grow. So why is it that some churches fail to grow for years, while other congregations in the same community increase exponentially? The problem, says church marketing authority Richard Reising, is that most churches should not be doing promotion. Instead, they should focus on the preparation that will make members eager to invite others. In *ChurchMarketing 101®*, he demystifies basic marketing principles for the church, evaluates them against biblical principles, and illustrates how simple changes can remove roadblocks that hinder members from reaching out. Reising's simple yet insightful approach will be invaluable to pastors and ministry leaders from churches of all denominations and styles. **7 Experiment Member Book** Lifeway Church Resources This study will lead you through this same experiment, at whatever level you choose, in seven key areas: food, clothes, spending, media, possessions, waste, and stress. **Diaspora Missiology Theory, Methodology, and Practice, Second Edition** CreateSpace The movement of people spatially at an unprecedented scale is a special social phenomenon of the 21st century. Among these people on the move are those who take up residence away from their place of origin—the "diaspora"—who are the focus of this study. This book is an interdisciplinary study on the 21st century demographic reality that led to the development of "diaspora missiology" as a new missiological paradigm, and the need to practice "diaspora missions" as a new mission strategy. **7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess (Updated and Revised)** Convergent Books Why do we pursue more when we'd be happier with less? This is the story of how New York Times bestselling author Jen Hatmaker and her family tried to combat overindulgence—and what they learned about living a truly meaningful life along the way. Do you feel trapped in the machine of excess? Jen Hatmaker was. Her friends were. And some might say that our culture is. Jen once considered herself unmotivated by the lure of prosperity, but after she was called "rich" by an undeniably poor child, evidence to the contrary mounted and a social experiment turned spiritual journey was born. *7* is the true story of how Jen (along with her husband and her children) took seven months, identified seven areas of excess, and made seven simple choices to fight back against the modern-day diseases of materialism and overindulgence: food, clothes, possessions, media and technology, spending, waste, and stress. So, what's the payoff from living a deeply reduced life? It's the discovery of a greatly increased God—a call toward Christ-like simplicity and generosity that transcends a social experiment to become a radically better life. Revised and updated to reflect newer challenges of modern life, *7* is funny, raw, and not a guilt trip in the making, so come along and consider what Jesus' version of rich, blessed, and generous might look like in your life. **The Monkey and the Fish Liquid Leadership for a Third-Culture Church** Zondervan Our world is marked by unprecedented degrees of multiculturalism, ethnic diversity, social shifts, international collaboration, and technology-driven changes. The changes are profound, especially when you consider the unchecked decline in the influence, size, and social standing of the church. There is an undercurrent of anxiety in the evangelical world, and a hunger for something new. And we're sensing the urgency of it. We need fresh, creative counterintuitive ways of doing ministry and church and leading it in the 21st century. We need to adapt. Fast. Both in our practices and our thinking. The aim of this book is simple: When we understand the powerful forces at work in the world today, we'll learn how something called *The Third Culture* can yield perhaps the most critical missing ingredient in the church today—adaptability—and help the church remain on the best side of history. *A Third Culture*

Church and a Third Culture Leader looks at our new global village and the church's role in that village in a revolutionary way. It's a way to reconnect with the historical roots of what Jesus envisioned the church could be—a people known for a brand of love, unity, goodness, and extravagant spirit that defies all conventions. This book is part of the successful Leadership Innovation Series. **The Hole in Our Gospel Special Edition What Does God Expect of Us? the Answer That Changed My Life and Might Just Change the World** Thomas Nelson Encourages Christians to embrace the gospel and love their neighbors, examines the manner in which worldwide poverty is handled and how it must be changed, and inspires individuals to reach out by using their time, talent, and money. **The Simplest Way to Change the World Biblical Hospitality as a Way of Life** Moody Publishers How to make disciples using hospitality Deep down, every Christian wants to make a difference. But for many of us, the years come and go and we never do. The good news is: change can be as simple as opening your front door. The Simplest Way to Change the World is about biblical hospitality and its power for the gospel. Since people will sooner enter a living room than a church, hospitality is a natural and effective way to build relationships for Christ. You'll learn: How the home can be a hub for community How hospitality leads to joy, purpose, and belonging How it grows families to love the things of God How it's not about being the perfect host How to be hospitable regardless of your living space Hospitality is a beautiful legacy of the church, and a great way to make disciples. As you open your life up to others, you share in the very character of God and experience His joy. And you get to witness lives change—including your own. Includes 20+ creative ideas for hospitality, plus questions for small groups **Embrace the Struggle Living Life on Life's Terms** Simon and Schuster After years of speaking and writing bestsellers on the value of having a positive attitude, motivational speaker Zig Ziglar is faced with putting his words into action after a fall leaves him with a head injury. In Embrace the Struggle, Ziglar shares a personal account of his accident and offers encouragement through his firsthand experience of overcoming his most difficult challenge. One of the leading stars in the "positive thinking" movement, Zig Ziglar has made a career out of telling people how to have a positive attitude, no matter what their circumstances are. But when a fall down a stairway onto a marble floor leaves him with a head injury, he is challenged with how to put the principles he'd been speaking about into practice. Ziglar's willingness to be transparent has him back writing and speaking with renewed energy before audiences in the tens of thousands to show that life on life's terms is still well worth living. Embrace the Struggle affirms the validity of the principles Ziglar has held true his entire life and includes not only his account of living positively through difficult circumstances; it also includes heartwarming stories of real people who encouraged him with how they put into practice these vital principles. **Gaining By Losing Why the Future Belongs to Churches that Send** Zondervan People are leaving the church J.D. Greear pastors. Big givers. Key volunteers. Some of his best leaders and friends. And that's exactly how he wants it to be. When Jesus gave his disciples the Great Commission, he revealed that the key for reaching the world with the gospel is found in sending, not gathering. Though many churches focus time and energy on attracting people and counting numbers, the real mission of the church isn't how many people you can gather. It's about training up disciples and then sending them out. The true measure of success for a church should be its sending capacity, not its seating capacity. But there is a cost to this. To see ministry multiply, we must release the seeds God has placed in our hands. And to do that, we must ask ourselves whether we are concerned more with building our kingdom or God's. In Gaining By Losing, J.D. Greear unpacks ten plumb lines that you can use to reorient your church's priorities around God's mission to reach a lost world. The good news is that you don't need to choose between gathering or sending. Effective churches can, and must, do both. **The Preacher's Wife The Precarious Power of Evangelical Women Celebrities** Princeton University Press From the New York Times bestselling author of Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved, a fascinating look at the world of Christian women celebrities Since the 1970s, an important new figure has appeared on the center stage of American evangelicalism—the celebrity preacher's wife. Although most evangelical traditions bar women from ordained ministry, many women have carved out unofficial positions of power in their husbands' spiritual empires or their own ministries. The biggest stars—such as Beth Moore, Joyce Meyer, and Victoria Osteen—write bestselling books, grab high ratings on Christian television, and even preach. In this engaging book, Kate Bowler offers a sympathetic and revealing portrait of megachurch women celebrities, showing how they must balance the demands of celebrity culture and conservative, male-dominated faiths. **Unleader Reimagining Leadership-- and why We Must** UnLeader will help you redefine and recalibrate your view of leadership according to Jesus' life. **Risky Gospel Abandon Fear and Build Something Awesome** Thomas Nelson How do you access a real, thriving, vibrant faith? You trust a big God, and you start living like he's real. It's time to put our comfort and ease and false security on the line. If we know God is real, let's pray as if he's actually listening. If we know he's good, let's reflect that goodness in the world. When our problems feel big, let's lean on the One who is bigger. Is that risky? "Sure," says Owen Strachan. "Embrace it anyway. It's literally the only way to live." **Enough Finding More by Living with Less** Baker Books The American way of life pushes people to constantly strive for more--more money, more stuff, more clout. But how much is enough? And how do we know when we have too much of a good thing? In this provocative, paradigm-shifting book, Will Davis Jr. challenges readers to discover the peace that comes through contentment with what we have and compassion for those in need. Through surprising statistics, scriptural insight, and real-life stories, Davis gently leads readers to consider living with less in order to do more for the kingdom. Thought-provoking discussion questions and short chapters make this a perfect study for small groups. No one will come away from this powerful book unchanged. **Jesus Outside the Lines A Way Forward for Those Who Are Tired of Taking Sides** Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Whether the issue of the day on Twitter, Facebook, or cable news is our sexuality, political divides, or the perceived conflict between faith and science, today's media pushes each one of us into a frustrating clash between two opposing sides. Polarizing, us-against-them discussions divide us and distract us from thinking clearly and communicating lovingly with others. Scott Sauls, like many of us, is weary of the bickering and is seeking a way of truth and beauty through the conflicts. Jesus Outside the Lines presents Jesus as this way. Scott shows us how the words and actions of Jesus reveal a response that does not perpetuate the destructive fray. Jesus offers us a way forward away from harshness, caricatures, and stereotypes. 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