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Sermons on the Epistles and Gospels for Sundays and chief holydays

One of Charles R. Swindoll's most powerful works, Strengthen Your Grip has sold over one million copies. Now in paperback, this revised and updated edition speaks more eloquently today than ever before to a world coming apart at its seams.

Philippians

When it comes to ministry, there are plenty of books about how to do this work better ? everything from church growth to fundraising to managing conflict to the latest small group technique. There are books about what is difficult in ministry and the toll it can take. There are books about the ministry from those who have left it behind. This Odd and Wondrous Calling offers something different: a book both honest about the challenges of the vocation and reflective of its joy from two people still pastoring. / Anecdotal and extremely readable, this book covers a diversity of subjects revealing the incredible variety of a pastor?s day. The chapters move from comedy to pathos, story to theology, scripture to contemporary culture. This Odd and Wondrous Calling is both serious and fun and ideal for any who are either considering the ministry or want a better understanding of their own minister?s life. / ?Some pastors write about how they

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grew their churches,? says Martin B. Copenhaver.
?Perhaps we are writing about how our churches have grown us.?

Special sermons

Christianity Today

"This is a time when the fragile form of this world is felt. The seemingly solid foundations are shaking. The question we should be asking is, Do we have a Rock under our feet? A Rock that cannot be shaken—ever?" —John Piper On January 11, 2020, a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) reportedly claimed its first victim in the Hubei province of China. By March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization had declared a global pandemic. In the midst of this fear and uncertainty, it is natural to wonder what God is doing. In *Coronavirus and Christ*, John Piper invites readers around the world to stand on the solid Rock, who is Jesus Christ, in whom our souls can be sustained by the sovereign God who ordains, governs, and reigns over all things to accomplish his wise and good purposes for those who trust in him. What is God doing through the coronavirus? Piper offers six biblical answers to that question, showing us that God is at work in this moment in history.

Lord, Change My Attitude

Church of God Evangel

The Letters to the Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians

Here are some advantages to read these sermons (1) Do you want to know Pastor Akoa Mongos theology and beliefs? Read these sermons. It is well known today that church people no longer know what used to be called heresy. A church, which doesn't know which doctrines are heretics is a church without faith. Those who believe in something are heretics, as far as those who don't. Our faith must be based on specifics; the foundation, which makes us heretics, and separates us from those who don't believe in Jesus Christ as we do. (2)-These texts can be used for Bible Studies because they have questions, answers, main points, sub-points and biblical references. (3)-These texts go right on the hard of the matter. There is a theme, an introduction, divisions, and the conclusion for each message. (4) Pastor Akoa-Mongo has a method of presentation. His messages start with the question: what? In order to bring his audience to be a part of the message. Then he would try to answer the second question why? The reader is asking him, Why are you devoting your time and effort to say what you are saying to me? Why the Bible and the Holy Spirit want me to be interested on this subject with you? Pastor Akoa-Mongo would like to be sure that the Bible, and the Holy Spirit speaking to the reader. The last question he strives to answer is, What this has to do with me? - The reader -? Here, he strives to involve the reader to know his or her mission in the world; the way the Lord invites him or

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her to finish the sermon and start changing the situation in order to do the will of our Father who is in heaven. (5) At the conclusion, the Rev. Akoa-Mongo tries to summarize the whole message so that the reader would have in mind what the Lord wanted him or her to hear that day from him.

Keep Believing: Finding God in Your Deepest Struggles (2019 Edition)

Drawn from a rich heritage, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* will guide you through a carefully selected array of disciplines. By illustrating why the disciplines are important, showing how each one will help you grow in godliness, and offering practical suggestions for cultivating them, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* will provide you with a refreshing opportunity to become more like Christ and grow in character and maturity. Now updated and revised to equip a new generation of readers, this anniversary edition features in-depth discussions on each of the key disciplines.

Sermon Notes

Bible study is made easier when we have a place to start! What do I study today? What do I preach or teach next week? In this volume there is a study outline for each week for three years. It can be used both inductively and deductively. The author spent hours mining each text. The outline represents the "gist" of the message or lesson presented to a "live" congregation. Outlines cover both Old and New

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Testament. If desired, full manuscripts and compact discs are available for further study as well as a volume of written sermons. The reader will discover that each lesson holds spiritual treasure on most any subject in Scripture.

The Message of Philippians

Christine Caine is passionate about seeing every woman equipped to live her life on mission for Jesus. In this 7-session study, you'll develop a new understanding of how God sees you and has chosen you to help make Jesus' name known on this planet. Through biblical teaching and lessons from her own life, Christine will challenge you to share the story of how God's love has transformed your life right where you are. Features: Leader helps to guide questions and discussions within small groups Personal study segments to complete between 7 weeks of group sessions Enriching interactive teaching videos, approximately 30 minutes per session, available for purchase or rent Benefits: Experience the unconditional love and call of Jesus. Discover your inherent value and kingdom mission. Gain confidence to share the living hope of Christ. Help people belong in a world where they feel unseen.

Strengthening Your Grip

The Tony Evans Bible Commentary

Why did Christianity begin, and why did it take the

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shape it did? To answer this question -- which any historian must face -- renowned New Testament scholar N. T. Wright focuses on the key points: what precisely happened at Easter? What did the early Christians mean when they said that Jesus of Nazareth had been raised from the dead? What can be said today about this belief? This book, third in Wright's series *Christian Origins and the Question of God*, sketches a map of ancient beliefs about life after death, in both the Greco-Roman and Jewish worlds. It then highlights the fact that the early Christians' belief about the afterlife belonged firmly on the Jewish spectrum, while introducing several new mutations and sharper definitions. This, together with other features of early Christianity, forces the historian to read the Easter narratives in the gospels, not simply as late rationalizations of early Christian spirituality, but as accounts of two actual events: the empty tomb of Jesus and his "appearances." How do we explain these phenomena? The early Christians' answer was that Jesus had indeed been bodily raised from the dead; that was why they hailed him as the messianic "son of God." No modern historian has come up with a more convincing explanation. Facing this question, we are confronted to this day with the most central issues of the Christian worldview and theology.

Adventuring Through the Bible

Reflections to help preachers generate fresh ideas for their sermons

The Standard

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The biggest barrier to faith is life itself. Divorce. Cancer. Infertility. Death. There are times in our lives in which God seems very far away. We don't understand His silence. We only feel the intensity of our pain and the echoing question of 'why?' The Bible declares that God is good, but can we still believe this when our lives are falling apart? In *Keep Believing*, Dr. Pritchard affirms what the Bible declares: that God is good and His mercy endures forever. This is true regardless of our moment-by-moment experience. God has provided comfort in our times of struggle and healing in our times of hurt through the balm of His Word. You believed in the light of day; will you still believe at midnight? Search the Scriptures with Dr. Pritchard for words of encouragement and hope. Put your confidence in the God who sorrowfully watched His Son suffer at Calvary for your benefit. Know that the same loving heavenly Father has everything completely under control. He is with you and longs to comfort you as you struggle through your hard times. Take a tell-tale look at your devotion to the Lord and His never-ending love and commitment to you in *Keep Believing*. You served God in the sunshine; will you now serve him in the shadows?

Herald of Holiness

Change your attitude, change your life. We're very good at explaining why we're unhappy: bad job, bad relationships, bad luck. But there's probably a better reason: bad attitudes. In *Lord, Change My Attitude*, James MacDonald shows us just how much our attitudes affect our lives. One of his bestsellers, this

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book is classic James: It's clear, it's inspiring, and it packs a punch. Drawing from the experience of the Israelites who grumbled through the wilderness, MacDonald shows how bad attitudes rob us of joy. Coveting, complaining, and being critical are not what our hearts were made for. They were made for thankfulness, contentment, and love. Is your heart straining under the weight of a bad attitude? Don't read this book if you're looking for a quick fix. Don't read this book if you're unwilling to change. Read it if you're ready for a serious, inside-out attitude adjustment.

Sermon Sparks

The Art and Craft of Biblical Preaching

Attitudes

A Comprehensive Resource for Today's Communicators This extensive encyclopedia is the most complete and practical work ever published on the art and craft of biblical preaching. The 11 major sections contain almost 200 articles, which cover every possible preaching topic, including changing lives, sermon structure, "the big idea," introductions, outlining, transitions, conclusions, passionate delivery, application, leveraging illustrations, telling stories, preaching narrative texts, topical preaching, expository preaching, evangelistic preaching, preaching to postmoderns, using humor,

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speaking with authority, and many others. Entries are characterized by intensely practical and vivid writing designed to help preachers deepen their understanding and sharpen their communication skills. The contributors include a virtual Who's Who of preaching from a cross section of denominations and traditions, such as John Ortberg, Rick Warren, Warren Wiersbe, Alice Mathews, John Piper, Andy Stanley, and many others. Haddon Robinson and Craig Brian Larson—two of today's most respected voices in preaching—provide editorial oversight.

Bible Exposition Commentary

"To All People"

"How should the Bible be used in Christian Ethics? Although this question has been addressed many times, little attention has gone to how the Bible actually has functioned in constructing theological ethics. In this book, Jeffrey Siker describes and analyzes the Bible's various uses in the theology and ethics of eight of the twentieth century's most important and influential Christian theologians: Reinhold Niebuhr, H. Richard Niebuhr, Bernard Haring, Paul Ramsey, Stanley Hauerwas, Gustavo Gutierrez, James Cone, and Rosemary Radford Ruether. In approaching each author, Siker organizes his study around five related questions: which biblical texts does each author in fact use; in what ways does each use these texts; how does each envision the authority of the Bible; what kind of hermeneutic does the

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author employ; finally, what has each author's particular approach to the Bible yielded in terms of Christian ethics, or, in other words, what are some of the practical results? Siker ends each chapter with a critical evaluation of the various problems and prospects for the author's use of Scripture, and concludes the study with a comparison and contrast of the author's respective appropriations of the Sermon on the Mount."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

This Odd and Wondrous Calling

Tony Evans is one of the most influential church leaders of our time and has been studying and preaching the Gospel for over 50 years. He is senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, TX and founder of The Urban Alternative, a ministry which promotes a kingdom agenda philosophy designed to enable people to live all of life underneath the comprehensive rule of God. The Tony Evans Bible Commentary includes an introduction to each Bible book followed by passage-by-passage exposition of the entire Bible by Dr. Tony Evans. In addition, there is a special front matter section with introductory resources. The insights in this commentary will help explain God's Word in a fresh way. Applying these truths will empower readers to have transformed lives that then transfer the values of the kingdom of God to others. The Tony Evans Bible Commentary features the highly readable, highly reliable text of the Christian Standard Bible® (CSB). The CSB stays as

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literal as possible to the Bible's original meaning without sacrificing clarity, making it easier to engage with Scripture's life-changing message and to share it with others.

A Plea for Unity

The Living Bible Paraphrased

Discover the Joy that can only be found in Jesus, in this masterful exposition of Philippians by Alec Motyer.

No Holds Barred

A fortnightly magazine of evangelical conviction.

Wesleyan-Methodist Magazine

The Complicated Heart

How do you forgive when the wound is still open? People often ask Sarah, "How did you forgive your alcoholic mother?" How do you forgive someone who carelessly brushed aside your pain, who caused such destruction, and who doesn't show remorse? How do you know when to stay and when to go? In *The Complicated Heart*, you will travel through Sarah's story with her, from age 14 and beyond, as she wrestles with these very questions. Prepare yourself: she holds nothing back. If you've struggled with a

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difficult relationship, if you've felt torn-up and crazy and confused because of it, if you just want to know how to move forward and be okay, this story is for you. Dysfunction does not have to be your destiny or your identity. Victory is on the table. What's more: you'll not only travel with Sarah, you'll travel with her mom as well as you read her mom's journal entries and letters. What goes on in the mind of the person who hurt you the most? In this story, you'll get a rare peek into that mind and heart. In these pages you'll be reminded that light always finds a way in, even in the deepest darkness, and redemption and joy are possible in the midst of trauma and unmet needs. If you want to learn how to forgive when your wound is still open, heal when circumstances don't change, and become a generational bondage-breaker, *The Complicated Heart* is for you. And if not for you, for someone you know. Pass it along.

Choose Your Attitudes, Change Your Life

We desperately need role models worth following. Authentic heroes. People of integrity. Great lives to inspire us to do better, to climb higher, to stand taller. ?Chuck Swindoll *Great Days with the Great Lives* is a collection of biographies taken from the *Great Lives from God's Word* series. Each day provides a Scripture reference and devotional thought based on the experience of some of the greatest heroes of the Bible?men and women whose authentic walk with God will teach us, encourage us, and warn us. These profiles in character from one of America's most beloved teachers, Chuck Swindoll, offer us hope for

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the future. They show us that God can do extraordinary things through ordinary men and women like us. They teach us what it means to be genuinely spiritual people?people after God's own heart. Join us now for 365 Great Days with Great Lives?an exploration into the hearts and lives of God's heroes who continue to instruct and inspire.

20/20 - Bible Study Book

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.

Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life

It's Not Supposed to Be This Way

Scripture and Ethics

110 BE-ATTITUDES FOR LEADERS

Are you truly serious about allowing the power of God to transform your life? If you are, then prepare yourself for an incredible, life-changing experience. Change is difficult, but it's made even harder without practical guidance on how to do it. You will find that guidance in *Lord, Change Me Now*. James MacDonald is serious about the business of change according to God's Word. While many tell us that we should change and be more like Christ, MacDonald actually teaches us how to do it. *Lord, Change Me Now* is split into three sections as the model for approaching change: **The Preparation for Change:** choosing the right method and partnering with God to select the areas in need of change in your life. **The Process of Change:** exploring the biblical method of saying 'no' to sinful patterns and 'yes' to the things God desires for you. **The Power to Change:** explaining how to experience the power of God personally and continuously. This is a book about a different you. There are no warm fuzzies within these pages.

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Rather, MacDonald is a direct, to-the-point pastor with a heart for seeing lives completely transformed by the truth of the Gospel. If you're serious about changing your life, this book is just what you need.

The Sermon on the Mount

New York Times bestselling author Lysa TerKeurst unveils her heart amid shattering circumstances and shows readers how to live assured when life doesn't turn out like they expected. What do you do when God's timing seems questionable, His lack of intervention hurtful, and His promises doubtful? Life often looks so very different than we hoped or expected. Some events may simply catch us off guard for a moment, but others shatter us completely. We feel disappointed and disillusioned, and we quietly start to wonder about the reality of God's goodness. Lysa TerKeurst understands this deeply. But she's also discovered that our disappointments can be the divine appointments our souls need to radically encounter God. In *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, Lysa invites us into her own journey of faith and, with grit, vulnerability, and honest humor, helps us to: Stop being pulled into the anxiety of disappointment by discovering how to better process unmet expectations and other painful situations. Train ourselves to recognize the three strategies of the enemy so we can stand strong and persevere through unsettling relationships and uncertain outcomes. Discover the secret of being steadfast and not panicking when God actually does give us more than we can handle. Shift our suspicion that God is cruel or

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unfair to the biblical assurance that God is protecting and preparing us. Know how to encourage a friend and help her navigate hard realities with real help from God's truth.

The Resurrection of the Son of God

Volume 3 of the Bible Exposition Commentary
6-volume set

Lord Change Me

How should we pursue spiritual maturity-becoming more like Christ? In Paul's epistle to the Philippians, one of the dominant themes is spiritual maturity. Throughout the epistle, he encourages them to pursue unity, to be faithful in suffering, to rejoice regardless of circumstances, to live as citizens of heaven, to have the mind of Christ, and to practice many other virtues-essentially calling them to be mature. Then, in chapter 3, he specifically exhorts them to imitate his pursuit of Christlikeness (v. 17). He describes himself as a banker counting everything loss to gain Christ (v. 8) and as a runner seeking to win the prize of knowing Christ (v. 12-14). As we study Philippians, it will inspire us to new heights of spiritual maturity. Let's study it together with the Bible Teacher's Guide. "Expositional, theological, and candidly practical! I highly recommend The Bible Teacher's Guide for anyone seeking to better understand or teach God's Word." -Dr. Young-Gil Kim, Founding President of Handong Global University
"Helpful to both the laymen and the serious student,

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The Bible Teacher's Guide, by Dr. Greg Brown, is outstanding!" -Dr. Neal Weaver, President of Louisiana Baptist University "Whether you are preparing a Bible study, a sermon, or simply wanting to dive deeper into a personal study of God's Word, these will be very helpful tools." -Eddie Byun, Author of Justice Awakening

Great Days with the Great Lives

Coronavirus and Christ

The Old and New Testaments come together in a unique and captivating way to show how all parts of God's Word fit together.

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