
Faith Development web catalog

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ATHENA'S DISGUISES: MENTORS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Wiltshire, Susan Ford		Westminster John Knox Press		BOOK
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How women can recognize mentors--both male and female--already around them and how they can adapt to circumstances and fate in pursuing their intellectual and spiritual development.

BAREFOOT WAY: A FAITH GUIDE FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS, AND THE PEOPLE WHO WALK WITH THEM

Baker, Dori Grinenko		Westminster John Knox Press, 201		BOOK
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The Barefoot Way is about our spiritual journeys. It contains an array of stories from others, from writers young and old, who have found God in the most unexpected places: a walk on the beach, a conversation with an old friend, a bus ride to school, and so much more. Walk with them, share your own story through journaling, and reflect on these experiences in this twenty-one day field guide through the realities of life.

BE STILL: DESIGNING AND LEADING CONTEMPLATIVE RETREATS

Vennard, Jane E.		Alban Institute, Inc , 2000		BOOK
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A book of wise counsel and practical guidance to the retreat leader. Amply illustrated with stories and creative exercises, it is grounded in common sense and based on years of experience.

ENCOUNTER GOD IN THE CITY ON RAMPS TO PERSON AND COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

White, Randy		InterVarsity Press, 2006		BOOK
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Urban ministry veteran Randy White shows how God transforms us when we answer the call to the city. Urban life peels away our sin and self-deception, and challenges our unexamined assumptions about privilege, race, class and power. Experiential discipleship moves us from abstract theory to hands-on learning and on-the-ground action, revolutionizing our perspectives and making a difference in local neighborhoods and beyond.

FAITH IN WORDS A CELEBRATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WRITERS

Weems, Ann and Louis B. Weeks, eds.		Geneva Press		BOOK
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Faith in Words is a timeless collection of essays and poems that reflect on living the life of faith. This volume includes works from such noted Presbyterian writers as Doris Betts, Kathleen Long Bostrom, Belden C. Lane, Katherine Paterson, J. Barrie Shepherd, David Steele, Bill Tammeus, and Ann Weems.

FINDING INTIMACY IN A WORLD OF FEAR

Law, Eric H.F.		Chalice Press, 2007		BOOK
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This resource is written in the context of 9/11 and the Katrina hurricane-events that have transformed much of the nation marked by a climate of fear. Individuals may not understand nor know how to cope with their fears, but marketers, media, and politicians understand how to take advantage of fear. The author offers a journey through the landscape of fear and a path to follow and minister for Jesus in trust and intimacy.

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GIFTS OF AN UNCOMMON LIFE

THE PRACTICE OF CONTEMPLATIVE ACTIVISM

Friend, Jr., Howard E.

The Alban Institute, 2008

BOOK

This book of ten essays is a breath of fresh air, a source of inspiration, a wake-up call, and a bold challenge for pastors, congregational leaders, and church members—both active and lapsed—who long for a new perspective, even a touch of creative irreverence. With an invitation to quietness and stillness, inner strength and resilience, audacious hope and insistent confidence, it welcomes those among the people of God who do not belong to a church or name themselves as Christian.

GLIMPSES OF GLORY: DAILY REFLECTIONS ON THE BIBLE

Bechtel, Carol M.

Westminster John Knox Press

BOOK

A collection of stories that are inspiring and uplifting, ideal for those seeking to grow in personal faith and Bibleknowledge. Each meditation is followed by questions for discussion and reflection.

GOD OF SECOND CHANCES

Kolbell, Erik

Westminster John Knox Press, 2008

BOOK

In this hopeful book, this insightful writer and caregiver looks back through Scripture and finds that it reveals a God of second chances. The Bible is rich with words like re-conciliation, re-demption, re-vival, and re-surrection, and Kolbell eloquently explores one “re” word in every chapter, each pointing to a well-recognized biblical theme that speaks in its own way to how, when our spirits are weary, God gives us a second chance to deepen our lives of faith. Drawing from a wealth of biblical and contemporary illustrations, Kolbell offers comforting guidance to all spiritual seekers who yearn to find their way back to the sufficiency of God’s love and gain the wisdom to know what to respond in return. Includes questions for discussion or reflection.

GOD'S VISION, OUR CALLING

HOPE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Catron, Janice E.

Geneva Press, 2003

BOOK

The author, editorial director of Geneva Press, was the Bible study leader at the 2003 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women focusing on Ephesians 4:1-6. God has a vision of wholeness for us and for the world that the first creation modeled and that the new creation will bring to permanent fruition; in the meantime, God calls us to create as much of that wholeness on earth as we can.

HEARTS TO GOD, HANDS TO WORK: CONNECTING

SPIRITUALITY AND WORK

Jacobsen, Steve

Alban Institute, Inc.

BOOK

An account of one pastor's creative attempts at integrating faith and life--getting people out into their workaday worlds with their Christian faith alive, well, and active.

HOW DO I MAKE IT RIGHT?

DOING JUSTICE IN A BROKEN WORLD

Young, Tracy

Faith Alive, 2010

BOOK

In the Works series. The prophet Micah asks, “What does the Lord require of you?” The answer seems simple at first: “Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.” But what does that really mean? How does this impact our relationships with our neighbors and with God? This study explores these questions and offers specific suggestions for how to act justly in your daily life.

IN A WORD

Kaai, Anneke and Peterson, Eugene H.

Piquant

BOOK

In this radiant blending of word and image, an artist and a theologian explore 23 well-known words of the Christian faith: grace, mercy, love, eternity, righteousness, salvation, and others. Eugene Peterson's wise, spiritual reflections illuminate Anneke Kaai's vivid abstract paintings, infusing new life and meaning into age-old words.

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REDISCOVERING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

A WORKBOOK

Penn, John I.

Upper Room Books, 1996

BOOK

Based on Charles Bryant's book of the same title, John Penn has developed a workbook that helps a leader guide participants through a six-week study of discovering their spiritual gifts. Designed as a companion resource for Bryant's book, this workbook offers a basic understanding of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTING WITH GOD

Connecting Faith and Daily Life in Small Groups

Johnson, Abigail

Alban Institute, 2004

BOOK

Johnson provides detailed instructions for group facilitators, making this book a valuable resource for any theological reflection leader. She demonstrates how theological reflection will enrich the faith life of the individual and increase group members' sense of belonging to God and to the whole people of God. She also shows how small groups engaging in theological reflection affects the ongoing life of a congregation—particularly in the community's worship and the members' practice of spiritual disciplines. Foreword by Barbara Troxell

SHAME-LESS LIVES, GRACE-FULL CONGREGATIONS

McClintock, Karen A.

The Alban Institute, 2012

BOOK

In Shame-Less Lives, Grace-Full Congregations, author Karen McClintock invites readers to become shame-less, so they can assist others in a congregational system to find a life of joy and grace.

SPIRITUAL LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION: GUIDE FOR RETREATS

Job, Rueben P.

Upper Room Books, 1997

BOOK

Retreat designs, some theological foundation and practical help in designing, planning, and conducting retreats for a variety of groups in a variety of settings.

'TIS A GIFT TO BE SIMPLE: EMBRACING THE FREEDOM OF LIVING WITH LESS

DeGrote-Sorensen, Barbara/David Allen Sorensen

Augsburg Fortress

BOOK

For all who would like to make their lives less complicated. That is, more leisurely, less occupied with material things, having more time for family, friends, and God.

UNCOVERING YOUR CHURCH'S HIDDEN SPIRIT

Hahn, Celia Allison

Alban Institute, 2001

BOOK

This resource tells stories of several parishes, each with its own spiritual history and promise. The author helped them identify their congregation's gifts for spiritual development, and offers a very readable, wise, and highly practical text for people interested in exploring this area with their own congregation.

WERE YOU THERE?

FINDING OURSELVES AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Kolbell, Erik

Westminster John Knox Press, 2005

BOOK

In the Passion of Jesus we hear the story of one person but the echoes of many, writes Erik Kolbell, for although we read it to find out who Jesus was, it is in the reading of those other characters that we find out who we are. The characters discussed include Peter, the slave whose ear is severed; Judas, the woman who anointed him; Pilate, Herod; Simon of Cyrene, the centurion; Joseph of Arimathea; Mary; and others.

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WHAT DO I DO WITH MY LIFE?

SERVING GOD THROUGH WORK

Baker, Kenneth A.

Faith Alive, 2010

BOOK

In the Works series. Learn how God is calling you to serve him and your coworkers, customers, and employers at your workplace with this small group study. Explore how to translate Sunday's good news into weekday action in the arena where you have the greatest influence.

WHAT DO I OWE?

MANAGING THE GIFTS GOD GIVES YOU

Bouma, Rolf

Faith Alive, 2010

BOOK

In the Works series. Our tendency is to think of stewardship primarily in financial terms—"What do I owe?"—but money is only one of the gifts God gives us to manage. Discover how we can use the gift of time, the gift of the creation itself, and the gift of God's grace to say thank you to God.

WHAT'S THE LEAST I CAN BELIEVE AND STILL BE A CHRISTIAN? A GUIDE TO WHAT MATTERS MOST

Thielen, Martin

Westminster John Knox Press, 2011

BOOK

Many people in the twenty-first century hunger for an expression of Christian faith that is different from the judgmental and narrow-minded caricatures they see on television or in the news. With an accessible, story-telling style that's grounded in solid biblical scholarship, Thielen shows how Christians don't need to believe that sinners will be "left behind" to burn in hell or that it's heresy to believe in evolution. And while we must always take the Bible seriously, we don't always have to take it literally. At the same time, Christians do need to believe in Jesus--his life, his teachings, his death and resurrection, and his vision for the world. A great benefit of those beliefs is that they provide promising answers to life's most profound questions, including: Where is God? What matters most? What brings fulfillment? What about suffering? And is there hope? Thielen articulates centrist, mainline Christianity in a way that's fresh and easy to understand and offers authentic Christian insights that speak to our deepest needs.

WHERE DO I COME IN?

JOINING GOD'S MISSION

Keepers, Brian

Faith Alive, 2010

BOOK

In the Works series. Do you think of yourself as a missionary? In reality, every part of your daily life is "mission work"—whether you're driving kids to soccer practice, preparing for a meeting, or getting to know your next-door neighbor. Find out how to develop a missional mindset in your life with this small group study.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?

CONNECTING FAITH AND DAILY LIFE

Everist, Norma Cook and Nelvin Vos

Alban Institute, Inc.

BOOK

Focusing on stress, power, and accountability in daily life, the book helps readers make connections to their faith.

WHY CHRISTIAN? FOR THOSE ON THE EDGE OF FAITH

Hall, Douglas John

Fortress Press

BOOK

In these dialogues with doubt, the author enters into an earnest search with a young inquirer--half-familiar with superficial aspects of Christianity, hopeful of their being greater depth than found so far, curious, insistent, looking for something to believe in but not ready to leap without good reason--such a person who asks Why Be Christian?

WILL OF GOD IN AN UNWILLING WORLD

Kalas, J. Ellsworth

Westminster John Knox Press, 2011

BOOK

The author, a former president of Asbury Theological Seminary, offers a challenging and hopeful reflection on a conundrum that every human being deals with at some time in life, usually when facing a horrible tragedy, the death of a loved one, or the simple grinding pain of everyday existence: Why does God allow such suffering to exist? Is our pain God's will? Pastors, students, and general readers will all benefit from the reflections of this seasoned pastor and theologian as he explores the concept of the will of God in a shattered and stubborn world.

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**YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE
A DAILY GUIDE TO RENEWAL**

Minor, Ronald E.

Paraclete Press

BOOK

This daily devotional provides twelve weeks of guidance, challenge, and encouragement to all Christians who are seeking a faith that impacts all areas of life.