

A Praying Life

Paul Miller

Prayer is so hard that unless circumstances demand it—an illness, or saying grace at a meal—most of us simply do not pray. We prize accomplishments and productivity over time in prayer. Even Christians experience this prayerlessness—a kind of practical unbelief that leaves us marked by fear, anxiety, joylessness, and spiritual lethargy.

Prayer is all about relationship. Based on the popular seminar by the same name, *A Praying Life* has disciplined thousands of Christians to a vibrant prayer life full of joy and power. When Jesus describes the intimacy He seeks with us, He talks about joining us for dinner (Revelation 3:20). *A Praying Life* feels like having dinner with good friends. It is the way we experience and connect to God. In *A Praying Life*, author Paul Miller lays out a pattern for living in relationship with God and includes helpful habits and approaches to prayer that enable us to return to a childlike faith.

Gentle and Lowly

Dane Ortlund

Christians can easily feel that Jesus is perpetually disappointed and frustrated, maybe even close to giving up on them. They know what Christ has done for them—but who is he? How does he feel about his people amid all their sins and failures?

In Matthew 11, Jesus describes himself as “gentle and lowly in heart,” longing for his people to find rest in him. This book reflects on his words, diving deep into Bible passages that speak of Christ’s affections for sinners and encouraging believers as they journey, weary and faltering, toward heaven.

Get Out of Your Head

Jennie Allen

Are your thoughts holding you captive? *I’ll never be good enough. Other people have better lives than I do. God couldn’t really love me.* Jennie Allen knows what it’s like to swirl in a spiral of destructive thoughts, but she also knows we don’t have to stay stuck in toxic thinking patterns.

As she discovered in her own life, God built a way for us to escape that downward spiral. Freedom comes when we refuse to be victims to our thoughts and realize we have already been equipped with power from God to fight and win the war for our minds.

In *Get Out of Your Head*, Jennie inspires and equips us to transform our emotions, our outlook, and even our circumstances by taking control of our thoughts. Our enemy is determined to get in our heads to make us feel helpless, overwhelmed, and incapable of making a difference for the kingdom of God. But when we submit our minds to Christ, the promises and goodness of God flood our lives in remarkable ways.

God’s Big Picture

Vaughan Roberts

Sixty-six books written by forty people over nearly 2,000 years, in two languages and several different genres. A worldwide bestseller published in countless sizes and bindings, translations and languages. Sworn by in court, fought over by religious people, quoted in arguments. The Bible is clearly no ordinary book. How can you begin to read and understand it as a whole? In this excellent overview, Vaughan Roberts gives you the big picture--showing how the different parts of the Bible fit together under the theme of the kingdom of God. He provides both the encouragement and the tools to help you read the Bible with confidence and understanding. And he points you to the Bible’s supreme subject, Jesus Christ, and the salvation God offers through him.

Heirs of the Covenant

Susan Hunt

From the snuggliest infant to the wisest old matriarch, our congregations make up God's covenant family, and we are indeed Heirs of the Covenant. The covenant that began in Genesis and unfolds all the way through Revelation is God's promise to Abraham: I will be your God, you will be my people, and I will dwell among you. God's covenant faithfulness is multigenerational and the promises, privileges, and obligations of the covenant are to be passed from generation to generation. Regardless of where you fit in this big family we call the church, you will be motivated by this practical plan to see how God's covenant promise integrates into all of life: a biblical legacy of faith for all generations.

Real Love for Real Life, The Art and Work of Caring

Andi Ashworth

Andi Ashworth's remarkable book has, for many, become the handbook for living a loving, hospitable, caregiving life. Andi offers life-changing insights and encouragement to the overlooked and marginalized caregivers of the world. For Andi, imaginative care for people and planet is the human mission on earth.

Saints and Scoundrels

Nancy Guthrie

The story of Jesus in the Gospels includes all kinds of interesting people—some who claimed to be saints but proved to be scoundrels, as well as scoundrels who were transformed into saints. In *Saints and Scoundrels in the Story of Jesus*, Nancy Guthrie provides a fresh look into what shaped and motivated people such as John the Baptist, Peter, the Pharisees, Zacchaeus, Judas, Caiaphas, Barabbas, Stephen, and Paul. Join her as she reintroduces us to these biblical characters, helping us to see more clearly the ways in which they reveal the generous grace of Jesus toward sinners.

The Gospel Centered Parent

Rose Marie Miller

Our children are precious to us, so naturally we want to protect them and guarantee their safety and happiness. We want to get it right, so our children will be all right. But we live in a broken world where things don't always (or never?) go as planned. Children make mistakes and, if they are honest, parents know they make mistakes too. So it's easy for parents to live in fear, regret, confusion, and sometime hopelessness about parenting and the children they love. Is there a better way? Can you learn to live by faith, to trust the God who made you and your children with their past, present, and future? How can Christian parents live by faith as they parent their children?

These are questions that are best answered in community. Rose Marie Miller is a mother and grandmother who is familiar with being afraid and also the power of the gospel to free you from it. She is a wise and experienced guide for your small group as you tackle these issues by looking at what God has to say about his love, forgiveness, and care for you and your child.

White Awake: An Honest Look at What it Means to be White

Daniel Hill

Daniel Hill will never forget the day he heard these words: *"Daniel, you may be white, but don't let that lull you into thinking you have no culture. White culture is very real. In fact, when white culture comes in contact with other cultures, it almost always wins. So it would be a really good idea for you to learn about your culture."* Confused and unsettled by this encounter, Hill began a journey of understanding his own white identity. Today he is an active participant in addressing and confronting racial and systemic injustices. And in this compelling and timely book, he shows you the seven stages to expect on your own path to cultural awakening. It's crucial to understand both personal and social realities in the areas of race, culture, and identity. This book will give you a new perspective on being white and also empower you to be an agent of reconciliation in our increasingly diverse and divided world.