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Hope When It Hurts Thomas Nelson

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 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 Best Yes Group Publishing (Company)

Christianity Today 2020 Book of the Year Award, Missions/Global Church Women have advanced God's mission throughout history and around the world. But women often face particular obstacles in ministry. What do we need to know about how women thrive? Mission researcher Mary Lederleitner interviewed and surveyed ninety-five respected women in mission leadership from thirty countries to gather their insights, expertise, and best practices. She unveils how women serve in distinctive ways and identifies key traits of faithful connected leaders. When women face opposition based on their gender, they employ various strategies to carry on with resilience and hope. Real-life stories and case studies shed light on dynamics that inhibit women and also give testimony to God's grace and empowerment in the midst of challenges. Women and men will find resources here for partnering together in effective ministry and mission. Organizations can help women flourish through advocacy, mentoring, and addressing structural issues. Wherever God has invited you to serve and lead, discover that you are not alone as you answer the call.

Fresh Out of Amazing The Good Book Company

There are four universal invitations presented to us during our lives, a synthesis of the greatest common denominators embedded in our life experiences, religious faiths, and secular thought. To God, they are truths; to humankind, they are the Four Invitations - God invites us to accept and choose to: • Follow God equally regardless of the path we choose • Assess without judging through our biases or issues • Engage and respond to others with love • Connect and spend time with God in worship The Four Invitations are invitations that challenge us to think differently, see differently, do differently, and live differently. They are invitations from God, given to us through the transformational insights of spiritual leaders. They are invitations from the world that prompt us to respond appropriately. They are invitations from our lives that ask us to apply them in the appropriate situations. The Four Invitations - documented in religious scriptures, world literature, systematic observation, and artistic expression - are undiluted guidance to humankind. It is our human existence that transforms them from truths to invitations. They are the foundation of our relationships, with God and others, where we follow from different places, with different cultures and spiritual beliefs, comprised of different people and backgrounds. Each of the Four Invitations consists of and is supported by: • a central idea and definition to frame it • Original insights and observations • the challenges and practices of application • examples from spiritual teachings and scientific research • quotes from religious and worldly thinkers • singular paintings, diagrams, and footnotes The Four Invitations are not a substitute for practicing a spiritual faith, but an invitation to put our faith into practice. The content of each Truth can be discussed and taught within the context of any religious faith by any follower of God. The Four Invitations are a pragmatic approach that simplifies our spiritual paths in a complex world, reducing our deviation, and ultimately connects us to God.

Finding Your Yes Thomas Nelson Inc

You're Invited to Savor Some Grace Today What do you do when everyone expects you to be amazing...and you've got nothing left to give?

It's an issue all busy women share—that pressure to always be a go-getter when sometimes all you want to do is get going (and stay gone for a long time). Join author and speaker Stacey Thacker as she walks you through God's mercies and shows you how to... identify what's dragging you down so you can find the specific encouragement you need increase your trust in Jesus by learning practical ways to rest when you're depleted accept the invitation to see God big when you're fresh out of amazing Whether you're short on time, energy, motivation, hope, or all of the above, only one thing can bring your weary spirit back to life: Jesus.

The Joy of the Gospel The Fellowship Press

What beliefs are core to the Christian faith? This book is here to help you understand the reason for your hope as a Christian so that you can see it with fresh sight and invite others into the conversation. A lot of Christians take their story—the narratives that give rise to their beliefs—for granted.

They pray, go to church, perhaps even read their Bible. But they might be stuck if a stranger asked them to explain what they believe and why they believe it. Author, pastor, and theologian Mike Horton unpacks the essential and basic beliefs that all Christians share in a way that is easy to understand and applicable to our lives today. And in a way that will make you excited to be a Christian! Core Christianity covers topics like: Jesus as both fully God and fully man. The doctrine of the Trinity. The goodness of God despite a broken world. The ways God speaks. The meaning of salvation. What is the Christian calling? Includes discussion questions for individual or group use. This introduction to the basic doctrines of Christianity is perfect for those who are new to the faith, as well as those who have an interest in deepening their understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

The Favor of God Zonderkidz

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.

The Practice of the Presence of God InterVarsity Press

The Kids' Travel Guide series takes children from kindergarten through 5th grade on life-impacting explorations that engage them with activities, stories, prayer, and much more. Each of the seven themed Kids' Travel Guides includes 13 imaginative, interactive Bible lessons. Lead your Sunday school or midweek program on a travel adventure packed with fun activities, creative options, and take-home pages that kids tuck into their very own travel journals. Kids' Travel Guide to the Lord's Prayer takes kids on journeys filled with stories, activities, ideas, and fun as they travel through the power of prayer. In 13 lessons, you'll use Jesus' guide to prayer to show children how God relates to them, and how they can relate to God Additional Features include: Tour Guide Tips: Ideas teachers can use to adapt the lesson for different ages. Items to Pack: Supplies and props for the journey. Scenic Routes: to give you more creative options for kids. Fun Facts: Jokes and interesting tidbits related to the lesson. Reproducible Handouts: Games, and journal "souvenirs". Kids' Travel Guide Series includes: Kids' Travel Guide to the Beatitudes (9781470704230) Kids' Travel Guide to the Lord's Prayer (9780764425240) Kids' Travel Guide to the 10 Commandments (9780764422249) Kids' Travel Guide to the Parables (9780764470134) Kids' Travel Guide to the 23rd Psalm (9780764440052) Kids' Travel Guide to the Fruit of the Spirit (9780764423901) Kids' Travel Guide to the Armor of God (9780764426957)

Trusting God's Timing Thomas Nelson

Your Invitation Awaits... You ' ve tried harder. You ' ve been more intentional. You ' ve done everything “ right. ” In your search for meaning and purpose, you ' ve placed your hope in many different things—only to find yourself at a turning point, quietly asking, Is this it? Is this all there is? If the direction of your life is leading you away from peace, contentment, and true fulfillment, Emily Lex has some great news to share with you: God is offering you a better way. A way of real rest. A way of quiet confidence. A way to free yourself from expectations. A way to become the person he created you to be. A way to learn his unforced rhythms of grace. Do you breathe a sigh of hope when you hear this holy and gentle invitation from Jesus? “ Come to me... Keep company with me and you ' ll learn to live freely and lightly. ” If so, then you are ready to accept his offer to recover and renew your life. Start your journey today.

Heaven, God's Promise for Me Zondervan

Many times Christians excitedly receive a promise or vision from God. From that moment forward, they want to tell the whole world what God is going to do in and through them. It ' s so exciting to have a promise from God. The Bible says, “ Where there is no vision, the people perish ” (Proverbs 29:18). But when God gives us a promise or vision, it takes time to see it fulfilled. Rarely is the vision for tomorrow or even the next year. It ' s for a certain time set by God. He shows it to you early, but He still wants to prepare you for the journey ahead. Many Christians get discouraged during this process and walk away from God. But so many people in the Bible—like Abraham, Joseph, and David—had to go through years of preparation before they saw their visions fulfilled. They waited a long time, probably longer than most of us. Be encouraged and don ' t let a thing called time destroy you before you even start. God is for you, and what He ' s promised He will bring to pass.

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook InterVarsity Press

Now with bonus journaling space! A twenty-day prayerful walk to spiritual well-being from the author of the bestsellers *The Power of a Praying Wife* and *The Power of a Praying Parent*. *Praying God ' s Will for Your Life* is not a book about finding the right person to marry or deciding on a career. It is a book about a way of life and a heart attitude that are God ' s will for everyone who knows Him. That way of life encompasses three important components: An intimate relationship with God A solid foundation in God ' s truth A commitment to obedience As she has in previous bestselling books—*The Power of a Praying Wife* and *The Power of a Praying Parent*—Stormie invites you to discover the power of prayer, this time encouraging you to pray for yourself as you deepen your walk with God. Accept her challenge to pray for yourself in these areas every day for twenty days, and watch how God changes your life as you move into the center of His will. As you experience the power of God's will in your daily faith journey, take advantage of the bonus Prayer Journal, which offers Stormie's own words of encouragement and plenty of space for reflection and listing prayer requests and answered prayers.

The Other Half of Church Albert Kirby Griffin

The grace of God is often referred to as unmerited favor. In fact, the very meaning of grace is favor. In this extraordinary book written at a time when your head, but from your heart. Knowing the perfect you means no more waiting for closeness with God. Knowing the perfect you brings a freedom in Jesus people need God's favor more than ever, Jerry Savelle shows how the favor of God is not only available to the believer, but also promised. Drawing that you 've never experienced before. " In this captivating book, Andrew Farley and Tim Chalas invite you to celebrate God 's perfect (and accurate!) view from his own experience and his deep knowledge of the Scriptures, Dr. Savelle explains how to actively walk and grow in divine favor, and by doing of you. " —BART MILLARD, singer/songwriter for MercyMe so enjoy the practical as well as the supernatural benefits for such a time as this, when many are living in fear and uncertainty. The Favor of God will not just inspire readers. By God's grace and favor, it will empower them.

Freely and Lightly Thomas Nelson

Don 't just do the right actions. Build habits—and watch your life be transformed. Many books try to help you do the right actions. But the real key to life transformation—for yourself and then for others—is building habits that become part of your life. Because habits don 't just dictate what you do. They reflect who you are. In 8 Habits for Growth, Darryl Dash wants to show you the eight long-term practices—all very doable—that will lead to permanent growth if you incorporate them into your life. You 'll learn why it 's important to: Make time Rest Read or listen to the Bible Pray Pursue worship and community in a church Care for your body Simplify your spiritual life Build a rule of life Personal growth doesn 't happen overnight. But it does happen, slowly, as you build God 's habits into your life. So what are you waiting for? Start your new habits today and let God transform who you are . . . and who you can become.

God's Invitation to You Harvest House Publishers

God 's Great Love Created the entire universe And everything in it Including you. God 's Great Love for You, written by #1 New York Times bestselling author and respected pastor Rick Warren, takes children on a whimsical and heartfelt journey that lets them know God 's love is with them wherever they go. With breathtaking illustrations by Chris Saunders, the simple yet poignant text comes alive as a child journeys to places far and near and discovers God 's great love is perfect, and everywhere, and will never end.

Peace with God WestBow Press

Invitation to Biblical Theology provides a thorough overview of biblical theology that is accessible for those new to the topic but substantial enough for advanced study. Defining biblical theology as the study of the whole Bible on its own terms, Jeremy Kimble and Ched Spellman begin with a brief history of the discipline followed by a survey of contemporary approaches. They then lay out their own approach, built on the framework of the canon, the covenants, and Christ. Taking God's plan of redemption in Christ as the uniting theme of Scripture, Kimble and Spellman survey the grand storyline of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, showing how each division of the canon moves the overarching story forward. The following ten chapters survey central and recurring themes of Scripture including kingdom, worship, Messiah and atonement, God's glory, and mission. The authors conclude with reflections on how biblical theology can serve the church as well as the academy.

The Love That Is God Moody Publishers

" God is love is the radical claim of Christianity, " writes Frederick Bauerschmidt at the beginning of this little meditation on the essentials of Christian faith. In a rich yet accessible style reminiscent of C. S. Lewis and G. K. Chesterton, Bauerschmidt breathes life back into that claim, drawing from Scripture, great Christian and non-Christian writers of the past, and his own lived experience to show just how countercultural and subversive Christianity is actually meant to be. Eschewing the abstract and dogmatic in favor of the relational and inviting, he offers something for everyone, from lifelong churchgoers and students of religion to the growing population of " nones " among younger generations who are increasingly seeking spiritual fulfillment outside of institutional Christianity. With further reading suggestions (both scriptural and nonscriptural) at the end of each chapter, The Love That Is God is the perfect starting point of a spiritual journey into deeper relationship with God.

Invitation to Biblical Theology Covenant Books, Inc.

"To be human is to be lonely." When his seventy-something spiritual director Friar Ugo spoke these words in a voice cracking with age, Jason Gaboury felt a deep sense of their truth. To the observer, Jason, a campus minister, active church member, and father with a young family, might not have seemed lonely. But it's how he felt. He has wrestled with loneliness ever since he can remember, perhaps before he can remember . . . through childhood, college, and into adulthood. When Friar Ugo challenged him to see loneliness as a context for friendship with God, things began to change. In these pages God invites you to stop and wait with him in your own moments of isolation and anxiety. It's an invitation into a journey through loneliness into a deeper life with God.

The Invitation B&H Publishing Group

Maybe you long for a more intimate prayer life or deeper insight from God's Word but just don't know how to get there. Or maybe you want to learn about new spiritual disciplines like visio divina, unplugging or attentiveness. In Spiritual Disciplines Handbook Adele Calhoun gives us directions for our continuing journey toward intimacy with Christ. While the word discipline may make us want to run and hide, the author shows how desires and discipline work together to lead us to the transformation we're longing for—the transformation only Christ can bring. Instead of just giving information about spiritual disciplines, this handbook is full of practical, accessible guidance that helps you actually practice them. With over 80,000 copies in print, this well-loved catalog of seventy-five disciplines has been revised throughout and expanded to include thirteen new disciplines along with a new preface by the author. Mothers, fathers, plumbers, nurses, students—we're all on a journey. And spiritual disciplines are for all of us who desire to know Christ deeply and be like him. Here is direction for our desire, leading us to the ultimate destination: more of Christ himself.

Stop Asking Jesus Into Your Heart Deseret Book

Do you desire an intimate relationship with God but struggle with questions about God's goodness? Have you ever asked, "If God is so good, then why did that happen? Why was my childhood surrounded by so much trauma and abuse? Why is there so much ugliness and pain in the world? How could a good God allow such terrible things to happen to me?" God is not afraid of these tough questions and offers everyone a personal invitation to an intimate relationship with him, the Creator of the universe. Will you have the courage to push past old beliefs about God and embrace him as a good and loving Father? The Invitation is calling you into a deeper, intimate relationship with God. Will you accept?

Wait with Me Baker Books

Could brain science be the key to spiritual formation? Why does true Christian transformation seem fleeting? And why does church often feel lonely, Christian community shallow, and leaders untrustworthy? For many Christians, the delight of encountering Christ eventually dwindles—and disappointment sets in. Is lasting joy possible? These are some of the questions Michel Hendricks has considered both in his experience as a spiritual formation pastor and in his lifetime as a Christian. He began to find answers when he met Jim Wilder—a neurotheologian. Using brain science, Wilder identified that there are two halves of the church: the rational half and the relational half. And when Christians only embrace the rational half, churches become unhealthy places where transformation doesn 't last and narcissistic leaders flourish. In The Other Half of Church, join Michel and Jim's journey as they couple brain science with the Bible to identify how to overcome spiritual stagnation by living a full-brained faith. You'll also learn the four ingredients necessary to develop and maintain a vibrant transformational community where spiritual formation occurs, relationships flourish, and the toxic spread of narcissism is eradicated.

Core Christianity InterVarsity Press

Should Your Heart Be Tested or Trusted? Many believers are convinced they have a " deceitful " and " wicked " heart that is not to be trusted. There is a faith of duty and obligation—only a faint imitation of the full and abundant life Jesus promised. This provocative book invites you to a radically different approach, an inspiring move from head to heart that affects every aspect of your life: how you handle conflict, how you communicate with and love others, and how you view yourself and God. There 's a place of purity within you where Jesus lives. God calls you to live from this perfect place—not merely from