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A Call for Courage Candlewick Press

Satire is a kind of preaching. Satire pervades Scripture. Satire treats the foibles of sinners with a less than perfect tenderness. But, if a Christian employs satire today, he is almost immediately called to account for his "unbiblical" behavior. Yet Scripture shows that the central point of some religious controversies is to give offense. When Christ was confronted with ecclesiastical obstinacy and other forms of arrogance, he showed us a godly pattern for giving offense. In every controversy, godliness and wisdom (or the lack of them) are to be determined by careful appeal to the Scriptures and not to the fact of someone having taken offense. Perhaps they ought to have taken offense, and perhaps someone ought to have endeavored to give it.

Stuff Christians Like Zondervan

From the Sunday Times bestselling author Penny Vincenzi, NO ANGEL is the first novel in the acclaimed Spoils of Time trilogy. 'Penny Vincenzi dazzlingly combines the old-fashioned virtues of gripping storytelling with the up-to-the-minute contemporary feel for emotional depth and insight into the lives of the characters. She is a supreme stylist and clever writer. Reading her is an addictive experience'-Elizabeth Buchan. In pre-war London, Lady Celia Lytton is the perfect host. Beautiful, intelligent and determined, she throws glittering parties, publishes bestselling books, and enjoys her young family and loving husband. But there are tragedies her family will not escape: the Titanic, the First World War, the flu epidemic. And beneath their perfect image, the Lyttons cannot ignore the changing world around them. In the shattering aftermath of the War, Celia is beginning to understand that there will be a price to pay for the life she has chosen, that is greater than she could ever have imagined...

Tougher Than Woodpecker Lips Thomas Nelson Inc

Boss Up! will help you put your business on the map and the ideas you've previously only dreamed about into the marketplace. Learn to overcome your fears and guilt to find a fulfillment that changes you and your family for the better—breaking free of the hard and boring and having fun along the way. In Boss Up! Lindsay helps you gain confidence to understand that having ambition doesn't make you a bad wife or mother. That it's okay to have a desire for something more than endless sippy cups, clean-ups, Band-Aids, and groundings. That no

matter your education or experience, you can tap into your passions and create businesses that give you increased flexibility, fulfillment, and financial security. Lindsay doesn't just do this through commiserating but by giving you the tools for change. Using the lessons she learned on her own path to success, Lindsay shares real, solid business principles with ten distinct success philosophies that you will encounter on the journey to entrepreneurship, such as: Thinking long-term Being unapologetically yourself Use the "unsales" tactic Understand your "why" Lindsay is a stay-at-home mom turned multimillion-dollar-producing business owner, but she doesn't just have a passion for entrepreneurship. She has a deep passion for helping women of all walks of life gain the confidence and skills to tap into their ambition and achieve success in their own business endeavors. Are you ready to Boss Up?

Mad Church Disease Xulon Press

Love. It's that thing everyone talks about but very few will ever truly put into action. It's the fuel with which we are called to live, and it's the very reason Jesus' body was brutally broken upon that splintered cross. It's unbeatable, unrestricted, and hands down the greatest attribute of God. It will transform the way you see life, and it will radically invade the way you see others. The question is, have you discovered and harnessed it the way God intended? In Love Is Oxygen, you will engage with the reality of God's love as something you can know and personally experience. This love transcends fear and circumstances, and it pushes us into places we never imagined. After all, living God's love is like breathing—it gives life as we breathe it in . . . and then we can't help but breathe it out to the people around us.

Befriend Zondervan

#1 Wall Street Journal bestseller! Jon Acuff, New York Times best-selling author of Do Over, Quitter, and Start, offers strategies for anyone who's ever wondered, "Why can't I finish what I started?" According to studies, 92 percent of New Year 's resolutions fail. You 've practically got a better shot at getting into Juilliard to become a ballerina than you do at finishing your goals. For years, I thought my problem was that I didn 't try hard enough. So I started getting up earlier. I drank enough energy drinks to kill a horse. I hired a life coach and ate more superfoods. Nothing worked, although I did develop a pretty nice eyelid tremor from all the caffeine. It was like my eye was waving at you, very, very quickly. Then, while leading a thirty-day online course to help people work on their goals, I learned something surprising: The most effective exercises were not those that pushed people to work harder. The ones that got people to the finish line did just the opposite— they took the pressure off. Why? Because the sneakiest obstacle to meeting your goals is not laziness, but perfectionism. We 're our own worst critics, and if it looks like we 're not going to do something right, we prefer not to do it at all. That 's why we 're most likely to quit on day two, " the day after perfect " —when our results almost always underperform our aspirations. The strategies in this book are counterintuitive and might feel like cheating. But they 're based on studies conducted by a university researcher with

hundreds of participants. You might not guess that having more fun, eliminating your secret rules, and choosing something to bomb intentionally works. But the data says otherwise. People who have fun are 43 percent more successful! Imagine if your diet, guitar playing, or small business was 43 percent more successful just by following a few simple principles. If you 're tired of being a chronic starter and want to become a consistent finisher, you have two options: You can continue to beat yourself up and try harder, since this time that will work. Or you can give yourself the gift of done.

[The Keillor Reader](#) InterVarsity Press

When He came to earth, Jesus Christ was rejected in every quarter in which He stepped. The Creator was rejected by His own creation. "He came to His own and His own received Him not," said John. For this reason, Jesus Christ had "no where to lay His head." There was one exception, however. A little village just outside of Jerusalem named Bethany. Bethany was the only place on earth where Jesus was completely received. God 's Favorite Place on Earth is a retelling of Jesus ' many visits to Bethany and a relaying of the message it holds for us today. Frank Viola presents a beautifully crafted narrative from the viewpoint of Lazarus, one of the people who lived in Bethany with his two sisters. This incomparable story not only brings the Gospel narratives to life, but it addresses the struggle against doubt, discouragement, fear, guilt, rejection, and spiritual apathy that challenges countless Christians today. In profoundly moving prose, God 's Favorite Place on Earth will captivate your heart with its beauty, charm, and depth. In this book you will discover how to live as a "Bethany" in our world today, being set free to love and follow Jesus like never before.

Oola for Christians Baker Books

Offers a guide to leading a balanced, perpetually improving life that focuses on seven key areas of well-being: fitness, finance, family, career, faith, friends, and fun.

[Boss Up!](#) Thomas Nelson Inc

With the warmth and humor we've come to know, the creator and host of A Prairie Home Companion shares his own remarkable story. In That Time of Year, Garrison Keillor looks back on his life and recounts how a Brethren boy with writerly ambitions grew up in a small town on the Mississippi in the 1950s and, seeing three good friends die young, turned to comedy and radio. Through a series of unreasonable lucky breaks, he founded A Prairie Home Companion and put himself in line for a good life, including mistakes, regrets, and a few medical adventures. PHC lasted forty-two years, 1,557 shows, and enjoyed the freedom to do as it pleased for three or four million listeners every Saturday at 5 p.m. Central. He got to sing with Emmylou Harris and Ren é e Fleming and once sang two songs to the U.S. Supreme Court. He played a private eye and a cowboy, gave the news from his hometown, Lake Wobegon, and met Somali cabdrivers who 'd learned English from listening to the show. He wrote bestselling novels, won a Grammy and a National Humanities Medal, and made a movie with Robert Altman with an alarming amount of improvisation. He says, "I was unemployable and managed to invent work for myself that I loved all my life, and on top of that I married well. That 's the secret, work and love. And I chose the right ancestors, impoverished Scots and Yorkshire farmers, good workers. I 'm heading for eighty, and I still get up to write before dawn every day."

[Same-Sex Attraction and the Church](#) Zondervan

Wall Street Journal best-selling author Jon Acuff reveals the steps to getting unstuck and back onto the path of being awesome. Over the last 100 years, the road to success for most everyone has been divided into five stages that mirror the decades of working life: Your 20s are a period of Learning. This is the decade of trying a thousand things, exploring a multitude of interests, and discovering what really motivates you. Your 30s are a period of Editing. This is the decade of sorting out interests, where you discover what you really care about and who you really are. Your 40s are a period of Mastering. This is the decade of narrowing focus, honing skill sets, and becoming an expert in your field. Your 50s are a period of Harvesting. This is the decade of reaping the benefits of good decisions and enjoying the highest income-

earning period in a career. Your 60s are a period of Guiding. This is the decade of mentoring, training, and encouraging others on their own road to success. Every successful person has followed these steps regardless of their occupation. But three things have changed the path to success and erased the decades associated with them: Finish lines are dead — Boomers are realizing that a lot of the things they were promised aren 't going to materialize, and they have started second and third careers. Anyone can play — Technology has given access to an unprecedented number of people who are building online empires and changing their lives in ways that would have been impossible years ago. Hope is boss — The days of "success first, significance later," have ended. A new generation doesn 't want to change the world eventually; they want to change it now through the wells they kickstart in Africa and the TOMS they wear on their feet. The value system has been flipped upside down. The result is that you 've got an entire generation pushing down to start over, another generation pushing up to start for the first time, and in the middle of this collision, the tools to actually change the world. Experience years now trump chronological age. And while none of the five stages can be skipped, they can be shortened and accelerated. There are only two paths in life: average and awesome. The average path is easy because all you have to do is nothing. The awesome path is more challenging, because things like fear only bother you when you do work that matters. The good news is Start gives readers practical, honest, actionable insights to be more awesome, more often. It 's time to punch fear in the face, escape average, and do work that matters. It 's time to Start.

[Redeeming Productivity](#) Hachette UK

Why Is Life So Difficult? Interpersonal conflict is causing serious damage and difficulties in our lives. Its destructive effects are straining marriages, embittering our children, and causing discord in our churches. Even our daily commute is often affected by hostility and aggression. What if things could be different? What if every area of your life (yes, even your morning commute) could be free from conflict and strife? What if ALL of your relationships could be filled with love and excitement? New York Times best-selling author Joyce Meyer wants you to know that this is possible! In Conflict-Free Living she weaves together personal experiences with solid instruction from the Bible. In her unique style she demonstrates clearly how you can experience healthy, happy relationships in your own life. Each chapter includes summary information and questions that will help you open your eyes to the destructive effects of conflict in your life and the lives of your loved ones and root out its causes. Discover the joy of a peaceful life today!

[Your New Playlist](#) B&H Publishing Group

Close to 60 percent of young people who went to church as teens drop out after high school. Now the bestselling author of unChristian trains his researcher's eye on these young believers. Where Kinnaman's first book unChristian showed the world what outsiders aged 16-29 think of Christianity, You Lost Me shows why younger Christians aged 16-29 are leaving the church and rethinking their faith. Based on new research, You Lost Me shows pastors, church leaders, and parents how we have failed to equip young people to live "in but not of" the world and how this has serious long-term consequences. More importantly, Kinnaman offers ideas on how to help young people develop and maintain a vibrant faith that they embrace over a lifetime.

[The Wondering Years](#) David C Cook

Growing up the daughter of a pastor, Anne Jackson experienced firsthand the conflict, stress, and struggle church leaders often face. She vowed her life in ministry would be different. Yet, years later, as a church leader, she was hospitalized because stress began wreaking havoc on her body. After being released from the hospital, an associate pastor asked her, 'Does working at this church interfere with your communion with Christ?' The question was aramount in turning her life around. Thinking she wasn't alone, Anne developed a website that allowed church leaders to share their struggles. Within a few days, she was flooded with over a thousand responses from people pouring out their stories of burnout. Using anecdotal parallels between Mad Cow Disease and leadership trends in the church, she writes not only to help us realize what church leaders are facing, but also to provide practical and positive treatment plans. Mad Church Disease is a lively, informative, and potentially life-saving resource for anyone in ministry---vocational or volunteer---who would like to understand, prevent, or treat the epidemic of burnout in

church culture.

God's Favorite Place on Earth Sparkhouse Congregational

Al Rudolph has been a member of Toastmasters International for 20+ years. He has entered, and won, numerous speech and evaluation contests. His speaking skills have allowed him the opportunity to present numerous motivational and inspirational speeches to untold audiences. His uncanny ability to capture the attention of his audience members holds true in both the oral and written formats. Al is a shepherd of First Capital Christian Church where he leads and teaches classes pertaining to Christian living. He lives in southern Indiana with his beautiful wife of 39 years, Linda. They have one daughter, Stephanie, who lives in New York City. "I've known Al Rudolph for nearly twenty years and he is the real deal. I have no doubt that the values and principles he writes about in this inspiring book have been lived out in his life. Tougher than Woodpecker Lips will certainly stretch you and challenge you, but your soul will be infused with new hope. Full of spiritual depth and practical insights, heavy on witty sayings and humor, Al's book is a 'must-read' for anyone committed to growing. Readers will be encouraged, equipped, and eager to put the principles that Al espouses into action in their lives. I highly recommend this delightful new book for anyone with a pulse, who isn't anxious to visit a mortician, and who wants to really revolutionize and fortify their life with powerful, Bible-based character traits. We only have one life to live; as Al says, 'Let's not just survive - let's thrive'" Dru Ashwell Executive Editor, College Press & HeartSpring Publishing Professor, Ozark Christian College Joplin, Missouri

Redeeming Your Time HarperChristian + ORM

Using the same humor and honesty that galvanized more than a million online readers from more than 200 countries, speaker Jon Acuff brings his insightful take on Christianity to the book world with this new edition of *Stuff Christians Like*. Do you constantly find yourself toting the fine line between praying before certain types of meals and not others? This book is for you. Have you fallen in love on a mission trip, just to break up when you get home? This book is for you. Are you a unicorn of purity who ranks honeymoon sex slightly higher than the second coming of Christ? Guess what — this book is for you, too. It's time to shake off Somber Christian Syndrome and embrace the quirks of being a member of God's kingdom. This book will teach you how to: Break up with your small group Subtly find out if your new Christian friends drink beer too Recognize the shame grenade that is a Jesus Juke Avoid a prayer handholding faux pas Say something Christian-y without looking like a snake handler From prayer shot blocks to metro worship leaders, no stone is left unturned in this hilarious look at faith. "I never knew how much I needed Jesus until I found out I was judging people who use the table of contents in their Bible. This book saved me from looking like a bad Christian." — Sister Mary Francis, Rhode Island. "It's such a time saver to know that my Chick-fil-a from the drive-thru comes pre-blessed. I always knew I was making the right choice by choosing the Lord's chicken." — Dave L., South Carolina.

No Angel Canon Press & Book Service

Join Jefferson Bethke, New York Times bestselling author of *Jesus > Religion*, as he challenges the accepted view of contemporary Christianity with the world-changing message that Jesus actually brought. Jesus was most upset at people for seeing but not seeing. For succumbing to the danger and idolatry of forcing God into preconceived human ideals. But what if there were a better way? What if Jesus came not to help people escape the world but instead to restore it? *It's Not What You Think* tells the familiar stories of the scripture in a radically new light, presenting God's unchanging truths from the Old and New Testaments as the challenging story that it is: a mysterious, compelling narrative with God at the center. Along the way, Bethke reminds us of the life-changing message of Jesus that turned the world upside-down--a world that God is putting back together--teaching us how to: Uncover our true purpose and satisfy our longing for significance Find the kingdom of God wherever we are Embrace the gifts of fellowship and community Praise for *It's Not What You Think*: "With a deep discernment of the times we're living in, Jefferson spotlights many misinterpreted truths in the Bible and puts a voice to the true heart of God's Word. His desire to bring us into a more intimate encounter with God jumps off of each page. Christians need this book--now more than ever!" --Lysa TerKeurst, New York Times bestselling author of *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* and president of Proverbs 31 Ministries "It's easy to get stuck in life. To let our faith grow stagnant, our walk grow weary, and our hope grow

silent. Jefferson isn't okay with that and has created a book that turns what we think we know upside down. Creative, honest, refreshing. I'm a huge fan of the heart that explodes from this book." --Jon Acuff, New York Times bestselling author of *Do Over: Rescue Monday, Reinvent Your Work & Never Get Stuck*

The Legend of the Monk and the Merchant Ramsey Press

Manage your time the way Jesus managed his with a biblical antidote to swamped to-do lists and hurried schedules. "A highly practical road map." —Mark Batterson, New York Times bestselling author and lead pastor of National Community Church Despite the overwhelming amount of resources for time management and work-life balance, the ability to cultivate the efficiency and equilibrium needed to manage all our worthy pursuits can often feel frustratingly out of reach. The reason for our struggle is that productivity and time-management systems focus on individual habits rather than more meaningful and lasting lifestyle changes. But as it turns out, there is a better way to reach our full potential. We don't need just another approach to changing our habits. What we need is an operating system that takes into account the full scope of our lives. In these pages, bestselling author Jordan Raynor presents this system, using seven powerful time-management principles drawn from the example of how Jesus lived: 1. Start with the Word: Find meaningful connection with the author of time daily. 2. Let Your Yes Be Yes: Accept only the commitments you can fulfill. 3. Dissent from the Kingdom of Noise: Create room for silence, stillness, and reflection. 4. Prioritize Your Yeses: Confidently maintain your commitments. 5. Accept Your "Unipresence": Focus on one important thing at a time. 6. Embrace Productive Rest: Live the God-designed rhythms of rest which are productive for our goals and souls. 7. Eliminate All Hurry: Embrace productive busyness while ruthlessly eliminating hurry from our lives. With these principles, you'll see how Jesus managed his time on earth and how he responded to human constraints much like the ones you face today. More than that, you'll discover corresponding practices that will help you embrace the best, most Christlike version of yourself possible: purposeful, present, and wildly productive.

Love Is Oxygen Harper Collins

When Jon Acuff's book *Soundtracks*, came out, one reaction surprised him. Parents across the country all said the same thing: "Do you have a version for teenagers? If I knew how to change my mindset when I was that age, my entire life would have been different." Why did they say that? Because truth grows like compound interest. Saving money when you're young has a bigger impact than it does when you save in your 40s. A single new soundtrack--Acuff's phrase for a repetitive thought--believed when you're 14 or 18 can change your whole life in the same way. In response, Acuff tagged his two daughters to help him create an honest, actionable guide to mindset for teenagers. Your thoughts can work for you or against you, but the good news is you get a choice. The even better news is when you're young, your entire world is made of new. You're a movie that's barely started, a notebook with blank pages to fill, a song that hasn't hit the chorus. You have your whole life ahead of you. When you learn to create new thoughts, those thoughts lead to actions, and those actions lead to new results. Are you ready to tap into the superpower of mindset? Just hit play.

Stuff Christians Like InterVarsity Press

With over one million copies sold, New York Times bestseller *The Circle Maker* is a must-read for revolutionizing your prayer life. Get ready to experience new breakthroughs, knowing that bold prayers honor God and God honors bold prayers. Do you ever sense that there's far more to prayer than what you're experiencing? Are you praying over your impossible dreams and greatest fears? Do you feel like something is holding you back in your prayer life? It's time you learned from the legend of Honi the Circle Maker. When his land was drought-stricken in ancient times, Honi ha-M'agel

drew a circle in the sand, stepped inside it, and wouldn't budge until God answered his petition for rain. Honi's story transformed author Mark Batterson's own experience with prayer and inspired him to document his journey to praying more powerful prayers in *The Circle Maker*. Sharing inspiring stories from modern-day circle makers as well as his own experiences, Mark imparts the timeless wisdom and encouragement you need to: Discern God's will for your life Uncover your heart's hidden desires Pursue God-sized dreams Connect with God in fresh ways Deepen your faith and your relationship with prayer Draw prayer circles around your family, your community, your challenges, and your dreams This updated and expanded edition of *The Circle Maker* also includes new insights about the ways that God answers prayer along with stories that add convincing proof to the reality that God is able to do exceedingly far greater than all we could ask or imagine. Learn for yourself that drawing prayer circles around our dreams isn't just a way that we accomplish great things for God--it's a way that God accomplishes great things in us.

The Legacy Journey Penguin

What does the Bible really say about money? About wealth? How much does God expect you to give to others? How does wealth affect your friendships, marriage, and children? How much is “ enough ” ? There ’ s a lot of bad information in our culture today about wealth and the wealthy. Worse, there ’ s a growing backlash in America against our most successful citizens, but why? To many, wealth is seen as the natural result of hard work and wise money management. To others, wealth is viewed as the ultimate, inexcusable sin. This has left many godly men and women confused about what to do with the resources God ’ s put in their care. They were able to build wealth using God ’ s ways of handling money, but then they are left feeling guilty about it. Is this what God had in mind?

Conflict Free Living Zondervan

In this examination of leadership and followership, Sweet proposes an intentional shift from leadership cults to followership cultures. He critiques the issue of leadership obsession but focuses on reigniting a passion for the "follow me" theme found throughout the gospels and the entire New Testament.