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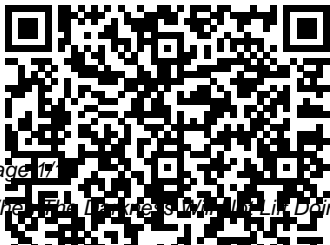
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*When I Don't Desire God*

Vintage Canada

This sweeping saga weaves a riveting tale about a young girl's battle with one of hell's minions determined to destroy her and those closest to her. This is the first volume in the Black or White Chronicles series relating stories of life in the Deep South during its most tumultuous times.

The Gospel According to Matthew Yesterday's World Publishing

"The Lord has shown me that Satan was once an honored angel in heaven, next to Jesus Christ. His countenance was mild, expressive of happiness like the other angels. His forehead was high and broad, and showed great intelligence. His form was perfect. He had noble, majestic bearing. And I saw that when God said to his Son, Let us make man in our image, Satan was jealous of

Jesus. He wished to be consulted concerning the formation of man. He was filled with envy, jealousy and hatred. He wished to be the highest in heaven, next to God, and receive the highest honors. Until this time all heaven was in order, harmony and perfect subjection to the government of God."-Ellen G White

*The Book of Abraham*

Crossway

Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God."

**Caring for One**

**Another** B&H

Publishing Group

The Get Wisdom

Bible Studies help

women connect with

Scripture in an

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accessible and energizing way. Teresa Swanstrom Anderson guides with a winsome style that is rich in depth, but still approachable for newer readers of the Bible. The *Light in the In-Between* Whatever hard thing we're facing, we have a choice to walk with God . . . or not. We can say yes through the darkness or we can let the darkness envelop us. People love the Psalms for their passages of praise, but the Psalms are also known for lament. There we learn to find rest in the

hard times. But we don't want to just stay in our difficulties and pain--we want to keep moving. This study is about that in-between space--walking from the lament and into the praise. The walk through the difficulty, and the living in expectation that He will move, believing we will see light because He is the Light. Yes, this is a study about the Psalms. But it's more than that. It's seeing the fuller picture. It's finding the light in it all.

**A Godward Life**

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## FaithWords

"Think of the heart-racing chase of The Hunger Games, but a giant mall is your arena."--Seventeen.com

A suspenseful survival story and modern day Lord of the Flies set in a mall that looks just like yours. A biological bomb has just been discovered in the air ducts of a busy suburban mall. At first nobody knows if it's even life threatening, but then the entire complex is quarantined, people start getting sick, supplies start running low, and there's no way out. Among the hundreds of trapped shoppers are four teens. These four different narrators, each with their own stories, must cope in unique, surprising manners, changing in ways they wouldn't have predicted,

trying to find solace, safety, and escape at a time when the adults are behaving badly. This is a gripping look at people and how they can—and must—change under the most dire of circumstances. And not always for the better.

## There Will Come a Darkness IVP

The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make

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the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.

The Gospel According to John Crossway

An intimate memoir of Anne Rice's Catholic girlhood, her unmaking as a devout believer, and her return to the Church – what she calls a decision of the heart. Moving from her New Orleans childhood in the 1940s and '50s, with all its religious devotions, through how she slowly lost her belief in God, *Called Out of Darkness* also recounts Anne's years in radical Berkeley, where she wrote *Interview with the Vampire* (a lament for her lost faith) and where she came to

admire the principles of secular humanists. She writes about loss and alienation (her mother's drinking, the deaths of her young daughter and later, her husband); about the birth of her son, Christopher; and about how, after 38 years as an atheist, she once again came to believe in Christ. Anne Rice makes a spiritual confession that is a celebration: a brilliant, subtle exploration of the journey through life that allows one to answer the call out of darkness.

*Learning to Walk in the Dark* NavPress  
God is doing far more than we can see in our pain. We plead for God's deliverance from

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our pain and wonder why he keeps letting it go on. We are not alone. A cloud of witnesses surrounds us and they help us understand. In these 35 creative retellings of Bible stories, Jon Bloom explores the hope and joy that Abraham, Moses, Naomi, John the Baptist, and others experienced in the painful process of discovering that God's promises really are more trustworthy than our perceptions.

Abba's Child Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge

A reasonably priced, quality black hardcover pew and ministry Bible featuring a large 12-point font.

The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan: From the Destruction of Jerusalem to the End of the Controversy  
Hendrickson Publishers  
For over twenty-five years John Piper has trumpeted the truth that "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him." He calls it Christian Hedonism. The problem is that many people, after being persuaded, find that this truth is both liberating and devastating. It's liberating because it endorses our inborn desire for joy. And it's devastating because it reveals that we don't desire God the way we should. What do you do

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when you discover the good news that God wants you to be content in him, but then find that you aren't? If joy in God were merely the icing on the cake of Christian commitment, this book would be insignificant. But Piper argues that joy is so much more. Our being satisfied in God is necessary to show God's worthiness and to sustain sacrifices of love. Jesus endured the cross for the joy that was set before him. He tasted it. It sustained him through the deepest suffering. His Father was glorified. His people were saved. That is what joy in God does. The absolutely urgent question becomes: What can I do

if I don't have it? With a pastor's heart and with radical passion for the glory of Christ, John Piper helps you answer that question.

*A Man Approved of God*  
HarperCollins

The story begins in Jerusalem in 70 AD as Abraham the Temple scribe flees the destruction of his home. Two thousand years and a hundred generations later, another Abraham perishes, immolated in the fires of the Warsaw Ghetto.

*An Echo in the Darkness* Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

It's easy for us to trust God when life is going well. But when suffering comes, trusting God's goodness, his attentiveness to what's going on in the world, and his justice

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becomes far more difficult. In times of intense suffering, many of us ask, Why does God allow these things to happen? In the Bible, Job is known for facing intense personal suffering. Yet, upon closer examination, we find the book of Job is about more than just Job ' s calamities; it ' s a story about God and his relationship to Christ and his people in their suffering. In this helpful guide, Christopher Ash helps us explore the question, Where is God in the midst of suffering? As we read, meditate, and pray through the book of Job, we will find assurance that God will be with us in Christ through every season

and trial.

The Jungle NavPress  
Life Is Never Mainly About Love and Marriage. So Learn to Live and Date for More. Many of you grew up assuming that marriage would meet all of your needs and unlock God ' s purposes for you. But God has far more planned for you than your future marriage. Not Yet Married is not about waiting quietly in the corner of the world for God to bring you " the one, " but about inspiring you to live and date for more now. If you follow Jesus, the search for a spouse is no longer a pursuit of the perfect person, but a pursuit of more of God. He will likely



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write a love story for you different than the one you would write for yourself, but that's because he loves you and knows how to write a better story. This book was written to help you find real hope, happiness, and purpose in your not-yet-married life.

There Is No Light In Darkness Crossway

I am not the subject of the book. The book is an attempt to reveal the journey from being a sinner to becoming a saint, a true authentic child of God. God is the focus in all my endeavors. Although part of my life is reflected to express this laborious achievement, it is not my autobiography, but a testimony. Have you ever been trapped in a place you did not want to be, could not explain where you were or knew where to go?

This was day to day for me in this life of darkness. I did not have answers nor did I know anything else existed I just needed to be free. I was trapped in bondage with a void in my life then one day I heard of Jesus. Thank God He set me free. Giving Him my hand and allowing His light to show me the way, I received salvation and BORN new life. This was the end and the beginning of my life, the end to my life running around on earth doing as I wanted to do, not heeding to God's gentle Voice and unction for my life. And the beginning to the death process of the life that I knew, being strong, independent and my own person. The price has been paid and we are not saved by our works, but casually living through this Christian walk in this dark, dark world will not sustain you. In this book, identify the struggles and trials some will face, but know that you

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are not walking alone. Your heavenly Father not only walks along side you, but in times of great sorrow He carries you mind, body and soul. Walk in the light of the Lord and no darkness shall come near you.

Gift and Award Bible-  
KJV Tyndale House  
Publishers, Inc.

Clinical psychologist  
and clergywoman

Lucille F. Sider adds  
her voice to the chorus  
of women in the  
#WhyIDidntReport and  
#MeToo movements.

This is Lucille ' s story  
of resilience and hope  
as a survivor of sexual  
abuse. She explains the  
challenges of finding  
her way out of a fear-  
based spirituality into  
one that is full of  
grace, hope and  
forgiveness. The  
unique richness of her

book is that she wrote it  
to spark healing  
discussion. As she  
describes her  
experiences in these  
pages, she also steps  
back and offers helpful  
analysis as both a  
psychologist and a  
clergywoman. At the  
end of the book, she  
includes a complete  
study guide with  
questions for reflection  
for individuals, small  
groups and classes.

“ The book is arranged  
to be a valuable tool in  
the hands of persons in  
the helping professions,  
such as clergy, social  
workers,  
psychologists, ” writes  
the Rev. Jo Anne Lyon,  
General Superintendent  
Emerita and  
Ambassador of The  
Wesleyan Church.

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“ This writing is so powerful, yet gentle, that people will be able to add their own words to combat the pain. Lucille ’ s credentials enhance the power of the story. Truly a book for these days! ” Lucille was just 6 years old when she was abused both physically and sexually by a hired man on the family ’ s farm. Lucille ’ s inner conflict about these experiences, propelled her into a childhood of guilt and shame. While Lucille was an outstanding student, singer and athlete, she lived with an underlying fear, loneliness and mild depression. A second sexual abuse by her brother-in-law, when she was just 15 years old, added to Lucille ’ s fears. When she tried to tell her parents about this, their response was only to pray for her—so, she kept these painful events secret for years. Many years later, her brother in law was arrested for molesting a 15-year-old girl. Lucille and others, including his own daughter, testified against him and he was incarcerated. Raised in a conservative household and faith, Lucille went to college and seminary to search for a theology that was full of grace and forgiveness. She found this especially at Yale Divinity School, though she always lived with a mild depression. Her

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struggle to understand both her faith and psyche led her to earn a PhD from Northwestern University in psychology and religion. She became a clinical psychologist and pastoral counselor and later the Executive Director of The Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center in Evanston, Illinois. At age 50, when her husband suddenly divorced her, Lucille was cast into darkness and despair which resulted in major depression. Lucille became dysfunctional and had to step down as Executive Director of her counseling center. Years of therapy led her to new

ways of offering and sharing her gifts, which included writing stories and ministering to seniors, especially those suffering from dementia. In *Light Shines in the Darkness*, Lucille F. Sider shares her unique story of sexual abuse and severe mental illness, including depression and PTSD. She describes her legal battle in fighting for justice and her ongoing persistence in finding ways to remain stable. She calls these her mental health and spiritual practices and they include: counseling, medication, meditation, healthy diet, exercise, daily prayer and church attendance. In sharing her story,

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Lucille now is helping others along their journeys from sexual abuse to stability—to find their own hope and their own light that shines through the darkness. “ Timely, compelling and courageous, this autobiography lays bare the trauma of both child and adolescent abuse, ” writes Carol Schreck, Professor Emerita of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Palmer Theological Seminary. “ This book deserves to be read by any adult who, living in a culture where 80 percent of females have experienced some form of sexual abuse by the age of 18, are no longer content to keep their proverbial head in the

sand. ”  
Not by Sight WaterBrook Find comfort in dark times and grow your trust and faith in God with this inspiring and insightful guide from Lakewood Church pastor and #1 New York Times bestselling author Joel Osteen. All of us will go through dark times that we don't understand: a difficulty with a friend, an unfair situation at work, a financial setback, an unexpected illness, a divorce, or the loss of a loved one. Those types of experiences are part of the human journey. But when we find ourselves in such a place, it's important that we keep a positive perspective. Joel Osteen writes that if we stay in faith and keep a good attitude when we go through challenges, we

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will not only grow, but we will see how all things work together for our good. Through practical applications and scriptural insight, *Blessed in the Darkness* focuses on how to draw closer to God and trust Him when life doesn't make sense. If we will go through the dark place in the valley trusting, believing, and knowing that God is still in control, we will come to the table that is already prepared for us, where our cup runs over. Simon and Schuster The beloved and timeless King James Version is made available in an edition priced right for Sunday schools, Bible clubs, church presentations, and giveaways. Offering affordable

quality, these handsome award Bibles will withstand heavy use thanks to better quality paper and supple but sturdy cover material. A great way to honor special achievements-at a budget-conscious price A spectrum of attractive colors-black, burgundy, blue, royal purple, dark green, and white-suit any occasion Imitation leather, 640 pages, 5 8 inches Clear 7-point type Color maps and presentation page The words of Christ in red 32 pages of study helps Sewn binding Shipped with an attractive four-color half-wrap and shrink-wrap. [Piercing the Darkness](#) Canongate U.S. Now in ebook, the classic

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sequel to bestseller *This Present Darkness*, about another small town in the midst of an unseen supernatural battle for truth. This sequel to *This Present Darkness* follows the supernatural battle over the small town of Bacon's Corner, where, once again, armies of angels and demons are at war. Sally Beth Roe is trying to escape her past and struggling to find the truth, while Tom Harris finds himself embroiled in a battle to save a Christian school threatened by outside forces.

### **The First Book of Moses, Called Genesis Crossway**

Imagine . . . an interconnected group of people who entrust themselves to each other. You can speak of your pain, and someone responds with compassion and

prayer. You can speak of your joys, and someone rejoices with you. You can ask for help with sinful struggles, and someone prays with you. The goal of this book is that these meaningful relationships will become a natural part of daily life in your church. With short chapters and discussion questions meant to be read in a group setting, Ed Welch guides small groups through eight lessons that show what it looks like when ordinary, needy people care for other ordinary, needy people in everyday life.

*When Darkness Seems My Closest Friend* Crossway  
"It is utterly crucial that in our darkness we affirm the wise, strong hand of God to

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hold us, even when we have no strength to hold him." John Piper Even the most faithful, focused Christians can encounter periods of depression and spiritual darkness when joy seems to stay just out of reach. It can happen because of sin, satanic assault, distressing circumstances, or hereditary and other physical causes. In 'When the Darkness Will Not Lift', John Piper aims to give some comfort and guidance to those experiencing spiritual darkness. Readers will gain insight into the physical side of depression and spiritual darkness, what it means to wait on the Lord in a time of darkness, how unconfessed sin can clog our joy, and how to minister to others who are living without light. Piper uses real-life examples and sensitive narrative to show readers abundant reason to hope that God will pull them out of the pit of despair and into the light once again.