

YOUR TOOLBOX



FOR TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MAN

36 TOOLS THAT HAVE IMPACTED MY FAITH
AND JUST MIGHT IMPACT YOURS TOO



JUSTIN CAMP X WIRE FOR MEN

A BIT ABOUT GATHER AND ME

My brother,

Since you're new to WiRE, and you might be new to [Gather Ministries](#), I wanted to share a little about myself.

My name is Justin Camp. I live on the San Francisco Peninsula with my wife, Jennifer, our three kids, and one nervous rescue dog—and I believe God has called me to write about Him to men like you. I believe God's called Jennifer to do the same thing, but for women. So, in 2013, Jenn and I started Gather, the Christian nonprofit behind the WiRE for Men devotional. Through WiRE and our [other ministries](#), we offer a new, hope-filled, honest perspective on God's goodness and love to busy men and women. We try to create things that are beautiful and stirring, yet stripped-down and unpretentious—and that can fit right into your busy everyday life.

Prior to Gather, I spent fifteen years investing in high-tech startups in Silicon Valley and a few years as a lawyer on Wall Street. But I like what I am doing now :-). Honestly, it's one of the great blessings of my life to create resources like WiRE for Men—all of which I handcraft to meet you right where you are, wherever you are.

My simple and sincere hope is that you allow WiRE (and all the resources in this Toolbox) to equip you to pursue God more earnestly and enjoy more of His goodness and love.

Sincerely,

Justin Camp

Wild at Heart

by John Eldredge

WILD *at* HEART

DISCOVERING THE SECRET
of A MAN'S SOUL

Wild at Heart has changed the lives of millions of men around the world.

I'm one of them.

Other than the Bible, no book has affected me more than John Eldredge's inspired work. It redefines masculinity and gives us a new and needed framework for understanding the Gospel, and for understanding our roles within God's larger story.

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My Utmost for His Highest

by Oswald Chambers



Oswald Chambers was a Scottish teacher and preacher whose messages cut to the heart of the gospel.

His 365 thought-provoking meditations in *My Utmost* (one for every day of the year and now available FREE by email) have inspired countless people to drink deeply from the biblical truths that Chambers so passionately championed.

You can drink deeply too.

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Crazy Love

by Francis Chan



crazy love

When you think about it, it's outrageous. The God of the universe—the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Something's wrong with that picture.

Crazy Love will help you encounter God and receive more of his love. And your life will never be the same.

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Rescue

by Justin Camp

"Justin has given us a spiritual jewel, a Holy Spirit-led tool."
Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles C. Baldwin, US Air Force, Chief of Chaplains (ret.)

RESCUE

This generation is struggling—mostly alone. Fear and pain are everywhere. And yet most of us, especially men, forget or forgot what's available and intended to help us survive and even thrive in these evil days: *authentic Christian community*.

Scattered, men are assailable. United with brothers and God, though, we're protected—ready for anything this world might threaten. *Rescue* will give you the start you need to find new spiritual life through the relationships God has waiting for you.

[get your free sample chapters here](#)

The Message on The Bible App



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The Message is Eugene Peterson’s paraphrase of the Bible—his attempt to bring into English the rhythms and idioms of the original Biblical languages. Not a literal translation, it’s like an interpretation of each verse by a phenomenal pastor-poet.

A favorite way to read Peterson’s work is on The Bible App from YouVersion. Having garnered more than 500 million downloads globally, it offers 2,863 Bible versions in 1,868 languages, as well as over 800 Bible reading plans and devotionals.

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The English Standard Version on the Bible.is app



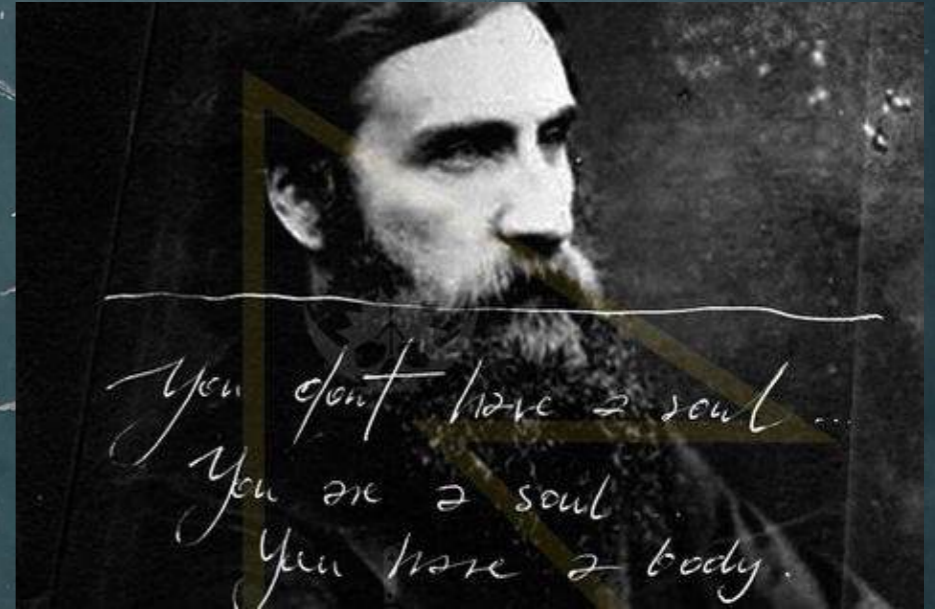
The *ESV* is my go-to. Created by a team of more than 100 leading evangelical scholars and pastors, it's a word-for-word translation of the Bible into contemporary English.

As of 2021, Crossway had distributed more than 250 million print copies worldwide. That said, a great way to experience the *ESV* is with the Bible.is app. Bible.is is unique in that it offers high-quality audio versions of many Bible translations, making it convenient for folks who spend time in planes, trains, and automobiles.

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Unspoken Sermons

by George MacDonald



George MacDonald's words inspired the likes of G.K. Chesterton, J.R.R. Tolkien, Madeleine L'Engle, and C.S. Lewis.

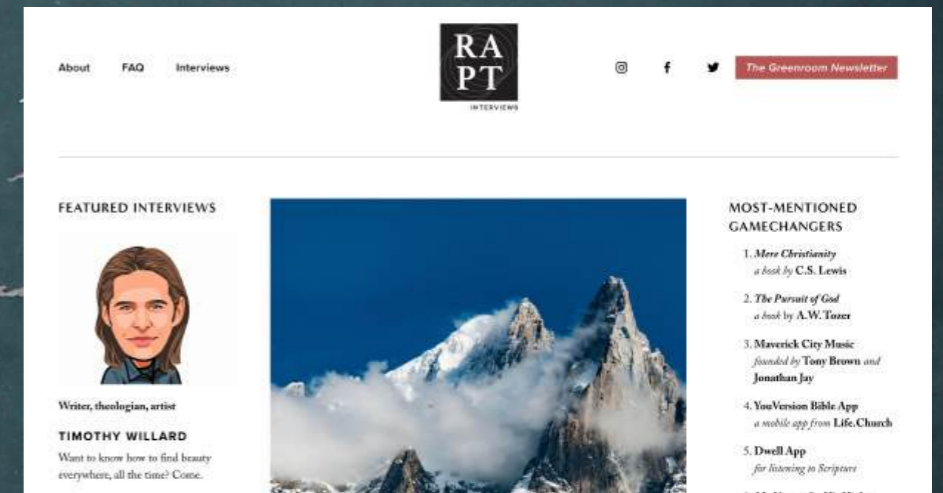
“I have never concealed the fact that I regarded him as my master,” wrote Lewis; “indeed I fancy I have never written a book in which I did not quote from him.”

Unspoken Sermons contains some of his best writings.

Let his words inspire you too.

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'Best of' Lists from Rapt Interviews



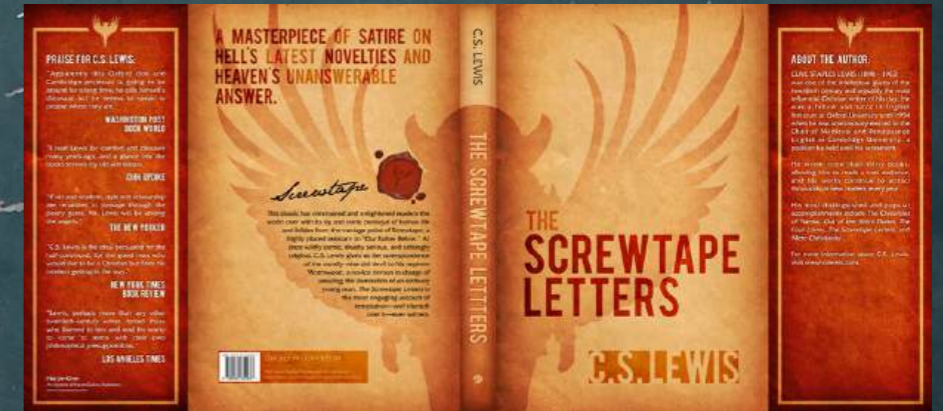
Rapt offers five 'Best of' lists compiled, curated, and continuously updated with data from The New York Times, USA TODAY, Billboard, K-Love, Christian Cinema, Netflix, Amazon, Apple, Spotify, Goodreads, Rotten Tomatoes, and more.

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- [New & Chart-topping Worship Songs](#)
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Each list updated every two weeks.

The Screwtape Letters

by C.S. Lewis



Screwtape is a satirical novel organized around a series of letters from a senior demon, Screwtape, to his nephew, Wormwood, a junior tempter. It was first published in 1942.

Screwtape is fun and funny, but it's also filled with heart-piercing and eye-opening truths from one of history's greatest Christian teachers.

I find myself returning to this book again and again.

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The Power of Vulnerability

from Brené Brown and TED



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Brené Brown is researcher who studies human flourishing. In this incisive, funny TED talk, she shares deep insight from her research—insight into how we can heal from shame, how we can regain self-worth, and how to find the connection and belonging we all crave.

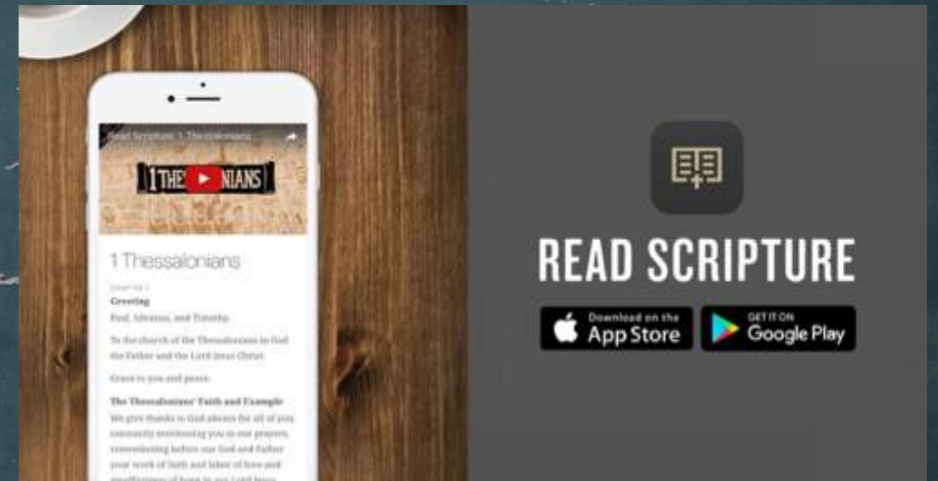
To date, it's garnered over 60 million views.

It's a must-watch.

Check it out.

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Read Scripture app from The Bible Project



Read Scripture is a game changer. This mobile app makes reading the Bible engaging and accessible for everyone—to those who know nothing about Scripture and to those who've been reading the Bible for years.

Hand-illustrated Bible Project videos are super at explaining difficult concepts and themes right alongside the Scriptural text.

It'll change your Bible reading time, I promise. It's awesome.

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Chasing Daylight

by Erwin McManus



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We have but one life. We're given one opportunity to pursue our dreams and fulfill our divine purpose. Every moment counts, and we must engage them with fierceness and zeal.

Chasing Daylight is a call to live a life of blazing urgency. It'll help you to put an end to passive observation and to start seizing the raw, untapped potential of your life with God.

It changed things for me.

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Odyssey by Justin Camp

YOUR ADVENTURE BEGINS NOW!

ODYSSEY

JUSTIN CAMP

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Modern men are experiencing unprecedented levels of angst and anxiety. We're frustrated, stressed, burned out, and bored. And only one thing will bring us the joy, peace, purpose, and significance we desire: a relationship with the God of heaven. An intimate relationship, one that is real and true.

But for that kind of relationship, we must embark on a journey to encounter Him personally. *Odyssey* will help you walk that ancient path.

[get your free sample chapters here](#)

Wild at Heart Podcast with John Eldredge



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John Eldredge, Allen Arnold, and the rest of the guys at Wild at Heart bring sage wisdom and joyful equipping/encouraging on a weekly basis via their podcast. They teach men to walk with God and help us recover the treasure of the Gospel

This is my favorite podcast. Hands down.

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I Am Second has grown into an international movement. The core offering is a set of video testimonies from people—many very well-known—who've been transformed by the power of Jesus Christ and who've have found the power to overcome struggles by putting him first.

I Am Second is sharp and fresh, but moving and encouraging too.

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Notebooks by Field Notes



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The Draplin Design Company of Portland and Coudal Partners, a Chicago creative firm, bring us *Field Notes*—“an honest memo book, worth fillin’ up with good information.” And no information is more valuable than that which we learn from God.

Field Notes are perfect for jotting favorite Bible verses; sermon notes; words of wisdom and knowledge; and/or notes from prayer.

I keep one with me always.

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The Space Pen

from Fisher



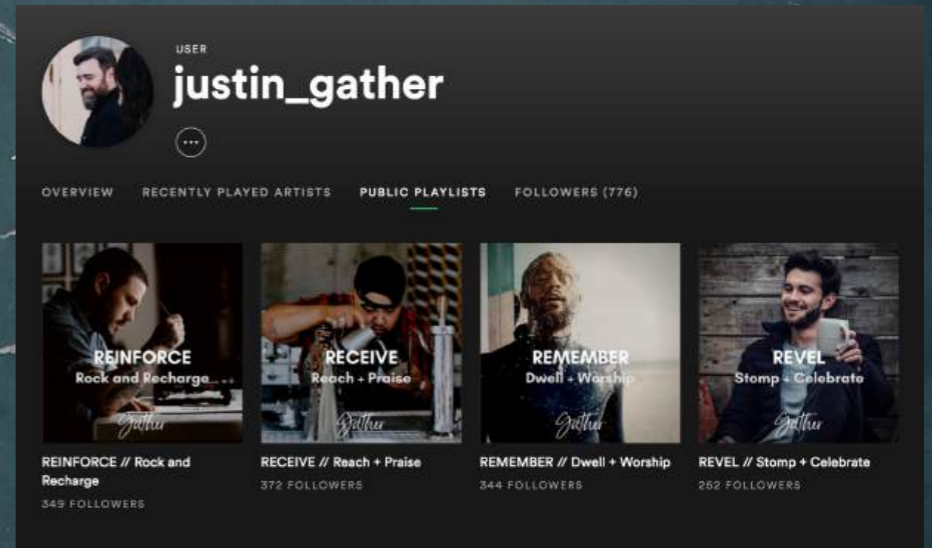
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So that I never have to worry about jotting down an old school, handwritten note whenever and wherever inspiration strikes, I also make a Fisher Space Pen part of my everyday carry.

My fav is the AG7. It was used on the Apollo 7 space mission in 1968 after 2 years of rigorous testing by NASA, and it has been used on all manned space flights since then.

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Spotify playlists curated for you



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To make it super easy for you to discover and enjoy great Christian music—*both for worshiping God and just to simply savor the wonder and beauty of great songs*—I handcrafted these Spotify playlists just for you.

Be sure to hit *'follow'* on your favorite playlists in order to stay current. I'm always adding new stuff!

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Ann Voskamp's talk at Q Ideas



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Stay curious. Think well. Advance Good. Gabe Lyons and the folks at Q help us do all three. They invite leaders from around the world to shed light on culture and the church. The vision for Q came out of Gabe's belief that Christians must step up and embrace their historical responsibility to renew and restore cultures.

Q talks, like TED talks, are time-limited and packed with great content; Ann Voskamp's is one of the best.

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The Lord of the Rings

from J.R.R. Tolkien



The Lord of the Rings is a set of three novels, which are among the best-selling books ever written. Masterpieces each, these books tell the story of an unlikely hero—a humble hobbit named Frodo Baggins. Accompanied by a wizard, elf, dwarf, two men, and three loyal hobbit friends, Frodo undertakes an epic quest to save the land and people he loves.

Death, sacrifice, resurrection, mercy, repentance, salvation, justice, fellowship—they're all in there. I wish I could read it again for the first time.

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Hearing God

by Dallas Willard



A relationship with God requires two-way communication—praying to Him and hearing and understanding what he is saying to us. It's this second part that is so important, but which can also be so difficult.

How do we hear his voice? How can we be sure it's not our own subconscious? What if it's not clear? The key, teaches Dallas Willard, is to focus not so much on individual actions and decisions as on building our personal relationship with our Creator.

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Invention

by Justin Camp

“A SUPER, STARTLING, STEP-BY-STEP
GUIDE FOR CHRISTIAN MEN”

ERIC METAXAS

#1 New York Times bestselling author of *Bonhoeffer*



Invention is your invitation to join a small band of renegades and revolutionaries, change-makers and troublemakers—men who won't be daunted, because they know there is more to these lives of ours.

This book is your guide for living, finally, with depth and purpose. It will expose the lies that obscure God's intent, and will help reveal His design for your life.

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Inheritance (Live)

by Jonathan David Helser



This crazy good song was the starting place for my personal journey into understanding sonship.

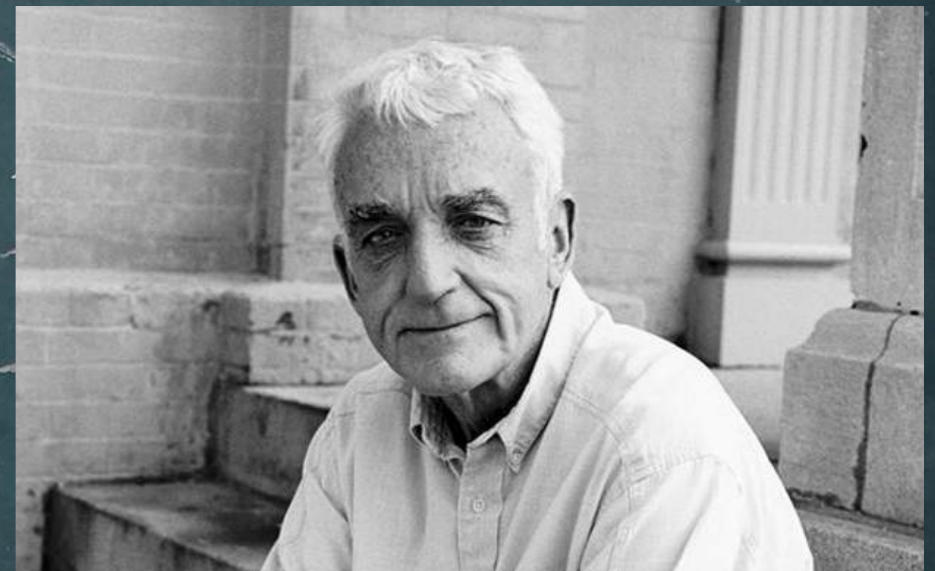
I can say with 100% confidence, no single song has impacted faith more than this one. Every time I listen to it, Jonathan David Helser's lyrics, and especially Graham Cooke's spoken word portion, reach my heart with this very unique, very compelling message of God's love.

Take a listen now.

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The Ragamuffin Gospel

by Brennan Manning



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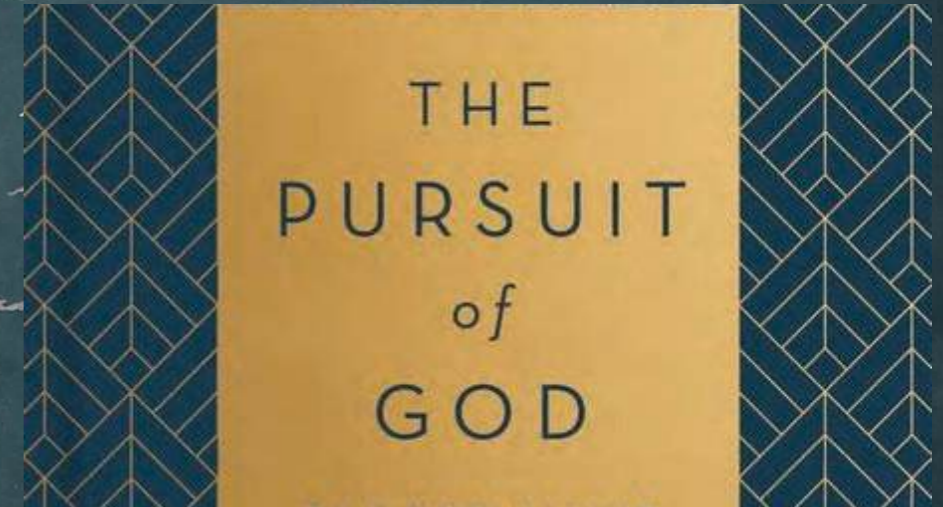
We all get stuck sometimes. We beat ourselves up over our failures and, in the process, pull away from God because we believe he tallies our defects and hangs his head in disappointment. Brennan Manning reminds us that nothing could be further from the truth. Our Father beckons us to Himself with a “furious love” that burns brightly and constantly.

Only when we truly embrace God’s love can we, once again, get moving in our faith journeys.

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The Pursuit of God

by A.W. Tozer



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Tozer's most popular work, this Christian classic should be required reading for all men, especially those who are looking for something more.

The Pursuit of God exposes the roadblocks that keep us from knowing God more fully, reveals our responsibilities in the pursuit, and ultimately leads us into his very presence.

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Let Your Life Speak

by Parker Palmer



With wisdom, compassion, and gentle humor, Parker Palmer invites readers to listen to the inner voice of the Holy Spirit and follow his leadings toward a sense of meaning and purpose. Telling stories from his own life and the lives of others who have made a difference, he shares insights gained from darkness and depression as well as fulfillment and joy, illuminating a pathway toward identity and vocation for all who seek the true calling of their lives.

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The Heart of Man

from Sypher Studios



The Heart of Man is a beautiful, cinematic retelling of the parable of the Prodigal Son, interwoven with moving, real-life testimonials.

Narrative storytelling and documentary filmmaking are creatively combined to reveal the compassionate heart of God the Father for his sons and daughters, illuminating an age-old truth: shame is not a barrier to God's love, but a bridge to absolute transformation, victory, freedom, and hope. Check it out!

[click here](#)

The Shawshank Redemption

from Frank Darabont



A feature film based on a Stephen King novella, Shawshank tells the story of banker Andy Dufresne, who is sentenced to life in Shawshank State Penitentiary for the murders of his wife and her lover.

Based loosely on the Gospel story and nominated for seven Academy Awards, it's a fantastic movie. There's probably no other film I find myself quoting more often.

[click here for more](#)

Sonship

a Study from Morgan Snyder



Audio

Sonship: Receiving God as Father

Do you know God as a generous, strong, and intimate Father? That is your destiny. Because God's desire is for us to walk in the strength and dignity of our inheritance as sons of God. In this transforming teaching, Morgan Snyder illuminates one of the central invitations of the Gospel—to forsake independence and fatherlessness. To receive God as Father. And to become the son we were intended to be.

The internal dialogue for most men today goes something like this: “I am on my own; if anything good is going to happen it's up to me to make it happen; I need to be the strongest man in my world; why is life so hard?”

In this transformational (seriously) teaching, Morgan Snyder illuminates one of the central invitations of the Gospel—to forsake independence and fatherlessness, and to receive God as Father.

This study is a *must do*.

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Audio Sermons

by A.W. Tozer



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A.W. Tozer remains one of the most influential voices in the American Christian church. He pastored Southside Alliance Church in Chicago from 1928 to 1959, and Avenue Road Church in Toronto thereafter. Though self-educated, he wrote 40 books—two of which are Christian classics.

Amazingly, many of his old sermons have been preserved and are available for streaming and download.

I love that this man's voice and wisdom can reach me across the years.

[click here](#)

Pray As You Go

the mobile app



The Pray As You Go app offers daily audio prayer sessions. Between 10 and 13 minutes, they combine music, Scripture, and reflection questions. Each episode is designed to help you become aware of God's presence; listen to and reflect on God's word; and grow in your relationship with God.

It's produced by Jesuit Media Initiatives, and is a great way to start your day. You can access the episodes through the app or through any podcast app on your phone.

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Old Sermons from Charles Spurgeon



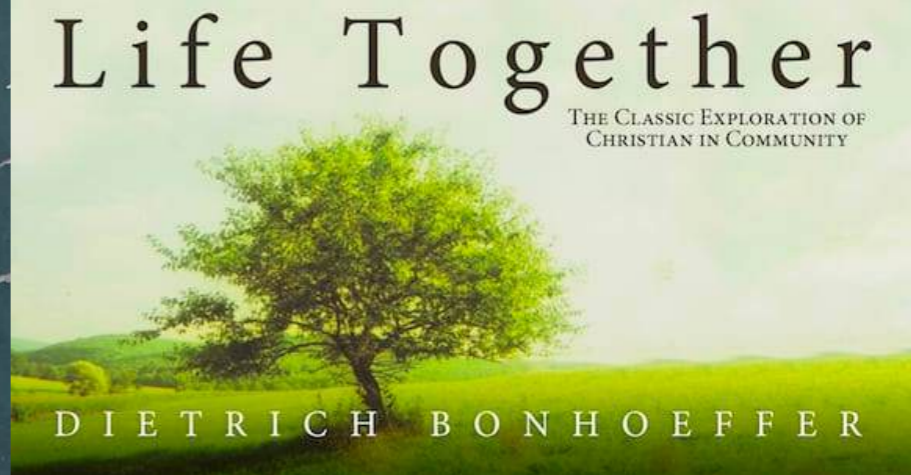
Charles Haddon Spurgeon, known in nineteenth-century London as the "Prince of Preachers," pastored the New Park Street Chapel (later the Metropolitan Tabernacle) for 38 years. His oratory skills are said to have been at such a level that he held his listeners spellbound. His sermons have been preserved in written form and are surprisingly powerful and relevant for our day.

You can search his sermons online by topic, year, and Scripture passage at the the Spurgeon Center.

[click here](#)

Life Together

from Dietrich Bonhoeffer



After his martyrdom at the hands of the Gestapo in 1945, Dietrich Bonhoeffer continued his witness in the hearts of Christians around the world.

In *Life Together*, Bonhoeffer tells the story of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years. It reads like one of Paul's letters and is full of wisdom and truth about Christian community.

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Bonhoeffer's biography, *Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*, by Eric Metaxas is fantastic too. [click here for that](#)

The Shack

by Wm. Paul Young



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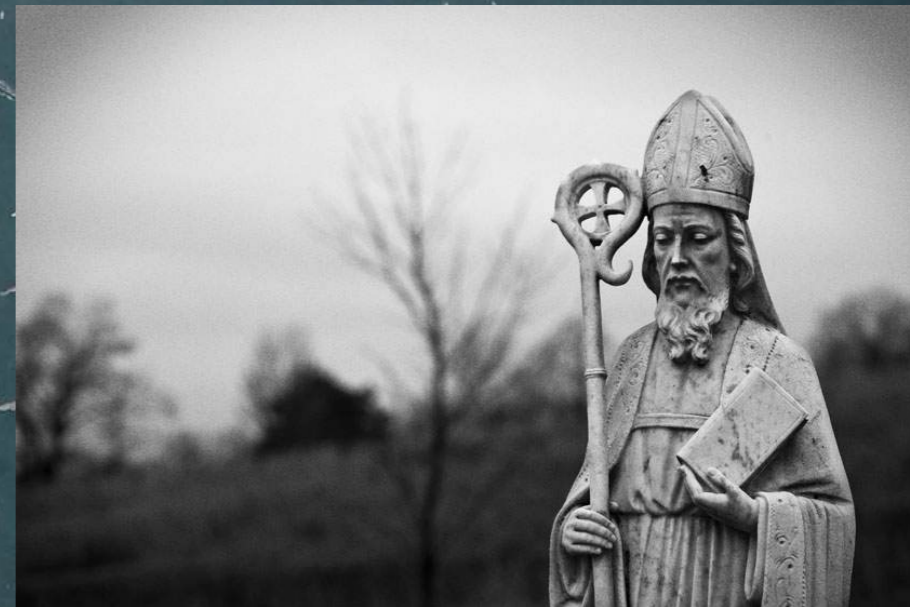
“When the imagination of a writer and the passion of a theologian cross-fertilize, the result is a novel on the order of *The Shack*. This book has the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* did for his. It's that good!”

—Eugene Peterson

Everyone should read this book at least once.

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“The Deer’s Cry” by St. Patrick



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I encountered this prayer in preparation for a trip to Ireland. I was taken by its beauty and boldness; I still am.

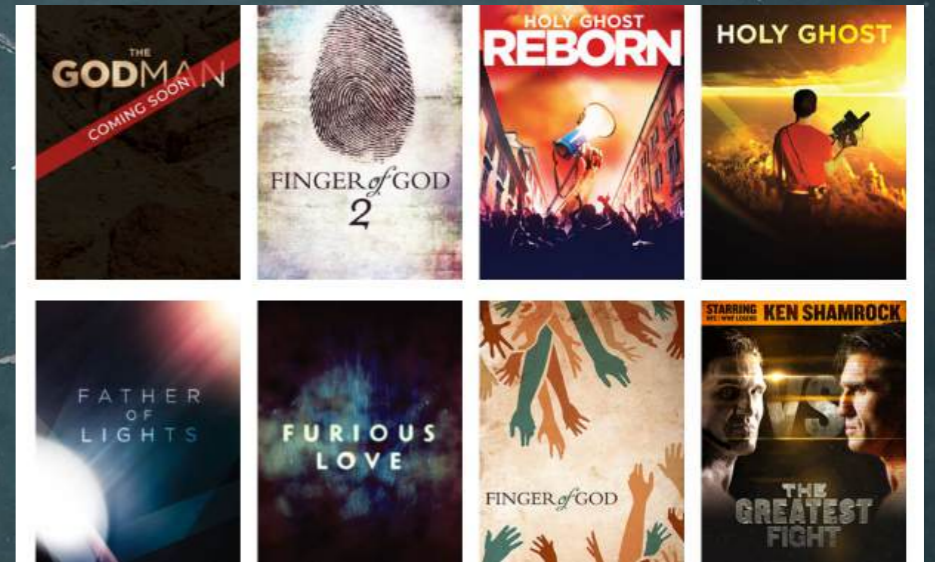
It is as much invocation as it is prayer. As such, it’s a great way to start a day—to prepare ourselves for what a day holds, and whatever tasks lie ahead, by “putting on” all the power given to us by Christ, through Christ, and in Christ.

I don’t pray this prayer enough.

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WP Films

from Darren Wilson



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In these fast-paced documentaries, Darren Wilson sets out to make films that are led by the Holy Spirit. He often has no plan, no script, and no safety net. He just goes wherever he feels the Spirit leading him. It's always an adventure.

His unique approach to filmmaking results in movies that not only challenge and excite, but also reveal a God who is far more alive and active than you might have ever imagined.

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