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Discerning the Voice of God

New York Times bestselling author Lysa TerKeurst unveils her heart amid shattering circumstances and shows readers how to live assured when life doesn't turn out like they expected. What do you do when God's timing seems questionable, His lack of intervention hurtful, and His promises doubtful? Life often looks so very different than we hoped or expected. Some events may simply catch us off guard for a moment, but others shatter us completely. We feel disappointed and disillusioned, and we quietly start to wonder about the reality of God's goodness. Lysa TerKeurst understands this deeply. But she's also discovered that our disappointments can be the divine appointments our souls need to radically encounter God. In *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, Lysa invites us into her own journey of faith and, with grit, vulnerability, and honest humor, helps us to: Stop being pulled into the anxiety of disappointment by discovering how to better process unmet expectations and other painful situations. Train ourselves to recognize the three strategies of the enemy so we can stand strong and persevere through unsettling relationships and uncertain outcomes. Discover the secret of being steadfast and not panicking when God actually does give us more than we can handle. Shift our suspicion that God is cruel or unfair to the biblical assurance that God is protecting and preparing us. Know how to encourage a friend and help her navigate hard realities with real help from God's truth.

The Surprising Grace of Disappointment

Disappointment is something everyone has faced: the loss of a job. An inability to become pregnant. The sudden death of a friend or family member. A failed test. A broken promise. The game-winning shot that doesn't go in. Three words from the doctor: "You've got cancer." While all of us have faced it, not all of us have learned to manage the reality of disappointment in our lives. Kristi Walker has taken on this task, and in this book she is presenting a biblical perspective on a topic with which everyone is familiar. And while this book was written with women in mind, men will do well to put into practice the principles Kristi writes about. Kristi does a great job of combining powerful personal stories with rich Scriptural content, making

"Disappointment" an excellent resource for anyone going through tough times. There is only one person that will never disappoint us, and Kristi does a fantastic job of pointing the reader back to Him, with truth wrapped in understanding.

Those Who Trust the Lord Shall Not Be Disappointed

A minister once confided that bitterness destroys more Christians than adultery, drug abuse, or any other sin. More often than not, this bitterness is ultimately directed toward God. Whether this bitterness began when a marriage imploded, a career never materialized, or an illness was never cured, Christians today wrestle with why God will not deliver them from their disappointing lives. What are the root causes of being disappointed in God? How can you be delivered from your disappointment in God? When God Disappoints is a study from the Book of Jonah that analyzes this issue and offers hope for those who are in the midst of being disappointed in God. It discusses five key lessons regarding being disappointed in God and gives personal, practical, and biblical advice on this topic. A short Bible study follows each of the five lessons.

Why Did We Trust Him?

"Part Kurt Vonnegut, part Douglas Adams, but let's be honest, Matheson had me at 'Based on the Bible.'" —Dana Gould, comedian and writer The Bible offers some clues to God's personality—he's alternately been called vindictive and just, bloodthirsty and caring, all-powerful and impotent, capricious and foresighted, and loving and hateful. But no one has ever fully explored why God might be such a figure of contrasts. Nor has anyone ever satisfactorily explained what guides his relationship not just with angels, the devil, and his son, but also with all of creation. Might he be completely misunderstood, a mystery even to himself? Might his behavior and actions toward humankind tell us much more about him than it does about us? Enter the mind of the creator of the universe, travel with him through the heavenly highs and hellish lows of his story, from Genesis to Revelation, to better understand his burdensome journey: being God isn't easy. After hearing his story—at times troubling and tragic but always hilarious in its absurdity and divine in its comedy—you'll never look at a miracle or catastrophe—or at our place in the universe, or God's—the same way again.

In Due Time

Sadly Satan is using this discontentment to confuse and anger us into despair toward a slow, spiritual death. In Part I of the *Desperate Christian* you will discover that God may be using these feelings to push you away from looking to, and trusting in anyone but Him. To mature in Christ you must develop a one-on-one relationship with God FIRST. Now is the time to dig in and seek God, in faith, with all your heart, soul and mind but how do you do that? With God as your teacher and your Bible as your text, Part II of *The Desperate Christian* addresses good, straight forward questions that will bring you closer to God such as: What does it mean to seek God and to be in His presence? What does it mean to be a mature Christian? What is the difference between being a mature Christian and a good person? Do you need to attend church if you are studying the Bible and worshipping God on

your own? What does it mean to be led by the Holy Spirit? What does God need from you to work through Him? What is righteousness and what does it mean to you? How does the rest of God work? Leigh shares Biblical principles and answers to these questions that help you: Enjoy a closer, deeper and more fulfilling relationship with God Trade guilt, despair and frustration for joy, peace and hope Develop and unshakable faith in God In the Desperate Christian you will exchange frantic anguish for a clear understanding that God is right next to you, leading you now when you listen. You will trade confusion and frustration for the realization that He is teaching you and guiding you to enjoy Him and to serve Him in fulfilling and exciting ways that far surpass what you could ever hope for, dream or imagine.

How to Fall and Stay in Love with Jesus

Learn how you can trust the Lord for your daily life and needs. Is there a yearning in your heart to trust God more? Those who trust in the Lord shall not be disappointed! Deep down, we direct our disappointments toward God, thinking that somehow He let us down. We trust God for eternal life; why then don't we trust Him amid the adversities of daily life? Peggy Joyce Ruth has a unique way of showing that victorious living depends on our unwavering trust in God. She demonstrates with scores of personal experiences just how faithful God really is and then details how you can develop the kind of trust that will not disappoint!

God Is Not Mad at You

“Don’t Listen For the Voice of God. Listen for His Echo.” When God really wants to get your attention, he doesn’t just say something once. He echoes. He speaks through a Sunday sermon, a chance conversation with a friend the next day, even a random email. The same theme, idea, impression, or lesson will repeat itself in surprising and unexpected ways until you realize that maybe, just maybe, God is at work. According to author Margaret Feinberg, the repetitive nature of a sacred echo gives us confidence that God really is prompting, guiding, or leading. The sacred echo reminds us to pay close attention – something important may be going on here. The sacred echo challenges us to prayerfully consider how God is at work in our life as well as in the lives of those around us. The sacred echo is an invitation to spiritual awakening. Margaret writes, “I want a relationship with God where prayer is as natural as breathing. If God is the one in whom we are to live and move and have our being, then I want my every inhale infused with his presence, my every exhale an extension of his love.” If that’s your desire too, let Sacred Echo be your guide to a deeper, more rewarding relationship with the God of the universe.

Rest Now

If you feel overwhelmed, you're not alone. Three out of five people admit to doing more than they can manage. Thinking God requires this, we say, "I must be everything to everyone." Then we struggle and feel selfish and guilty when we say no, grow weary, or snap at someone out of sheer exhaustion. Is this what God desires? Somewhere along the line of being a good Christian, wife, daughter, or

friend we lose sight of who we are in Christ. We put our performance above God and who he says we are. But what if we chose a more soul-full way? Rest Now offers permission to breathe. It exposes the lies that distract, tire, and bully us, so we don't strive for rest but love from it, like Jesus did. Learn how to - create boundaries that allow you to overflow with love - say no so you don't hate yourself later - ditch passive-aggressive behaviors in favor of healthy conversations - embrace permission-giving thoughts to create mental space for God

The Screwtape Letters (Enhanced Special Illustrated Edition)

Do you find it easier to face the day when you know God is with you? Max Lucado believes it is! In *God Is With You Every Day*, Max uses his signature reassuring and encouraging voice, paired with practical, relevant, and personal messaging, to remind you that God is with you every day. This 365-day devotional begins each week with a prayer and scripture, followed by six days of devotions and scripture for reflection. Weaving messages of comfort, grace, and encouragement, this book is wonderful for: Anyone who wants a fresh infusion of faith to start each day Those walking through difficult seasons of life such as loneliness, grief, or change People in need of courage to face each day *God Is With You Every Day* makes a great: Self-purchase for those needing an extra pick-me-up or Max Lucado fans Inspirational gift for friends and family walking through a tough season, experiencing loss, or overwhelmed by life's challenges

Memoirs Of A Very Stable Genius

Can you have a strong personality and still be a godly wife? YES! Do you ever get the idea that being a godly wife means you need to be a mousy doormat? Be as unnoticeable as a doorknob? Or have a personality transplant? *Fierce Women: The Power of a Soft Warrior* smashes that idea. No matter whether you're an extrovert or more introverted, Kimberly Wagner believes women are created to be a compelling force. You may not see yourself as beautifully fierce or even slightly strong, but what if God has placed a powerful fierceness within you, within every woman? Kim admits her fierceness became a source of conflict in her marriage, but the relationship dynamic totally changed when she discovered her fierce strengths could be used to encourage and inspire her husband. She invites you to come alongside as she takes an honest look at a destructive relationship dynamic and casts a vision for the transformation God can bring to troubled marriages. A True Woman Book; the goal of the True Woman publishing line is to encourage women to: Discover, embrace, and delight in God's divine design and mission for their lives Reflect the beauty and heart of Jesus Christ to their world Intentionally pass the baton of Truth on to the next generation Pray earnestly for an outpouring of God's Spirit in their families, churches, nation and world

The Desperate Christian

The best-of-the-best of what's left on the cutting room floor from critically acclaimed Shannon Wheeler's cartoon submissions to *The New Yorker Magazine*. Never seen in print before anywhere else! A new cartoon collection from the mind of Eisner Award-winning, Harvey nominated and current *New Yorker Magazine*

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I Told You So

"How long, O Lord, how long "The reality of life is that we're all waiting on something. Marriage. Babies. Jobs. Healing. Family restoration. The list could go on and on. Seasons of waiting on the Lord can be hard, discouraging and exhausting. Perhaps it's only been weeks or months. But for some, the wait has lasted years. Or maybe you've faced an unimaginable trial, such as the loss of a loved one. The journey through grief, sorrow and pain can be filled with isolation and hopelessness. No matter how hard your journey has been, there is a purpose for all of the pain. Come join me in this 60-day devotional as I share pieces of my own story, including both loss and longing. Through the truth shared from God's Word, you will find that it is possible to have joy and declare that God is good, even in the midst of waiting. As you read each devotion, my prayer is that your heart will be healed, your mind renewed and your spirit encouraged to seek, trust and praise the Lord through the storms you are facing today. Although it might be a hard journey now, God is faithful, and he will finish the work that he started in you. If you remain steadfast and don't give up, in due time you will reap your abundant harvest! Be encouraged and have hope - God is in the waiting!

Sh*t My President Says: The Illustrated Tweets of Donald J. Trump

10th Anniversary Edition: Updated with New Chapter & Foreword Pastor Joel Osteen asks everyone to examine what he or she really believes. Why is this important? Because we will become what we believe. Our beliefs will prove either a barrier or vehicle as we strive to go higher, rise above our obstacles, and to live in health, abundance, and victory. In YOUR BEST LIFE NOW Osteen says, "I am what I am today because of what I believed about myself yesterday. And I will be tomorrow what I'm believing about myself right now. God sees us as more than conquerors, able to fulfill our destiny. We need to see ourselves through the eyes of our Creator." He says that our self-image should mirror exactly what God says about us, not what we feel or think. And he encourages readers to be people of faith, for if you can see the invisible, God will do the impossible.

Grand Concourse

A humorous and concise take on the Old and New Testaments strips the Bible of its arcane language and condenses each book into its core elements.

When God Disappoints

Grand Concourse is a play by playwright and two-time Obie Award-winning actor Heidi Schreck. It tells the story of Shelley. Having dedicated her life to religious service, Shelley runs a Bronx soup kitchen with unsentimental efficiency. When Emma—a rainbow-haired college dropout—arrives to volunteer, her volatile mix of

generosity and self-involvement throws Shelley's life into chaos. She brings a needed jolt to the place, helping a long-time client toward a new job, but her energy also proves unsettling. Even as Emma's behavior grows steadily more erratic, Shelley still wants to believe in her, despite the mounting evidence that she shouldn't. Shelley must finally ask herself how well she really knows the people she sees every day, how much she can trust them, and what she can and cannot forgive. With both humor and generosity Grand Concourse asks big questions about the limits of both compassion and forgiveness.

The Storm Inside

To be human means to try and sometimes fail, to love and sometimes lose, to risk and sometimes regret. There are times when we realize where our choices have brought us and we're afraid to be honest--with ourselves, with others, with God--about how we're really feeling and how we got to where we are. Because what if no one understands? What if they think less of us? What if God is disappointed with us? Eryn Eddy wants you to know that no matter your past mistakes, relationship status, career choice, or feelings, nothing can change the truth that you are so worth loving. In this openhearted book, she takes you by the hand and helps you look in, look up, and look out, exploring your relationship with yourself, God, and others. She gives you permission to feel deeply and openly before God, who isn't afraid of our feelings, no matter what they are. And she lovingly reminds you that you are not crazy, you are not alone, and you will get through this.

God Is Disappointed In You

Mark Russell & Shannon Wheeler's faithful-yet-irreverent approach to the Bible made their book GOD IS DISAPPOINTED IN YOU a modern cult classic. Now, by popular demand, they turn their attention to the best parts left out of the canonical Bible, including the Midrash, the Apocrypha, Gnostic Gospels, and more! And if you thought the BIBLE had some weird stuff in it

God Is With You Every Day

When bestselling author Joyce Meyer posted "God's not mad at you" on Facebook, she didn't anticipate that her words would trigger thousands of responses of gratitude and relief. Apparently many Christians struggle to reconcile their perception of God as both a loving parent and a stern judge. In GOD IS NOT MAD AT YOU, Joyce will help those who haven't truly received God's love because they are afraid of His anger and disapproval. She explores the source of this confusion, so His genuine character can be better understood and His love can be experienced on an entirely new level. Chapter titles include: * Perfectionism and Approval * The Pain of Rejection * Guilt and Shame * Developing Your Potential * Run to God, Not from Him * Getting Comfortable with God "It is important for us to remember that God's anger is directed toward our sinful behavior rather than toward us. If you feel guilty right now and are afraid that God is mad at you, then you are miserable. But your misery can be immediately changed to peace and joy by simply believing God's Word. Believe that God loves you and that He is ready to

show you mercy and forgive you completely. Believe that God has a good plan for your life. Believe that God is not mad at you!" --Joyce Meyer

Ruthless Trust

The best-of-the-best of what's left on the cutting room floor from critically acclaimed Shannon Wheeler's cartoon submissions to The New Yorker. See the strips that were too crazy or too racy for a "respectable" publication! A new cartoon collection from the mind of Eisner Award-winning, Harvey-nominated, and current New Yorker cartoonist, Shannon Wheeler! It's the best-of-the-best of what's left on the cutting room floor from Wheeler's cartoon submissions to The New Yorker, following on the heels of his smash success I Thought You Would Be Funnier.

Overcoming Life's Disappointments

Can a depressed monster learn how to be a hero? Maybe with a little help. The hilarious and heartwarming graphic novel that inspired the theatrical film RUMBLE! In a fantastical 1860s England, every quiet little township is terrorized by a ferocious monster—much to the townsfolk's delight! Each town's unique monster is a source of local pride, not to mention tourism. Each town, that is except for one. Unfortunately for the people of Stoker-on-Avon, their monster isn't quite as impressive. In fact, he's a little down in the dumps. Can the morose Rayburn get a monstrous makeover and become a proper horror? It's up to the eccentric Dr. Charles Wilkie and plucky street urchin Timothy to get him up to snuff, before a greater threat turns the whole town to kindling. Monsters of all ages are sure to enjoy this tale about life's challenges, the power of friendship, and creative redemption, packed with epic battles and plenty of wild beasts! Prepare for the release of the 2021 theatrical film RUMBLE with this expanded edition of the beloved graphic novel, now featuring a new 10-page epilogue!

It's Not Supposed to Be This Way

In his sequel to The Ragamuffin Gospel bestselling author Brennan Manning shows how true and radical trust in God can transform our lives. Manning, beloved author and spiritual teacher, shows us how trust in God can transform our lives and open us up to deeper experiences of grace and love. In Ruthless Trust, he turns his focus from furious love to radical trust, revealing the ways in which trust renews our faith and help us grow.

DEALING W/DISAPPOINTMENT

Women feel the storm activity all around. We find ourselves teetering somewhere between everyday chaos and crisis. We can feel a storm brewing, we are in the middle of a storm, or we are facing the aftermath of a storm. But don't be afraid because it is possible to grow through turbulent times. Storms show you what's really going on inside, reveal what you really believe, and actually make you stronger. In this powerful book Sheila will help you: Redefine your failures as a new beginning instead of an end. Replace the words always and never in your life with

positive declarations of hope. Know with confidence how to help a friend in chaos or crisis.

The Story of God

Good times. Bad times. In-between times. When your daily ordeals threaten to overwhelm you, the simple prayer “Jesus, I need You” offers peace and rest. Whether you’re experiencing a season of heartache or a season of joy, a time of questioning or a time of deep gratitude, the vulnerable prayers featured throughout will meet you where you are. With space for journaling, Jesus, I Need You will quiet your mind and heart as you discover the Lord’s faithfulness and lovingkindness. Find the comfort, hope, and celebration you seek as you ground your faith in the Savior who can be trusted in all circumstances.

Monster on the Hill (Expanded Edition)

With her signature storytelling and biblical insight, Michele Cushatt's third book, *Relentless*, is a message born of deep personal struggle and the transformational discovery that God is indeed with us. How do you hold onto faith when faith itself seems lost? Whether in struggle, illness, death, or failure, the presence of pain causes us to question the presence of God. We pray and watch the sky, crossing our spiritual fingers for hardcore proof of God's nearness. And in the silence, we sense something more sinister: perceived abandonment. But what if we could collect evidence that God hasn't left us? What if we could be absolutely certain of God's presence and affection, strengthening our faith against any assault? Woven throughout Scripture sits a single, extraordinary theme: God is with us. Ours is a God who speaks through burning bushes and leads through pillars of fire, who responds to a broken world by giving himself. Like the Old Testament story of Joshua's altar of twelve stones, *Relentless* delivers twelve key biblical stories that demonstrate God's unfailing presence. Each chapter offers an invitation to identify a "stone" in your own life as tangible evidence of God's nearness. With the turn of the last page, you will have discovered twelve markers of your own, an altar of memory to carry you through questions and losses, even ones yet to come. For the truth-seekers, those drowning in impossible questions, and those who find themselves swallowed up by the dark, *Relentless* is an invitation to search for divine presence in our everyday stories. With Michele Cushatt's engaging narrative style, this transformational journey provides biblical authority and modern story to illuminate the historical proof and reassurance that God, indeed, is with us.

Your Best Life Now

This book is enhanced with content such as audio or video, resulting in a large file that may take longer to download than expected. The Deluxe Illustrated Edition of a Timeless Classic Now with this enhanced edition, readers can gain additional insight through video interviews, audio excerpts and letters from C. S. Lewis. First published in 1942, *The Screwtape Letters* has sold millions of copies world-wide and is recognized as a milestone in the history of popular theology. A masterpiece of satire, it entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to “Our

Father Below.” At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written.

Relentless

Some people are saying, I don't know, you tell me, but a lot of people are saying this is the greatest book of the year. This guy, Shannon Wheeler, he draws these cartoons for the *New Yorker*, *MAD*, the *Onion*—he's very, very, good, okay? Now he's illustrated the most incredible tweets. Wow! You won't believe what he does with these tweets. I mean, these tweets changed the world, folks. It's true! It's very true. EVERYONE is going to want this book — even the haters and losers (Sad!).

So Worth Loving

Have you bought the lie? Many of us do. We measure our worth by what others think of us. We compare and strive, existing mostly for the approval of others. Pressure rises, anxiety creeps in and we hustle to keep up. Jesus whispers, I gave my life to set you free. I gave you purpose. I called you to live in freedom in that purpose. Yet we still hobble through life, afraid to confess all the ways we push against this truth, because we can't even believe it. We continue to grasp for the approval of anyone that will offer it: whether strangers, friends, or community. Christ doesn't say you can be or may be or will be free. He says you are free. Dare you believe it? In *You Are Free*, Rebekah invites you to:

- Overcome the exhaustion of trying to meet the expectations of others and rest in the joy God's freedom brings.
- Release stress, anxiety and worry, to uncover the peace that comes from abiding in His presence.
- Find permission to grieve past experiences, confess areas of brokenness, and receive strength in your journey towards healing.
- Throw off self-condemnation, burn superficial masks and step boldly into what our good God has for you.
- Discover the courage to begin again and use your newfound freedom to set others free. Freedom is for everyone who wants it—the lost, the wounded, and those weary from all of the striving. It's for those who gave up trying years ago. It's for those angry and hurt, brilliant and burnt by the Christian song and dance. You are the church, the people of God. You were meant to be free.

Lies We Believe About God

Previously published: Sisters, Or.: Multnomah Publishers, c2000.

Apocrypha Now

Hot off Sh*t My President Says, Shannon Wheeler unloads a new set of top notch cartoons in this premium collection. Instead of lampooning the President, Wheeler demonstrates what won him a couple of Eisner Awards with a more personal set of single panel comics. Relationships, social norms, cats, dogs, food, and Wheeler himself are all targets of his urbane wit. It's a gem of a book.

I Thought You Would Be Funnier

This Making It Personal booklet is based on an extended teaching series by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth called "How to Fall and Stay in Love with Jesus." - a Study of the Song of Songs. To get the most out of this booklet, consider listening to or reading the radio series. Transcripts are available on this website, or you can order the entire series on CD or an Mp3CD.

You Are Free

Philip Yancey has a gift for articulating the knotty issues of faith. In this 25th Anniversary edition of *Disappointment with God*, Yancey poses three questions that Christians wonder but seldom ask aloud: Is God unfair? Is he silent? Is he hidden? This insightful and deeply personal book points to the odd disparity between our concept of God and the realities of life. Why, if God is so hungry for relationship with us, does he seem so distant? Why, if he cares for us, do bad things happen? What can we expect from him after all? Yancey answers these questions with clarity, richness, and biblical assurance. He takes us beyond the things that make for disillusionment to a deeper faith, a certitude of God's love, and a thirst to reach not just for what God gives, but for who he is. Included in this anniversary edition is a study guide with questions about these perplexing questions of faith that the author confronts.

Disappointment with God

Draws on the life, teachings, and example of Moses to present a series of principles designed to help readers cope with such problems of everyday life as the loss of a job, divorce, infertility, and illness.

Jesus, I Need You

Does your knowledge of the Old Testament feel like a grab bag of people, books, events and ideas? Sandra Richter gives an overview of the Old Testament, organizing our disorderly knowledge of the Old Testament people, facts and stories into a memorable and manageable story of redemption that climaxes in the New Testament.

God Is Disappointed in You

God Is Disappointed in You is for people who would like to read the Bible if only it would just cut to the chase. Stripped of its arcane language and its interminable passages of poetry, genealogy and law, every book of the Bible is condensed down to its core message, usually in the space of a single page or less. Written by Mark Russell with cartoons by Shannon Wheeler, *God Is Disappointed in You* is a frequently hilarious, often shocking, but always accurate retelling of the Bible, including the parts selectively left out by Sunday School teachers and church sermons. Irreverent, yet taking the Bible at face value, this book is a must-read for anyone who wants to see past the fog of religious agendas and cultural debates to know what the Bible really says.

When Prophecy Fails

New Yorker cartoonist and multiple Eisner award-winner SHANNON WHEELER offers an irreverent book of personal short stories and gags featuring his critically acclaimed humor, pathos, and honesty including a 40-page full-color section! A brand-new collection from the bestselling author of *Sh*t My President Says*, *God Is Disappointed In You*, *Too Much Coffee Man*, and many more.

Disappointment

Disappointment is a feeling everyone knows well—failed relationships, buyer’s remorse, unmet expectations, and so on. In a broken world, disappointment surrounds us. But Christians know that Jesus will never disappoint us, right? Wrong. John Koessler explains how Jesus disappoints everyone. He never fails, but he does disappoint. We come to Jesus with false expectations, demanding or expecting things he doesn’t promise, and then when he doesn’t deliver, we are disappointed by Him. But Koessler explains how this can be the best thing for us even though it doesn’t feel good. He describes how this sort of disappointment takes our wrong expectations and sets them straight, bringing us closer to Jesus and into a deeper understanding of his very surprising grace. This book is a wonderful resource for people struggling with life’s hard times as well as for counselors or pastors seeking to help others.

The Sacred Echo

The study reported in this volume grew out of some theoretical work, one phase of which bore specifically on the behavior of individuals in social movements that made specific (and unfulfilled) prophecies. We had been forced to depend chiefly on historical records to judge the adequacy of our theoretical ideas until we by chance discovered the social movement that we report in this book. At the time we learned of it, the movement was in mid-career but the prophecy about which it was centered had not yet been disconfirmed. We were understandably eager to undertake a study that could test our theoretical ideas under natural conditions. That we were able to do this study was in great measure due to the support obtained through the Laboratory for Research in Social Relations of the University of Minnesota. This study is a project of the Laboratory and was carried out while we were all members of its staff. We should also like to acknowledge the help we received through a grant-in-aid from the Ford Foundation to one of the authors, a grant that made preliminary exploration of the field situation possible.

Fierce Women

From the author of the bestselling novel *The Shack* and the New York Times bestsellers *Cross Roads* and *Eve* comes a compelling, conversational exploration of twenty-eight assumptions about God—assumptions that just might be keeping us from experiencing His unconditional, all-encompassing love. In his wildly popular novels, Wm. Paul Young portrayed the Triune God in ways that challenged our thinking—sometimes upending long-held beliefs, but always centered in the eternal, all-encompassing nature of God’s love. Now, in Wm. Paul Young’s first nonfiction book, he invites us to revisit our assumptions about God—this time using the Bible, theological discussion, and personal anecdotes. Paul encourages us to

think through beliefs we've presumed to be true and consider whether some might actually be false. Expounding on the compassion fans felt from the "Papa" portrayed in *The Shack*—now a major film starring Sam Worthington and Octavia Spencer—Paul encourages you to think anew about important issues including sin, religion, hell, politics, identity, creation, human rights, and helping us discover God's deep and abiding love.

The Ragamuffin Gospel

The Epic of Eden

Do you feel that the ability to hear God's voice is for other people and not for you? Is it only for people who lived in Biblical times? Not at all! The God who loved you enough to die for you loves you enough to talk to you. And wherever you are in your spiritual walk, God will find a way to speak to you in a way you will understand. Become acquainted with the Voice that has spoken from a fire and a cloud; with visible signs and an invisible Spirit; through a burning bush and burning hearts. Hear from some of the most well-known Christians in history about how God speaks to them—and discover for yourself how you can discern the voice of God.

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