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Simply Joy Rain or Shine Learning to live with joy during the sunshine and the storms For the joy of the Lord is my strength Nehemiah 8:10 Join me on this unforgettable adventure of discovering joy. Together we will learn how to cultivate joy and spread it generously to others. Through my mission trips to rural Kenya and my own study of God's word, I have discovered the possibility and power of living with joy. Unlike happiness, joy doesn't come and go depending on the surrounding circumstances. Rather, joy is the umbrella sheltering and protecting our lives. It's like a pair of sunglasses that we choose to put on in order to see God more clearly despite the blinding brightness of our harsh world. Joy pierces through the pain and delivers a glimpse of who God is amidst the hurt, sadness, and sorrow. Join me on this unforgettable adventure of discovering true, everlasting joy, a joy so rich that it overflows from our hearts and spreads generously to others. Are you ready for joy? To learn more about the orphanage or to feed an orphan or widow, go to www.jennifer-jackson.org Jennifer Jackson's grace-filled writings inspire and delight readers. Offering compelling stories from her own life, Jennifer's devotionals, and now this book on JOY will touch your heart and point you toward a deeper relationship with God and the powerful reality of joyful Christian faith. Jennifer devotes her life to Christ, and she is especially committed to helping women flourish in Jesus. She is the radio show host of "Simply for Women," a television host for "Your Next Step," a Bible teacher, speaker, and author. For over twenty-five years, she has served the local church alongside her husband, Doyle, Senior Pastor of The Church Next Door in Columbus, Ohio. Jennifer has witnessed thousands of lives transformed by the gospel of Jesus, and she can't wait for you to move closer to God through His redeeming grace, perfect love, and forever joy. www.jennifer-jackson.org www.yournextstepnow.com www.thechurchnextdoor.org At one time or another, most Christians struggle with depression, discouragement, or despondency. When this happens, spiritual joy is the great need. William Farley has written a practical book to help flawed human beings discover and implement the secret to spiritual joy. The author contends that the gospel is the key to a life overflowing with joy. That is because a right understanding of the gospel produces the humility that motivates a life of continual thanksgiving. A heart humbled by the gospel is the well from which stressed believer can draw the gratitude that generates spiritual joy. This book also examines common joy-killers like grumbling, complaining, boasting, and self-pity, and provides practical suggestions for conquering them. Such attitudes cannot co-exist in a heart saturated with gospel-gratitude. Ultimately, a clear grasp of the cross is the secret to spiritual joy. When the author made a commitment to the Lord at age seven, he believed the Christian life would be simple. Over the years, his beliefs about God were challenged by painful and confusing experiences in church as a teenager, the death of a beloved friend in college, and bouts of doubt and despair in graduate school. He married the girl of his dreams, yet he was still not happy. Then came the quadruplets. And the author thought God had gone nuts. He was terrified of the disruption that one child would bring to his life, let alone four. God, however, knew exactly what he was doing. Assaulted by Joy follows the growth and spiritual renewal of a self-proclaimed 'jerk' who discovers the inescapable tension between joy and suffering. Each chapter recounts events---from the suspenseful to the heartbreaking to the hysterical---that teach lessons about God, life, love, marriage, and the assaulting joy of being a new father. Biologists Fred Van Dyke, David C. Mahan, Joseph K. Sheldon and Raymond H. Brand provide hope for today's environmental crisis and bring Scripture into dialogue with current scientific findings and commitments. One week after Wendy Blight's college graduation, she walked into her apartment to find a masked man holding a knife and waiting for her at the top of the stairs. The man spent an hour physically and sexually assaulting Wendy, leaving her changed forever. After this terrifying experience, she lived for years cocooned in a prison of fear, despair, and hopelessness. Finally, after years of searching and believing she had nowhere else to turn, she fell on her knees before God and poured out her tears, anger, and questions to Him. Wendy's story is one of transformation from trauma to rebirth through the power of the Word of God. Through Hidden Joy in a Dark Corner, the

reader will experience hope and the encouragement necessary to press forward to healing and restoration. On April 23, 1971, fourteen-year-old Mickel's mother, Roberta (Howe) Millard, was murdered by her estranged husband. It was the culmination of years of violence and abuse. From that day on, for thirty years, Mickel's life spun out of control as his unresolved anger led to alcoholism, broken marriages, and trouble with the law. Just when all hope was lost and he was in total despair, Mickel surrendered his life to the Lord. 'Murder And God's Redeeming Love' is a true story hitting at the heart of a serious social & economical problem not only here but around the world. I share the story of our mother's tragic death; the abuse her six children would suffer at the hands of their father, yet the most important aspect of this publication is the life application principles that can lead it's readers to a new found hope and healing. Here's a different angle on humor--it can be a spiritual practice, an expression of a theology of joy, hope, and grace. Humor is so valuable, for it offers self-care, healing, and renewal, precious gifts in times of pressure and tension. Olson begins by telling of three unforgettable friends who lived their lives with joy and zest--a practice that opened doors and aided their own sense of well-being. Playfully, he continues by exploring the known benefits of humor. Next considered is the amazing variety of humor in the Bible, a basic theology of a laughing God, and the caring ethic of humor that emerges from this theology. Finally, there is a discussion of how this practice of humor enriches worship, caregiving, and administration. *Laughter in a Time of Turmoil* draws to a close considering spiritual disciplines/practices and why humor belongs among these practices. Suggestions are then offered on how to grow in this spiritual practice. Discussion questions are provided for each chapter to help groups enjoy their conversations about the book. This book will help you think and laugh, or laugh and think (take your pick) and then be on your way rejoicing. *Songs of Deliverance and Joy* is the collection of thirty-four years of poems, some with original tunes, all wrested from the fingers of one who is thankful he has a Saviour to turn to, both in the joyous and in the trying times. The desire is that they would turn souls to the Lord Jesus, either for the first time or afresh. Passages from the Bible were selected to complement the poem or to explain the exercise that led to its writing. Charles H. Spurgeon was one of the most famous preachers of the nineteenth century. At the height of his ministry, the "Prince of Preachers" spoke before a crowd of ten thousand every Sunday at London's Metropolitan Tabernacle. This treasury of eight of Spurgeon's books focuses on the topic of the joy we find in our redeeming God. In them, Spurgeon reveals how you can... Experience the joy of praising God Find peace in life's storms Abide in the presence of God Replace fear and doubt with peace Turn painful memories into blessings Receive the outpouring of God's love Discover daily strength for daily needs Books included in this collection are: *God's Grace to You*, *The Key to Holiness*, *The Joy in Praising God*, *Joy in Your Life*, *The Soulwinner*, *When Christ Returns*, *How to Have Real Joy*, and *The Fullness of Joy* Taken from Daniel 12:3, "Those Who Are Wise Will Shine" uncovers God's awesome power at work in the lives of those He chose to bear His message of Redemption, from Adam to Christ. The lives of these faithful brightly shined forth with His presence in the face of a world full of darkness. They knew He spoke to them, called them, and in turn, they were constrained to follow Him. There is no better way to shine for the Lord than to know with determined faith, who He really is and that where He leads, you will faithfully follow! These ancient pioneers of faith displayed just that! This work seeks to take the readers back to the basics of Redemption and Sanctification though the unfolding of the "Redemptive Thread" that links the blood lineage of our ancient forefathers to the rise of our Messiah, Jesus Christ. It ends with the joyous events still to come at His Second Advent. From creation to the cross, redemption and sanctification are certainly defined as two of the zealous desires of the Lord. The overall central theme of the Holy Scripture is redemption. Humanity is fallen, separated from God, and in dire need of reconciliation. The Lord's perfect gift of redemption reconciles the breach. His work in us is what follows. Immediately He begins that work, and it will never be complete until we see Him face-to-face!! He calls us to be holy and set apart for His service. Never underestimate the value He has placed on you as a vessel chosen with purpose to be His emissary shining His light into this dark world. It is God's foundational will for each of us to emanate the fragrance of Christ in all He calls us to be. Today, Christians in most places are still in need of the milk of the word. They lead a very shallow and powerless Christian life. It is one of the reasons the church is so lifeless in many places. It is not enough to know of the elementary principles of Christianity, we must also understand their meaning in terms of God's continual work in us. We must take them to heart. This volume seeks to lay a foundation of trusting God by understanding how God worked in the lives of past saints to make sure His message of redemption went unhindered so it could be ours today. Millions in the past millennia have gone beyond the superficial and with God's help, stood firmly and boldly on His side! A proper understanding of Redemption will only lead you to rejoice with "joy unspeakable" as you stand in unrestricted service to God. He has liberated us to fulfill our redemptive purpose. He truly has set us free! Hebrews 13:9b teaches us, "For it is good that the heart be established by grace..." The word established comes from ἰσχυρῶς which means to be firm or secure, literally propped up, as in a stick holding up a tent. If our heart is truly established by the true teaching of Grace, which comes from the nature of the Father, then when we fall, we still stand. Rejoice in Him...For Redemption provides just that! In this book, the author shows the way to eternal freedom and endless joy. He gives us a clear picture of the fullness of redemption with several quotations as evidence from the Holy Bible. Whenever you feel depressed, stressed out or feel like failures without hope, this book will boost your spirit, soul and body. This is not only a book but also spiritual food for each and every soul on earth. So, this is not a book just for one-time reading. It can be read over and over again to provide you with fresh energy. It will draw all people towards the Lord's wings, connect people with God, increase eagerness in seeking God and make people stand firm in faith, in both spiritual and worldly life too. We will be filled with God's presence and feel the freedom, which is eternal, and the joy, which is endless in our lives. Come and taste the heavenly life in your day-to-day earthly life, and be happy by the grace of God! Encouraging the Believer Paul wrote this letter to the church in Philippi because he remembered them fondly and rejoiced in the relationship he had with them. He encouraged the Philippian Christians to follow Christ's example, living out their salvation in unity, humility, and selfless service to others. He wanted them to understand the evil of the world in which they lived. 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them to press onward toward the finishline forgetting that which remained behind. Listen to the stories of Jesus' first followers. Learn about the way of life he gave to us. And see what it looks like to live in the new community he is creating. Listen to the stories of Jesus' first followers. Learn about the way of life he gave to us. And see what it looks like to live in the new community he is creating. These weekly lessons guide elementary students through the Book of Acts and the New Testament Letters, while also deepening the understanding of parents and teachers. Each lesson provides pithy, content-filled background information for the teacher and a scripted explanation of the biblical passage designed especially for children to grasp with ease. This fourth volume of the Telling God's Story series completes the student's introduction to the New Testament. 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She shows us how God intends for us to relate to him and each other through food, and how our meals can become expressions of generosity, community and love of neighbor. Eating together can bring healing to those with eating disorders, and we can make wise choices for sustainable agriculture. Ultimately, redemptive eating is a sacramental act of culture making through which we gratefully herald the feast of the kingdom of God. Filled with practical insights and some tasty recipes, this book provides a Christian journey into the delight of eating. Come to the table, partake of the Bread of Life—and eat with joy. Life is all about knowing and following Jesus, but far too often Christians find the problem of a disconnected faith and their everyday lives. They feel frustration over having a passionate "personal faith" but often experience a lack of difference in how their faith influences their daily realities. They desire to live a vibrant life where their faith is integrated into everything. I wrote this book to help people have a relationship with Jesus and follow Him in all of life, solving the problem of faith being too often disconnected from "everyday life". I hope it serves individuals and the local church everywhere by connecting people to teachings and resources for experiencing and living out the redemptive, abundant life of following Jesus Christ (John 10:10). While it is meant to be read from start to finish, it also serves as a topical guide with short (2-4 page) chapters of topic discussion with recommended resource lists and reflection questions. Imagine transforming your perspectives to see your faith influence how you interact with things like your work, passions, hobbies, education, relationships, communities, and the world's issues. Imagine living with joy, meaning, and purpose as an authentic and impactful expression of your faith in everything. This life is an invitation to experience the Kingdom of God, God's reign, and the redemption of Heaven on Earth, now on this side of eternity. Very few works attempt to analyze and apply the biblical principles that relate to work and leisure. Leland Ryken hopes to change that, reframing labor and leisure around God's purposes for a holistic lifestyle. Ryken finds the answers in Scripture and in the rich heritage of theological thinking, while weaving together insights drawn from a wide array of sources. The result is one of the most informed and practical studies on our day-to-day activities. We all naturally desire a life that feels light, full, and happy. But how do you get that happy feeling to stick? Maybe you try blocking out the negative feelings—or rushing through unhappiness to feel better as soon as possible. Maybe you try telling yourself that you are already happy—or you pretend to be. Maybe you discredit your desire for a full life and tell yourself that happiness is impossible. Your heart was made for joy—happiness that sticks. Perhaps trying to feel happy is actually standing in your way of true joy. Maybe negative emotions do not mean that you are further from joy but closer to it. Maybe it is OK to experience the painful feelings and walk through them. If that elusive happiness is on this side of the journey, then perhaps joy—real, deep joy—is on the other side. It is God's work to lead you through the journey to joy. Your only job is to follow. This daily devotional includes 50 Bible passages and reflections that discuss joy as well as four short stories from my journey. May these pages give you space to notice yourself as you begin the journey to experiencing true joy. The third in a series designed to take students from elementary through high school, Telling God's Story, Year Three shows children the surprising way of life that Jesus brought, as seen in his parables, miracles, and teaching. The Instructor Text and Teaching Guide provides content-filled background information for the teacher, and a scripted explanation of the passage designed especially for children to grasp with ease. The accompanying Activity Book provides historically accurate coloring pages, learning projects, and group activities to fill out an entire week of home, school, or Sunday School study. The graphic novel, The Parables of Jesus, brings Jesus' parables to life for students. A hurricane howls towards a house built on sand. A nighttime intruder creeps onto enemy land. A boy leaves home to seek adventure. Robbers menace a lonely traveler. And the unexpected happens. This new and innovative graphic-novel translation of the parables of Jesus puts a modern twist on an ancient art form: stories that begin with mundane events and end with a glimpse of a deeper reality. Earnest Graham's illustrations, ranging in style from West African kente and Japanese

prints to vivid modern realism, interpret these well-loved stories for the next generation of readers. All three texts are combined in this bundle to provide a full year of religious instruction. Weekly religion lessons for upper elementary students, drawn from the New Testament, are free from political and sectarian agendas. The lessons are scripted to make preparation and instruction straightforward and simple for parents and teachers. The third in a series designed to take young students from elementary through high school, *Telling God's Story, Year 3* provides scripted weekly lessons for third graders and the adults who teach them. Each weekly lesson provides content-filled background information for the teacher, a biblical passage from one of the four Gospels to read aloud, and a scripted explanation of the passage designed especially for children to grasp with ease. Together with the accompanying Activity Guide, *Telling God's Story, Year 3* provides a full year of religious instruction. In these pages the meaning and purpose of your life is revealed in the sacred mystery of God's love. Here is a collection of poems, which when thoughtfully prayed, conveys the intimacy of His heart welcoming you into its gentle embrace. For each poem unfolds the fabric of creation, in which each life is the very breath of God, an expression of his love in the world, giving life. This collection was inspired by my mother's humble life of love, reflecting a deep faith in God's grace. Hers is not the stern God of punishment and rebuke nor is He the miracle-worker who has to be pampered and pleaded with to please. Rather her faith is in a loving God, deep within her soul, that touches others with his comfort through her charity. This is the God of these poems. *The Benefit of Joy, Love, Peace, and Salvation: The Book for True Believers* is a written work of passion. It seeks to reveal to its' readers God's covenant with man. Man's journey to benefit from joy, love, peace and salvation without Christ has always led to his afflictions upon himself and upon each other (mankind). Man's stolen birth right by Satan was intended to have man relinquish his rightful place in God's ultimate plan for man. Therefore, the restoration of God's perfect redemption for man was set into motion. It took centuries for the prophesy of man's redemption to be fulfilled and it is intended to last forever. These writings quote scriptures, exemplify miracles, and simplistically portrays for its' readers the role salvation renders to one's life; the joy, peace and love that will benefit man's life, once it is understood and the path of righteousness adhered. In 2 Chronicles 7:14 the scripture instructs us that if mankind will do the things God requires, the Lord God is obligated or compelled to hear our prayer and heal our land. This is *The Book for True Believers*; it is easy to read and promises that upon completion you will never be the same. Remember it is written; the wicked will not win this battle. Despair is epidemic today, even among many believers. Why do the peace and joy that the Bible describes seem like an impossible dream? In this sequel to his popular book *Changed Into His Image*, Jim Berg paints an exhilarating picture of the contentment that comes from seeing God's purpose for redeeming your life. See how being aware of God's purpose for your life can lead you or someone else to restoration. Study the same truths that thrilled the hearts of first-century saints as they lived and suffered for Christ in a pagan, affluent culture -- truths that will replace despair with unspeakable joy. - Back cover. ""With our American Philosophy and Religion series, Applewood reissues many primary sources published throughout American history. Through these books, scholars, interpreters, students, and non-academics alike can see the thoughts and beliefs of Americans who came before us." Are you struggling with weight loss? Are you struggling with your walk with God? God wants you to be healthy. "Most of my life has been weight gain, weight loss, and weight gained again, getting bigger with each failed diet, reaching 241 pounds. What brought the miracle that changed my life was a defeated cry of desperation before God. This cry of defeat was the key to my victory." In the must-read devotional, *The God Plan*, Deborah C. Crocker offers daily inspiration for anyone who knows the challenge of losing weight, and who is finally ready to overcome their seemingly never-ending battle with food addiction. Complete with 80 heartfelt devotions, Deborah shares her candid conversations with God as He guides her (and all of us) into submission to His ways. 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The author offers practical guidance on what it means to eat alone or in community with more intention, compassion, humility, and gratitude. She also tells the story of food as it transitions from seed to table. Sidebars contain gardening and food tips, recipes, and food preservation guides. End-of-chapter questions for individual and group use are included. It Is Never Too Late to Live the Life God Has for You *DI*The twenty-first century commodity is time. But until we understand how God sees and uses time, the foundation of our lives and our calling will not be aligned with His plan for us./divDI /divDIIn *Redeeming the Time*, Chuck Pierce presents a clear, biblical understanding of how God views time, demonstrating how you can ensure you are living your life in the center of God's plan for you./divDI /divDIOne of the leading prophetic voices of today, Pierce clearly translates biblical principles into actionable steps you can take right now to:/divDI /div •Recognize God's

timing in your life •Determine if you are in step or out of step •Move back into God's grace and experience a second opportunity •Align yourself with God's perfect timing system •Reap the rewards of a life spent in step with God

It is time to view time in a fresh and dynamic way and get your life back on track.

Redeeming Memory is about memory and what the Bible has to say about it. This book examines how God transforms memories from a heavy burden to a blessed hope. Memory plays an important role in the Christian life both in its proper function but also in its corruption. This book is written for Christians who suffer knowingly or unknowingly from the heavy burdens of memory like grumbling, nostalgia, bitterness, regret, shame, as well as future fears of futility and insignificance. God removes these heavy burdens by His mercy at the cross and redeems memory back to its original purpose, to glorify and worship Him. The Fruit of the Spirit, as mentioned in the Holy Bible in Galatians Chapter 5, includes "JOY" as one of the nine attributes. In this book, the redeeming power of God is discussed from a variety of viewpoints with one focus: REDEMPTION. Women and men share their raw, real, and redemptive truths with boldness! Their transparency is sure to amaze and inspire you to be released from the pains of the past, present, and future as you obtain the JOY you relentlessly pursue. Topics explored include battling low self-esteem, suicidal thoughts, rejection, fear, sexual assault, and more. Each story demonstrates that while the journey to REDEMPTION may not be an easy one, you can be an overcomer! There is JOY on the other side! Today is YOUR day! Now is YOUR time! GET YOUR JOY! Listen to the stories of Jesus' first followers. Learn about the way of life he gave to us. And see what it looks like to live in the new community he is creating. These weekly lessons guide elementary and middle grade students through the Book of Acts and the New Testament Letters, while also deepening the understanding of parents and teachers. Each lesson provides pithy, content-filled background information for the teacher and a scripted explanation of the biblical passage designed especially for children to grasp with ease. The accompanying Activity Book, feature the work of talented artists, designers, parents, and educators and provides craft projects, coloring pages, Bible memory work, classroom games, and group activities to accompany every lesson. This fourth volume of the Telling God's Story series completes the student's introduction to the New Testament. This bundle also includes the graphic novel James: A Letter to the Scattered: For two thousand years, a single ancient letter has inspired deeds of world-changing bravery and has kindled compassion of millions of lives. In James: A Letter to the Scattered, Earnest Graham's dramatic illustrations follow women and men around the globe and through time. Follow hunted Christians into Roman catacombs, accompany missions of mercy in modern hospital corridors, see courage and kindness amidst the carnage of the Thirty Years' War, witness the fight for justice in 19th-century Mexico, and march beside protestors in 1960s Alabama. This graphic novel brings the ancient wisdom of the Epistle of James to a new audience. Life is all about knowing and following Jesus, but far too often Christians find the problem of a disconnected faith and their everyday lives. They feel frustrations over having a passionate "personal faith" but often experience a lack of difference in how their faith influences their daily realities. They desire to live a vibrant life where their faith is integrated into everything. I wrote this book to help people have a relationship with Jesus and follow Him in all of life, solving the problem of faith too often disconnected from "everyday life". 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Jesus Christ for Contemporary Life is an understanding of Jesus as the Word of God, grounded in what can be known historically of Jesus and informed by subsequent reflection upon him, which hopes to help shape a Christian identity characterized by "bounded openness." Don Schweitzer moves from the historical Jesus to the present in three parts. In the first part Schweitzer develops an understanding of Jesus as the Word of God, who became incarnate to give the goodness and beauty of God further expression in time and space. Second, he explores how various atonement theories articulate ways in which Jesus empowers people to further express this beauty and goodness in their own lives. And finally, Schweitzer explores how Jesus relates to people in the church, to the events and movements in history, to other religions, and to Christians in their dialogue with God in prayer. Can joy come from suffering? We think of suffering as the worst of all evils. Our culture tells us to avoid it at all costs. But can suffering produce growth in us when we learn to endure it . . . then value it . . . then allow God to redeem it? John Perkins' response to suffering at the hands of a white sheriff in a Mississippi jail became the springboard that God used to put him in front of U.S. presidents, international politicians, and evangelical church leaders. Perkins sees endurance in suffering as a virtue that makes us more like Christ and ultimately produces uncommon joy in the heart of the sufferer who trusts in Him. Christ walked the path of love all the way to the cross, and even in the midst our brokenness, we can do the same. In Count It All Joy, you will be encouraged to lean into suffering when it comes your way, stand alongside others who suffer, and believe that God will repurpose your suffering according to His good plan. God doesn't intend your life to be free of all suffering. Instead, He wants you trust Him in the midst of it and discover the unexpected joy that trials can produce.