

Discovering God Will Andy Stanley Notes

What if the way the Church is "doing church" is the very reason the world is seeing less of Jesus in it every day? Beginning with the biblical basics, Jeff Lockyer walks readers through the underlying theology and practical application of how Southridge Community Church has approached ministry for nearly a quarter century. While providing a fresh approach to ministry, the book stimulates how to think-not what to think. It's written by a local church practitioner for local church practitioners. By providing clarity to the confused, it helps church leaders find their way. By providing practical examples delivered uniquely in multiple church contexts, it supports leaders in finding their own way. And, most of all, by re-framing the operation of the church around fostering full devotion instead of facilitating consumerism, it enables leaders of local churches to reclaim the lifestyle of Jesus among its people. It supports churches and leaders to find their Way-the Way of Jesus.

A wise, measured, and deeply passionate invitation to a Spirit-filled life Are you trying your best to be a good Christian but still feel something's missing? Do the peace and joy you long for seem to elude you? Does following Christ sometimes feel like a lot of

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work—or like it's just not working very well? Much has been written and spoken—and argued!—about the Holy Spirit and what it means to be filled with the Spirit. Charles Stanley cuts through the confusion and introduces you to a living Person as real and active as God the Father and Christ the Son.

Through personal stories, biblical exploration, and insightful explanation, he will help you discover: who the Spirit is—and how to develop a relationship with Him who the Spirit isn't—and how to avoid damaging misconceptions how being “filled” with the Spirit actually works what the Bible really teaches about spiritual “signs” such as speaking in tongues how the Spirit can increase your capacity for faith, hope, love, and personal transformation what it means to “hear” the Spirit's voice how to make the most of your unique spiritual gifting to build up Christ's body what happens when the Spirit's power is unleashed in your workplace, your family life, your friendships, and every other area of your life In *The Spirit-Filled Life* Charles Stanley reveals how to recognize and begin to live with the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

Your character, more than anything else, will impact how much you accomplish in this life. It is more important than your talent, your education, your background, or your network of friends. Andy Stanley helps you chart a course toward becoming a man or woman of character. You'll discover a

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definition of character that will inspire you for a lifetime, the external and internal benefits of strong character, the six false beliefs behind negative behaviors, and more. Using practical insights, biblical exposition, and engaging stories, Stanley guides you step-by-step in setting the personal goals that will build the foundation for true success. The Secret to a Life with No Regrets How important is your character? It determines everything about you! How much you will accomplish in life, and whether you are worth knowing. How you will respond to success, and how you will weather the inevitable storms of life. This is a book about uncompromised living. It is about choosing every day to be a man or woman of integrity, a person whose actions speak louder than words. Bestselling author Andy Stanley challenges you to become what you were meant to be: a person whose commitment to doing the right thing, whatever the cost, will inspire others and change your world. Story Behind the Book As a pastor, I spend a substantial amount of my time with people who are digging themselves out from personal environmental catastrophes—circumstances that were often years in the making but “took them by surprise.” Another group of people have faced, or are facing, storms of life that are not of their own making, storms created by the character deficits of others—storms that are a natural part of a fallen world. There, in the midst of unjust treatment and

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seemingly undeserved pain, the true character of a man or woman is revealed. What you see in such moments is what was really there all along. This book is about change. It's about the process of taking raw materials and molding them, shaping them, and refining them into a finished product. Whether you know it or not, that process is happening in you. Your character, not your accomplishments or acquisitions, determines your legacy.

Gone are the days when churches could simply sit on the corner and attract passers-by. But people still long for the peace and confidence faith in God provides; every church has the potential to grow. How? By taking the church to the people, becoming a "Go-To Church" rather than a "Come-Here Church." Multi-site church strategy may seem new, but it's as old as the 1st Century. Jesus' followers didn't stay in the Upper Room, waiting for nonbelievers to find them. They struck out and went where God led--throughout the world to all people. They created a multi-site church model Using the strategies and guidance of this book, you can customize the mission and ministry of your church to connect with people where they are. You will not only grow your church, but enhance God's Kingdom and accomplish the mission of the Great Commandment.

The challenges of leadership often multiply during

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times of transition. Blending perceptive, visionary principles with a passion to please God, Scott Wilson examines how to effectively lead a church through the process of change. Transitions addressed include the building of new facilities, the changing of staff structure, the addition of new services, and the transition to becoming a multi-site ministry, among others. Each chapter includes discussion questions, making this an ideal resource for a church staff or leadership team. During the struggles of transition, doubts and fears will inevitably arise. At those moments, leaders need assurance that they have a real and authentic vision from God. Scott encourages leaders to follow their call to lead with confidence, courage, and an unwavering commitment to push through the challenges that come with change.

Shares insight into how prayer works in different people's lives, providing examples of people in the bible who struggled with God and Jesus, and explaining how heartfelt prayer and willing submission can bring about better spiritual fulfillment.

Christian psychologist and life coach Georgia Shaffer reveals how to avoid unhealthy people, build vibrant relationships, and find romance. Whether you're dating or just getting ready to, you'll discover how to steer clear of losers and find emotionally and spiritually healthy people with great relationship

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potential.

Lift Your Vision High Vision is a preferred future. A destination. Vision always stands in contrast to the world as it is. Visioneering, according to bestselling author Andy Stanley, is “a clear mental picture of what could be, fueled by the conviction that it should be.” With warm, down-to-earth practicality, Andy Stanley explores the ordinary life of Nehemiah and his God-given vision for accomplishing the extraordinary. He shows how the life of this great ancient visionary, determined to rebuild the ruined walls of Jerusalem, reveals principles that can prepare us to find and follow God’s multifaceted vision for our own lives. Now this bestseller is again available in an attractive, affordable paperback! Everybody ends up somewhere in life. You can end up somewhere on purpose! Visioneering is the engineering of a vision. It’s the process one follows to develop and maintain vision. “Vision,” writes Andy Stanley, “is a clear mental picture of what could be, fueled by the conviction that it should be.” In the bestselling Visioneering, Stanley builds a compelling case for the necessity of a clear, God-ordained vision for each of the roles of your life. Whether you’re a parent with a vision for your children or a CEO pursuing a corporate vision, Visioneering is the perfect tool to help you develop and maintain God’s unique purpose for your life.

See God for Who He Is, Not What You Think He Ought To Be

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Anyone who has tried to describe God to someone else, especially an unbeliever, knows that it is easy to find yourself at a loss for words. It seems that this part of our lives, which we claim is central, is often difficult to put into words. But if you know God, shouldn't you be able to describe him? What is he like? How can we put his eternal attributes into words? Join Chip Ingram in this fascinating study of seven attributes of God: his goodness, sovereignty, holiness, wisdom, justice, love, and faithfulness. Readers will see God in a whole new light and discover that our view of God impacts every decision in our lives. It will change the way we pray, the way we live, and the way we think about the world around us. God longs for us to know him as he really is. Get ready to meet God again for the first time.

Over the next five to ten years, it's predicted that more than 50,000 strategic ministry leadership positions are going to be filled. Who will these leaders be? And more importantly, who will prepare them for these positions? Mentoring Leaders offers a unique angle on what it takes to prepare transformational leaders for today's church. While addressing the different phases of leadership development and mentoring, as well as the characteristics of a dynamic and effective leader, Carson Pue focuses on the element of spiritual development. The invaluable insights and wisdom found in this book will give emerging leaders new strength to follow their calling as it helps them sharpen their vision, shape their values, and share their leadership adventures.

Beholding Him, Becoming Missional: Awakening to the Mission Through the Study of First Samuel will offer women the opportunity to walk away with minds and hearts that have been transformed through an intimate relationship with the King and lives uniquely reflecting the King's heart and mission for the world. Having a "come alongside and let's do life together" flavor and feel, Beholding Him, Becoming

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Missional is written in a relational, authentic and relevant way. Laura Krokos shares victories, defeats, successes and embarrassments which coincide with 1 Samuel as it is packed full of stories of utter failures, redemption, victory, and partnering with others to live out God's very heart. Beholding Him, Becoming Missional is set up in two sections. The first six chapters pull the reader into a more authentic and intimate relationship with God. The second six chapters move the reader to the point of action of living on purpose for the glory of God, reflecting His heart for the world.

You are designed for success. How can you achieve this success? The answer is straightforward: success comes as a result of few, simple, well-designed habits practised and repeated every day. So why doesn't everybody just do it? The answer is obvious, yet profound, according to John Rohn: it is because the things that are easy to do are also easy not to do. Does this book have the answers to all your life challenges? No! What this book will do is provoke you to think deeper and spur you to immediate, intelligent action. The message in this book is simple: be careful not to neglect doing the small things in your life that make the big things happen. Nothing will change unless you change. Blow the Cap off your Capability is a success and motivational toolbox with practical ideas and wisdom to help change your mindset and motivate you to prompt action so you can achieve your goals and live your best life beginning from right now. The chapters in this book are arranged in alphabetical order, covering a wide range of topics such as attitude, boundaries, comfort-zones, confidence, failure, integrity, leadership, procrastination, relationships and more. Some quotes from this book: Put your eggs in one basket and - watch that basket! (Andrew Carnegie) Success is not what you achieve, it's what you attract by the person you have become. (Jim Rohn) The secret to your success is found in your daily

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routine. (John Maxwell) The elevator to success is out of order, but the stairs is always open (Zig Ziglar) Jump, then grow wings on the way down. (Jack Canfield)

Brad Hoffman and Michael Todd Wilson present this workbook designed to be used by people in vocational ministry, alongside their peers, to safeguard them from burnout, moral failure and spiritual exhaustion.

A devotional guide presents the stories of one hundred biblical characters, including Cain, Jacob, Samson, and Mary, and discusses the lessons that their lives offer about following God.

Good questions lead to better decisions. Discover five game-changing questions to ask every time you make a decision--questions that will help you in your finances, relationships, career, and more. Your decisions determine the direction and quality of your life. Your decisions create the story of your life. And while nobody plans to complicate their life with bad decisions, far too many people have no plan to make good decisions. This book will help you live differently. In *Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets*, Andy Stanley will help you learn from experience and stop making bad decisions by integrating five questions into every decision you make, big or small. You'll discover how to: Develop a decision-making filter that reveals which choices will likely lead to positive results in your life. Avoid selling yourself on bad ideas and making quick decisions when time is short. Find truth and clarity in any tricky decision. Improve relationships and heal division through better decisions. Discover the reasons behind your decisions so you can move forward with positive changes. Consider the long-term impact of your choices so you can write a life story worth celebrating. Easily identify any red flags that signal which decisions may result in future regrets. *Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets* will set you up for success in every season of life, for the rest of your life. "Classic

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Andy--accessible to any of us wanting to change, yet deep enough to challenge you if you think you know the answers." - Max Lucado, pastor and New York Times bestselling author "This is the right book for the right time. We've got some important decisions to make, and this book will help frame the right questions to ask." - Bob Goff, Sweet Maria's husband and New York Times bestselling author "This book is not just a necessary guide to better decisions--it's a handbook for life that is sure to make a difference in yours." - Lysa TerKeurst, #1 New York Times bestselling author "Andy Stanley strikes again! This challenging, practical, and engaging book will help you make better decisions and lead the life you really want." - Ian Morgan Cron, author, *The Road Back to You* "Now is the time to change your choices to regret-proof your future. Andy will show you how." - Levi Lusko, pastor of Fresh Life Church and author

An action-plan for self-fulfillment that helps people find their true calling in life This practical and inspirational guide helps Christian men and women of all ages identify and use their God-given gifts to find purpose, direction, and joy in their life and work. Based on their years of counseling and experience, Kevin and Kay Marie Brennfleck offer action-oriented tools and a proven methodology to help readers develop the decision-making skills they need to discover and live the life that God intended, maximizing the synergies between ministry, work, and spiritual gifts. Kevin and Kay Marie Brennfleck (Pasadena, CA) are nationally recognized experts in career counseling, work satisfaction, and productivity. Their Web site, www.ChristianCareerCenter.com, is the most visited Christian career site on the Internet.

"Challenging, inspiring and practical." Bear Grylls "I can't think of anyone more qualified to write about

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the significance of knowing your purpose than my friend Ken Costa... His new book, *Know Your Why*, is absolutely foundational to living a purpose driven life.” Rick Warren “Among the crush and the rush of life, there's no better guide in the pursuit of getting it right than my friend Ken Costa... I highly recommend *Know Your Why*, and am confident you will see more clearly and live more purposefully after absorbing the wisdom in its pages.” Louie Giglio, Pastor, Passion City Church, Passion Conferences “This is an important and timely book. In a world of seemingly endless options, discerning the voice of God can be an increasingly difficult task. Ken draws on decades of experience to help Christians cut through the confusion and distractions and live lives in tune with God.” Andy Stanley, Senior Pastor, North Point Ministries “There are few people on this planet that I find more fascinating than Ken Costa. His capacity for business is only outweighed by his affection for the local church; and he has beautifully modelled to a generation what it means to live out your calling and build the Kingdom.” Brian Houston, Global Founder and Senior Pastor of Hillsong Church

Are you working for cash, a career, a cause—or a calling? “Why do you do what you do?” People work for a variety of reasons. For many, the primary purpose of their work is cash. Their principal motivation is the paycheck that funds their everyday needs. Their work is a means to an end. Others are motivated by

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ambitions for a career, to move up the professional ladder and expand their experience, becoming more skilled in a particular area. Still others work for a cause, believing in the wider purpose of their work, attempting to make a difference in the world—to leave a mark in some way. All of these are legitimate motivations. However, missing from all three is any sense of the value of work itself. The focus is on the output of the workplace, rather than valuing the input. What we need is calling. Those who see their work as a calling experience a rich integration in their lives. They sense a purpose, a direction to their activities. Work has intrinsic meaning, rather than being simply a means to an end. In many ways this is precisely what the Spirit of God does in our lives. When we are in the flow of the Spirit, we are cooperating fully in our God-given callings. When people embrace their callings, they love their work, can manage inevitable tensions that arise, and are welcomed by their colleagues, who sense that there is something beyond the cash or career objectives. But how do we get there? Know Your Why is written with one objective: to help you find your life's calling so that you can be more satisfied, fulfilled, and happier at work. “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.” —John 15:16 NIV As founder and creator of Nakia Melecio Ministries and NKM Consulting Group, LLC, Nakia Melecio is

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dedicated to helping people find their place in life, both personally and professionally. Mr. Melecio has dedicated his life to serving and inspiring others through compelling coaching, collaboration, leadership development and ministry. His devotion to service and empowerment has set the course for realizing ultimate possibilities for leadership effectiveness, operational excellence, spiritual enlightenment and a host of other strategic goals and desired outcomes. Mr. Melecio has a master's degree in Education from the Ashford University, a Bachelors degree in Psychology from Ashford University and a Bachelors degree in Cognitive Behavior from Ashford University. He also completed in-depth coach training program to become a certified Executive Coach and life coach, and Christian Coach as well as a program to become a certified Christian education teacher.

Books That Change Lives is a compilation of essential books recommended by Christian retail book experts. This guide is a useful tool for beginners just coming to the faith, "veteran" Christians searching for growth and guidance and church leaders seeking to study the Christian faith and recommend quality Christian books to others. Opening Proverb There is an African proverb that says, "A cockroach knows how to sing and dance, but it is the hen that prevents it from performing its art during the day." What does this mean? Well, in

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many African villages it is not uncommon to see a hungry hen running around pecking at the ground for its meal of cockroaches scurrying about. But, without the hindrance of its enemy, the hen, the cockroach would be free to demonstrate all that its skilled to do. My question is if cockroaches can dance in the face of danger, why cant you? What hen, giant, king or obstacle is holding you from being all that youre created for? Why did you stop using your God given talents and gifts in the service of his kingdom? Who has turned you against yourself, emasculated you and frozen your potentials? Now is the time to declare to that mountain to be removed and be cast into the sea (Matt 17:20); To that tumultuous and raging situation, peace be still (Mark 4:39) to that giant " I am well able to overcome you (Numbers 13:30); to that king Nebuchadnezzar terrorizing your life "My God is able to deliver me (Daniel 3:17) and to that circumstance, like Jesus "I will rise again (Matt 27:63) For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD (PSALM 27:5- 6). If cockroaches can dance in the face of its enemy, I can too. In the Bible gifts and talents are not just given to some but to all. We are called to use those

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gifts in service of others. They are instruments and tools that help build the kingdom of God on earth. According to Bishop T D Jakes, senior pastor of the Potters House, the gift, talent, and abilities God gave you is your key to success. They were not given to you to be put on display, to be wasted, to be hidden or denied out of a false sense of religious humility but, to be poured out, to be used and invested. Apostle Paul in the book of Romans succinctly admonishes us in these words, "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness" (Roman 12:6-8 New King James Version). Do not forget that God does not give equal gifts or talents but equal opportunity for investment; we dont have equal gifts and talents but the same twenty-four hours in a day to utilize it, and there is the enemy, like the hen, walking about, seeking to devour those who would dare use their gift. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8, NKJV) In this proverb, if singing and dancing represent the gifts that are given by God to every person, then we all can "sing and dance" Hence the Bible declared that He gave

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gifts to all men. To my greatest chagrin, there doesn't seem to be a whole lot of singing and dancing going on! Why? What hen do you think is trying to devour you and your gift? Each chapter in this book is dedicated to a "hen" that may be keeping you from singing and dancing, performing your art, or becoming all that God created you to be. We'll call them "hen-drances." Even before the foundation of the earth God wrote history, and it is known as "His-story" because only God, His son and His Spirit can give an accurate account and story of my life. In His-story, He included you, me, and every other person throughout all of time. Do you see why everyone else that attempts to tell your story becomes

Discovering God's Will Study Guide
How to Know When You Are Heading in the Right Direction
Multnomah

What Does the Boss Have to Say? Work. For most people, it's a necessity. For some, it's a passion. And for others, it's a four-letter word to be avoided as much as possible. In this DVD and accompanying study guide from North Point Resources, readers will come to grasp the one perspective on work that really matters: God's. He ordained it and He laid out specific guidelines enabling workers to achieve maximum success and fulfillment. In each session, Andy Stanley offers insights on common, specific problem areas people have, from dealing with coworkers and superiors, to boldly living the

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Christian faith, to balancing work and family. Your Guide from 9:00 to 5:00 Work. For most people, it's a necessity. For some, it's a passion. And for others, it's a four-letter word to be avoided when possible. But for all of us, only one perspective on work really matters: God's. He ordained it and He laid out specific guidelines for us to achieve maximum success and fulfillment while on the job. Designed for small group or personal use, this companion study guide to the Taking Care of Business DVD addresses specific problem areas we're all familiar with—from dealing with coworkers and superiors while exemplifying Christ, to balancing our work and home life. This study guide is complete with a leader's guide and six lessons, including easy-to-do exercises and discussion questions. Story Behind the Book A new addition to the North Point Resources brand group from a series taught by Andy Stanley at North Point Community Church . God has a personal vision for our lives, and He wants us to know it even more than we do. But determining God's will can be a difficult process, especially when we need to make a decision in a hurry. The Discovering God's Will DVD and its companion study guide, designed for small groups or personal study, take you through the important steps of decision making, pursuing God's will, seeking counsel from others, learning to use discernment, and understanding the mind of God through

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Scripture as you seek His will. The DVD includes 4 complete sermons and eight 12- to 15-minute group sessions that correspond with the study guide. The study guide, which includes a leader's guide, will help outline the amazing plan God has in mind for your life. How to Make Decisions with Confidence God has a wonderful and fulfilling vision for your life. Yet determining God's will can be a difficult process, especially when you need to make a decision quickly! Designed for small groups or personal study, this companion study guide to the Discovering God's Will DVD will take you through the important steps of decision making: Pursuing God's will Seeking counsel from others Learning to use discernment Understanding the mind of God through Scripture Includes eight sessions (and a leader's guide) that will outline the amazing plan God has for your life. Story Behind the Book In an effort to focus Multnomah's mission to equip the church and to make the "bride" more beautiful, the company developed a relationship with Andy Stanley and North Point Community Church to publish a selection of the church's resources and distribute them to a broader market. Reaching the church is a strategic goal of Multnomah, and we realize that the emerging generation needs resources that deliver truth in fresh, new ways. Andy's leadership will keep North Point on the edge for a long time to come. North Point is one of the most influential churches in the

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nation and their teaching is already highly sought after. They have a voice for the 20- to 30-something generation. North Point Resources can effectively produce a vast selection of products (books, CDs, DVDs, multimedia) at a high level of quality. They share a complementary heart and vision with Multnomah Publishers, Inc.

To help the upcoming student, Jonathan Morrow provides this engaging guide packed with advice on all manner of issues, from dating and friends, classes and homework, to avoiding the temptation to just "check out" spiritually while in school. Morrow gives personal advice and anecdotes, draws examples from Scripture, and offers additional resources for further insights. --from publisher description.

ENJOY the journey and you'll live LONGER. Enjoy the journey and the LIFE you live will be BETTER. Enjoy the JOURNEY and others will enjoy being with YOU! Life is too precious to be missed. But many believe it is in the accomplishments and achievements; in the destinations that we find what we are looking for. But what about the journey? What about all the time, people and seemingly insignificant events that occur on the way? *On the Way: How You Live the Journey Makes the Destination Matter*, encourages us to take a closer look at how we live -- To examine what we miss. Then it calls to our hearts to return to another way, the way of the Savior -- the On the Way pattern of living. So put on your walking shoes, grab your backpack and get ready to go! This journey is going to be good! Rick Grieve has served as an associate pastor and worship leader for 14 years. He has

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provided direction, counseling, and creative biblical teaching to congregants of all ages. He currently serves as Executive Pastor at First Assembly of God in Helena Montana where he shares his life and ministry with his wife, Tamara, and son, Will.

Welcome to Starting Point—an 8-session exploration of the Bible's grand story and where you fit into it. Whether you're new to the Christian family, simply curious about it, or reexamining what it means to have a relationship with God, you'll appreciate this conversational small group environment. Starting Point is designed for: Seekers—those who are curious about God, Jesus, the Bible, or Christianity Starters—those who have just begun a relationship with Jesus Christ Returners—those who have some church experience, but have been away for a while During the eight sessions, you will: Use the Conversation Guide to reflect on the great themes of the Bible, and journal your thoughts on how these connect with your life. Watch and listen to the video component each week in preparation or as part of the discussion. Explore and share what you're learning with other participants in a conversational environment. Come as you are and build relationships with others as you embark on this journey. But don't be intimidated by the subject matter.

Ultimately, the Bible is God's story – an epic narrative about his desire for a relationship with you. Welcome to the adventure of discovering how the story started...where it's going...and how you can find your place in it. This pack contains one conversation guide and one DVD.

From author and speaker Melanie Dale comes a laugh-out-loud hilarious parenting book that teaches you how to dial back the stress of raising children with the simple premise that we all just need to lighten up a little bit. Most of us thought we'd be amazing parents—and then we had kids. Now we spend what little free time we have comparing

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ourselves to other parents, comparing our kids to other kids, and panicking that everyone else is nailing it except us. Between constant social media postings to conflicting advice found in parenting books, we often have no choice but to freak out. But there is another way. We all just need to calm the h*ck down. Melanie Dale—a special needs parent, adoptive parent, in vitro parent, and reluctant cheer mom—believes we are all putting too much pressure on ourselves and our kids to be perfect. Instead, she argues, we need to take a step back so we can actually enjoy this journey called parenting. *Calm the H*ck Down* is filled with stories from Melanie's own life, as well as real-life research for learning how to lighten up about every aspect of parenting—from poopy diapers and germs to family vacations and adolescent angst. She also discusses the pressure to knock it all out of the Pinterest park, the challenge of instilling some kind of faith into your kids, and worrying about their future while still trying to live in the present. Infused with quirky humor, profound insight, and accessible advice, *Calm the H*ck Down* gives you the permission to finally relax and enjoy this ridiculous thing we do called parenting.

After more than two decades and over two thousand presentations, my interactions with parents reveal that although most want to learn and parent their best, they feel ill-equipped. Kids don't come with manuals. The goal of this book is to equip and empower you as a parent, grandparent, or youth leader to help kids navigate all aspects of life in the current culture. How do we sift through the unending philosophies on parenting and be intentional in how we choose what's best for our family? The number of voices is overwhelming. This book distills the essential elements of parenting so you can apply them in your own home. It approaches parenting from a Christian perspective and is filled with practical advice that is applicable to everyone. As

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we explore the foundations of parenting, we will look at: Parenting. What are the stages of parenting? What is the current state of parenting? What is the purpose of parenting? Parenting styles. What are they and which ones should I be using? What might I need to alter about my current parenting style? Progression of parenting. What are the skills our children need to learn? Time. What does quality time and being present with my kids look like? Communication. How can I gain better communication skills so that I can more effectively connect with my kids? Discipline. How do I effectively discipline my children? Family discipleship. Why is our worldview important, and how we can raise kids with a Christian worldview? Mental Health. How do we address issues like anxiety, panic attacks, and depression? Engaging the Culture. How do we empower our kids to engage the culture around us without compromising their faith? Media. How can we help our kids navigate technology? Sexuality. How do we direct our kids towards healthy sexuality? Pornography. What is the prevalence of pornography and how do we address its impact on our kids? Dating. How do we best avoid pitfalls in dating? Finances and education. How can we help our children make sound financial and education choices? Drugs and alcohol. What tools are available to assist in drug-proofing our kids? Loneliness. How do we prevent disconnection in our kids and help them to create community?

The word Christian has many connotations, and depending on one's personal beliefs and experiences, they may be positive or negative. Regardless, we must acknowledge that it has become an extremely polarizing word today. In *Stop Calling Me Christian*, author Josh Nelson shares his personal story of faith, where he went from a so-called "Christian" to a man truly dedicated to honoring Christ and applying the gospel in his life. Introducing us to the notion of

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Phariseeism—a disease of the heart and mind that can leave godly believers blind, hopeless, and standing on a weakened faith—Josh shows how this disease can be cured through listening to and truly hearing God’s Word. And by learning about the path of authentic discipleship, you too can discover the life in Jesus that you always desired. Many of us believe we are living the good Christian life, yet there is a reason why our prayers may seem to go unanswered, as if God is not there. But he is always with us, and we must make it the focus of our lives to seek him and reflect the character of his son.

A revised Second Edition of the book that shows you how to use Bible-based leadership principles to improve business performance In *How to Run Your Business* by THE BOOK, famed leadership guru Dave Anderson reveals biblical lessons to help transform the people, culture, and results of your business. Not only will you master timeless business principles based on the world's bestselling book, you'll build a foundation for your business that leads to long-term success. It's a refreshing return to commonsense business basics, based on leadership lessons peppered throughout the Good Book. You'll read what the bible has to say about hiring and training people, managing money, creating a leadership vision, achieving ambitious goals, and much more. This new Second Edition features a new introduction that includes letters from readers about their success using these principles, a new chapter on leading through crisis, and bonus sections at the end of each chapter that offer new and expanded insights on these powerful leadership principles. Includes practical, proven business guidance gleaned from the Bible Features smart business guidance like the High-Five Principles for elevating your people skills, Four Mandates to Maximize Your Time, and How to Overcome the Number One Cause of Management Failure Fully updated

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You feel it, deep in your bones: God is inviting you to join Him, to participate in His redemptive work in the world. And yet, as a woman leader, you face so many potential obstacles. Lack of clarity over your unique calling. Competing time demands. Changing seasons of life.

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Challenges such as self-doubt, criticism, and spiritual dryness. With nearly 30 years of ministry experience, Angie Ward knows firsthand the unique challenges that women leaders face as they seek to pursue their calling. In *I Am a Leader*, Angie explores the concept of "calling" as it applies specifically to women leaders--those women of influence both in Christian ministry and the broader world: What is calling? How do you discover it? And what does it look like to live out that calling practically amid a multitude of challenges? Thoroughly researched, theologically and biblically integrated, and uniquely personal, *I Am a Leader* will resonate no matter where you are on the calling journey: whether you are wondering about your God-given purpose; sensing an inkling of an invitation to a particular ministry; or embarking on the path but encountering challenges.

In *A Couple After God's Own Heart Interactive Workbook*, Jim and Elizabeth George build on the content of their book, *A Couple After God's Own Heart*, to create a companion guide that leads husbands and wives through a fascinating study on God's plan for marriage. Through a unique blend of Bible study material, questions for thought, and "What Can I Do Today?" applications, couples will grow a closer and deeper union as they... learn from the successes and failures of key couples in the Bible discover the essentials to a better marriage participate in discussions designed to stimulate communication with each other set and apply goals that help husbands and wives be all God designed them to be determine how to make the best of the strengths and weaknesses in their relationship This

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friendly and practical study offers life lessons from a variety of well-known couples in Scripture, and will equip spouses to experience more and more of the incredible bliss only God can bring into a marriage.

Our faith in God often hinges on his activity---or inactivity---in our daily experiences. When our prayers are answered, our faith soars. When God is silent, it becomes harder to trust him. When God shows up in an unmistakable way, our confidence in Him reaches new heights. But when he doesn't come through, our confidence often wanes. But it doesn't have to be that way---it's not supposed to be that way. This 5-session study is guaranteed to transform your thinking about FAITH. As you listen or watch, you will discover the difference between faith and hope. You will be presented with a definition of FAITH that will shed new light on both the Old and New Testaments. Andy Stanley explains what we can expect of God every time we come to him with a request. In addition, he exposes the flaws in what some have labeled The Faith Movement. Faith, Hope, and Luck is not just another group study. This content is foundational for everyone who desires to be an informed, active follower of Christ. Five sessions include: 1. Better Odds 2. Betting on Hope 3. Beating the Odds 4. No Dice 5. All In

“Grace. It’s what we crave most when our guilt is exposed. It’s the very thing we are hesitant to extend when we are confronted with the guilt of others—especially when their guilt has robbed us of something we consider valuable. Therein is the struggle, the struggle for grace. It’s this struggle that makes grace

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more story than doctrine. It's the struggle that reminds us that grace is bigger than compassion or forgiveness. That struggle is the context for both. When we are on the receiving end, grace is refreshing. When it is required of us, it is often disturbing. But when correctly applied, it seems to solve just about everything. This struggle is not new; it has been going on since the beginning." —Andy Stanley We find in the pages of Scripture that the stories found there often mirror our own stories, and that we too need the very thing we do not deserve: the grace of God. From the beginning, the church has had an uneasy relationship with grace. The gravitational pull is always toward graceless religion. The odd thing is that when you read the New Testament, the only thing Jesus stood against consistently was graceless religion. The only group he attacked relentlessly was graceless religious leaders. Even now as you think about grace, there might be a little voice in your head whispering, "It can't be that easy!" "What about obedience?" "What about disobedience?" "What about repeated misbehavior?" "What about bad habits?" "What about justice?" "What about repentance?" It's this tension that makes grace so slippery. But that's the beauty and the truth of grace. We don't deserve it. We can't earn it. It can't be qualified. But God gives it to us anyway because he loves us unconditionally. The story of grace is your story. And as you are about to discover grace plays a larger role than you imagine.

Tell Faith-Filled Fish Tales Fishing stories. We've all heard them. "It was this big." "You should have seen the one that got away." People love to tell stories of their

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fishing adventures. When it comes to faith, however, most people clam up. Why is it we can't talk about what God has done in our lives as naturally as we can spin fishing tales? In this six-session companion study guide to the Go Fish DVD, Andy Stanley explores the motivation behind sharing our faith. Discover God's heart for those who don't know Him and the role that we can play in introducing others to Him. Along the way you will be equipped with tools that will help you make sharing your faith a natural part of your life. This study guide is complete with a leader's guide and six lessons, including conversation-starting exercises, discussion questions, and application steps. Story Behind the Book Andy Stanley, senior pastor of three North Point Ministries campuses, with a cumulative congregation of more than twenty thousand, has had countless conversations with everyday Christians who struggle to share their faith with confidence and ease. Though not everyone has "the gift," evangelism is something we're each called to. This curriculum was designed to take the fear out of sharing the good news of Christ, and to help you talk about it as naturally as you would that exciting fishing trip last weekend!

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