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The True Story of the Whole World

Author Bracha Goetz creates this adorable story about a child seeking God. He looks in all the places he thinks God might be hiding. The book takes him to trees, bee-hives and finally, an elderly woman in the park who finally shows him where God lives. Everywhere!

Part of the World

"Hidden Mountain Secret Garden: a theological contemplation on prayer" helps the reader discover the riches of mental prayer in the Catholic Tradition. In fact, the images of the "Hidden Mountain" and the "Secret Garden" are ancient metaphors for contemplative prayer, a kind of prayer that begins and ends in faith. This book is especially for those whose prayer is a search for the loving eyes of One who has conquered death. This kind of prayer beholds the wonder of Christ's living but hidden presence in one's highest thoughts and most noble aspirations as well as in one's instinctual urges and deepest longings. The ecstasy of this kind of prayer extends beyond even the vast unexplored horizons of the human heart and opens to an immensity of such excessive mercy that all else is forgotten -- and only love remains. The whole world needs this love: it is the secret garden, the hidden mountain, the inexhaustible riches only prayer knows and an excess of grace only prayer can make known. This is why Blessed John Paul II told the Church not to be afraid to open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ and it is why He told the young people of the world to be proud to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord. For those brave souls who have faithfully open their hearts to the Lord through this

discipline of this kind of prayer, every Christian owes you a debt of gratitude. For those who want to join them, this work encourages you along the way -- for the journey you endeavor is at once the most perilous, the most heart-rending and the most wonderful adventure this world has ever known. "Dr. Anthony Lilles has authored an introduction to prayer that is inspiring and encouraging. For those desiring to pray this is a resource that is full of practical advice - written simply and attractively. This book bears the mark of a man - husband, father and teacher - who is not only imbued with the wisdom of the Saints, but who has also, through his own prayer, learned how all of us can, through prayer, foster faith in and love for Jesus and his Gospel." THOMAS G. WEINANDY, O.F.M., CAP. Executive Director for the Secretariat for Doctrine United States Conference of Catholic Bishops This is a wonderful book. I've taught spiritual theology many years and I wish I had had this text use. In fact, I wish I had written this book. It is scriptural, patristic, historical, theological, mystical, experiential and user friendly. Dr. Lilles takes us through the spiritual journey of prayer, citing Fathers and doctors, saints and even sinners to guide us on our Christian way toward contemplation. Weaving many themes into a harmonious whole, he opens up the life of contemplation for all Christians, our baptismal birthright in a way that is accessible and attractive. This is a book one will read more than once. FR. GILES DIMOCK, O.P., S.T.D University Parish of St. Thomas Aquinas At the University of Virginia In this book we find the real meat of the new evangelization. The church in America will not be renewed by "facts about Jesus" but only through one's choice to let Christ reach the heart and change it from within. It is an ancient message received by only few: Do not be afraid of letting go of what now defines you. Let Christ tell you who you are. Dr. Lilles is one of the ablest guides to lead us through to such a choice. Will I stay with knowledge about Jesus or will I enter the garden of prayer and finally come to know Him!! Do not be afraid to be loved, read this book. DEACON JAMES KEATING, PH.D, Institute for Priestly Formation, Omaha, NE

What God's Up To on Planet Earth?

Is the Bible just a book of ancient Israelite and Christian history and practices to be read? Or are we engaging in a more interactive practice when we study God's word? Jeannine K. Brown believes that communication is at the heart of what we do when we open the Bible, that we are actively engaging God in a conversation that can be life changing. By learning about how Scripture communicates, modern readers can extract much more meaning out of the text than they could if simply reading the Bible as though it was a list of rules or a collection of stories. In Scripture as Communication, Brown offers professors, students, church leaders, and laity a basic guide to the theory and practice of biblical interpretation, helping them understand our engagement with Scriptures as primarily a communicative act.

The Confessions of St. Augustine

Molly's life is shattered first by a gunshot then a needle of heroin from a man trying to avenge his father. She doesn't know who his father is but others die or are hurt as she and her CIA friend struggle to find out the answer. Her actions from the past and dangerous criminals in the present result in radical changes for her life and the discovery of a new place she comes to love.

Out of Egypt: Biblical Theology and Biblical Interpretation

This bestselling textbook surveys the grand narrative of the Bible, demonstrating how the biblical story forms the foundation of a Christian worldview. The second edition has been thoroughly revised. Additional material is available online through Baker Academic's Textbook eSources, offering course help for professors and study aids for students. Resources include discussion questions, a Bible reading schedule, an adult Bible class schedule, and a course syllabus.

The Drama of Scripture

Dave Nevins and Peter Kreeft informally converse on some of the historic healing that God is doing within Christianity. Don't miss these intriguing insights! Topics include: 00:00 Central unity -- persons over principles 04:39 Examples of healing: faith/works 05:32 How salvation happens 07:12 Fireplaces and fire 07:58 Distribution of Cath/Prot gifts 12:51 Christ's Body speaks his Word 15:26 What is "c/Catholic"? 17:16 The "ism" of traditionalism 20:10 Slogan: No salvation w/o Catholic church? 22:02 Slogan: 20000 Protestants authorities? 23:30 Healing the split personality 24:23 Why Christian art took a hit 25:13 Mending the entire Body's feeling senses 27:01 Communion (loveless sex and sexless love) 33:33 The ultimate humor of God 34:55 The solution of the Spirit 37:50 Drink until drunken 39:43 Testimonies and Prayer Session 46:25 Visions of angels testimonies 52:35 Seeing actual angels 55:47 God awakening joyful intimacy The source audio for this transcript is available on Amazon Digital MP3 Music department at <http://www.amazon.com> or at: <http://www.davenevins.com>

Tears

A noted researcher/archaeologist tackles crucial, faith-challenging questions about the Bible's claims to be divine communication. All evidence available today, concludes the author, upholds even more strongly the age-old views of orthodox Christianity.

Question-Based Bible Study Guide -- Called to Be God's Leader

Dearest Readers, warm greetings in Jesus Name, Christendom worldwide is now divided. So many sects, divisions, denominations and churches came into existence due to scriptural error, vested interests of individuals and many schools of thought. There are serious errors and false doctrines intruded into the so called Christian churches from Catholics to trinitarian Pentecostal Churches. There are serious disagreements and thoughts stamped and deeply rooted in the minds of people with regard to the knowledge of God. Some so called "Christians" believe in more than one god like heathen. Some say there are three gods. Some groups say there are two gods, senior god and junior god. The false doctrines and erroneous practices keep going on. Due to this, many are blind to the Biblical truth and running helter skelter. The whole truth was revealed to Jesus' Apostles by the Holy Ghost and recorded in the Holy Bible. If you want to know the truth, please read the Holy Bible with humbleness and prayer. You will find that God will help your heart and mind to see the Biblical truth, without confusion or doubt. The Word of

the Lord is settled in Heaven, forever. Seeing the differences of opinion and practices found among so called Christians, I have been forced to read and study the Bible with the help of the Holy Ghost and that Spirit led me to write this book. In this book, I have tried to clear the doubt about the knowledge of God, Oneness of God, Baptism, Son of God, Begotten Son etc. I trust after reading this book the Spirit of the Lord will help you understand that there is only One God. Also you will see that the right baptism is in the Name of Jesus Christ, and the rest of all baptism amongst Christendom is false, untrue and unbiblical. I urge every reader of this book, to read the contents without the church barrier and hedges of your denomination and vet the scriptures quoted here, by yourself, to understand the facts which will be never compromised by man's creed and teachings. ABOUT THE AUTHOR: I worked for companies like H&R JOHNSON INDIA LIMITED, RELIANCE INDUSTRIES, RELIANCE PETROLEUM, and RELIANCE COMMUNICATIONS LTD. in managerial capacity. Now I do the Gospel ministry and spread the Gospel in India and wherever God sends to lift the Name of Jesus. I have no shame to lift the Name of Jesus, the Name above all Names, my Saviour, to the world. Submit to the Glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Bro Abraham Kutty P.G. Church of Jesus Christ in India B-204, Kulswamini Residency, Sector-13, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai-410 210. Maharashtra, INDIA

Scripture as Communication

What You Need to Know, When You Need to Know ItThe Essential Bible Companion gives you what it promises: the essentials. The most vital, absolutely indispensable information you need for reading and truly understanding God's Word. Developed by two world-class Bible scholars and the creator of The Bible in 90 Days curriculum, this unique, easy-to-use reference guide gives you clear, crisp insights into the Bible book by book. From Genesis to Revelation, each book of the Bible has its key details laid out for you clearly and engagingly in a colorful two-page spread that includes • background information • timelines • important biblical characters Striking a balance between too little and too much information—between the brief introductions provided in a Bible and the potentially overwhelming detail of a standard reference handbook—this well-designed, extremely helpful volume condenses the most important information in a highly visual, easy-to-understand format. Ideal for use as a companion to The Bible in 90 Days curriculum, The Essential Bible Companion is also a valuable resource for any Bible study. However you use it, this richly informative volume will assist you on your journey toward a well-grounded biblical faith.

Theological Interpretation of the Old Testament

Living at the Crossroads

In the year 2049, ten-year-old Brian is thrust into crisis when gigantic ant-like aliens invade Earth to capture children as a food source for their young. With his elementary school reduced to rubble, Brian learns his little sister, Amber, is among the captives. His family reveals a secret friendship with a man from another planet who is familiar with the unmerciful assault these aliens are known for. Brian and

his little brother must find and rescue their sister as well as dozens of other children stolen by the invading aliens before they all become food, and in doing so, might even help save the world. Brian must find his way onto the alien space ship, defend himself and his brother against the bloodthirsty invaders while searching for Amber and fight his way back off the ship when the aliens lock the craft down, trapping him. This must be accomplished during a deadly bombing raid by the United Federation of Earth, and Brian is running out of time.

Searching for the Pattern

Written by an L. A. County homicide detective and former atheist, *Cold-Case Christianity* examines the claims of the New Testament using the skills and strategies of a hard-to-convince criminal investigator. Christianity could be defined as a "cold case": it makes a claim about an event from the distant past for which there is little forensic evidence. In *Cold-Case Christianity*, J. Warner Wallace uses his nationally recognized skills as a homicide detective to look at the evidence and eyewitnesses behind Christian beliefs. Including gripping stories from his career and the visual techniques he developed in the courtroom, Wallace uses illustration to examine the powerful evidence that validates the claims of Christianity. A unique apologetic that speaks to readers' intense interest in detective stories, *Cold-Case Christianity* inspires readers to have confidence in Christ as it prepares them to articulate the case for Christianity.

Searching for the Original Bible

Christian theologians rarely study the Old Testament in its final Hebrew canonical form, even though this was very likely the Bible used by Jesus and the early church. However, once read as a whole, the larger structure of the Hebrew Bible (Tanakh) provides a "wide-angle lens" through which its contents can be viewed. In this stimulating *New Studies in Biblical Theology* volume, Stephen G. Dempster argues that, despite its undoubted literary diversity, the Hebrew Bible possesses a remarkable structural and conceptual unity. The various genres and books are placed within a comprehensive narrative framework which provides an overarching literary and historical context. The many texts contribute to this larger text, and find their meaning and significance within its story of "dominion and dynasty," which ranges from Adam to the Son of Man, from David to the coming Davidic king. Addressing key issues in biblical theology, the works comprising *New Studies in Biblical Theology* are creative attempts to help Christians better understand their Bibles. The NSBT series is edited by D. A. Carson, aiming to simultaneously instruct and to edify, to interact with current scholarship and to point the way ahead.

The God Who Is There Leader's Guide

Teenaged Sally Hemings, mixed-race slave and sister-in-law to widower Thomas Jefferson, captured his heart while serving his daughters in Paris where he was U.S. Minister. It was there a 38-year relationship began. The historical novel, *Sally of Monticello: Founding Mother*, by Jefferson lecturer N.M. Ledgin, portrays a bright, assertive woman. She resolved his "inner conflict," according to historian Winthrop D. Jordan, by ridding him of "high tension concerning women and Negroes." Ledgin

based the novel's timeline on Jefferson's precise recordkeeping and collection of letters. Controversy over the affair and over recent DNA findings continues to fuel books and articles. Sally decided voluntarily to return with Jefferson from slavery-free France to Virginia. They had several children who went free, and they left a mixed-race legacy now woven into the fabric of the nation. This novel is an illuminating take on history. It is filled with emotion and adventure in the voice of a self-educated, sacrificing woman, whose passionate love and devotion helped guide one of our founding fathers.

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Biblical Sound Doctrine

Eminent evangelical theologian provides a basic introduction to the faith that traces the story of redemption through the Bible. Leader's Guide.

Sally of Monticello

6 ready-to-use, discussion-based Bible lessons on the life of Joshua. Each Bible lesson consists of 20 or so ready-to-use questions that get groups talking. These questions make small group Bible study a joy. If you can read 20 questions, you can lead a Bible Study. Answers are provided in the form of quotes from respected authors such as John Piper, Max Lucado and Beth Moore. These lessons will save you time as well as provide deep insights from some of the great writers and thinkers from today and generations past. I also include quotes from the same commentaries that your pastor uses in sermon preparation. Ultimately, the goal is to create conversations that change lives.

Saving Amber

Capitol Hill Baptist Church associate pastor Michael Lawrence contributes to the IXMarks series as he centers on the practical importance of biblical theology to

ministry. He begins with an examination of a pastor's tools of the trade: exegesis and biblical and systematic theology. The book distinguishes between the power of narrative in biblical theology and the power of application in systematic theology, but also emphasizes the importance of their collaboration in ministry. Having laid the foundation for pastoral ministry, Lawrence uses the three tools to build a biblical theology, telling the entire story of the Bible from five different angles. He puts biblical theology to work in four areas: counseling, missions, caring for the poor, and church/state relations. Rich in application and practical insight, this book will equip pastors and church leaders to think, preach, and do ministry through the framework of biblical theology.

The Unfolding Drama of the Bible

How can Christians live faithfully at the crossroads of the story of Scripture and postmodern culture? In *Living at the Crossroads*, authors Michael Goheen and Craig Bartholomew explore this question as they provide a general introduction to Christian worldview. Ideal for both students and lay readers, *Living at the Crossroads* lays out a brief summary of the biblical story and the most fundamental beliefs of Scripture. The book tells the story of Western culture from the classical period to postmodernity. The authors then provide an analysis of how Christians live in the tension that exists at the intersection of the biblical and cultural stories, exploring the important implications in key areas of life, such as education, scholarship, economics, politics, and church.

Seeing Christ in All of Scripture

Defense of the Bible begins with rational proofs for the historicity and accuracy of its documents. Christ and the Bible places the argument for the authority of scripture squarely on Jesus. With uncluttered logic and straightforward prose Wenham marshals Gospel evidence to show Jesus' own view of Scripture—that it is (1) historically accurate, (2) authoritative, (3) the standard for ethics, and (4) the verbally inspired revelation of God. He then considers why we should listen to Jesus when he makes such claims and why "Christ's view should be the Christian view." The study substantiates Jesus' reliability influence on all New Testament writers. Finally, Wenham considers two related problems: first, which writings really belong in the Bible; second, the reliability of the text as now available. The presentation is easy to read and understand. This third edition updates and dialogs with recent developments.

The Drama of Scripture

This book provides an overview of the grand narrative of the Bible, showing how God's action in the world gives meaning to our lives and provides us with a foundation for our actions. The authors' bestselling textbook, *The Drama of Scripture*, presented this message for a student audience. It was then abridged and published at a more popular level as *The True Story of the Whole World*. This revised edition has been further updated and streamlined throughout for church readers and small groups. It includes contemporary reflection sections and discussion questions in each chapter for individual or group use.

The Drama of Scripture

Insights from a noteworthy convergence of top scholars in biblical studies and missiology Over the past half century, it has become clear that mission is a central theme in the Bible's narrative and, moreover, is central to the very identity of the church. This book significantly widens and deepens the emerging conversation on missional hermeneutics. Essays from top biblical and missiological scholars discuss reading the Scriptures missionally, using mission as a key interpretive lens. Five introductory chapters probe various elements of a missional hermeneutic, followed by sections on the Old and New Testaments that include chapters on two books from each to illustrate what a missional reading of them looks like. Essays in two concluding sections draw out the implications of a missional reading of Scripture for preaching and for theological education. CONTRIBUTORS Craig G. Bartholomew Richard Bauckham Carl J. Bosma Tim J. Davy Dean Flemming John R. Franke Mark Glanville Michael W. Goheen Joel B. Green Darrell L. Guder George R. Hunsberger Timothy M. Sheridan Christopher J. H. Wright N. T. Wright

Hidden Mountain, Secret Garden

"At the heart of the Christian message is God Himself waiting for His redeemed children to push in to conscious awareness of His Presence." - A.W. Tozer David was a man after God's own heart. He slew Goliath, ruled Israel and wrote such inspiring scriptures as Psalm 139. Yet David had an affair with Bathsheba, breaking multiple commandments including having Bathsheba's husband murdered. How can we guard our walk and prevent catastrophic mistakes like those that David made? How can we lead a life that bears the fruit of an effective faith? God's Word realistically portrays authentic people of faith. Their true stories are preserved for us as teachable moments. Are we listening? Before God's Face takes a practical approach drawing from Biblical stories and modern parallels to help us draw near to God as we learn the simple spiritual discipline of coram Deo - living in God's presence. Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord. (Psalm 89:15)

Reading the Bible Missionally

Place is fundamental to human existence. However, we have lost the very human sense of place in today's postmodern and globalized world. Craig Bartholomew, a noted Old Testament scholar and the coauthor of two popular texts on the biblical narrative, provides a biblical, theological, and philosophical grounding for place in our rootless culture. He illuminates the importance of place throughout the biblical canon, in the Christian tradition, and in the contours of contemporary thought. Bartholomew encourages readers to recover a sense of place and articulates a hopeful Christian vision of placemaking in today's world. Anyone interested in place and related environmental themes, including readers of Wendell Berry, will enjoy this compelling book.

Cold-Case Christianity

Have you ever wondered, "Why am I here? What's gone wrong with the world?"

What is the answer? How will it all end? What do I have to do to know God?" What's God up to on Planet Earth? offers a no-strings-attached presentation of the Christian message written for those who are seeking answers to questions like these. Mark Keown gives a compelling vision of a loving God whose desire is the restoration of the whole world. The book focuses on the individual person and how he or she fits into this inspiring vision. It is a must-read for those seeking to understand the Christian faith more.

The Drama of Preaching

Where Mortals Dwell

Understanding Biblical Theology clarifies the catch-all term "biblical theology," a movement that tries to remove the often-held dichotomy between biblical studies for the Church and as an academic pursuit. This book examines the five major schools of thought regarding biblical theology and handles each in turn, defining and giving a brief developmental history for each one, and exploring each method through the lens of one contemporary scholar who champions it. Using a spectrum between history and theology, each of five "types" of biblical theology are identified as either "more theological" or "more historical" in concern and practice: Biblical Theology as Historical Description (James Barr) Biblical Theology as History of Redemption (D. A. Carson) Biblical Theology as Worldview-Story (N. T. Wright) Biblical Theology as Canonical Approach (Brevard Childs) Biblical Theology as Theological Construction (Francis Watson). A conclusion suggests how any student of the Bible can learn from these approaches.

Biblical Theology in the Life of the Church (Foreword by Thomas R. Schreiner)

How can preachers preach biblically faithful sermons that move listeners to positive action? An author on the cutting edge of contemporary homiletics and theology offers a fresh approach to preaching that helps listeners see themselves as actors in God's grand drama. Ahmi Lee presents a unifying "third way" in homiletical approaches (i.e., theodramatic) that reimagines the preacher's role in relation to the Bible, the congregation, and the world. The book not only helps students understand various preaching models but also is relevant to working preachers who want to critique and improve their approach. Foreword by Mark Labberton.

Out of Egypt: Biblical Theology and Biblical Interpretation

Part of the World is the most extensive biographical account of Heinz von Foerster, the "Socrates of Cybernetics." The book reflects the significance of von Foerster's over-ninety-year-long life against the background of world and scientific history. In a fascinating dialog with Monika Broecker, who asks smart and empathic questions, von Foerster relates his life story and his most important thoughts. Many photographs are reproduced, some of them published here for the first time. This American edition is translated from German by Barbara Anger-Díaz and

contains a forward by Ernst von Glasersfeld.

Dominion and Dynasty

Surveys the grand story line and theology of the Bible, demonstrating how the biblical story forms the foundation of a Christian worldview.

Christ and the Bible, Third Edition

The groundbreaking Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of the Bible (DTIB) introduced readers to key names, theories, and concepts in the field of biblical interpretation. It has been well received by pastors and students, won book awards from Christianity Today and the Catholic Press Association, and was named the ECPA 2006 Christian Book of the Year. Theological Interpretation of the Old Testament features key articles from DTIB, providing readers with a book-by-book theological reading of the Old Testament. The articles are authored by leading scholars, including Daniel I. Block, Tremper Longman III, J. Gordon McConville, Walter Moberly, Richard Schultz, and Gordon J. Wenham. This handy and affordable text will work particularly well for students in Old Testament/Bible survey courses, pastors, and lay readers.

Theology and the Future

Theology was once 'queen of the sciences', the integrating centre of Christendom's conceptual universe. In our own time the very idea of systematic theology is frequently called into question, derided as an arcane and superstitious pseudo-discipline. Even within the church, it is commonly disregarded in favour of unreflective piety and pragmatism. At the same time, the southward shift in world Christianity's centre of gravity prompts crucial questions about the future form and content of theology. Within this context, Theology and the Future offers a case for the continuing viability of theology, exploring how it might adapt to changing circumstances, and discussing its implications for how we are to imagine and help shape our shared human future. Beginning with the question of God, this book explores what might be meant by 'the future of God', and what its implications are for Christian theology. Chapters follow on the location of theology (in global Christianity, the church and the academy) and on its sources and method. The second half of the book explores a wide variety of dimensions of the human future that theology might address and illuminate. The essays bring together a mix of specialist theologians and interdisciplinary thinkers to support the assertion that there can be no more critical endeavor to the future than understanding God and all things in relationship to him.

Where Is God?

Bullying. Homelessness. Abortion. Human trafficking. It doesn't take much searching to discover that there are a lot of things wrong in our world today. What could one person possibly do about all these issues? In I Dare You, Isabella Morganthal dares you to step out and make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ. She helps you dig deep and discover your passion, while encouraging you to

do something about it. This is a dare to give everything you have to Jesus and watch Him do amazing things with your life. This is a dare to make your life count. This is a dare to change your world.

I Dare You

Preaching is dramatic. Through it, we hear the voice of the living God as he speaks to us both through the reading and the preaching of the word of God. But where do the hearers of sermons fit into the drama? This book suggests ways in which the drama metaphor may help to address age old questions about the centrality of the gospel and the place of the hearer in preaching. As God in Christ is the central character in the biblical drama of redemption, he also calls hearers to understand their role in creatively, yet faithfully living according to the biblical script. Thus, no sermon is complete until God's redemptive work is powerfully proclaimed, and his people are instructed in how they too are participating in the *Missio Dei*. In this work, Hebrews 11 is employed as a means of showing how God not only reveals his redemptive work to his people, but also through them. As postmodernism sets the stage of contemporary preaching, *The Drama of Preaching* interacts with some of the particular challenges preachers face in engaging postmodern listeners, that they might not only be hearers, but doers of the preached word.

Humble Journey

The Drama of Scripture provides an engaging overview of the storyline and theology of the Bible. The authors work their way through the Bible as a drama with six acts – creation, sin, Israel, Jesus, mission and new creation. Their study provides an introduction to the Bible and a commentary on important passages, while helping the reader relate their story to the Bible story at each point.

Preaching God's Grand Drama

MOVING FROM A "BLUEPRINT HERMENEUTIC" TO A THEOLOGICAL ONE In this book, John Mark Hicks tells the story of his own hermeneutical journey in reading the Bible. Lovingly and graciously, he describes his transition from a "blueprint hermeneutic" to a theological one. Some suggest that moving away from a patternistic command-example-and-necessary-inference approach for understanding what God requires leaves no other alternative, or at least none that both respects biblical authority and seeks to obey the gospel of Jesus the Messiah. In *Searching for the Pattern*, John Mark offers just such an alternative. His theological hermeneutic is deeply rooted in the way the Bible presents itself as a dramatic history of God's plan to redeem the world as well as his own experience of growing up among Churches of Christ. Seeing the gospel of Jesus as the center of the biblical drama reorients us to what provides our Christian identity and unites us as disciples of Jesus. ***** I pray this book is received with open hearts and open minds because I believe this work could go a long way in helping to bring unity to our fractured fellowship. --Wes McAdams, Preaching Minister for the church of Christ on McDermott Road, Plano, Texas This excellent book helps us understand the inner workings of Bible interpretation among Churches of Christ and provides a persuasive proposal for Bible interpretation that is built on the story of God we find

in Scripture--a story into which God calls us. --James L. Gorman, Associate Professor of History, Johnson University Knoxville, Tennessee Finally, a trellis across the chasm! Throughout this book, Hicks does not compromise his high regard for both the church and the Scriptures; and through the grace found therein, he composes this urgent invitation back to the Table, where obedience cooperates with mystery, and we--estranged or conflicted--can find our place as one within God's magnificent story. --Tiffany Mangan Dahlman, Minister at Courtyard Church of Christ, Fayetteville, North Carolina John Mark Hicks is Professor of Theology at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee. He has taught for thirty-eight years in schools associated with the Churches of Christ. He has published fifteen books and lectured in twenty countries and forty states and is married to Jennifer. They share six children and six grandchildren.

Before God's Face

We've all gotten bad news. A job lost, failing health, loss of a loved one. How would you handle a devastating call you never wanted to receive? Olympian and WNBA star Swin Cash knows what it feels like because she's been there too. She's gotten "the call." Humble Journey: More Precious Than Gold traces her road from the fateful call in 2008, when she failed to make the U.S. Olympic team a second time, to the call in 2012. Join her on this eventful journey through her professional and personal life and discover why the lessons she learned are more precious than the medal she earned.

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Understanding Biblical Theology

A Collection of Matt Shaw's heartbreaking dramas Matt Shaw does not just write horror. In fact, when asked what his favourite books are, he often names the tales collected within this set. Stories of heartbreak, loss and grief - all with an element of hope A hope we often forget when dealing with grief. Contained within this

collection Heaven's Calling BOY: Built to Love The Missing Years of Thomas Pritchard (unpublished short story) Alone Heaven's Calling Josh and Holly could face anything thrown at them all the time they had each other. Their love would conquer anything and the world was their oyster. But when a tragic accident tears Josh away from Holly she realises that, without her husband, she cannot cope and her world begins to crumble; her loss being more than she can handle. Until, that is, she receives a phone call. Her late husband. The same time every day; he doesn't appear to know what has happened to him and Holly can't bring herself to tell him. She isn't even sure if it really is him calling or whether it's all in her tormented mind. Especially seeing as the calls only happen when she is alone. Is it all in her head, has she gone mad, or is heaven really calling? Boy: Built to Love No parent should have to bury their own child and yet that was exactly what they had to do. Stillborn; a young boy never to open his eyes to take in the world around him. And now Lucy and Jack's marriage was on the verge of crumbling under the strain of the grief they struggled to cope with. A grief made worse when the doctors tell them they'll never be able to have a child of their own due to complications from the last pregnancy. But what if it didn't have to be that way? What if there was a way of using science and technology to create a son they could love? What if Jack was able to use Artificial Intelligence to create A Boy: Built to Love? Is the answer to their problems to be found within the world of science-fiction or are they setting themselves up for yet more grief and sadness? The Missing Years of Thomas Pritchard August 3rd. 6:03am. The tranquil summer's morning was shattered by the desperate screams of Thomas' mother echoing down the near deserted suburban street. The few people milling about outside getting ready for their daily business had said they couldn't make out what the cries were about when they were interviewed. Not initially. Not until Anne, a pretty woman in her early thirties with shoulder length blonde hair, spilled out onto the street wearing nothing more than her dressing gown and slippers anxiously calling out for her five year old son, Thomas, to come out from wherever he was hiding. Eye witnesses reported Anne was closely followed by her husband Bill - a professional, clean-shaven man in his late thirties with dark, short hair - half dressed for work in his suit trousers and unbuttoned white shirt, and that he too looked just as frantic as the mother did. The year was 2003; the year Thomas disappeared from his home without a trace. * * * * * August 3rd. 6:03am. A young, fragile looking hand knocked confidently on the white PVC of the front door to number twenty-two. The hand belonged to a smartly dressed, skinny fourteen year old, fresh-faced boy. Whilst waiting for an answer to his knocking he slid a brown leather satchel off his shoulder down onto the floor as though the weight was too much for him to bear any more. He went to knock again but stopped himself when he heard the sound of footsteps from the other side of the door as the freshly woken homeowner came to answer his initial knocking. There was the slightest of pauses as keys were twisted in locks before the door opened as much as the strong, gold, security chain would permit it to. "Can I help you?" asked the homeowner, a frail looking woman in her late sixties. "Where's my mum?" asked the boy. The year was 2012; the year Thomas came home.

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