

The Joy Of Discipleship

Unveiling the Energy of Verbal Art: An Mental Sojourn through **The Joy Of Discipleship**

In a world inundated with displays and the cacophony of fast interaction, the profound energy and emotional resonance of verbal art often disappear into obscurity, eclipsed by the continuous onslaught of noise and distractions. However, situated within the lyrical pages of **The Joy Of Discipleship**, a captivating work of literary beauty that impulses with natural feelings, lies an memorable journey waiting to be embarked upon. Composed by way of a virtuoso wordsmith, this mesmerizing opus manuals visitors on a psychological odyssey, gently exposing the latent potential and profound impact embedded within the delicate internet of language. Within the heart-wrenching expanse of this evocative evaluation, we shall embark upon an introspective exploration of the book is key themes, dissect their fascinating writing design, and immerse ourselves in the indelible effect it leaves upon the depths of readers souls.

The Preaching of Pope Francis Gregory Heille 2015-02-19 Since the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has encouraged, inspired, and delighted those who have heard him preach. Especially fascinating have been his plain-spoken and insightful weekday morning Mass homilies. He has also offered the church a substantial contribution on the theory and practice of homiletics in a large section of his first major teaching document, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). In *The Preaching of Pope Francis*, Gregory Heille, OP, introduces readers to the Pope's preaching, his insights about the preaching vocation of the ordained, and his call to all the baptized to go to the margins as missionary disciples and evangelists of the Word. Heille, a highly regarded professor of homiletics and preacher himself, offers an inspiring and practical resource for priests, deacons, and anyone involved in the ministry of preaching. He shares the Pope's vision and example for the preparation and delivery of effective and engaging homilies and for laity invested in the Church's ministry of the Word in a post-Vatican II pastoral context.

The Transformational Role of Discipleship in Mark 10:13-16 Katherine Joy Kihlstrom Timpte 2021-10-07 Katherine Joy Kihlstrom Timpte addresses a gap in scholarship by answering the question: "how is a child supposed to be the model recipient of the kingdom of God?" While most scholarship on Mark 10:13-16 agrees that children are metaphorically employed because of their qualities of dependence, Timpte argues that it is more specifically an image of the disciple's radical transformation, which both mirrors and reverses the traditional rites of passage by which a child became an adult. Timpte suggests that Jesus, by insisting that one must enter the Kingdom of God as a child, invokes two interlacing images. First, to enter the Kingdom of God, one must be fundamentally transformed and changed. Second, this transformation reverses the rite by which a child would have become an adult, removing the adult's superior status. Beginning with a summary of the scholarship surrounding children in the Bible, Timpte explores the perception of children in the ancient world, their rites of passage and entrance into adulthood, and contrasting this with the processing of entering the kingdom of God, while also highlighting childish characters in Mark. Timpte concludes that to enter into the kingdom as a child means that one must strip off those things one gained by leaving childhood behind: wealth, respect, family, much like Jesus, who throughout Mark's Gospel moves from powerful to powerless, respected to despised, and accepted by all to rejected even (seemingly) by God. Jesus models transformation to childhood in an emphasis on what the Kingdom of God is like.

The Joy of Being Forgiven Andrew Murray 2002-04-01 Experience Complete Forgiveness You can live in freedom from the pain, guilt and shame of the past! Andrew Murray's in-depth study explains the wonderful effects of being forgiven. As you read and follow the principles in this book, you will discover that... Your burden of sin is lifted Your guilt is washed away You know the freedom of forgiveness You are able to live in God's presence Your joy overflows You can receive the forgiveness you have been seeking!

The Joy of the Gospel Pope Francis 2014-10-07 The perfect gift! A specially priced, beautifully designed hardcover edition of *The Joy of the Gospel* with a foreword by Robert Barron and an afterword by James Martin, SJ. "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus... In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come." - Pope Francis This special

edition of Pope Francis's popular message of hope explores themes that are important for believers in the 21st century. Examining the many obstacles to faith and what can be done to overcome those hurdles, he emphasizes the importance of service to God and all his creation. Advocating for "the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned," the Holy Father shows us how to respond to poverty and current economic challenges that affect us locally and globally. Ultimately, Pope Francis demonstrates how to develop a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ, "to recognize the traces of God's Spirit in events great and small." Profound in its insight, yet warm and accessible in its tone, *The Joy of the Gospel* is a call to action to live a life motivated by divine love and, in turn, to experience heaven on earth. Includes a foreword by Robert Barron, author of *Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith* and James Martin, SJ, author of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*

Discipleship Defined Eric Russ 2010-11 "DON'T read this book if you want to remain comfortable! Eric challenges us to consider what Biblical discipleship looks like based on what Jesus did. Eric writes this book with the integrity of a man who is not merely theorizing about the way things ought to be, rather he is describing what is actually happening as he builds Biblical disciples in the context of the inner city. This book is soundly Biblical, challenging and practical. This book is about building disciples not programs." Roger Hershey, Campus Crusade For Christ "It is a joy to highly commend to all *Discipleship Defined*, for it is exactly the prescription that is needed for the Church to regain much of our lost effectiveness. "Discipleship Defined" has carefully described, yet without programming it into a rigid system, how to go about this challenging task." Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., President Emeritus Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary "Eric Russ gives us some very straight forward thinking about discipleship, a topic widely misunderstood and undervalued. Moving away from piety-driven discipleship, Russ points us toward a holistic, Christ-centered way of following Jesus." Jonathan Dodson, Lead Pastor Austin City Life, Austin, TX. "Eric has a healthy obsession about strong discipleship, and it shows in a gracious way in this guidebook for muscular commitment. Can you be obsessed and still have a gracious spirit? Eric does, and so does this book!" Knute Larson, Senior Pastor The Chapel, Akron, OH (1983-2009) Eric Russ is lead pastor of Mack Avenue Community Church in Detroit, Michigan. He is married to Sara and has four children. For more information visit www.discipleshipdefined.com or www.mackave.com.

The Joy of Christian Discipleship William Morehouse 2020-09-21 *The Joy of Christian Discipleship* Course contains all three study guides in the three-part Celebrate Salvation group discipleship study course developed by Dr. Morehouse and his experienced team, gathered together with their associated handouts and worksheets into one larger and more convenient volume. Each of the of three course workbooks is available as an individual 68-page paperback and covers a Stage in the discipleship of a committed Christian believer, starting with 3 steps of conversion to faith in the first book, *Saved*. The second and third books, *Sanctified* which covers 3 steps of growth in discernment and maturity and *Sent* which finishes off with significant study of how to carry out the Great Commission, complete the course together with handouts and worksheets to accompany the lessons in all three. The three course workbooks and associated material included in this larger 8.5" by 11" compendium are designed to serve as study guides for small discipleship groups of 2-12 members (ideal 3-8 committed). Each guide is divided into twelve weekly 4-page studies containing four studies on each of the three steps in the first two books and four studies on each of

the three ways of carrying out the Great Commission - in Word, Deed, and Power - in the third. A dedicated group can expect to complete each workbook together in about 12 weekly sessions over a 3-month period with breaks for holidays. New small groups may gather and start at any time with leaders who have already gone through this or similar material themselves.

Design for Discipleship J. Dwight Pentecost 1971 Dr. Pentecost demonstrates that discipleship is a growing experience of knowledge, commitment, active love, and service.

The Joy of Discipleship Harry James CARPENTER (Bishop of Oxford.) 1933

Our Duty & Our Joy Kuan Kim Seng 2008

The Joy of Following Jesus John Oswald Sanders 1998

Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples Sherry A. Weddell, Editor 2015-01-15 "It is not the same thing to have known Jesus as not to have known him, not the same thing to walk with him as to walk blindly, not the same thing to hear his word as not to know it.... We know that with Jesus life becomes richer." -Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel* In her first book, *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*, Sherry Weddell, cofounder of the Catherine of Siena Institute, captured the attention of Catholics across the globe as she uncovered the life-changing power that accompanies the conscious decision to follow Jesus as his disciple. Now, in the groundbreaking *Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples*, she has gathered together experienced leaders and collaborators whose exceptional field-tested wisdom and enthusiasm for transforming Catholic parishes into centers of discipleship and apostolic outreach is both inspiring and practical. The authors consider: The role of intercessory prayer in parish transformation How "fireside chats" can help a pastor connect with his parishioners and call them to personal discipleship and mission The co-responsibility of lay people and pastors in the work of making disciples The revolutionary impact of a discipleship approach to youth ministry How one parish successfully fostered a culture of intentional discipleship, and much more As Sherry asks in her own chapter, "Are we willing to answer the call and pay the price necessary to become a new generation of saints through which God can do extraordinary things in our time?"

Called to Christian Joy and Maturity Gordon C. DeMarais 2021-05-21 More than ever, Christians must be grounded in their identity and purpose to reach a hurting world. This groundbreaking book brings together the latest best practices for how to be (and help others become) mature, balanced, and joyful Christians today. Evangelism experts Gordy DeMarais and Daniel Keating lay out thoughtful actions for effectively bringing Christ to the world. A must-read for every follower of Jesus.

Restoring Christian Joy John Peter Muhlfeld 2019

The Joy of Discipleship Pope Francis 2016 Reflections from Pope Francis on what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus, and how discipleship can frame and form our everyday lives as Christians.

In Our Joy John Piper 2007

The Joy of Worship Marianne H. Micks 2004 Featuring an ecumenical approach to the meaning of worship, *The Joy of Worship* discusses the work of the Holy Spirit in worship, Jesus' own practice of worship, the importance of worshiping with others, and the practice of discipleship through personal prayer, friendship, and a rule of life. Christians have been worshiping a long time, and Micks has a rich store of wisdom and experience to draw on. Her sources are both ancient and modern, Protestant and Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican.

The Disciple's Joy Michael W. Foss 2007 Focusing on the powerful theme of discipleship, *The Disciple's Joy* explores the joy of faith, helping readers discover joy in the midst of struggle. Foss explores the benefits of practicing discipleship and shows, through recent research, how a practicing faith provides meaning, belonging, and joy. Intended for both personal reflection and small group study, *The Disciple's Joy* builds on the six-time-tested marks of discipleship and introduces six practices for spiritual growth. Includes questions for reflection and discussion.

The Joy of Discipleship Robert W. Bailey 1982-01-01

Forming Intentional Disciples Sherry A. Weddell 2015-11-30 How can we transmit a living, personal Catholic faith to future generations? By coming to know Jesus Christ, and following him as his disciples. These are times of immense challenge and immense opportunity for the Catholic Church. Consider these statistics for the United States. Only 30 percent of Americans who were raised Catholic are still practicing.

Fully 10 percent of all adults in America are ex-Catholics. The number of marriages celebrated in the Church decreased dramatically, by nearly 60 percent, between 1972 and 2010. Only 60 percent of Catholics believe in a personal God. If the Church is to reverse these trends, the evangelizers must first be evangelized-in other words, Catholics-in-the-pew must make a conscious choice to know and follow Jesus before they can draw others to him. This work of discipleship lies at the heart of *Forming Intentional Disciples*, a book designed to help Church leaders, parish staff and all Catholics transform parish life from within. Drawing upon her fifteen years of experience with the Catherine of Siena Institute, Sherry Weddell leads readers through steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God and the river of apostolic creativity, charisms, and vocation that flow from that relationship for the sake of the Church and the world. Learn about the five thresholds of postmodern conversion, how to open a conversation about faith and belief, how to ask thought-provoking questions and establish an atmosphere of trust, when to tell the Great Story of Jesus, how to help someone respond to God's call to intentional discipleship, and much more. And be prepared for conversion because when life at the parish level changes, the life of the whole Church will change.

Design for Discipleship J. Dwight Pentecost 1996 Dr. Pentecost demonstrates that discipleship is a growing experience of knowledge, commitment, active love, and service.

The Way to Joy Wayne Haston 2005-09-24 A leader-guided basic discipleship study, intended primarily for use with new believers. Designed to work in one-on-one discipleship sessions or as a study book for small groups or new convert classes.

The Joy of the Gospel Carlo Maria Martini 1994 Cardinal Martini infuses the joy of the gospel in these reflections that urge young people (and all Christians) to turn to sacred reading (lectio divina) and to devotion to Mary as a means to follow Christ. This volume contains two collections of meditations on the Word of God. The first consists of spiritual exercises developed around the Cana wedding story, with Mary as our instructor in discipleship. The stories of crisis and conversion from the Gospel of St. Mark form the basis of the second collection and mirror our lives as followers of Christ. The young people of Milan know Cardinal Martini, their archbishop, as an understanding, comforting, and challenging witness to the gospel. With each word Cardinal Martini draws all young people who partake of these reflections nearer to the "joy" of the cross, our salvation.

The Joy Stealers Rob Renfroe 2018-03-20 What's stealing your joy? Are you dealing with marriage problems, painful relationships, disobedient children, health concerns, financial struggles, or just the daily stresses and strains of life? Regardless of our circumstances, it's true that in Christ we have everything we need for joy—the forgiveness of our sins, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, a purpose worth living for, and the assurance of eternity with God. But whether we actually live with joy or allow something to take it from us is a choice each of us makes every day. Living with joy is a decision we make again and again as we're continually faced with joy stealers such as worry, bitterness, guilt, negativity, and bitterness. Pastor and author Rob Renfroe addresses these common joy stealers and suggests how we can overcome them by making five simple yet transformational decisions that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will enable us to have overflowing joy and be a continual blessing to others. A final chapter on living with joy provides encouragement and help for living in the fullness of God's joy each and every day. Additional components for a six-week study include a comprehensive Leader Guide which includes a link to downloadable video clips that can be used as lead-ins to group discussion.

The Way of Discipleship Ron Stohler 2015-03-13 "Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ." - 1 Corinthians 11:1, NIV Jesus walked the shores of Galilee and called ordinary fishermen to drop their nets to follow Him. "Follow me" wasn't a suggestion, but a summons from the very Son of God. In response, they left everything known and comfortable to live with Jesus, learn from Jesus be launched by Jesus to go and make disciples in His name. Their lives and this world has never been the same. Jesus still calls ordinary people by name to follow him. The problem is many churches today are filled with people who claim to believe in Jesus, but whose lives don't reflect his character and calling. Many fans. Few followers. Many believers. Few disciples. That needs to change. Which is why the leaders of Grace Church focused their efforts in 2010 to launch the Way of Discipleship to aggressively respond to the Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations." *The Way of Discipleship* is a time-bound, intentional relationship focused

on learning and embracing 11 essential practices to following Jesus Christ. The Way of Discipleship is engages one person (a discipler) who invites another person (a disciple) to follow them as they follow Christ. The Way of Discipleship shapes our character (who we are) and our calling (what we do). Like a tree, the Way of Discipleship roots us in Christ, provides stability to weather the storms of life and branches out to bear fruit in our lives. This resource is a tool to facilitate this relationship over a period of one-to-three years to integrate these practices into one's life and prepare the disciple to replicate it into another relationship. It will be costly, but the cause is worth it more than anything else the world has to offer.

The Cost of Discipleship Bonhoeffer Dietrich 2015-11-02 Perhaps Dietrich Bonhoeffer's most radical book, this reading of the Sermon on the Mount has influenced many Christians throughout the world over the last 50 years.

The Joy of Discipleship Pope Francis 2016-01-19 "Dear friends, be glad! Do not be afraid of being joyful!" —Pope Francis, from *The Joy of Discipleship* Near the end of Luke's Gospel, two disciples slowly make their way home from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus. At the outset, they are deeply saddened by Jesus' tragic death. By that evening, however, they have made a 180-degree turn: from dejected disciples to followers filled with joy—a joy they simply must share with others as fast as they can. What accounts for this change? They have encountered the risen Christ! In *The Joy of Discipleship*, Pope Francis reminds us that joy should be one of the defining characteristics of any person who has truly encountered Jesus. This skillfully curated collection of homilies, speeches, and other documents from Pope Francis, compiled and edited by James P. Campbell, offers a fresh perspective on why Christian disciples should be so joyful in the first place and how that joy might manifest itself in our individual daily lives. Covering a broad range of themes—Christ's Resurrection, mercy, wealth and poverty, the Christian family, and more—*The Joy of Discipleship* moves us to meditate on Christ and then inspires us to move out from our own four walls, jubilantly proclaiming God's transforming love in word and deed. For anyone who wants what Pope Francis has—an active, abiding, authentic love for Jesus Christ, for the Church, and for the people of this world—*The Joy of Discipleship* will point the way. "This volume gives us a portrait of the Pope and what amazing joy fills his life, his mind, his teaching . . . his discipleship!" —From the foreword by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

The Chicken Farm and Other Sacred Places Ken Barnes 2010-11-01 "With humor and honesty, teacher Ken Barnes takes us on his journey from tending chickens to assisting in a kitchen to sweating in a steel mill and more. Stories of frustration, joy, and every emotion in between reveal the true direction of being a disciple of Christ: the way up is always down. Joy in serving comes not from excitement or recognition. It comes from following the example of Christ, the ultimate servant."--From back cover

The People of God Trevor Joy 2014-05-01 The most powerful asset a church has is its people. People of God is a challenge to the men and women of the church. It is a challenge to believe what God says about his people still applies to the church today. It is a challenge not to settle for church as just a program. It is a challenge to return the ministry of God to the people of God. *People of God* lays out the theology and practice of community. Authors Spence Shelton and Trevor Joy seek to show why community is central to the Christian life, and how to practice it in the 21st century church. Whether you are a pastor or a volunteer leader, *People of God* aims to equip and encourage congregations as they build a culture of discipleship in the life of their church. The authors draw on experiences and learnings from their time leading two of the fastest growing congregations in America to give you principles that can apply in a church of 50 or 15,000.

The joy of discipleship Harry James Carpenter 1933

Called Kevin Cotter 2018-10-26 Do you feel uncertain about how to share your Catholic faith with others, especially as society increasingly rejects religion? Why not follow examples from the scriptures and saints to guide you? In this five-week guide to becoming a daily disciple of Jesus in a post-Christian culture, popular speaker, bestselling author, and experienced FOCUS missionary Kevin Cotter presents thirty-five brief and engaging meditations that provide Catholics with the conviction and tools for sharing Jesus with others. *Called* is an accessible guide to evangelization for the average Catholic. Through short and simple daily meditations, you will gain everything you need to begin sharing the Gospel, including the conviction that you can and should be evangelizing their faith. Based on the principles of evangelization taught by the

Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS)—where Kevin Cotter is the senior director of curriculum—*Called* invites you to delve into powerful scenes from Jesus' life, plus stories from the lives of saints such as Augustine, Mother Teresa, and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, as you explore how the call to discipleship is at the heart of scripture in ancient Israel, the life of Jesus, and the apostolic Church. Cotter leads you on this five-week journey as someone who understands the challenges of talking about faith with friends and the sacrifices needed to invest in others. He encourages you to step outside your comfort zone as you open your eyes to Jesus' call to discipleship. Week One: As you reflect on Jesus' initial call of his disciples and how he calls you to radically love and follow him in your everyday life, you deepen your relationship with God and complete the first stage of becoming his disciple. Week Two: You examine the characteristics of a daily commitment to discipleship—daily prayer, submission to God's will, regular Confession, frequent reception of the Eucharist, acting in love. Week Three: You discover how our current culture, which places little value on faith, compares to the world Jesus faced. You develop, like Jesus, the desire to save our world and draw others to God. Week Four: You unpack the tools Jesus used to touch every person he came into contact with. Through Jesus' example, you will become equipped with what you need to reach others for him. Week Five: You learn that you are called not just to be a disciple but to be one who makes disciples of others. You will come away with the understanding that being a disciple of Jesus is not optional for Catholics: it is essential to our identity as members of a missionary Church. Jesus showed us how to evangelize and called us to be his disciples. Now, more than ever, it is time to be just like him.

The Adventure of Discipleship Daniel A. Keating 2018-11-01 Jesus tells us that to be his disciple we must surrender everything and, with his grace, brave the path provided for us by God. Such a sojourn will surely be marked by joy, suffering, uncertainty, and—above all—adventure. Accordingly, *The Adventure of Discipleship* presents the Gospel through the lens of great adventure stories—from J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* and C.S. Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia* to popular adventure movies, comic book superheroes, and TV series. While these stories we create and read and retell are but reflections and refractions of the great adventure of discipleship, they provide us with genuine insight into life with Christ. Author Daniel Keating shows why we must respond to the call of discipleship with venturesome faith, as many great saints have before us. Along the way of discipleship, we come to understand the cost of following Jesus, the importance of hope in light of setbacks, and the gift of true friendship in this great adventure.

The Joy of Discipleship Richard J. Shropshire 2009-11 To be a *disciple* is to be a learner—to be one who yields to the teaching and discipline of another. However, the concept of *discipline* is a dirty word in our contemporary culture. We want to do things our own way with as little effort as possible. *Work smart* often means getting by with doing the minimum. But in scripture, the concepts of *discipline* and *discipleship* are presented as that which gives meaning, vibrancy, and joy to living. Explore those concepts in this book, and may your life be enriched in the doing.

The Joy of Becoming Like Jesus F. Dean Hackett, Ph.d. 2016-11-08 *The Joy of Becoming Like Jesus* is level two of the Discipleship Series and is great for believers who are looking to deepen their walk with God. Topics include: how to deal with temptation, how to live a life filled with joy, controlling our thoughts and emotions, and what is the key to great faith. Each manual includes a teacher guide and student handouts. The Discipleship Series is perfect for both personal and congregational discipleship training. If you've ever wanted to take your walk with Jesus to the next level, and learn what it truly means to be a disciple, you need to check out this series.

Handouts and Worksheets William Morehouse 2020-08-10 *Handouts and Worksheets* is a supplementary book in *The Joy of Christian Discipleship Series* which contains an orderly collection of 24 key 8.5" by 11" handouts and worksheets compiled and written by Dr. Morehouse for use by participants in the three-part *Celebrate Salvation Joy of Christian Discipleship Course*. These study materials (and others) are available online at the *Celebrate Salvation* website in downloadable PDF form, making purchase of the *Handouts* collection an optional but convenient choice, especially for participants who do not have access to a computer system that can download and print PDF files.

Riding the Joy Train Wanda Jo Pence 2005-03

Pope Francis and the Joy of the Gospel Edward Sri 2014-08-28 The call of Christ to each of us is as heart-stopping as the moment captured by Caravaggio in his painting, The Call of St. Matthew. Jesus points, he invites-and Matthew the tax-collector must make a decision. "The Lord does not disappoint those who take that risk" and choose him, Pope Francis tells us in his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel. Dr. Edward Sri, theologian, author, and speaker, unpacks The Joy of the Gospel, making it accessible and actionable. In these brief reflections, Sri explores Pope Francis' call to be "missionary disciples"-Christians who walk ever more closely in discipleship with the Lord and who have a profound sense of mission in the world. Pope Francis and The Joy of the Gospel helps people of all walks of life-diocesan leaders, parish staff and volunteers, families and laity-live out the Holy Father's vision for the renewal of the Church and the New Evangelization. Great for use by individuals or groups, each chapter concludes with questions for reflection or discussion, moving readers into a renewed personal relationship with Christ and a deepened commitment to the Church's mission.

The Joy of Discipleship Paul H. Dixon 1981

Beautiful Resistance Jon Tyson 2020-07-21 In a time of compromise and disillusionment, God is calling his people to a movement of beautiful resistance. We live in a time when our culture is becoming increasingly shallow, coarse, and empty. Radical shifts in the areas of sexuality, ethics, technology, secular ideologies, and religion have caused the once-familiar landscape of a generation ago to be virtually unrecognizable. Yet rather than shine as a beacon of light, the church often is silent or accommodating. This isn't a new phenomenon. During World War II, pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer was deeply troubled by the compromise in the German church. Their capitulation to the Nazi party brought shame and dishonor to the gospel. In response, he helped create an underground movement of churches that trained disciples and ultimately sought to renew the church and culture of the day. In our compromised church, we need new underground movements of discipleship and resistance. Widely respected New York pastor Jon Tyson unveils a revived vision for faithful discipleship—one that dares to renew culture, restore credibility, and replace compromise with conviction. For all who have felt this conflict in the soul between who we are and who God calls us to be, Beautiful Resistance is a bold invitation to reclaim what's been lost—regardless of the cost. Praise for Beautiful Resistance "Beautiful Resistance is one of the most compelling and defiant books I've read in a long time. I love Jon's radical, no-messing vision of the church as a prophetic community. This is a wake-up call for us all from the heart of a man who lives his message, loves his city, and serves his Lord with a passion and intelligence destined to become less rare."—Pete Greig, founder of the 24-7 Prayer movement

I Wish Jesus Hadn't Said That Steve Timmis 2014-01-28 Jesus never said that following him would be easy. We've read the words countless times: "Love your enemies," "You cannot serve both God and money," "Take up your cross and follow me." Theoretically we believe them. But do we engage what Jesus says in a way that prompts action? The truth we avoid talking about is that being a follower of Jesus is terribly inconvenient—a pain in the neck at times—because it cuts across so many of our natural desires. But there is an even greater danger in avoiding what Jesus says. If we harden our hearts to the teachings of Jesus, we will never find true happiness. In this powerful new book, author Steve Timmis calls all believers to consider ten sayings of Jesus that reveal where our affections lie. He reminds us that Christians are called to abandon, not cherish, the ways of the world and reject, not pursue, the things that afford us status, prestige, and pleasure. As followers of Jesus we must grapple with what it means to follow him, and accept his verdict on what constitutes the good life—no matter how counter-cultural it may seem. Doing so will powerfully reorient our hearts.

Rich Wounds David Mathis 2022-02-01 Profound reflections on the cross that help you to meditate on and marvel at the sacrificial love of Jesus. This book can be used as a devotional, especially during Lent and Easter. These profound reflections on the cross from David Mathis, author of *The Christmas We Didn't Expect*, will help you to meditate on and marvel at Jesus' life, sacrificial death, and spectacular resurrection-enabling you to treasure anew who Jesus is and what he has done. Many of us are so familiar with the Easter story that it becomes easy to miss subtle details and difficult to really enjoy its meaning. This book will help you to pause and marvel at Jesus, whose now-glorified wounds are a sign of his unfailing love and the decisive victory that he has won: "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for

our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5) This book can be used as a devotional. The chapters on Holy Week make it especially helpful during the Lent season and at Easter.

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