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Listening to Your Life

From critically acclaimed author and Pulitzer Prize runner-up Frederick Buechner

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comes another powerfully honest memoir, *The Eyes of the Heart*. Full of poignant insights into his most personal relationships, this moving account traces how the author was shaped as much by his family's secrets as by its celebrations. Within the innermost chambers of his consciousness, Buechner, in his characteristically self-searching style, explores the mysteries and truths behind his deepest connections to family, friends, and mentors. Extraordinarily moving, this memoir follows not chronology but the converging paths of Buechner's imagination and memory. Buechner invites us into his library—his own Magic Kingdom, surrounded by his beloved books and treasures, we discover how they serve as the gateway to Buechner's mind and heart. He draws the reader into his recollections, moving seamlessly from reminiscence to contemplation. Buechner recounts events such as the tragic suicide of his father and its continual fallout on his life, intimate and little-known details about his deep friendship with the late poet James Merrill, and his ongoing struggle to understand the complexities of his relationship to his mother. This cast of characters comprised of Buechner's relatives and loved ones is brought to vibrant life by his peerless writing and capacity to probe the depths of his own consciousness. Buechner visits his past with an honest eye and a heart open to the most painful and life-altering of realizations. Heartbreaking and enlightening, *The Eyes of the Heart* is a treasure for any who have ever pondered the meaning and mystery of their own past. As "one of our finest writers," according to author Annie Dillard, Frederick Buechner provides yet another chapter in the tale of his life in this gripping memoir tracing the complicated roots and path of his inner life and

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family, with their multitude of intersections." The Eyes of the Heart stands as a touching testimonial to the significance of kinship to the author as well as to the legions of readers who have come to regard him as one of their own.

Daily Portions

Reach your financial goals and reduce the stress in your life with this book of biblical principles by the New York Times bestselling author of *The Blessed Life*. Who doesn't want to eliminate financial stress? Who doesn't want to get out of debt, reach their financial goals, experience the joy that God intends for us, and be free to bless others with their resources? In *The Blessed Life*, Pastor Robert Morris teaches that generosity is a key component to being in God's favor. Now, in *BEYOND BLESSED*, he shares the importance of being a good steward, not only with your finances, but with every part of your life. Pastor Morris will motivate you to become a better manager of your money, and provide practical lessons on taking your finances to the next level. Through Biblical principles, personal stories, and incredible testimonies, you will learn how to be a good steward, and that when you properly manage your finances, blessings will pour into all areas of your life. Here is a guide to increasing and going further with what God has given you, and living beyond blessed.

Wishful Thinking

A Room Called Remember brings together some of Buechner's finest writings on faith, love, and the power of words in the form of essays, addresses, and sermons. Here Buechner explores autobiography as theology, offers exhilarating reflections on biblical passages, and leads us into the "room called Remember," that "still room within us all where the past lives on as part of the present, where with patience, with clarity, with quietness of heart, we remember consciously to remember the lives we have lived."

The Dawning of Indestructible Joy

Joseph Charles Philpot M.A. was born on the 13th September 1802 at Ripple Rectory in Kent. He was educated at Worcester College, Oxford, and was subsequently elected a Fellow. He went on to Ireland as a tutor for a private family, and, having been saved by grace, began his ministry in the Church of England. He seceded from that Church in 1835, and the same year aligned himself with the Strict and Particular Baptists, being baptized by John Warburton on his 33rd birthday. He became pastor of the Stamford and Oakham congregations in 1838 and ministered faithfully until poor health ended his pastoral ministry in 1864. He went to his reward on 9th December 1869, a beloved and respected leader

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amongst the Strict and Particular Baptists where his memory is still cherished. As well as his pastoral work, he was also editor of the Gospel Standard which gained considerable influence and prominence under his leadership. The organisation still publishes his works, and much of what we have from him today was first written for that publication. These devotions have been available on various websites for some time, but to my knowledge there has not been a printed edition using the King James Version of the bible available for many years. I believe the devotions are very close to the original publications, with only some paragraph divisions and occasional sentence splittings added by this arranger to make the devotions easier to follow for 21st Century readers. Philpot's original but now veteran language and grammar has been left largely unaltered with only the spelling being returned to British English, some archaic words very carefully replaced, and no simplification. The Scripture quotes at the beginning of each portion use the original King James Version, with a few of the contractions removed to print the full verse rather than just a couple of words. Philpot himself often paraphrased, tending to follow the pattern of the Geneva Bible of 1560, so where odd words differ from the KJV in the body of his portions, this may well be the cause and origin. A handful of the devotions seem quite short, and may have been truncated in the past. However, checking all the versions available to me has not revealed any additional text, so any missing text may now have been lost forever. I trust that you will find these devotions as encouraging and challenging as I do, and that they will strengthen you in your faith as they have done for many thousands of Christian readers over

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the years. The truth contained within them is as precious and real today as it was when first written, and remains fresh and pertinent with repeated reading. You will be able to re-read this volume many times during your life and will always be surprised to find something new that you missed first time round. Noel Pogson May 2017

Rethinking Our Story

The renowned Godric (nominated for the Pulitzer Prize) shares his personal and professional journey in a literary, wise and moving memoir. "Fascinating . . . striking . . . a beautifully successful experiment".-- The New York Times Book Review.

The Longing for Home

These powerful reflections on biblical themes by one of today's most popular religious writers point up the truth that the darkness of doubt is often necessary to provoke a hunger for God. The Hungering Dark towers as one of Fredrick Buechner's best statements on contemporary belief challenged by doubt. Drawing on texts from the Old and New Testaments, The Hungering Dark invites us to discover the hidden face of God, the manifestation of his grace, revealed in

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stillness, in unexpected places, often "through a glass, darkly." It invites us to say yes to "the possibility of God", and to recover "this fantastic hope that the future belongs to God that holiness will return to our world."

The Eyes of the Heart

Addresses the need for a moral revolution and a renewed ethic of justice, responsibility, and community. Recognizes impressive examples in dioceses, parishes, and schools across the country.

The Sacred Journey

Frederick Buechner has long been a kindred spirit to those who find elements of doubt as constant companions on their journey of faith. He is a passionate writer and preacher who can alter lives with a simple phrase. Buechner's words, both written and spoken, have the power to revolutionize and revitalize belief and faith. He reveals the presence of God in the midst of daily life. He faces and embraces difficult questions and doubt as essential components of our lives, rather than as enemies that destroy us. "Listen to your life!" is his clarion call. This theme pervades this definitive collection of sermons, delivered throughout Buechner's lifetime. Presented chronologically, they provide a clear picture of the development

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of his theology and thinking. Reflecting Buechner's exquisite gift for storytelling and his compassionate pastor's heart, *Secrets in the Dark* will inspire laughter, hope, and bring great solace. Turn the pages and rediscover what it means to be thoughtful about faith. See why this renowned writer has been quoted in countless pulpits and beloved by Americans for generations.

Peculiar Treasures

One of the most beloved poets of the twentieth century, Rainer Maria Rilke is widely celebrated for his depth of insight and timeless relevance. He has influenced generations of writers with his classic *Letters to a Young Poet*, and his reflections on the divine and our place in the world are disarmingly profound. *A Year with Rilke* provides the first ever reading from Rilke for every day of the year, including selections from his luminous poetry, his piercing prose, and his intimate letters and journals. Rilke is a trusted guide amid the bustle of our daily experience, reflecting on such themes as impermanence, the beauty of creation, the voice of God, and the importance of solitude. With new translations from the editors, whose acclaimed translation of Rilke's *The Book of Hours* won an ardent readership, this collection reveals the depth and breadth of Rilke's acclaimed work.

Journey to the Heart

Daily Readings from Beyond Blessed

Rebellion Dogs Publishing is proud to announce a 21st century daily reflection book. Beyond Belief's 2014 second printing is now available with a Foreword by Ernie Kurtz and updated links and End Notes. What are "agnostic musings"? It is not news to anyone that the war of worldviews makes for sporting debate; does an intervening God grant sobriety, serenity, wisdom and courage or is conscious contact a delusion? Sorry, while we might be as amused as anyone with this question, Beyond Belief: Agnostic Musings for 12 Step Life doesn't enter this debate. Hate the game; don't hate the players. A good idea is a good idea. Why dismiss valid experience because of the beliefs that someone harbors? Beliefs aren't facts. Beyond our belief is where life is happening: chances have to be taken; processes have to be evaluated; life has to be lived. Atheists, humanists, skeptics and agnostics will feel included in these daily reflections. Believers won't feel mocked or belittled. Everyone in recovery is included. No one needs to adopt the beliefs of someone else nor deny our own beliefs to get clean and sober. Believing and belonging are not synonymous. We are well into Century 21. Anyone should feel free to doubt or believe with impunity. Everyone's experience is a valid currency. The 12 Step community has no experts. Rebellion Dogs Publishing neither canonizes nor vilifies 12 Step culture. This book draws on philosophy, psychology, entertainment, art, spiritual musings, skeptical inquiry and the

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uncanny wisdom of the rooms. Professional and 12&12 Member reviews: Melissa D., Clinical Psychologist, California says, "I have never seen a daily devotional book written for agnostics. I found the readings to be extremely thought provoking. I wonder sometimes since there is such talk about God at meetings, what kind of turn-off that must be for agnostics. I think this book will be very helpful to both the newcomer and the mature 12 Step member." Bob K, contributor to AAagnostitca.org says, "I expected his book to be good. It's WAY, WAY better than good. The book is outstanding. Two decades of not being a 'daily reflections' kind of guy, are over. Now I have reflections worth reflecting over! Buy this book or you will suffer a horrible and painful death! Well, maybe not, but you'll be missing out on something very good." Michel D. says, "AA can, and must, adapt to changing circumstances and Bill Wilson was the first one to admit it. Unfortunately, members who have come after him are more zealous than our first members. We have seen this dogmatism in history before of course, especially in religion. This is a very slippery slope. I really like the fact that these reflections are for anyone who has an open mind. It does not cater to a specific group to the exclusion of others. " Denis K. says, "Many thanks for this great book; my Monday night group and I are having some great discussions related to the daily musings both at the group and often during the week over coffee. All of us were quickly losing interest in the local meetings; Beyond Belief: Agnostic Musings for 12 Step Life gave all of us a much needed spark that has renewed our interest in the fellowship." Dr. Amy, MSW, PhD, adds, "One criticism of the 12 Step movement of course is that its dogma can be

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limiting-Beyond Belief seems to have addressed this. The quotes are cogent, the organization superb and the contributors are diverse." The book includes an index of over 120 topics, extensive notes and a bibliography.

Secrets in the Dark

The God whom we meet in Scripture is one who gives generous gifts in the wonder of creation, in the miracle of emancipation and reconciliation, and in the surprise of transformation. We are invited to receive those abundant gifts on a daily basis, with a posture of anticipation, awe, and gratitude. In response, we accept the worthy task of daily discipleship. Gift and Task is an original collection of 365 devotions by best-selling author Walter Brueggemann, providing the opportunity to consider in critical ways the cost and joy of discipleship. Perfect for daily use, this book begins with the First Sunday of Advent and provides insightful reflection and thought-provoking commentary on the Scriptures for each day of the year. Brueggemann guides disciples with wisdom and encouragement for our never-ending walk along God's challenging, grace-filled path throughout the Christian year.

Whistling in the Dark

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Four Unexpected Prophets Who Shine Light into the Darkness

Daily Readings from Break Out!

In *The Magnificent Defeat*, Frederick Buechner examines what it means to follow Christ, the lessons of Christmas and Easter, the miracles of grace, and "the magnificent defeat" of the human soul of God.

Apocalypse When?

The flourishing website known as the Episcopal Café (www.episcopalcafe.org) produced by the Diocese of Washington attracts several thousand visitors a day. Its popular column "Speaking to the Soul," which contains a concise, well-developed spiritual reflection for every day of the year, draws from many different sources, including scripture, church history, saints' biographies, books of prayers, liturgies, and ancient and contemporary theologians and spiritual writers. This daily reader grew out of that column. It follows the Episcopal Church's liturgical seasons and includes observation of major feast days as well as saints' days. The reading for a particular saint's day might be taken from the saint's writings, prayers, or biography, or might develop a theme such as martyrdom or growth in the spirit. Other readings focus on particular emphases of the seasons (the Incarnation

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during Advent and Christmas; spiritual disciplines during Lent); or speak more generally to the Christian life (prayer, discipleship, ministry, the sacraments, conflict and reconciliation, and so on). Readings are taken from every century of the church's life, with particular attention to how the writings and experiences of earlier Christians can shed light on the difficulties, joys, and concerns of the church today. Excerpts are long enough to give a satisfying and complete context of the writer's intended meaning.

Daily readings for a year, on the life of Jesus Christ

Fall theme: God's World and God's People Matthew | Luke | Romans | 2 Corinthians | Colossians | Nehemiah This fall, Daily Bible Study presents a series of readings following the theme "God's World and God's People." Readings come from both Old and New Testament texts. These daily readings, which prepare us for the 13 lessons in Adult Bible Studies, are written by Abby Hailey, Gary Thompson, and Sue Mink. God Created the World Daily readings in this five-week unit focus on God's creation of the heavens and the earth, plants and animals, people, and the family. The final week of readings contrast God's creation with humans' sin. God Destroys and Re-creates The daily readings in this four-week unit explore what God's justice involves, how to pursue global economic justice, what loving and just behavior looks like, and how to practice justice. God Blesses and Re-creates Regardless The daily readings in this four-week unit explore relationships, conflicts, and resolutions

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within families and individuals' relationships with God. This ongoing day-by-day Bible study series is presented in quarterly segments. Bible-based, Christ-focused, and United Methodist-approved, this resource helps individuals develop the discipline of studying the Bible every day. It coordinates with the lesson themes of Adult Bible Studies. Each lesson includes: a one-page Bible study for each day of the quarter, along with introductory reflection questions and Commentary on the daily Scripture passage, Life Application, and a concluding prayer. Available in print and eBook format.

Daily Readings from Beyond Blessed

In this second book of his popular lexical trilogy, Frederick Buechner profiles more than 125 of the Bible's most holy and profane people -- and one whale. In his lively and witty prose, Buechner brings to life such moments from scripture as: Adam's pangs of regret for a remembered Eden Delilah's last glimpse of Samson as they dragged him away Lazarus's first impressions upon rising from the dead To read Peculiar Treasures is to realize that many of these legendary figures are not who we thought they were. But they are -- in their human dreams, ambitions, and imperfections -- very much like us.

The Holy Bible

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Journey to the Heart by New York Times bestselling author of Codependent No More, Beyond Codependency, and Lessons of Love, contains 365 insightful daily meditations that inspire readers to unlock their personal creativity and discover their divine purposes in life. “Melody Beattie gives you the tools to discover the magnificence and splendor of your being.” –Deepak Chopra, author of Jesus and Buddha

Speaking to the Soul

Rich in family drama, passion, and human affinity, critically acclaimed author Frederick Buechner's contemporary retelling of this captivating and timeless biblical saga revitalizes the ancient story of Jacob, delighted our senses and modern sensibilities and gracing us with his exceptional eloquence and wit.

Peculiar Treasures

In Wishful Thinking, the first book in his much-loved lexical trilogy, Frederick Buechner puts the language of God, the universe, and the human spirit under his wry linguistic microscope. In his often ironic and always keen-sighted reflections on such terms as agnostic, envy, love, and sin, he invited us to look at these everyday words in new and enlightening ways. Freshly revised and expanded for

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this edition, *Wishful Thinking* is a "beguiling" [Time] adventure in language for the restless believer, the doubter, and all who love words.

Discerning the Body

The King James Bible for ebook readers, desktops, tablets and phones. Including Old Testament and New Testament, this is a wonderful tool that keeps the scriptures at your fingertips. The translation that became the Authorized King James Bible was begun in 1604 and in 1611 was published by the Church of England, under the direction of King James. The translation was done by forty-seven Church of England scholars, the New Testament coming from the Greek Textus Receptus (Received Text), the Old Testament from the Masoretic Hebrew text, and the Apocrypha from the Greek Septuagint (LXX), except for two Esdras from the Latin Vulgate.

Word Made Flesh

Awry and thought-provoking jaunt through the spiritual terrain of our everyday language -- a lexicon of uncommon insight to jar the mind and nourish the soul. "I think of faith as a kind of whistling in the dark, because in much the same way," writes Buechner, "it helps to give us courage and to hold the shadows at bay."

Beyond Words

Discover the Joy of Giving--and the Rewards of Receiving Our culture is saturated with false teaching on what it means to be blessed, but what does the Bible say about it? How can we truly live blessed lives? With humor, passion, and clarity, pastor and bestselling author Robert Morris presents the secrets of living a blessed life both financially and spiritually. He shows that when God changes your heart from selfishness to generosity, every part of your life-journey is affected. "There is no greater adventure on Earth than simply living the life of generosity and abundance that is available to all of God's people--but so few ever dare to live," says Pastor Robert. "It is a journey of reward. It is the blessed life." First published in 2002, this newly revised and expanded edition includes new content from recent sermons, updated illustrations from years of the life-changing impact of its message, and testimonies from people experiencing the blessed life.

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Beyond Words n (1.) Terms or names that point to the realm of mystery and depth that lies beyond our ordinary experience. (2.) The reality that is beyond even the power of beyond words to convey, and that can be known only by experiencing it for yourself. "A word a day to keep the demons at bay." This is how Frederick

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Buechner likes to describe this witty and incisive dictionary. A daily devotional from one of today's greatest spiritual writers, *Beyond Words* offers 366 entries from Buechner's three alphabet books, *Wishful Thinking*, *Peculiar Treasures*, and *Whistling in the Dark*, including a new Introduction and nineteen new entries. Providing definitions of both sacred and ordinary words, as well as biblical characters, Buechner unabashedly brings his fresh perspective to words, concepts, and characters we thought we understood. This is a great introduction to Buechner's work as well as a library staple for those already well versed in his writing. It is Buechner at his best. Whether readers find themselves tearful from a deeply moving insight or laughing out loud at an unexpected turn of phrase, they will always feel uplifted, illuminated, and enchanted by the wisdom of Frederick Buechner.

The Book of Buechner

The most thorough and extensive investigation ever written on the much-beloved writer, *The Book of Buechner* explores the ways in which Frederick Buechner's writing, particularly his fiction, presents the possibilities of grace in the midst of the ambiguities of human existence and introduces themes of Christian faith. Both long-time readers and neophytes seeking a guide through his writings will delight in the illuminating analysis Dale Brown has to offer. Intelligent and gratifying, *The Book of Buechner* is a much overdue literary journey through one of the most significant

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American writers of the last fifty years.

Speak What We Feel

Learn how God can bring joy to the dark times in your life with this daily devotional from #1 New York Times bestselling author and Lakewood Church pastor Joel Osteen. All of us will go through dark times that we don't understand: a difficulty with a friend, an unfair situation at work, a financial setback, an unexpected illness, a divorce, or the loss of a loved one. Those types of experiences are part of the human journey, but in his book *All Things Are Working for Your Good*, Joel Osteen teaches that if we stay in faith and keep a good attitude when we go through challenges, we will not only grow, but we will see how all things work together for our good. Now, Joel Osteen offers this companion devotional, that will provide motivation with daily readings and inspirational prayers that will encourage you through the darkness, as you seek the light in God's will. If we will go through the dark place in the valley trusting, believing, and knowing that God is still in control, we will come to the table that is already prepared for us, where our cup runs over.

Daily Readings from All Things Are Working for Your Good

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In this deeply moving book of reflection and recollection, Frederick Buechner once again draws us into his deeply textured life and experience to illuminate our own understanding of home as both our place of origin and our ultimate destination. For Frederick Buechner, the meaning of home is twofold: the home we remember and the home we dream. As a word, it not only recalls the place that we grew up in and that had much to do with the people we eventually became, but also points ahead to the home that, in faith, we believe awaits us at life's end. Writing at the approach of his seventieth birthday, he describes, both in prose and in a group of poems, the one particular house that was most precious to him as a child, the books he read there, and the people he loved there. He speaks also of the lifelong search we are all engaged in to make a new home for ourselves and for our families, which is at the same time a search to find something like the wholeness and comfort of home with ourselves. As he turns his attention to our dreams of the heavenly home still to come, he sees it as both hallowing and fulfilling the charity and the peace of our original home. Writing with warmth, wisdom, and compelling eloquence, Frederick Buechner once again enables us to see more deeply into the secret places of our hearts. The Longing for Home will help to bring clarity and guidance to anyone who searches for meaning in a world that all too often seems meaningless.

A Room Called Remember

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Daily meditations taken from the works of an acclaimed novelist, essayist, and preacher who has articulated what he sees with a freshness and clarity and energy that hails our stultified imaginations.

A Year with Rilke

Apocalyptic texts are often seen as either frightening or irrelevant, a tool for fearmongering and manipulation or for the lucrative doomsday industry. But *Apocalypse When?: Interpreting and Preaching Apocalyptic Texts* equips readers to understand these texts as sources of encouragement and strength for the church. As the world faces threats of war, poverty, climate and environmental crises, and political upheaval, churches can draw on the wisdom and courage of our biblical ancestors who faced their own calamities and persecutions. Their struggles against powerful economic, militaristic, cultural, and social forces drew them closer to God. We have much to learn from their faith, ethical integrity, and dedication to the promises of God that engender hope in the midst of turmoil and terror. With solid historical exegesis, thought-provoking ideas for preaching, and examples of sermons that creatively and compellingly proclaim God's word, this book provides much-needed guidance for the church in tumultuous times.

Beyond Belief

Gift and Task

One of the most influential and fastest-growing movements in the Church today is centered on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, of whose teachings Christopher West is the preeminent translator for a popular audience. In *Word Made Flesh: A Companion to the Sunday Readings (Cycle B)*, West offers reflections on an entire cycle of Sunday Mass readings through the lens of TOB, providing a fresh way to process and act on the Good News by orienting our desires for union with God with our understanding of ourselves and our relationships with others. Wearing John Paul II's "spousal lenses," Christopher West, president of the Theology of the Body Institute, takes us on a tour of the Sunday readings throughout the liturgical year and opens their hidden meaning, allowing God's word to take flesh in our own lives. *Word Made Flesh* can be used as a weekly devotional, as preparation for Sunday Mass, or to aid priests or deacons in preparing their homilies. West provides an overview of the TOB's main teachings and an explanation of how they brilliantly illuminate the whole story of salvation from Genesis to Revelation. He offers distinctive reflections each week that naturally and deeply connect with the human experience of living with body and soul in the world while also contemplating the nature of the glorified body in the eternal kingdom to come.

Confronting a Culture of Violence

Where in the world is the church? These articles, essays, opinion pieces, and blog posts gather around that question. If we quit on the question in despair, we are lost. If we answer it too quickly, we are not digging deeply enough. But if we hunt hard with the help of the Holy Spirit, we'll find Christ's body alive, active, working, growing, and making things new. In *Discerning the Body*, Jason Byassee goes hunting for the church guided by a singular conviction--God has promised there will be a church until Christ's return. So it's out there, it's just slightly hard to find. Where is a batch of Jesus' disciples, gathering around his Word and Sacraments, living out his mission in the world? Byassee spends time among Catholics, evangelicals, mainliners, and a few non-Christians looking for signs of Christ's body. He also looks in less likely places: among athletes, in institutions, in popular culture, in the craft of writing. It is very hard to expect to be surprised. Doesn't the expectation ruin the surprise? Yet it's Jesus who surprises us in the church. Every time we find him, we have to expect to be surprised to find him anew in some counterintuitive guise. This book is about the author's learning to expect to be astounded anew by Christ.

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One Life, Four Seasons

Advent is for adoring Jesus. The Christmas season is one of the busiest times of year. But it's also a season of reflection and preparation for that special day when we mark Immanuel's coming—the arrival of our eternal God in our own frail humanity. This is the greatest of history's many wonders, something too stupendous to celebrate just on one day. Advent is a way of lengthening and

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intensifying the joy of Christmas. These 25 brief devotional readings from John Piper begin on December 1 and carry us to Christmas Day. Our hope is that God would use these meditations to deepen and sweeten your adoration of Jesus and help you keep him at the center of your Christmas season.

The Hungering Dark

With eloquence, candor, and simplicity, a celebrated author tells the story of his father's alcohol abuse and suicide and traces the influence of this secret on his life as a son, father, husband, minister, and writer.

Telling Secrets

The inspiration found in author Joel Osteen's #1 New York Times bestselling book Break Out! touched lives around the world. Now DAILY READINGS FROM BREAK OUT! contains meaningful quotes along with insightful and thought-provoking prayers written by the author. It is designed to guide, encourage, and uplift you every day of the year. We were not created to just get by with average, unrewarding or unfulfilling lives. God created us to leave our marks on our generations. Every person has seeds of greatness planted within by the Creator. This devotional will help readers break out and break free so they can believe

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bigger, increase their productivity, improve their relationships, and accomplish their dreams. Filled with faith and motivation, DAILY READINGS FROM BREAK OUT! challenges readers to have a new perspective, to let nothing hold them back, and to reject any labels that might limit them.

The Christian in complete armour; or a treatise on the Saints' war with the devil, etc

The Son of Laughter

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it." But it's no secret that the Christian church is "broke," and does need fixing. Despite great effort, things are going badly for us. We've tried trendy and tech-savvy, entrepreneurial and coffee-house gritty. They're not helping. Our problem is deeper than that. Our problem is our instincts--instincts informed by our story. There was a time when the Christian church was a powerfully transformative presence in society. It can be again--but it will require radical rethinking of the story that informs our instincts. And it's time! It's been five hundred years since the Reformation, our last major update. Today is a pivotal moment in history. With our worldview upended by quantum physics, history is demanding we renew the Christian story for our times. Rethinking Our Story

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