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CHAZOWN: Define Your Vision, Pursue Your Passion, Live Your Life on Purpose

by Craig Groeschel

The word *chazown* (pronounced khaw-ZONE) is from Hebrew, meaning a dream, revelation, or vision. Everyone is born with his or her own *chazown*, and this book will bring students to discover theirs. Craig Groeschel helps students get under the surface of their lives to discover their life purpose in three often-overlooked areas: core values, spiritual gifts, and past experiences. He guides

students to personalize this purpose—complete with short-term goals, action steps, and a supportive network to make their big dream a reality. Practical, fresh, and biblically sound, *Chazown* is a one-of-a-kind life-planning experience. Perhaps for the first time, students will clearly understand what they've always suspected and heard—that they have been created by God for a unique and important purpose.

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DESIRING GOD

25TH ANNIVERSARY REFERENCE EDITION
Meditations of a Christian Hedonist

by John Piper

For 25 years, Pastor John Piper has been provoking Christians with the simple but paradigm-shattering truth that God is most glorified when others are most satisfied in him. *Desiring God* is a modern classic that has transformed an understanding of how individuals relate to God. Satisfaction, happiness, joy, and the pursuit of pleasure in God are not only permissible; they're essential. This 25th-anniversary reference edition includes an updated introduction by Piper, appendices, supplemental resources, and brief testimonials from just a few of the thousands of people who have been profoundly affected by *Desiring God*.

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THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Assurance of Purpose in the Midst of Suffering

by Randy Alcorn

Life often leaves individuals wounded by broken trust, assaulted by disease, or victimized by evil; and for all these times author and pastor Randy Alcorn offers something solid to hold on to. Avoiding superficial or sentimental responses to suffering and evil, Alcorn instead presses forward boldly to explore all the troubling doubts and questions that agitate within

individuals when they confront suffering and evil. The issues are far from simple, the answers far from easy; but Alcorn shows students in *The Goodness of God* how the way of suffering—a path that Jesus himself followed more than anyone else—can ultimately become a journey into wholeness and even logic-defying joy.

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RADICAL

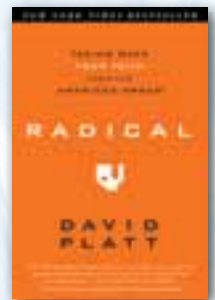
Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream

by David Platt

Although it is a point often glossed over by mainstream churches, Jesus made difficult demands of his followers, insisting that they leave behind their families, their homes, and all the conveniences of their daily lives. In *Radical*, Pastor David Platt challenges students to consider with an open heart how society has manipulated the gospel to fit today's cultural preferences of living out the American Dream. In a book that has changed the lives of hundreds of thousands and has received stellar acclaim, Platt invites the reader to confront the reality of what Jesus is really asking. Jesus demands radical obedience, and Platt imbues his plea with a sense of radical urgency.

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LIFE, IN SPITE OF ME

Extraordinary Hope After a Fatal Choice

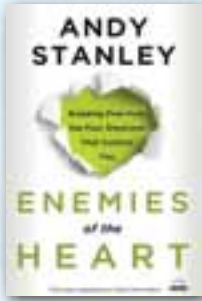
by Kristen Jane Anderson with Tricia Goyer

Distraught and depressed by horrific life experiences, at age 17 Kristen Anderson decided that the only way to cope was to die. She laid down on railroad tracks as a train approached, expecting it all to be over soon—only to realize, after the train had passed over her, that she was still alive, but both of her legs had been severed. This is a heartfelt memoir of one young person's approach to

dealing with massive emotional and physical trauma, and yet finding a path of incredible meaning and purpose out of darkness.

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ENEMIES OF THE HEART
Breaking Free from the Four Emotions That Control You

by Andy Stanley

The difficult circumstances students are dealing with today are likely being fed by one of four emotional forces that compel them to act in undesirable ways, sometimes even against their will. Andy Stanley explores each of these destructive forces—guilt, anger, greed, and jealousy—and how they infiltrate our lives and damage our relationships. He

says that, left unchallenged they have the power to destroy. *Enemies of the Heart* offers practical, biblical direction to take charge of those feelings that mysteriously control individuals, and to restore their broken relationships. Discussion guide included.

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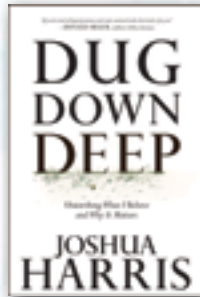
DUG DOWN DEEP: Unearthing What I Believe and Why It Matters

by Joshua Harris

For the indifferent, the spiritually numb, someone just exploring Christianity, or a veteran believer, author Joshua Harris's humorous and engaging reflections on Christian beliefs show that orthodoxy isn't just for scholars—it is for anyone who longs to know the living Jesus Christ. As Harris writes, "I've come to learn that theology matters. It matters not because we want to impress people, but because what we know about God shapes the way we think and live. Theology matters because if we get it wrong then our whole life will be wrong."

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THE NEXT CHRISTIANS: The Good News About the End of Christian America

by Gabe Lyons

Although more than 76 percent of Americans self-identify as Christian, churches today face declining attendance, waning influence, and an abysmal public perception. Despite this state of affairs, author Gabe Lyons sees reason to hope. In the wake of the stunning research presented in his best-selling book, *unChristian*, which revealed the growing disenchantment among

young generations for traditional Christianity, Lyons has witnessed the beginnings of a new iteration of the faith. In *The Next Christians*, he introduces students to believers across the Christian spectrum who are reclaiming the mantle of Christianity, offering a fresh interpretation that is engaged, authentic, and beautiful.

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SUN STAND STILL

What Happens When You Dare to Ask God for the Impossible

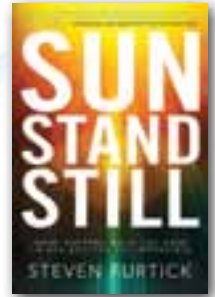
by Steven Furtick

From an innovative, fresh, young evangelical voice comes this call to "audacious faith"—that is, faith that doesn't shrink from asking for the impossible, from bold action, or from believing it can change the world.

"This book is not a Snuggie. The words on these pages will not go down like Ambien. I'm not writing to calm or coddle you. With God's help, I intend to incite a riot in your mind. Trip your breakers and turn out the lights in your favorite hiding places of insecurity and fear. Then flip the switch back on so that God's truth can illuminate the divine destiny that may have been lying dormant inside you for years. . . . In short, I'm out to activate your audacious faith. To inspire you to ask God for the impossible. And in the process, to reconnect you with your God-sized purpose and potential." —Steven Furtick, from *Sun Stand Still*

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SOULPRINT

Discovering Your Divine Destiny

by Mark Batterson

According to Pastor Mark Batterson, few people discover the God-given identity that makes them unlike anyone else. In *Soulprint*, Batterson pours the contagious energy for which he's known into helping students experience the joy of discovering who they are and the freedom of discovering who they're not. *Soulprint* is ultimately a self-discovery book that puts God at the center

and encourages students to recognize and explore the defining moments in life that will determine their destiny.

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LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS

Inspiration for a Ridiculously Good Life

By Nick Vujicic

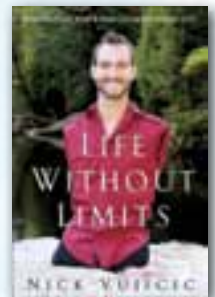
Life Without Limits is an inspiring book by an extraordinary man. Born without arms or legs, Nick Vujicic overcame his disability to live not just independently but a rich, fulfilling life, becoming a model for anyone seeking true happiness. Now an internationally successful motivational speaker, his central message is that the most important goal for anyone is to find their life's purpose despite whatever difficulties or seemingly impossible odds stand in their way.

"Nick's anecdotes about living without limbs (e.g., a story of getting the best of a grade-school bully) make this a worthwhile read."

—Library Journal

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