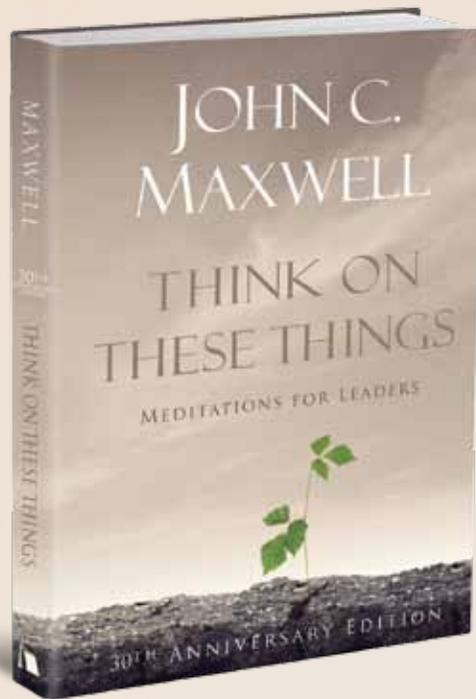




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New Releases





Think on These Things

Meditations for Leaders

30th Anniversary Edition

John C. Maxwell

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RETAIL: \$15.99

FORMAT: 5" x 7", hardcover, 192 pages

CATEGORY: BUSINESS & ECONOMICS / Motivational

RELEASE DATE: March 2010

Features

Provides timeless leadership truths in this 30th anniversary edition.

Offers 33 meditations that will challenge and inspire you in your faith.

Each of the 33 meditations is based on learned insights and principles and solid biblical wisdom for application to and growth in your ministry.

Sample of Contents

Part I: Wisdom from the Word

1. Think on These Things
5. Your Reaction Shows Your Christianity

Part II: Pointers on Potential

9. You Can Be Better Than Average
13. Fall Down Nine Times—Get Up Ten

Part III: Statements on Success

17. What Is Success?
18. Commitment Is the Key

Part IV: Look Out for Your Outlook

26. Has Your Expecter Expired?
31. Hope—*Holding On, Praying Expectantly*

Summary

Effective leadership starts with healthy, clear thinking. Successful leaders know how to focus on the essentials.

Best-selling author and leadership specialist John C. Maxwell shares meditations sure to challenge us as leaders to reach our full potential as servants of God. In this 30th anniversary edition of his very first book, we learn that "our ability to achieve anything great for God begins in our hearts and minds."

Ready for a change of heart? Ready to be transformed by the renewing of your mind? Increase your effectiveness as both leader and servant as you "think on these things."

Author

JOHN C. MAXWELL is a cutting-edge entrepreneur and dynamic speaker. He is the author of several books, including *The New York Times* best-seller, *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*. He has cultivated an extensive following among the most highly respected and influential business leaders across the globe. Reaching more than 350,000 people a year through speaking engagements alone, Maxwell develops leaders of excellence and integrity by providing resources and training for personal and professional growth. He resides in Atlanta with his wife, Margaret.

Dancing with the Law

The Ten Commandments

Dan Boone and Amy Boone Tallman

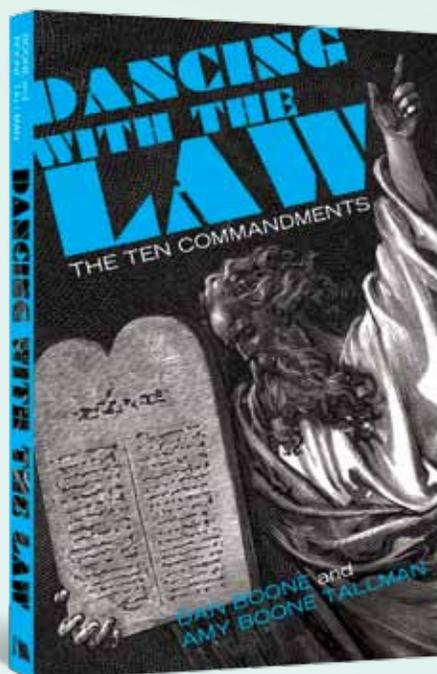
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RETAIL: \$11.99

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CATEGORY: RELIGION / Christian Life / Spiritual Growth

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Features

Provides an insightful and challenging perspective on the Ten Commandments.

Offers pastors and small-group leaders engaging discussion material.

Written in the relevant, conversational style that appeals to younger adults.

Contents

Introduction: Dancing with the Law

1. Promised Land—Here or There
2. By What Authority?
3. The God Who Tolerates No Rivals
4. Holy Terror
5. Laughing at the Idols
6. Plagiarizing the Name of God
7. The Pinocchio Effect
8. Sabbath
9. Heavy
10. Life Is Sacred
11. A Decent Proposal
12. Takers and Givers
13. Piranha Pond and Gossip Graveyard
14. Coveting

Summary

The Old Testament people of God had a unique and reverent outlook on law. They took their copy of the law their God had given them, clutched it to their chests, and danced with it. They observed it daily in their relationships and required their young to memorize it. And when a copy of the law had grown ragged and old, they had a special ceremony to retire it. They buried it with all the dignity of a beloved grandparent's body.

In *Dancing with the Law*, author Dan Boone challenges us to, like the ancient people of God, look at law as a sacred gift that points the way to the life God intended. Through his earnest exploration of the Ten Commandments, he offers us a new perspective on law—one that makes us dance with freedom, liberty, and the gift of life.

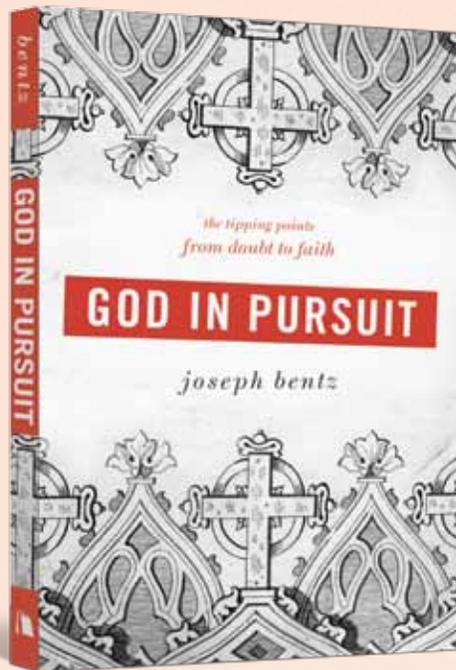
Authors

DAN BOONE is the best-selling author of *Seven Deadly Sins*, *Answers for Chicken Little*, and *The Worship Plot* (all published by Beacon Hill Press). He has pastored churches in four states and enjoys speaking to audiences of all ages around the country. Dan lives in Nashville with his wife, Denise, where he serves as President of Trevecca Nazarene University.

AMY BOONE TALLMAN is an author, editor, professor, and proud stay-at-home mom. She resides in Spring Hill, Tennessee, with her husband, Brent, and their two daughters. Amy is grateful for the privilege of working with her father on *Dancing with the Law*.



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God in Pursuit

The Tipping Points from Doubt to Faith

Joseph Bentz

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FORMAT: 5.5" x 8.5", paper, 160 pages

CATEGORY: RELIGION / Christian Life / Spiritual Growth

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Advance Praise

"I found *God in Pursuit* to be a refreshing take on how a person comes to faith in Christ. As a pastor, it made me rethink our church's approach to evangelism. We can have great confidence when we share our faith knowing that God is already at work, behind the scenes, preparing that person for an encounter with Him."

—Bruce W. Martin,
Pastor and Author of *Your Perfect Storm*

"Joseph Bentz has blessed my socks off with another wise and insightful book. In my life, it was tipping point number four—When the Word Speaks with Undeniable Clarity and Power—that won my heart to God. This profound yet readable book will encourage and inspire everyone who faces the push-pull of doubt and faith, and assure them of God's unfailing pursuit because of His unfailing love."

—Karen O'Connor,
Author of *The Beauty of Aging and Squeeze the Moment*

Sample of Contents

Introduction

1. The Pursuing God
2. Awakened: Light and Foreshadow
3. Breaking Through to Faith: The Meaning of Conversion
4. Tipping Point 1—When God Finds You at Your Lowest Point
5. Tipping Point 2—When Circumstances and a Spiritual Messenger Conspire
6. Tipping Point 3—When the Convicting Need for Spiritual Transformation Won't Let You Go

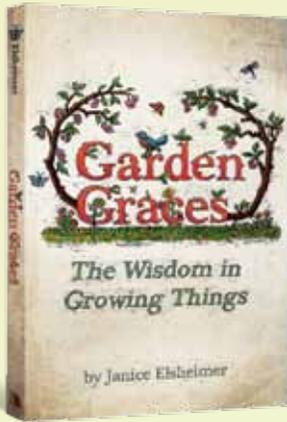
Summary

What is that moment at which God's disruptive Spirit invades the lives of even the unlikeliest of individuals, drawing them into relationship with Christ? Joseph Bentz calls this the *tipping point*.

In *God in Pursuit*, Bentz identifies the sparks that allow faith to catch fire in the lives of new believers who were once hostile or indifferent to God. Filled with insight, encouragement, and solid biblical wisdom, this earnest examination shows readers how those tipping points from doubt to faith operate throughout the Christian life as they confront spiritual crises and grapple with questions that will bring them deeper into relationship with God.

Author

JOSEPH BENTZ is the best-selling author of *When God Takes Too Long*, *Silent God*, and four novels. He is professor of English at Azusa Pacific University, where he teaches courses in writing and American literature. He earned a BA in English from Olivet Nazarene University and an MA and a PhD in American literature from Purdue University. He lives with his wife and two children in Southern California. More information about his books and speaking can be found at www.josephbentz.com.



Garden Graces

The Wisdom in Growing Things
Janice Elsheimer

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RETAIL: \$13.99
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CATEGORY: RELIGION / Christian Life / Devotional
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Features

Offers tips and encouragement for cultivating a fruitful and enjoyable garden.

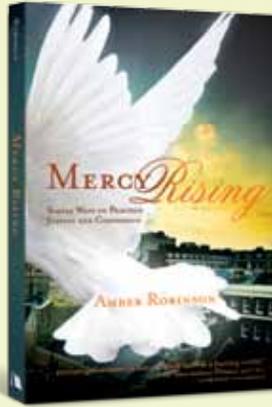
Each chapter concludes with an insight for application and growth in your faith.

Summary

For those who find themselves pursuing the perfect bulb or pulling the persistent weed, *Garden Graces* will help readers discover the charm and grace of spending time in the garden. Filled with practical insights, reliable gardening information, and Bible-based truths, this resource will offer readers gardening tips alongside metaphors for life that will help them cultivate their gardens—and their spiritual journey.

Author

JANICE ELSHEIMER is a popular humorist, essayist, and speaker who has inspired audiences and readers alike. She is the author of the award-winning book, *The Creative Call*. Her work has also appeared in numerous periodicals and compilations. Janice and her husband live in Winter Park, Florida, where she writes, teaches, and gardens.



Mercy Rising

Simple Ways to Practice Justice and Compassion
Amber Robinson

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FORMAT: 5.5" x 8.5", paper, 192 pages
CATEGORY: RELIGION / Christian Life / Social Issues
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Advance Praise

"There should be no question about the role and responsibility of the Body of Christ to care for the poor and needy. In *Mercy Rising*, Amber Robinson presents the issues of social justice through personal and powerful stories, encouraging women of all ages to actively live out their faith in a hurting world."

—Dr. Wess Stafford,
President and CEO, Compassion International

Summary

It's not that I don't care, I just don't know what to do or have time to try, is the heart cry of many American women. Daily life and a lack of time threaten to send us on emotional overload, causing a panic that there just isn't a point to try serving anymore.

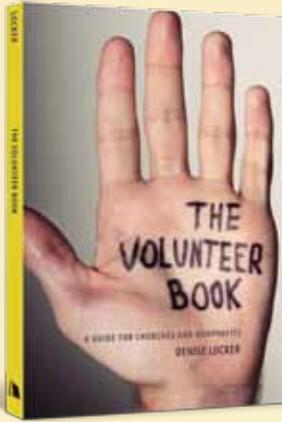
In *Mercy Rising*, author Amber Robinson offers helpful hints, inspired insights, and solid biblical wisdom for helping women discover and maintain their compassionate feet as they seek avenues to help victims of social injustice. With clever charm and earnest exploration, Amber will help even the busiest of women find the right place to spend meaningful moments serving.

Author

AMBER ROBINSON is a successful speaker and writer, seeking to bridge the gap between the needs for justice and the busy women balancing family, work, and service. Amber lives with her family in Indiana, where she owns and operates a successful, private music studio.



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The Volunteer Book

A Guide for Churches and Nonprofits

Denise Locker

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FORMAT: 5.5" x 8.5", paper, 160 pages

CATEGORY: BUSINESS & ECONOMICS /

Nonprofit Organizations & Charities

RELEASE DATE: March 2010

Advance Praise

"Leaders know how important it is to have great volunteers to achieve their mission. Denise has written a great guide to help attract, retain, and motivate these critical resources while avoiding the pitfalls that can trip you up. *The Volunteer Book* will provide you great dividends in nourishing engaged, motivational volunteers."

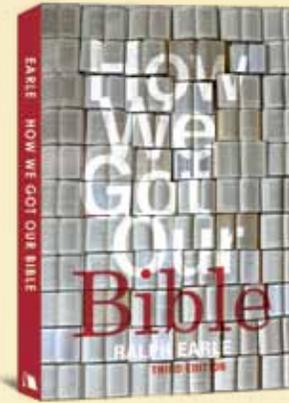
—Al Lopus,
President, Best Christian Workplaces Institute

Summary

In *The Volunteer Book*, Denise Locker teaches readers the value of recruiting and maintaining volunteers. With insight and biblical wisdom, she stresses the importance of having a servant's heart, attitude, and lifestyle. Through this impact, she offers readers the tips, strategies, and encouragement they need to train and nurture volunteers whose hearts are fine-tuned to accomplish God-given assignments.

Author

DENISE LOCKER has launched, managed, and advanced volunteer programs in an international mission organization that operates in over seventy countries. She currently resides in California's central valley with her canine companion, Hope.



How We Got Our Bible

Third Edition

Ralph Earle

Revision of and Preface to the Third Edition by Jim Edlin

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CATEGORY: RELIGION / Biblical Reference / General

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Features

Offers new insight and understanding in a revised and updated edition.

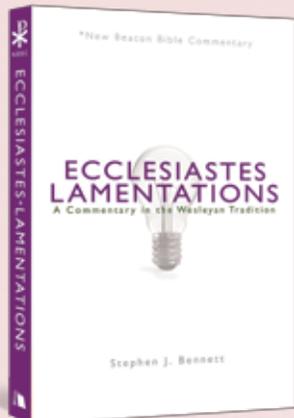
Provides a comprehensive look at the development and context of the Bible.

Summary

In this powerful examination, revised and updated by Jim Edlin, readers will be taken on the miraculous journey of the development of the Bible. With veracity and inspiration, *How We Got Our Bible* colorfully introduces readers to the many aspects of development, including the issues of canonization, biblical transmission, archaeological discoveries, translation, and modern textual criticism. Through the captivating stories and challenges met along the way, readers will find themselves immersed in a deeper understanding and appreciation for God's Word.

Author

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Stephen J. Bennett

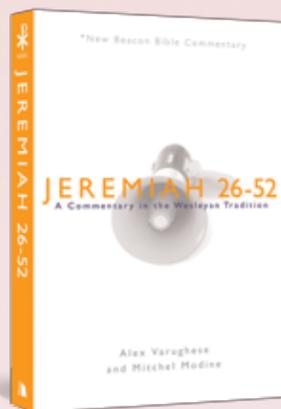
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NBBC, Jeremiah 26-52

Alex Varughese and Mitchel Modine

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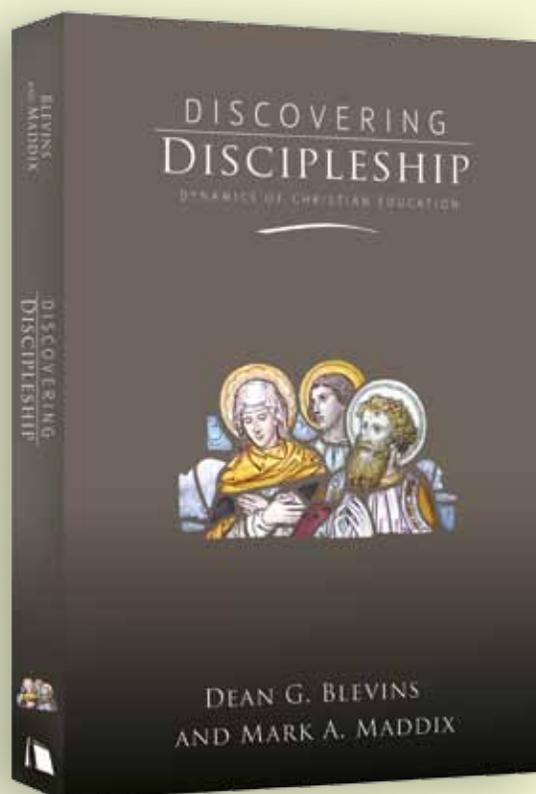
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Dynamics of Christian Education
Dean G. Blevins and Mark A. Maddix

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