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[Esther and Her Elusive God](#) Castle Quay Books

Maybe your grandchildren are living with you. Maybe they're thousands of miles away. Their parents may be spiritually rebellious or simply neglectful of the family's spiritual life, failing to make prayer and church attendance a regular part of their routine. But even if your grandchildren's parents have established a strong Christian home, busy schedules, jobs, parenting, and all the distractions of today's world conspire to distract or even destroy the family. How can you, as a grandparent, help? God gives grandparents a sacred trust an

opportunity to imprint another generation with the message of his faithfulness. You can stand in the gap by being a godly example for your grandchildren and by praying for them. Even grandparents who already pray regularly for their grandchildren will discover creative suggestions for making the practice even more meaningful. From cell phones to photo prayer journals, you'll find tools that work for you and for your grandchildren. Author Lillian Ann Penner provides specific examples of prayers to help you get started, such as alphabet prayers, prayers based on special scriptures, and prayers for certain holidays. You may even widen the circle, praying for other children in your life, for children who have parents in the military, and for the adults who influence your grandchildren. Regardless of how far away your grandchildren are,

praying for them can bridge the distance between you and leave them with an inheritance more precious than gold. [You Were Made for This Moment](#) Harvest House Publishers  
 New York Times bestseller What is Jesus worth to you? It's easy for American Christians to forget how Jesus said his followers would actually live, what their new lifestyle would actually look like. They would, he said, leave behind security, money, convenience, even family for him. They would abandon everything for the gospel. They would take up their crosses daily... But who do you know who lives like that? Do you? In *Radical*, David Platt challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences. He shows what Jesus actually said about being his disciple--then invites you to

believe and obey what you have heard. And he tells the dramatic story of what is happening as a "successful" suburban church decides to get serious about the gospel according to Jesus. Finally, he urges you to join in The Radical Experiment -- a one-year journey in authentic discipleship that will transform how you live in a world that desperately needs the Good News Jesus came to bring.

**God and Politics in Esther** Lexham Press  
God. Gifts. You. takes you on a journey to discover your own unique calling and design. Look at examples of call in Scripture, explore your motivations and interests, and review your gifts, giving new life to your commitments in the workplace, the community, the church, your family, and the world. You are tailor-made by a loving God. You will experience new freedom and bask in God  
**Esther's Faith** Cross Books Pub  
What kind of people does God use to accomplish His work? Far from the children's tales depicted in picture books and nursery rhymes, the men and women highlighted in the Bible were unnervingly real. They faltered. They struggled. And at times, they fell short. Yet God worked through them in surprising and incredible ways to accomplish His purposes. Scripture does not hide their weaknesses, caricature their strengths, or spin their stories as a display of human nobility. Instead, it describes these heroes of the faith with unflinching honesty and delivers an unexpected ending: "God is not ashamed to be called their God" (Hebrews 11:16). In *Twelve Unlikely Heroes*, pastor and best-selling author John MacArthur uses his deep knowledge of the Bible and history to take us back to see these three-dimensional men and women in their own times and cultures. In doing so, it becomes clear how their dramatic stories apply to us today. People who might at first seem foreign quickly become familiar and unforgettable—particularly as they reveal the true Hero behind every witness, the power counterbalancing every weakness, "the Author and Finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1).

**When Women Pray** B&H Publishing Group  
"You will be encouraged, enlightened, and empowered to become the mom you've always wanted to be—and to guide your son into becoming the man God intended." —Cindi McMenamin, national speaker and author of *When Women Walk Alone*  
Bringing up boys isn't for the faint of heart, but bestselling author Rhonda Stoppe has been there before—and she's here to help! Drawing on insights from fellow boy-moms and from Scripture, Rhonda reveals why walking with Christ is

every mom's key to parenting well. You'll discover how motherhood gives you unique opportunities to grow in faith as you draw nearer to God through prayer, Bible study, and mentorship from godly women. You'll also find practical advice for shaping your son in character and faith as you encourage his passions, teach him biblical masculinity, and protect his spirit without smothering his individuality. Your success as a mother doesn't depend on what your son does with his life, but on how you obey God's guidance on this mission of motherhood. *Moms Raising Sons to Be Men* provides the biblical hope, wisdom, and encouragement you need to help your son live a life without regrets!

**Chosen** Moody Publishers

The Bible actually says fairly little about angels and demons, but popular culture has pushed them into prominence and Christians need to know what to do with this. Tony Evans discusses the functions and realities of the spiritual realm in digestible style.

**Real-Life Romance** WestBow Press

Through this wonderfully readable and delightfully-illustrated series, children will see the characters of the Bible come to life before their eyes. And more than that, they will come to understand the plans and purposes God had for His people many years ago and how He still cares and provides for His children today.

**For Such a Moment** Zonderkidz

The story of Jesus interacting with the Emmaus disciples after his resurrection provides an outline for what a gospel-centered kids ministry looks like: gospel-centered teaching that points to Jesus in every session, gospel-centered transformation that positions the gospel to change a child's heart and then his or her behavior, and gospel-centered mission where kids join in on the big story of Jesus that continues to unfold. Seven out of ten kids will walk away from church after they turn eighteen. About five will return when they have families of their own. But two will never return. Clearly, something isn't connecting with our kids. As kids ministry leaders, we need to take a hard look at what we are missing in our kids ministries and provide kids the one thing that will satisfy them and keep them connected to the church—the gospel. *Gospel-Centered Kids Ministry* also addresses how to communicate with and encourage gospel-centered leaders and parents as part of your ministry.

**Twelve Unlikely Heroes** Simon and Schuster

The *Famous People of the Bible* is a series for children ages 2-5 that tells the story of some of the most well-known people from

the Bible. With simple words and colourful illustrations, these books show the smallest kids why these biblical characters are indeed famous.

**Esther in Ancient Jewish Thought**

Scandinavia Publishing House

Join Enoch and Sarah as they share with you the highs and lows of their personal journey towards marriage. God had sovereignly promised them both marriage, yet they both faced discouragement and disillusionment when the promise did not come to pass in the way and at the time they had hoped. In this book, Enoch and Sarah share the life-changing lessons they learned along the way, as well as their encouraging testimony of God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises. This book also features key insights into ancient Jewish wedding practices. These practices beautifully portray the Messiah's passionate love for His bride and our need to be ready for Him.

**100 Days of Favor** B&H Publishing Group

Widely praised as a seminal contribution to the study of the Old Testament when it first appeared, Michael V. Fox's *Character and Ideology in the Book of Esther* is now available in a second edition, complete with an up-to-date critical review of recent Esther scholarship. Fox's commentary, based on his own translation of the Hebrew text, captures the meaning and artistry of Esther's inspiring story. After laying out the background information essential for properly reading Esther, Fox offers commentary on the text that clearly unpacks its message and relevance. Fox also looks in depth at each character in the story of Esther, showing how they were carefully shaped by the book's author to teach readers a new view of how to live as Jews in foreign lands.

**The Truth About Angels and Demons**

Cambridge University Press

This book situates the book of Esther in the intellectual history of Ancient Judaism and provides a new understanding of its purpose.

**Cornerstones** Charisma Media

Revealing her secret could save lives ... or change hers forever. In this book that reimagines the story of Queen Esther in a contemporary setting, Ellen Neilson enjoys her comfortable life as the wife of an American CEO. Having lived in America since the age of ten, she has forsaken her mixed heritage and kept aspects of her childhood secret. Her husband has become engrossed in his job, and she believes having a child will salvage their troubled marriage. When her cousin Manuel, whom she hasn't seen for twenty years, shows up as one of her husband's managers, Ellen fears that her past will be

revealed. The company buys a banana plantation in her native country of Guatemala, and Manuel informs her that illegal pesticides have poisoned the water. People are dying, but she doesn't know who's to blame for the cover-up.

Hope Fulfilled Paulist Press

Written with poetic rhythm, a prophetic voice, and a deeply biblical foundation, this loving yet fearless book urges today's church to move beyond man-made restrictions and fully welcome women's diverse voices and experiences. A freedom song for the church. Sarah Bessey didn't ask for Jesus to come in and mess up all her ideas about a woman's place in the world and in the church. But patriarchy, she came to learn, was not God's dream for humanity. Bessey engages critically with Scripture in this gentle and provocative love letter to the Church. Written with poetic rhythm, a prophetic voice, and a deeply biblical foundation, this loving yet fearless book urges today's church to move beyond man-made restrictions and fully welcome women's diverse voices and experiences. It's at once a call to find freedom in the fullness, hope, glory, and work of Christ, and a very personal and moving story of how Jesus made a feminist out of her.

Moms Raising Sons to Be Men Harper Collins

Find power in your prayer like never before with this inspiring guide from #1 New York Times bestselling author Bishop T.D. Jakes. In a time when women carry more influence than any other generation, the power of prayer has never been more important to remind us that we do not have to bear our crosses alone. We need prayer to stand guard over our hearts and minds and over the hearts and minds of our families. Women today are shattering glass ceilings and forging new paths in the world. What Happens When a Woman Prays is a clarion call for women to continue their progressive march of empowerment by dreaming like their daughters and praying like their grandmothers. Through exploring the lives of 10 prayer-filled women of the Bible, Bishop Jakes emphasizes the life-changing power that women have when they find their identity, their strength, their healing, and their voices in Christ.

Cymbeline Cambridge University Press  
Live Beautifully explores the stories of Ruth and Esther, two women who lived out true beauty. Ruth was a foreigner who made a scandalous choice that brought God's favor. Esther was a Jewish orphan in a foreign land whose risky decision saved

a nation. Live Beautifully calls us to embrace our own spiritual beauty, just as Ruth and Esther did, in order to live fully for God's purposes.

God's Masterwork Study Series Hachette UK

This practical study guide is a wonderful complement to The Remarkable Women of the Bible by Elizabeth George as well as a powerful exploration of lives changed by God's love. Thought-provoking questions, reflective studies, and personal applications illuminate the riches of a godly life for contemporary women as they glean lessons from women of Scripture: Jocebed teaches the blessing of motherhood. Deborah shares the power of wisdom. Ruth and Naomi demonstrate that gift of devotion. The Remarkable Women of the Bible Growth and Study Guide provides fresh nourishment from a woman's point of view and the keys to a fulfilling, joyful, and meaningful relationship with God. This is an excellent resource for personal or group study.

**Where God Was Born** Thomas Nelson  
A new commentary for today's world, The Story of God Bible Commentary explains and illuminates each passage of Scripture in light of the Bible's grand story. The first commentary series to do so, SGBC offers a clear and compelling exposition of biblical texts, guiding everyday readers in how to creatively and faithfully live out the Bible in their own contexts. Its story-centric approach is ideal for pastors, students, Sunday school teachers, and laypeople alike. Each volume employs three main, easy-to-use sections designed to help readers live out God's story: LISTEN to the Story: Includes complete NIV text with references to other texts at work in each passage, encouraging the reader to hear it within the Bible's grand story. EXPLAIN the Story: Explores and illuminates each text as embedded in its canonical and historical setting. LIVE the Story: Reflects on how each text can be lived today and includes contemporary stories and illustrations to aid preachers, teachers, and students. —Ruth, Esther— The book of Ruth presents a compelling account of how most of us experience God in our everyday lives. We see God working indirectly behind the scenes, giving us a theology of divine and human cooperation, as those who pray for God's blessings participate in answering their own petitions as well as the prayers of others. In Esther's story, we recognize our own world today, often experiencing it as a place where God seems hidden. Her book

challenges us in unique ways. Edited by Scot McKnight and Tremper Longman III, and written by a number of top-notch theologians, The Story of God Bible Commentary series will bring relevant, balanced, and clear-minded theological insight to any biblical education or ministry.

The Bible: God's Great Love Story: Stories and Activities for Grades 3 to 6 Harvest House Publishers

What if the way the book of Esther has been taught to us in church and retold to us in films, cartoons, and romance novels has missed the original point of the story? Far from being models of piety and devotion, Esther and Mordecai seem indifferent to the faith of their ancestors. How then did this story become part of the Bible and gain the broad acceptance that it has? If the church should not neglect the story, how should it be read? Esther and Her Elusive God calls Christians to avoid the common attempts to make Esther more palatable and theological, and to reclaim this secular story as Scripture. Readers will be encouraged to see in Esther a profound message of God's grace and faithfulness to his wayward people.

**Courage, Esther!** Zondervan Academic  
Everyone loves a transformation story. Rags to riches. Plain to beautiful. Weak to strong. Esther's story is that, but it is much more. It is a thought-provoking study of God's invisible hand writing silently and unseen across the pages of human history. Perhaps most of all, Esther's story is the account of godly attributes like courage, dignity, wisdom, and strength?attributes that blocked an evil plot, overthrew an arrogant killer, and replaced terror with joy in thousands of Jewish homes. Author Chuck Swindoll interweaves the ancient, real-life story with insight not only into the virtues of Queen Esther, but also into how the qualities that formed and empowered her can be ours. Esther is the second volume of Charles Swindoll's best-selling series, which examines great lives from God's Word and reveals the strengths and weaknesses that make God's men and women both great . . . and human. Many of the most beloved biblical heroes were ordinary folks. Shepherds. Fishermen. Servants. Widows. Even harlots and petty thieves. One by one, they changed the course of history. Swindoll explains that these men and women did not become great in their own strength but were empowered by God when they surrendered their lives to Him. To live such a life that God considers great is within the reach of everyone who submits to Him.