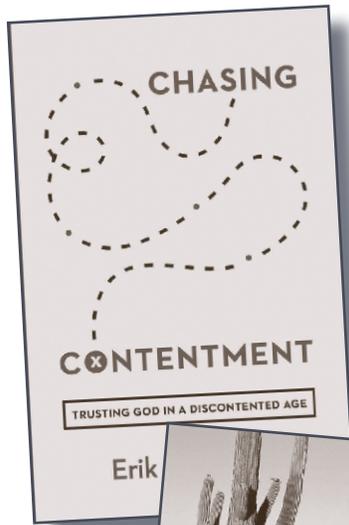


Recommended Reading



CHASING CONTENTMENT – Trusting God in a Discontented Age by Erik Raymond

Crossway Publishing (2017)

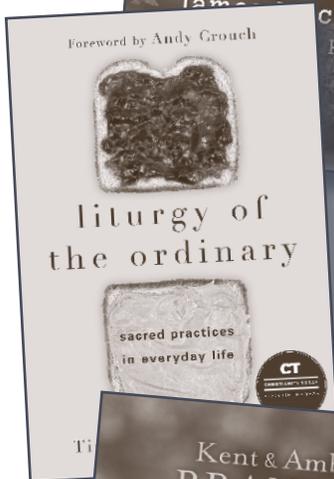
"The Biblical practice of contentment can seem like a lost art—something reserved for spiritual giants but out of reach for the rest of us. In our discontented age—characterized by impatience, overspending, grumbling and unhappiness—it's hard to imagine what true contentment actually looks (and feels) like." The author gives practical guidance for how to grow in contentment in various areas of our lives. The book is easy to read and understand, yet the principles will always challenge us as we strive to apply them to our daily living. Highly recommended!



LORD, CHANGE MY ATTITUDE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE by James MacDonald

Moody Publishers (2001)

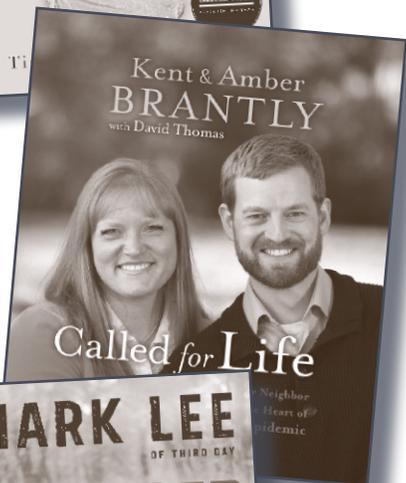
Using the story of the Israelites in the wilderness, MacDonald gives many examples of how the attitudes of God's people greatly displeased Him. God wants us to have the peace and joy that come from living in harmony with Him, and MacDonald gives us some practical suggestions for how we can replace the old, destructive attitudes with new, joyful ones that are pleasing to God. These problems and their appropriate replacements are: Complaining/Thankful, Covetous/Content, Critical/Loving, Doubting/Trusting (Faith) and Rebellious/Submissive. Includes a study guide in the back.



THE LITURGY OF THE ORDINARY by Tish Harrison Warren

InterVarsity Press (2016)

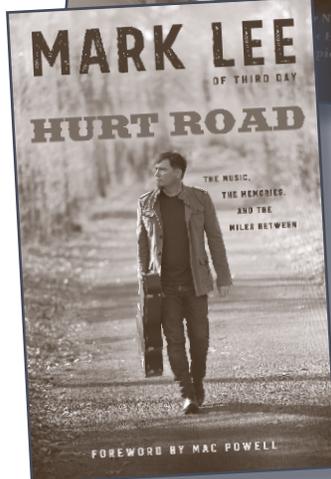
"Tish Harrison Warren warmly and wisely helps us find God in the strangest of places: standing at the sink, sitting in traffic, stooping to make a bed. As it turns out, our everyday habits are imbued with the holy possibility of becoming new people in Christ." The author views the ordinary activities of each day through the lens of the liturgy and shows us how supposedly mundane activities can help shape us spiritually by reframing how we look at and perceive them—not as just ordinary, but opportunities in which to apply God's words and practices to each activity. There are discussion questions and practices for each chapter which can be used individually or with a group.



CALLED FOR LIFE by Kent and Amber Brantly

Waterbrook Press (2015)

Dr. Kent and Amber Brantly moved to Liberia in 2013 to provide medical care for people in great need in that war-torn country. Less than a year later Kent contracted the deadly Ebola virus. He began his fight for life alone because his wife and children had left for the U.S. just days before his diagnosis. Thousands of people around the world followed his story and prayed for him. The story of his recovery is truly a miraculous one. *Called for Life* reminds us of the risk, the honor and the joy of serving God and others without reservation.



HURT ROAD: The Music, the Memories, and the Miles Between by Mark Lee

Revell (2017)

Mark Lee, guitarist and one of the founding members of Third Day, a Christian rock group, tells us about his journey on the road, both metaphorically and literally. Along this road (and yes, there really is a road named Hurt), Mark tells us about the curves and highlights that God can see around those curves when we can't. Landmarks are a theme in this memoir, along with his faith and personal relationship with Jesus. He encourages us to look back at the landmarks in our lives—the events or people whose influence shaped who we are—and see that God has placed them there. He reminds us that joy comes from being content and focusing our eyes on Christ, trusting Him and allowing Him to help us with the next steps.

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