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GRACE UPON GRACE

SPIRITUALITY FOR TODAY

This book clarifies that there is no strict process for becoming spiritual. Instead, God graciously gives to us every spiritual gift that we need, beginning with the very gift of faith in Christ, our Savior. Because God has joined us to Christ, He continually comes to give us life.

GRACE UPON GRACE

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOD'S WORD

A GUIDE TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Lexham Press *You read it. But do you understand it? While the Bible is the most famous book in history, it can be intimidating. Yet God's word is for us and all people. It is living and active and has the power to save, give life, and heal. Do we read the Bible attuned to the power of God's word? John W. Kleinig opens up the riches found in the Bible. He likens God's word to a lavish meal that nourishes and satisfies our souls. He shows us the centrality of Scripture to Christian faith--the word through which the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit speak with one voice to believers on Earth.*

GREAT COMMISSION, GREAT CONFUSION, OR GREAT CONFESSION?

Wipf and Stock *Description: There is a great debate going on in the church today. It centers on one question: "What is the mission of the church?" From culturally relevant, emerging congregations to strategic methods of organization and outreach, many claim they have the answer. They say the mission must become "missional." Yet the churches of North America continue to struggle. Uncertainty is growing. "What does it really mean to be 'missional'?" Competing claims abound. "Get the message out!" "Get the message right!" Great confusion has set in, particularly in the postmodern North American church. The Gospel is getting lost. Yet, throughout the ages, the creedal confession of the Holy Christian Church has carried her through uncertainty and struggle. The Apostles' Creed has steadied and stayed the mission of the church for centuries. It centers on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit--the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. This book celebrates the historic mission of the Holy Christian Church, and it invites the North American church to do the same.*

Endorsements: "Lucas Woodford takes us . . . on a personal journey . . . [He] examines the role of confession in the church . . . , concern [from church-growth advocates] for cultural relevance, the impact of modernism and post-modernism[.]. . . , and the value of the great confession of faith . . . This study . . . is of great value . . . to any . . . Christian [who] longs to seize the wonderful opportunity for the proclamation of the gospel . . . to this confused and confusing generation." --John W. Kleinig Author of Grace upon Grace: Spirituality for Today "Woodford takes on one of the most timely questions and theological conflicts of our age: the hidden confusion of an ecclesiology reinterpreted through the lens of pragmatism, rather than the lens of sola scriptura." --Jonathan Fisk Lutheran pastor and proprietor of wordvieweverlasting.com/ About the Contributor(s): Lucas V. Woodford is the senior pastor of Zion Lutheran Church and School. He hosts a regular blog that seeks to foster collegial dialogue about Lutheran theology and mission of the Holy Christian Church (www.thisweconfess.wordpress.com).

WONDERFULLY MADE

A PROTESTANT THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Lexham Press *Why do we have bodies? When it comes to thinking about our bodies, confusion reigns. In our secular age, there has been a loss of the body's goodness, purpose, and end. Many people, driven by shame and idolatry, abuse their body through self-harm or self-improvement. How can we renew our understanding and see our bodies the way God does? In Wonderfully Made, John Kleinig forms a properly biblical theology of our bodies. Through his keen sensitivity to Scripture's witness, Kleinig explains why bodies matter. While sin has corrupted our bodies and how we think of them, God's creation is still good. Thus, our bodies are good gifts. The Son took on a body to redeem our bodies. Kleinig addresses issues like shame, chastity, desire, gender dysphoria, and more, by integrating them into the biblical vision of creation. Readers of Wonderfully Made will not only be equipped to engage in current issues; they will gain a robust theology of the body and better appreciation*

of God's very good creation.

MAKING CHRISTIAN COUNSELING MORE CHRIST CENTERED

WestBow Press *“Martin Luther formulated his proclamation of the message of Scripture for his contemporaries between the poles of God’s voice in the pages of the Bible and the needs and afflictions of his hearers and readers. Marris brings twenty-first century readers into that exchange and demonstrates how Luther’s insights into the gospel of Jesus Christ help bring healing and comfort to those struggling with guilt, shame, fear, loneliness, and other spiritual afflictions in our day. This volume provides those who are engaged in conversation with the troubled and distressed rich resources for fostering peace and joy in the midst of such trouble and distress.” Robert Kolb, professor of systematic theology emeritus, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis USA “If all good theology is pastoral in its orientation, then this groundbreaking, practical, biblical study is well worth careful consideration by any pastor or Christian counsellor.” John W. Kleinig, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Australian Lutheran College, University of Divinity, Adelaide, South Australia Many Christian counselors and pastors want to bring Christ’s Gospel and forgiveness into their soul care, but don’t know how. Luther’s very Christ-centered theology, based in his desire for care of souls, can provide us with that foundation. Various techniques flowing from that foundation are shared.*

THE SWORD AND THE MASK

BUILDING AN ANTIFRAGILE APPROACH TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Wipf and Stock Publishers *Is spiritual warfare real? Is it just a metaphor for social justice? Do territorial spirits have a stranglehold on the planet? What does the Christian do with the rising fascination with the supernatural in Western culture? Does any of this matter for daily life? With meticulous care, Jon Furgeson dives into the sea of perspectives and voices in the church and Western culture, bringing the reader on a journey to gain perspective. After clearing the clutter and the confusion, he presents a bold new, yet faithful, way to understand spiritual warfare, to see how it affects every person to the foundations of who they are and how the Spirit of God in Christ acts in the midst of the fallen powers to take broken sinners and turn them into antifragile saints.*

OF GOOD COMFORT

ISD LLC *'This is a feast for theologians, historians and Christian counselors. Pietsch examines 21 of Luther's "letters of comfort" to explore Luther's pastoral care for souls suffering with depression. Pietsch uses interdisciplinary tools of inquiry artfully to examine the letters, Luther's pastoral care approaches and the history of the "melancholy tradition". The practice of seelsorge emerges as an amalgam of art, spiritual gift, and understanding of affliction, all resting comfortably within the authority of scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Pietsch's volume is a significant contribution to spiritual care literature, underscoring the conviction of the early church that individual soul care is an essential response to serve those who despair.*

Offering pivotal pastoral care insights that are often lost, discredited or entirely absent in the work of caring for those who suffer with depression, Pietsch concludes that Luther has given us excellent tools to examine, learn and to teach as we assist souls to find hope, strength and healing in the gospel of Jesus Christ.' Professor Beverly Yahnke Concordia University Wisconsin Executive Director of Christian Counsel, Doxology Lutheran Centre for Spiritual Care and Counsel

MY FIRST EXORCISM

WHAT THE DEVIL TAUGHT A LUTHERAN PASTOR ABOUT COUNTER-CULTURAL SPIRITUALITY

Wipf and Stock Publishers *What the scientific community dismisses as a mental disorder, Christians have often labeled "demon possession." While classifications may offer limited help in explanation, the Reverend Dr. Harold Ristau explores the nature and meaning of demonic activity by drawing from his own experiences with exorcism. Ristau shares life lessons, spiritual applications, and religious wisdom from his personal encounters with the dark realm. Primarily intended for clergy, his reflections offer a springboard intended to stimulate critical thinking, challenge metaphysical presuppositions, and inspire a belated conversation on a topic that has traditionally been avoided, not because of a lack of empirical evidence, but due to the fear that it incites inside of us. Yet if the claims of the historic Church are true--that demons do in fact exist and seek our destruction--then an honest examination of the phenomenon, and its impact on the ways in which we live and reason, is an essential endeavor for any practitioner of the ministry of deliverance.*

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VIVA VOX

REDISCOVERING THE SACRAMENTALITY OF THE WORD THROUGH THE ANNUNCIATION

Augsburg Fortress Publishers *In failing to take the sacramentality of the word of God seriously, the preaching of the church has suffered negative consequences, particularly failing to bring about divine participation with Jesus corporeal humanity in his living word. In order to recover this sacramental reality, this volume argues that one should consider the annunciation to Mary as the paradigm of the corporeal Christ taking up residence in the flesh of his hearer and delivering the fullness of the Godhead.*

MARTIN LUTHER AND THE RULE OF FAITH

READING GOD'S WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

InterVarsity Press *Martin Luther is known for challenging the Roman Catholic church; yet reading God's Word was what Luther considered his primary task. Though he is often portrayed as reading the Bible with a bare approach, Todd R. Hains considers how Luther's interpretation of the text was actually guided by the church's established practice of hermeneutics.*

FRIENDSHIP

THE KEY TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Paulist Press *Friendship is proposed as the foundational relationship that virtue creates--friendship with self, others, and God. "Friendship" says that to recover virtue in today's society, one must order his life around values. It explains how to share spirituality, looks at the Bible on developing character, and tells what it means to believe today.*

RELEASING SPIRITUAL GIFTS TODAY

Whitaker House *God wants you to experience the great wonder of moving in and through His grace—on a daily basis. That's why this book isn't just about how to discover your spiritual gifts, or even how to receive them—it's about how to release them! Give them away! The Spirit is demonstrating God's supernatural power through His church today as realms of His glory are released on a global basis. All of God's gifts are still fully operational, and every single believer is designed to flow in the river of God, fulfilling his or her destiny. In Releasing Spiritual Gifts Today, you'll learn the way the Holy Spirit moves and how He operates through spiritual gifts. Then you'll explore the nine most widely recognized gifts. These are not the only gifts God gives His children, but they are vital to understand and then activate according to His leading for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. This book is filled with examples of how spiritual gifts have been used in action, both within the pages of the Bible and in contemporary times. God desires to pour out His gifts on His people today in even greater degrees of impact and authority. Discover what the Lord wants to do for you and through you by releasing spiritual gifts in a mighty outpouring of His love, grace, and power.*

THE BEAUTY AND GLORY OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

Reformation Heritage Books *When the seed of life is sown in their hearts, God's people grow up beautifully and gloriously. Taking up this botanical analogy, The Beauty and Glory of Christian Living opens by discussing the divine roots of the Christian life in being united to Christ in faith, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit, becoming spiritually minded, and living by the means of grace. It then explores how our Christian lives branch out to influence our families, our workplaces, and the world. Finally, a series of chapters deal with weathering the storms of life, when we are pelted with affliction, sexual temptation, negative thought patterns, hard times, sickness, and death. In all of this, we see a faithful God who causes His people to flourish for His glory. Contributors include Michael Barrett, Ian Hamilton, John Tweeddale, Joel Beeke, William VanDoodewaard, Brian Najapfour, Josh Dear, Gerald Bilkes, Brian Croft, and David Murray. Table of Contents: Christian Living in Its Divine Roots 1. Living Out Our Faith: The Christian Life Inside Out—Michael Barrett 2. Living by the Spirit's Sanctifying Ministry—Ian Hamilton 3. Living on Things Above: John Owen on Spiritual-Mindedness—John W. Tweeddale 4. Living by the Means of Grace: How God Beautifies His Children—Ian Hamilton Christian Living in Its Human Branches 5. Living in the Family: Thoughts from William Gouge—Joel R. Beeke 6. Living in the Workplace: Following in Jesus' Steps—William VanDoodewaard 7. Living Evangelistically: Biblical Motivation for Proclaiming the Gospel—Brian Najapfour with Josh Dear Christian Living in Its Earthly Storms 8. Living in the Furnace of Affliction—Gerald Bilkes 9. Living Morally in a Sexually Immoral World—Brian Croft 10. Living Positively in a Negative Culture—David Murray 11. Living through Sickness and Death—Brian Croft 12. Living Hopefully in Hard Times: The Beauty and Glory of the Book of Judges—John W. Tweeddale*

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

SPIRIT, STYLE, STORY

ESSAYS HONORING JOHN W. PADBERG

Loyola Press *A collection of essays on the development of the Jesuits and the Ignatian spirit covers such topics as the Jesuit education, the order's influence on the world throughout its 450-year history, and the variations of its spiritual expressions. Original.*

HABITS OF GRACE

ENJOYING JESUS THROUGH THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Crossway *The Christian life is built on three seemingly unremarkable practices: reading the Bible, prayer, and fellowship with other believers. However, according to David Mathis, such "habits of grace" are the God-designed channels through which his glorious grace flows—making them life-giving practices for all Christians. Whether it's hearing God's voice (the Word), having his ear (prayer), or participating in his body (fellowship), such spiritual rhythms of the Christian life have the power to*

awaken our souls to God's glory and stir our hearts for lifelong service in his name. What's more, these seemingly simple practices grant us access to a host of spiritual blessings that we can only begin to imagine this side of eternity—and the incredible joy that such blessings bring to God's children today.

A GOD WHO SPEAKS AND ACTS

DoctorZed Publishing *This book contains the theological essentials for Lutheran educators and is written in a way which is not only understandable but can be applied in the daily challenges of school teaching, learning and planning. I strongly encourage chaplains, teachers and principals to read and consider these theological essentials to enhance their understandings, discussions and daily work.*

JESUS, YOU, AND BILL W.

INTRODUCING PERSONS IN 12 STEP RECOVERY TO CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

Covenant Books, Inc. *Persons in 12 step recovery have a dilemma. On the one hand, their literature recommends spirituality as a path to recovery. aEURoelf that be the case you may be suffering from an illness which only a spiritual experience will conquer. Well, that is exactly what this book is about. Its main object is to enable you to find a power greater than yourself which will solve your problem.aEUR Alcoholic Anonymous (Big Book), third edition, pages 44aEUR"45. On the other hand, many persons in 12 step recovery are down on religion and the traditional church. This book is an attempt to provide original Christian spirituality, straight from Jesus and the Bible, without all the trappings of religion. It has chapters of Bill W. and spirituality, Jesus, Bible, history of the church (yes, even revealing the warts), spiritual quotes which are life-giving gems, biblical truth, and spirituality, the futility of a aEURoelawaEUR oriented religion, good books to read, suggestions on how to become a Christian, and how to find a healthy church. Jesus is presented, who offered people joy, peace, freedom, hope, forgiveness, grace, and a new life. St. Paul invites people to become a aEUROenew creationaEUR in Jesus. All of these create a new reality, which is much healthier than the old reality of addiction. John 15:11 quotes Jesus as saying, aEURoeThese things I have spoken to you that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.aEUR*

THEY NEED NOT GO AWAY

RECAPTURING LUTHERAN SPIRITUALITY

Wipf and Stock Publishers *Have you ever wondered how the Lord sustained Martin Luther through one of the most personally and spiritually intense times in the history of Christendom? And does God still do this today? The answer is yes! They Need Not Go Away is a practical book identifying and teaching modern-day Millennials and Gen Zers about Lutheran spirituality. It offers prayer practices designed and applied by Martin Luther, the Reformer, for modern families, individuals, adults, and teenagers. These spiritual practices are also applied to the*

modern Christian. To support these practices and the Lutheran contribution to Christian spirituality, this volume traces the influences of Martin Luther's piety from pre-Reformation influencers to Dr. Luther as he navigated the tremendous social, cultural, and ecclesiastical pressures of his time. His spirituality is then traced through the next generations of Orthodoxy and Pietism identifying the shifts away from the affective aspects of Lutheran spirituality and elevation of the academic and more cognitive characteristics received in the twentieth century. The goal is to recapture the wholistic spirituality including the cognitive, affective, and experiential features. These are still useful in the hands of the Lord for today's believers.

FEASTING IN A FAMINE OF THE WORD

LUTHERAN PREACHING IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

Wipf and Stock Publishers *The Lord warns of a "famine . . . of hearing the word of the Lord" (Amos 8:11). Has this warning come to pass in our day? There is no shortage of preachers, but how often do they miss the mark in actually delivering the word of God to their hearers, leaving them hungry? The authors of these essays seek to equip preachers with resources to offer their hearers a rich feast from the word of the Lord. Writing from a Lutheran perspective, contributors from across the globe provide a fresh approach to preaching. These authors represent seasoned pastors and professors as well as young scholars. All are actively preaching and teaching God's word on a regular basis. This book covers a wide range of topics relating to preaching--from the scriptural background and hermeneutical issues to historical examples of notable preachers, and also practical guides to crafting and delivering a sermon. These essays will assist preachers in proclaiming God's word in a manner that provides a feast for those living in a famine-stricken world. Check out a review on Logia Online Review on the Pastoral Meanderings Blog! Video Endorsement by LCMS President Matt Harrison Interview with Mark Birkholz and Jonathan Mumme with BookTalk on KUFO*

CHANGED BY GRACE

V. C. KITCHEN, THE OXFORD GROUP, AND A.A.

iUniverse *Victor C. Kitchen was a New York City advertising executive who wrote one of the Oxford Group's most important books. He also went to the same Oxford Group meetings as Bill Wilson, who later became the co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. This is a book about A. A.'s roots in the Oxford Group, as seen through the pages of Kitchen's work. It explains how the key ideas, which the two movements shared, arose out of the evolution of the modern evangelical movement. The author begins with John Wesley's Aldersgate experience in 1738 and traces this understanding of the healing power of grace down to Kitchen's and Bill W's time, traversing en route the world of nineteenth century revivalism, the Keswick holiness movement, and the early twentieth century foreign missionary effort. The great theme, around which all of this is centered, is that of God's grace as the power to change human character itself. This book shows what faith and grace are really about. It shows how even faith mixed with doubt can lead us into true spiritual*

awakening, and it explains the basic nuts and bolts required to obtain a constant conscious contact with a God of our understanding. "Each century produces a small handful of great spiritual books. I believe strongly that *Changed by Grace* is going to prove one of the greatest of our present century. The best way to describe it is to say that it does for us today what William James' *Varieties of Religious Experience* did for the world of a hundred years ago."-John Barleycorn in *The Waynedale News*.

WATER FROM A DEEP WELL

CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY FROM EARLY MARTYRS TO MODERN MISSIONARIES

InterVarsity Press Gerald L. Sittser carves out a new discipline that blends spirituality and Christian history--spiritual history. He overviews Christian history through the lens of spirituality, looking at what we can learn about the spiritual life from various figures and eras.

NEWMAN AND LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTIONS ON SPIRITUALITY FOR TODAY

Augsburg Fortress Publishers *Newman and Life in the Spirit* collects essays from leading theologians and scholars examining the theology and spirituality of one of the most important and beloved nineteenth century theologians, the recently beatified John Henry Newman. The essays in this volume present critical analysis of the perception and role of spirituality in various aspects of Newman's thought, from his doctrinal work to his university and parochial sermons, and argue for its significance to Christian theology and practice in the twenty-first century.

POST-CHRISTIAN

A GUIDE TO CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT AND CULTURE

Crossway *Undaunted Hope in a Post-Christian World* We live in a post-Christian world. Contemporary thought—claiming to be “progressive” and “liberating”—attempts to place human beings in God’s role as creator, lawgiver, and savior. But these post-Christian ways of thinking and living are running into dead ends and fatal contradictions. This timely book demonstrates how the Christian worldview stands firm in a world dedicated to constructing its own knowledge, morality, and truth. Gene Edward Veith Jr. points out the problems with how today’s culture views humanity, God, and even reality itself. He offers hope-filled, practical ways believers can live out their faith in a secularist society as a way to recover reality, rebuild culture, and revive faith.

THE WORD ON THE STREET, YEAR A

SUNDAY LECTIONARY REFLECTIONS

Liturgical Press *In The Word on the Street*, John Martens brings the Bible to where people live, in the church, at home, at work, and in the broader world. This lectionary

commentary for every Sunday of the liturgical year offers readers a way in which the Bible can speak to them in light of their lives today. John Martens is known for his contributions to *The Word*, a popular column in *America* magazine. *The Word on the Street* is the first book (Year A) in a three-volume series that presents scriptural, liturgical, and preaching commentary for Sundays throughout the year.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE CROSS

THE WAY OF THE FIRST EVANGELICALS

Explains the spiritual concepts and principles of Lutheranism, which are supported by the ideology of Martin Luther and Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.

A LEGACY OF PREACHING: TWO-VOLUME SET---APOSTLES TO THE PRESENT DAY

THE LIFE, THEOLOGY, AND METHOD OF HISTORY'S GREAT PREACHERS

Zondervan Academic *A Legacy of Preaching, Two-Volume Set--Apostles to the Present Day* explores the history and development of preaching through a biographical and theological examination of its most important preachers. Instead of teaching the history of preaching from the perspective of movements and eras, each contributor tells the story of a particular preacher in history, allowing these preachers from the past to come alive and instruct us through their lives, theologies, and methods of preaching. Each chapter introduces readers to a key figure in the history of preaching, followed by an analysis of the theological views that shaped their preaching, their methodology of sermon preparation and delivery, and an appraisal of the significant contributions they have made to the history of preaching. This diverse collection of familiar and lesser-known individuals provides a detailed and fascinating look at what it has meant to communicate the gospel over the past two thousand years. By looking at how the gospel has been communicated over time and across different cultures, pastors, scholars, and homiletics students can enrich their own understanding and practice of preaching for application today. Volume One covers the period from the apostles to the Puritans and profiles thirty preachers including: Origen of Alexandria by Stephen O. Presley John Chrysostom by Paul A. Hartog Augustine of Hippo by Edward L. Smither Gregory the Great by W. Brian Shelton Bernard of Clairvaux by Elizabeth Hoare Francis of Assisi by Timothy D. Holder Saint Bonaventure by G. R. Evans Meister Eckhart by Daniel Farca? John Huss by Mark A. Howell Martin Luther by Robert Kolb John Calvin by Anthony N. S. Lane Jonathan Edwards by Gerald R. McDermott John Wesley by Michael Pasquarello III George Whitefield by Bill Curtis and Timothy McKnight and many more Volume Two covers the period from the Enlightenment to the present day and profiles thirty-one preachers including: Catherine Booth by Roger J. Green Charles Haddon Spurgeon by Thomas J. Nettles Henry Ward Beecher by Michael Duduit John Albert Broadus by Hershael W. York D. L. Moody by Gregg L. Quiggle Billy Sunday by Kristopher K. Barnett Karl Barth by William H. Willimon Dietrich Bonhoeffer by Keith W. Clements D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones by Carl Trueman John Stott by Greg R. Scharf Harry Emerson

Fosdick by Dwayne Milioni Aimee Semple McPherson by Aaron Friesen Gardner C. Taylor by Alfonza W. Fulwood and Robert Smith Jr. Billy Graham by John N. Akers Martin Luther King Jr. by Alfonza W. Fulwood, Dennis R. McDonald, and Anil Sook Deo J. I. Packer by Leland Ryken and Benjamin Hernández and many more

LIFE IN TENSION

REFLECTIONS ON THE BEATITUDES REVISED

T2Pneuma Publishers LLC *When God comes into our lives, we change. Our new identity in Christ comes into tension with our old identity in ourselves as the Holy Spirit works in our hearts and minds. This tension arises between who we were and who God created us to be, between us and God, and between us and those around us. The Apostle Paul calls the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives sanctification. Life in Tension reflects on Jesus' Beatitudes in the context of scripture. The Beatitudes serve as an introduction to the Sermon on the Mount and lay out Jesus' priorities in teaching his disciples. Because the sermon serves as a kind of ordination service for the Apostles, the importance of the Beatitudes for the early church, Christian spirituality, and discipleship today cannot be overstated. Life in Tension is organized as a devotional. Each chapter offers a reflection, a prayer, and discussion questions. Chapters are organized around the nine Beatitudes in Matthew. This revised edition facilitates ease of reading. It has an updated cover, fewer Greek and Hebrew references, and fewer footnotes than the original edition. Some editing to enhance clarity has also been done. Hear the words; Walk the steps; Experience the joy! Key words for this book include: Beatitudes, Christianity, spirituality, Jesus, Bible, devotion, faith. prayer, spiritual growth, discipling, Christian spirituality, devotional, sanctification, and faith. Author Stephen W. Hiemstra (MDiv, PhD) is a slave of Christ, husband, father, tentmaker, writer, and speaker. He lives with Maryam, his wife of 30+ years, in Centreville, VA and they have three grown children.*

DESIRING GOD

MEDITATIONS OF A CHRISTIAN HEDONIST

Multnomah *Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God."*

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FROM GRIM TO GREEN PASTURES

MEDITATIONS FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Wipf and Stock Publishers Richard L. Morgan has brought into dialogue his years of pastoral ministry with the sick and his appreciation of scripture as a valuable resource. His meditations bring both challenge (e.g. *Escaping into Sickness*) as well as comfort (*This Too Shall Pass*). They are daily thoughts for the sick and the caregiver, mutually engaged in a time of deep significance. - Frank S. Moyer Editor, *Chaplaincy Today* Morgan arrives at an understanding that while a catastrophic illness can take control of one's life emotionally, physically and spiritually, it can also point to divine presence and healing. This is a wise and excellent devotional for anyone involved in the land of sickness, be it as the afflicted or as the caregiver. - Publishers Weekly Richard L. Morgan's *From Grim to Green Pastures* writes of reflections that came to him during his time of illness. This book offers 81 two-page meditations properly sized for those who are being cared for, or those who busily care for them. His excerpts about a spirituality of illness, serve us well. - Martin E.

Marty, The Christian Century For the day when I am ill again I keep a mental list of books I would take to the hospital. From *Grim to Greener Pastures* joins that list. As a witness to illness, Dick Morgan, tells the truth. Whether you reread this book as a pastoral guide through illness or as spiritual preparation for the day you too become ill, it can bring grace to suffering. - Arthur W. Frank, author of *At the Will of the Body: Reflections on My Illness*

PORTRAITS OF SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

RELIGIOUS POWER IN EARLY CHRISTIANITY, BYZANTIUM, AND THE CHRISTIAN ORIENT

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