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A best-selling motivational reference by the top-selling author of *Your Best Life Now* counsels readers on how to apply seven action steps to discover individual purpose and destiny, in a guide complemented by biblical principles, devotions, and personal testimonies. Reprint *We are not all the same. The time has come for us to honestly name the ways we are different and similar so that we can serve together in unity, grace and trust. Women in ministry experience unique challenges in their church settings which continue to hinder their*

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vocational, professional, and personal success. Women in ministry need a trusted and comprehensive resource not only to be able to survive but to thrive in their places of call. She provides theoretical, theological, and practical frameworks and strategies for flourishing as a woman in ministry and engages critical reflection on the practice of ministry in light of current feminist theory, biblical interpretation, and experience. Covering everything from biblical arguments for and against women in the church to what not to wear, this book offers background information and tools for negotiating the many and varied issues that woman in ministry face, including

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leadership, the authority and office of the clergy, and structures and power in the church. A trusted and comprehensive resource for women in ministry, equipping them to thrive in their places of call, and for the men who serve alongside them. "For women in ministry, one 'a-ha' moment after another spills from the pages of this book. Decades after ordination opened for women in mainline churches, the struggle for acceptance and equality goes on. This is an important book which narrates the deep costs of sexism and imagines a new form of women's leadership rooted and grounded in authentic love and genuine hospitality. In telling the truth about persistent sexism

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in the church, Karoline Lewis, paradoxically, blesses her readers with hope. This hope emerges in naming the challenges for women leaders and then pointing the way forward." - Leanne Van Dyk, President and Professor of Theology, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA

In Reading for Preaching

Cornelius Plantinga makes a striking claim: preachers who read widely will most likely become better preachers. Plantinga -- himself a master preacher -- shows how a wide reading program can benefit preachers. First, he says, good reading generates delight, and the preacher who enters the world of delight goes with God.

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Good reading can also help tune the preacher's ear for language -- his or her primary tool. General reading can enlarge the preacher's sympathies for people and situations that she or he had previously known nothing about. And, above all, the preacher who reads widely has the chance to become wise. This beautifully written book will benefit not just preachers but anyone interested in the wisdom to be derived from reading. Works that Plantinga interacts with in the book include *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini *Enrique's Journey*, by Sonia Nazario *Silence*, by Shusaku Endo "How Much Land Does a Man Need?" by Leo Tolstoy "Narcissus Leaves the Pool" by Joseph Epstein Les

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**Miserables, by Victor Hugo . . .
and many more!**

**Ancient tradition suggests that
this world-weary lament is the
work of Solomon in old age.
Casting its eye over the transient
nature of life, the book questions
the striving for wisdom and the
truth, choosing instead to
espouse the value of living for
the moment. The text is
introduced by Doris Lessing.
Five Keys to Unlock the Power of
Women in Ministry
Great Preaching on Revival
Between Two Worlds
The Preacher in Conversation
with Storytellers, Biographers,
Poets, and Journalists
Living in the Conversation
The Jazz of Preaching
Preaching Without Notes**

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Like Annie Dillard's *The Writing Life*, Taylor emphasizes the holy dimensions of ordinary life and describes the essentials of faith with insight and humor, touching on the vocations, imagination, worship, sacraments, ministry and the Bible as they relate to the life of faith. Learn to use four characteristics of "preaching with moral imagination" to proclaim freedom for all. The author describes the four characteristics using examples like Robert F.

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Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Prathia Hall, and the Moral Monday Movement, along with musicians and other artists of today. Moral imagination helps the hearer to see what they cannot see, to hear what they cannot hear--to inhabit the lives of others, so that they can embody Christ and true freedom for those others. This book equips and empowers preachers to transcend their basic skills and techniques, so that their proclamation of the Word causes actual

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turnaround in the hearts and lives of their hearers, and in their communities. "Frank Thomas has written a passionate summons: amid the current destructive chaos of our society there is an urgent need for moral imagination. Such imagination is the antithesis of "diabolic" and "idolatrous" imagination that is all to the fore in our public discourse and practice. Thomas fleshes out "moral imagination" with close reflection on the practice of Robert F. Kennedy and

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Martin Luther King. Before he finishes Thomas shows how the urgency of "moral imagination" belongs peculiarly to the work of the preacher. This book is a welcome call for gospel-grounded courage and truth about the neighbor issued in a way that refuses the self-serving fakery that dominates our public life." --Walter

Brueggemann, Columbia Theological Seminary
"Timely and prophetic, How to Preach a Dangerous Sermon presents a homiletic essential for our churches today. Thomas

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insists that it is up to the preacher to recapture and reclaim the moral imagination of our nation so that the Gospel's message of freedom is true for all people. With attention to specific figures whose witness models the qualities and characteristics of moral imagination, Thomas inspires the preacher toward powerful proclamation that both challenges and critiques any speech that subjugates or subordinates. How to Preach a Dangerous Sermon is must read for preachers

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to recover and reimagine the leadership role of the church for the sake of justice for all."

--Karoline M. Lewis,
Associate Professor of
Biblical Preaching and the
Marbury E. Anderson Chair
of Biblical Preaching,
Luther Seminary; author of
She: Five Keys to Unlock
the Power of Women in
Ministry. "In this lucid
and compelling book, Frank
Thomas plumbs the depths
of American moral rhetoric
for insights that will
help preachers. How to
Preach a Dangerous Sermon
provides new and dramatic

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ways in which the moral imagination in a democratic society can be nurtured by visionary, empathic, wise, and artistic preachers."--John S. McClure, Charles G. Finney Professor of Preaching and Worship, Vanderbilt Divinity School

"Warning: Preachers, if you are comfortable with the status quo of white privilege, patriarchy, hetero-normativity, and classism, do not read this book. If you are comfortable with sermon series that reduce the gospel to self-help

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acronyms, don't read this book. But if you have the courage to look honestly at our landscape and bring the moral imagination of the Christian tradition to bear on it, open these pages and your sermons may never be the same again. But then again neither will the church--or the world--be the same anymore, if enough of us follow Thomas's advice."
--O. Wesley Allen, Jr.,
Lois Craddock Perkins
Professor of Homiletics,
Perkins School of
Theology, Southern
Methodist University

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Bigger, stronger, better! Russell Anderson has taken the most original and successful lectionary resource in history and improved on it. He has kept all of the traditional features that have made it a classic, such as: overviews of each liturgical season, commentaries compatible with the Revised Common and Roman Catholic lectionaries (plus Lutheran and Episcopal lections for those gradually converting to the Revised Common Lectionary), an

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introduction to the featured Gospel narrator (Matthew, in Cycle A), theological reflections for exploring the relationships between the texts, and wide margins for note-taking. Instead of stopping there, though, he has added: a 7" x 10" one-size-fits-all format, a suggested sermon title for each week, a Sermon Angle that briefly explicates the theological theme for the day (sometimes providing two or three of them), and illustrative stories in each chapter. "Contained

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are crisp, tightly written lectionary helps that zero in on the critical themes of the texts, augmented with illustrative materials. The Prayer of the Day suggestions summarize and apply the themes in helpful language." The Reverend Dr. Dennis Anderson President, Trinity Lutheran Seminary "Pastor Anderson's ability to relate eternal truths in the language of our 20th century society will enable those informed by his writings to communicate the TRUTH in a

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way that will gain attention and guide the living of life." The Reverend Dr. Reuben T. Swanson Former Bishop, Nebraska Synod, Lutheran Church in America Former Secretary, Evangelical Church in America Russell F. Anderson is pastor at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska. He received his master of divinity degree from The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and his doctor of ministry degree from McCormick Theological School in Chicago. He has published

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his own worship and homiletical resources under the banner "Worship Windows." He is married and the father of two grown daughters.

In Preaching and Inquisition in Renaissance Italy Giorgio Caravale draws upon the records of the Roman Inquisition to offer an account of the relationship between oral sermons and the spread of Protestant ideas in the Italian peninsula.

Seven Keys to Irresistible Communication

One Flesh

One Year to Better

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**Tutoring and Training Tips
for Ministers**

**Preaching God's Word,
Second Edition**

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**Ten Practical Ways to a
Better Sermon by Sunday**

Because they are speaking to a younger society more attuned to lively dialogue and visual images, pastors need a fresh wineskin for a timeless message of redemption. Calvin Miller, who has preached and equipped preachers for decades, offers a volume of helpful insights for pastors to deliver the heart of the gospel via the Jesus-endorsed vessel of compelling storytelling. For the working

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pastor, Miller's crash course on preaching is a welcomed study. Now available in trade paper. Mr. Garlock brings a balanced approach to the art of preaching, focusing on principles that Jesus Himself used. Few homiletics texts deal with the nitty-gritty details of delivery explained in this unique how-to preacher's handbook. Keys to Better Preaching Faith Library Publications

A compendium of wise and useful advice about preaching: what works and what doesn't.

Break Out!

An Aesthetic Homiletic for the Twenty-first Century

Using the Techniques of Journalists to Add Impact to Your Sermons

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Discover the Keys to Staying Full of God

Preached Before the University of Oxford and Printed Chiefly

Between A.D. 1843-1855, Now Collected Into One Volume

7 Keys to Improving Your Life Every Day

A thoroughly revised and updated edition of one of the most trusted and authoritative strategic resources for church leaders. In this second edition of his groundbreaking book, Kennon Callahan identifies the twelve essential qualities of successful, growing churches and offers all congregations a way to unlock their potential for effective ministry. **The Twelve Keys**

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program balances practical planning with theological understanding to help churches function more effectively as they seek to grow and better serve their members. Shows church leaders how to claim and expand upon their church's strengths and become a mission growth congregation

Explores each of the twelve keys in depth, from mission to visitation to worship to relationships to programs to details of facilities maintenance

Based on a time-tested approach that has been used by hundreds of thousands of churches

Now incorporates the planning guide (previously a separate publication)

The book includes solid, practical guidelines and tools to help any

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church become a strong, healthy congregation.

Why did the Reformation take root in some places and not others? Although many factors were involved, the varying character of penitential preaching across Europe in the decades prior to the Reformation was an especially important contributor to the subsequent receptivity of evangelical ideas. In this book, several collections of model sermons are studied to provide an overview of late medieval teaching on penitence. What emerges is a pattern of differing emphases in different geographical locations, with the characteristic emphases of the penitential message in each region suggesting how such

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teaching prepared the ground for both the appeal and the reputation of Luther's message. People heard and interpreted the new theology using the late medieval penitential understandings and expectations they had been taught. The variety of teaching found in the Church left different regions vulnerable or resistant to evangelical critiques and alternatives. Despite current academic claims that the establishment of the Reformation cannot have resulted from lay religious understanding, this study offers evidence that theological ideas did reach beyond religious elites to promote a degree of popular support for the Reformation.

From the #1 fastest growing ministry

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on television according to Nielsen ratings, the Gospel Truth, Andrew Wommack reveals four secrets to living a fulfilling, exciting, consistent Christian life.

In this important book, Webb makes two central claims. First, that effective preaching without a manuscript is not a matter of talent as much as it is a matter of preparation. Preachers can learn the practices and disciplines that make it possible to deliver articulate, thoughtfully crafted sermons, not from a written page, but as a natural, spontaneous act of oral communication. Throughout the book, the author offers specific examples including a transcript of a sermon preached without manuscript

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or notes. Second, that the payoff of learning to preach without a manuscript is nothing less than sermons that more effectively and engagingly give witness to the good news.

Penitence, Preaching and the Coming of the Reformation

Preaching That Connects

Spirit-led Preaching

A Little Handbook for Preachers

Become a Better You

The Holy Spirit's Role in Sermon

Preparation and Delivery

How to Prepare and Deliver

Expository Sermons

Accessible meditations for teens address such issues as identity in Christ, sin, salvation, grace, and

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service.

When You Talk, Are People Changed? Whether you speak from the pulpit, podium, or the front of a classroom, you don ' t need much more than blank stares and faraway looks to tell you you ' re not connecting. Take heart before your audience takes leave! You can convey your message in the powerful, life-changing way it deserves to be told. An insightful, entertaining parable that ' s an excellent guide for any speaker, *Communicating for a Change* takes a simple approach to delivering effectively. Join Pastor Ray as he discovers that the secrets to successful speaking are parallel to the lessons a trucker learns on the

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road. By knowing your destination before you leave (identifying the one basic premise of your message), using your blinkers (making transitions obvious), and implementing five other practical points, you ' ll drive your message home every time! “ Long ago, in a galaxy far, far away... ” “ Once upon a time... ” “ In the beginning... ” Great stories capture and hold an audience ' s attention from start to finish. Why should it be any different when you stand up to speak? In *Communicating for a Change*, Andy Stanley and Lane Jones offer a unique strategy for communicators seeking to deliver captivating and practical messages. In this highly creative presentation,

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the authors unpack seven concepts that will empower you to engage and impact your audience in a way that leaves them wanting more.

“ Whether you are a senior pastor with weekly teaching responsibilities or a student pastor who has been charged with engaging the hearts and minds of high school students, this book is a must-read. ” -Bill Hybels, Senior pastor, Willow Creak Community Church “ A very practical resource for every biblical communicator who wants to go from good to great. ”

-Ed Young, Senior pastor, Fellowship Church, Grapevine, Texas “ To communicate effectively, you have to connect. Andy has been connecting with people for

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years, and now he ' s sharing his insights with the rest of us. ” -Jeff Foxworthy, Comedian Story Behind the Book Andy Stanley and Lane Jones are on staff at one of America ' s largest churches, North Point Community. Leaders of thousands of people, they regularly speak in front of large groups. They also listen to numerous speakers and know the disastrous effects of a poorly delivered message. This book is the result of their efforts to make public speaking—one of the most common fear-inducing activities known to mankind—simple, easy, and even enjoyable, so that God ' s messages will readily produce the life-changing results they should.

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This is not your ordinary book on preaching or ministry. It is a training tool, a handbook, an instruction manual and a guide for getting very fundamental things done as a preacher and as a pastor. It is thorough yet uncomplicated reading that enables you to use it with having to decode or dismantle it. "So You Want to be a Preacher?" is for the new as well as the seasoned preacher. It is resourceful and makes the task of preaching and pastoring a less complicated task. One Year to Better Preaching provides preachers with fifty-two hands-on exercises that sharpen their homiletical skills. The book is designed particularly for those who preach each week—and have

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been, perhaps, for some time—to help them get out of the rut of the routine and infuse their preaching with new sparks of creativity, fresh approaches to sermon preparation and design, and sharpened verbal and nonverbal communication skills. Novice preachers, also, will find the exercises useful in developing their preaching abilities. Each chapter includes instructions for an exercise, tools and suggestions needed for the exercise, comments from preachers who completed it, and recommended resources for further study. The exercises address eight categories of homiletics:

- Prayer and Preaching
- Bible Interpretation
- Understanding Listeners
- Sermon

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Construction • Illustrations and Applications • Word Crafting • The Preaching Event • Sermon Evaluation Readers can complete the exercises in the order presented, which address different categories week to week, or they can sharpen their skills in a particular category over a period of weeks by using the chart provided. They might also work through the exercises in collaboration with other preachers. One Year to Better Preaching will leave a preacher reinvigorated and better equipped to proclaim the Word of God skillfully, passionately, and effectively.

Words on Trial

Practical Suggestions for Homilists

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Backstory Preaching

Arts and Preaching

Keys to Better Preaching

Power in the Pulpit

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Learn to develop and deliver a biblical sermon that connects with today's audiences. Preaching God's Word is a user-friendly and practical homiletics textbook that integrates hermeneutical principles and stresses the importance of a strong exegetical foundation. It teaches you how to understand your audience, develop powerful applications, use illustrations well, and communicate effectively.

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*Preaching God's Word addresses: How to develop and preach a biblical sermon
Common issues with biblical preaching and how to avoid them
Unique challenges and opportunities of preaching from specific biblical genres
New Testament preaching
Old Testament preaching
Whether you are a student who is new to preaching or a veteran looking to brush up on your skills, you will benefit from this hands-on approach to preparing, developing, and delivering the sermon.
Scholarship has painted many pictures of Augustine—the philosophical theologian, the refuter of heresy, or*

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contributor to doctrines like Original Sin—but the picture of Augustine as preacher, says Sanlon, has been seriously neglected. When academics marginalize the Sermones ad Populum, the real Augustine is not presented accurately. In this study, Sanlon does more, however, than rehabilitate a neglected view of Augustine. How do the theological convictions that Augustine brought to his preaching challenge, sustain, or shape our work today? By presenting Augustine's thought on preaching to contemporary readers Sanlon contributes a major new piece to the

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ongoing reconsideration of preaching in the modern day, a consideration that is relevant to all branches of the twenty-first century church.

"Through this book, Craddock has, for a quarter century, been teaching countless students to preach lively, substantive, and faithful sermons. Preaching will... take its place, alongside the texts of Augustine, Fenelon, Broadus, Luccock, and others, as benchmark examples of the best wisdom in the treasury of homiletics."---Thomas G. Long, from the Foreword This groundbreaking volume has guided generations of

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students and pastors through the daunting challenge of learning to preach. Fred Craddock weaves history, theology, and hermeneutics into a practical, comprehensive, and contemporary text on how to prepare and deliver the sermon. Painstakingly prepared for seminary students and clergy, Preaching answers the fundamental question, How does one speak a word from God? This format provides an intelligible guide to sermon preparation and allows for concentrated study of all the particular dimensions of the homiletical process.

"Fred Craddock's is a book

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*filled with practical wisdom. It is free of the older homiletical prescriptions that too often confined the preacher's creativity. In place of rules, Craddock invites his readers to participate with him in the whole cycle of the preparation and delivery of sermons, and to do so in such a way that readers supplement the author's ideas with their own experiences and insights. Best of all, the book is free of jargon and the technical language of homiletics and theology. Preaching is a liberating book."---*Richard Lischer, Duke University Divinity

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School

What if preachers were as contagiously joyful in their preaching as Louis Armstrong was in his playing and singing? As rich in their sermonic renderings as Sarah Vaughan was in her musical vocals? As honest about heartache as Billie Holiday was every time she sang about the blues of life? As alluringly clear as the angelic voice of Ella Fitzgerald? As tenaciously uninhibited in the action of creating as Duke Ellington? Of course, this is too much to ask of people, even those called by God. However, it is not too much to ask this question: Can preaching be

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enhanced through the metaphor of jazz? Can an understanding of the inner dynamics of jazz--its particular forms, rules, and styles--inform one's practice of preaching as well? Can jazz's simultaneous structure and spontaneity help preachers better understand their own art? The answer to these questions, says Jones, is an unqualified yes. He explains how one can dramatically improve one's preaching through understanding and applying key elements of the musical art form known as jazz. No musical background is necessary; all examples are well explained and tied

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in with preaching. The key elements include innovation (what one commentator refers to as "the experimental disposition of jazz"), improvisation, rhythm, call and response, honesty about heartaches, and delight. After discussing the reality and role of each of these elements in jazz, and how they can be important for preaching as well, each chapter concludes with five exercises for applying the jazz element to preaching preparation and performance. Drawing on a deep love of jazz and enlivening the discussion with insights drawn from the realities of African American preaching,

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Jones introduces readers to rich and rewarding possibilities for constructing and delivering the sermon.

*Communicating for a Change
Reading for Preaching
So You Want to Be a
Preacher?*

*Strong, Healthy
Congregations Living in the
Grace of God
Nine Sermons*

Ingenuity

*Keys to Creative Preaching
and Worship in Small
Membership Churches*

**Instead of being a dour task on the checklist, what if the process of homily prep renewed you?
Instead of feeling insecure about your message, what if your skills**

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made you confident to preach a consistently clear message of Good News, authentic to you, relevant to your listeners, holding their attention and inviting transformation?

Backstory Preaching: Integrating Life, Spirituality, and Craft shows you how. By integrating your life and spirituality with the practical skills necessary for effective preaching, you can move beyond the boredom, stress, or insecurity of preaching so it is no longer you who preach but Christ who preaches in you. By connecting with God in the midst of your sermon prep, the Gospel will be spread deeper and further. God's joy—and yours—will be made complete.

Today's world teaches that

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bigger is better. We measure success by the square feet of our homes and by the size of our bank accounts. But what if we've gotten it wrong? What if there's quality in smallness? With 45 years of church leadership experience, James Killen came to believe that some of the biggest God moments can happen in the smallest of churches. Throughout the pages of "Living in the Conversation," Killen looks back through biblical history to remind us that God calls us to love Him with our hearts, minds, and souls. Ultimately, Killen convinces us that preaching and worship should always lead to a people connected to their God. "Living in the Conversation" beckons the reader to abandon

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all presuppositions about what makes a church work, pointing back to God's commands to walk in love and share the truth of redemption. This is how a big faith is developed, and Killen calls even the smallest of churches to anticipate a holy revelation. When we expect a God encounter, we can then begin to live out the intangibles of the kingdom -- loving fellowship, vital worship, and a genuine and transformative relationship with a big and living God. Prior to his passing in August 2013, James L. (Jim) Killen Jr. had retired from the United Methodist Church after a 45-year career in pastoral ministry. Jim extended his ministry into retirement through

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prison ministry, interim ministries, teaching, and writing. Jim taught classes in preaching and in Biblical Studies in pastor's schools. He wrote several books, including three published by CSS. He was a contributor to The Immediate Word and other parts of the CSS Publishing online pastor's resource SermonSuite (sermonsuite.com). He had degrees from the University of Houston (B.S. History and Philosophy) and Perkin's School of Theology at S.M.U. (B.D., D.Min.).

Ingenuity introduces a theology and practice of preaching that emerges from the faith and wisdom of black women.

Preaching has been resourced and taught from a narrow field of

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cultural or gendered experiences, historically. Without much support from established channels, black women are left to “figure it out” on their own, and others discern how to preach from a limiting scope. The best preachers understand their own voices and the voices of others. They stretch and grow, and this enables them to preach more effectively. Ingenuity equips readers to negotiate tradition, life experiences, and theological conviction in the creative work that makes way for sacred speech. With *Ingenuity*, Lisa Thompson offers deep insights for anyone seeking to enlarge their understanding, their language, and their sense of lived experiences, and offers practical

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help through "In Practice" segments for those who preach. "Written from the deep well of the spirituality of Black women, Thompson has given us a remarkable guide for what preaching should be and must be for the times we are in.

Accessible, thoughtful, probing, pastoral, prophetic—all come together in this text. A must read for anyone committed to faithful excellence in proclaiming the word." -Emilie M. Townes, Dean and E. Rhodes and Leona B.

Carpenter Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society, Vanderbilt University Divinity School

A closer look at the Holy Spirit's role in sermon preparation and delivery, Spirit-Led Preaching helps pastors and professors

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better emphasize the important combination of Word and Spirit when sharing the gospel.

Devotions for Teens

5 Keys to Go Beyond Your Barriers and Live an Extraordinary Life

A Hands-On Approach to Preparing, Developing, and Delivering the Sermon

How to Get Time, Energy, and Priorities Working in Your Favor Preaching Better

How to Preach a Dangerous Sermon

The Art of Narrative Exposition

The principles of effective journalism are applied to the art of preaching to produce interesting and captivating sermons.

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As much as it pleases God to bless us, there will be moments when everything we try goes up in smoke. There will be moments when the one we counted on most walks away and leaves us groping through blinding tears and wailing questions of why. Plans and goals can be circumvented by the most disappointing of times, leaving us learning the art of patience and the acceptance of a denied request. No matter where we are in life right now, know this: God put us on this earth to fulfill the promise He has predestined for our life. You're Not A Lost Cause!

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"An influential podcaster and thought leader provides time, energy, and priority management tactics to help you crush it at work and thrive at home"--

The purpose of Keys for Effective Preaching and Teaching of the Gospel - is to serve as a training tool for the ministry of the Word of God. The information is basic enough to sharpen the skills of beginning preachers and teachers. Yet, the information is thorough enough to serve as a "refresher" to those who have been laboring out in "the field" for many years.

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*You're Not a Lost Cause
At Your Best*

*God's Gift of Passion: Love, Sex
and Romance in Marriage*

7 Keys to a Better Life

*7 Keys to Highly Effective
Preaching*

*52 Exercises to Hone Your
Skills*

Lectionary Preaching Workbook

Powerful Lessons on Preaching

Transformational SermonsThe true purpose of this resource is to train and equip members of the body of Christ to share the Gospel and preach in the pulpit, small group, house to house, or walking down the street with a friend.

No function of the pastor is as visible

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and stress inducing as preaching. Being a good preacher requires learning the mental, emotional, spiritual and physical skills needed to effectively share God's word with a congregation. It demands a commitment to the craft of preaching. But few pastors feel adequately prepared for this high-stakes responsibility when they begin their ministries. Mary Hulst knows what it takes to preach well. Forged by her experiences as a pastor, preaching professor and college chaplain, she recognizes the challenges of the pulpit. In this uniquely practical book, Hulst provides foundational concepts and tips that all pastors can use, whether they are ministry newcomers or

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seasoned professionals. Preaching can bring both you and your congregation great joy and satisfaction, week after week. And A Little Handbook for Preachers can help you deliver a better sermon by Sunday.

Rise above your greatest trials and discover the power of God's greatness with five simple strategies -- and step into the blessings of your life. We were not created to live average, unrewarding, or unfulfilling lives. God created us to leave our marks on our generations. Every person has seeds of greatness planted within by the Creator. When life weighs upon us, pushes us down, and limits our thinking, we have what it takes to overcome and rise

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above into the fullness of our destinies. In this dynamic, inspiring and faith-building new book, New York Times bestselling author Joel Osteen provides practical steps and encouragement for creating a life without limitations. This book will help you break out and break free so that you can increase your productivity, improve your relationships, and believe in bigger dreams. Here's how you can move beyond barriers: Dare to believe that the best will happen Adopt an irrepressible "break out" attitude Make room for increase Pray bold prayers Follow God's plan beyond your circumstances Filled with faith and inspiration, Break Out! will challenge you to build a new

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perspective, let nothing hold you back, and reject any limiting labels. Pastor Osteen will inspire you to see that a life-changing attitude begins in your own mind: "When you break through in your mind, believing you can rise higher and overcome obstacles, then God will unleash the power within that will enable you to go beyond the ordinary into the extraordinary life you were designed to live."

In our highly sensory and interactive age, how might drawing upon various arts--music, film, architecture, dramatic performance, painting, fashion, and more--expand the aesthetic experience and mode of preaching? This book presents a critical, practical answer to the

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question. As our society becomes more visually oriented, art-seeking, and body-positive, the practice of preaching is likewise challenged to demonstrate the mind-body, word-visual, and artistic proclamation of the Sacred (after all, isn't the writing of the Bible itself highly art-full and aesthetic?). In this book, Sunggu A. Yang, a seasoned preacher and experienced teacher of preaching, encourages preachers to utilize their unique artistic talents as critical sources of theological and homiletical imagination and as hermeneutical-perspectival tools to aid their rigorous exegetical process of interpreting Scripture, eventually toward artistic-holistic sermon composition and delivery. A sample

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syllabus, included in the appendix, will greatly assist any preaching instructor who wants to offer a creative course on arts and preaching.

Preaching as an Outsider

How to Preach with Great Freedom and Joy

Preaching and Inquisition in Renaissance Italy

Powerful Lessons on Preaching

Transformational Sermons

Keys for Effective Preaching and Teaching of the Gospel

Augustine's Theology of Preaching

Twelve Keys to an Effective Church

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straightforward style, popular

author and pastor Bob Yandian

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shares God's exciting blueprint for sex, love and intimacy. "Godly passion is a supernatural gift of God," he writes. "When you have a strong relationship with your mate's soul, the relationship with his or her body becomes something fantastic!" Yandian's practical wisdom on relationships, the story of his own troubled marriage that was restored, and his exceptional insights into sex and the Bible will stimulate both husband and wife to become One Flesh--best friends and passionate lovers. /div "Preaching is indispensable to Christianity." World-renowned preacher John Stott opens this book with those five bold words. He maintains, further, that "nothing is better calculated to

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restore health and vitality to the church than a recovery of true, biblical, contemporary preaching.” Stott was aiming to foster such a recovery when he wrote *Between Two Worlds*, which has become a modern evangelical classic. The genius of this book is the way it synthesizes and distills Stott’s wealth of wisdom on preaching, focusing not so much on technical matters but more on theological foundations and on necessary personal characteristics of the preacher—sincerity, earnestness, courage, and humility. Preachers old and new will continue to find much to chew on in these pages. The call to preach is just that- a call to preach. The call to preach, however, is more than just

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preaching. The call to preach is a call to prepare. Too many pastors have refrained from preparation while they await the Holy Spirit to do all of the work. God expects preachers to prepare sermons as much as possible and allow Him to prepare the preachers. Join Dr. Jerry Vines and Dr. Jim Shaddix as they achieve a balanced approach to teaching sermon preparation in Power in the Pulpit. This book combines the essential perspectives of a pastor of forty years with another pastor who also devotes daily time to training pastors in the context of theological education. Thus, Power in the Pulpit is a practical preaching help from a pastoral perspective in the tradition where expository preaching is a

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paramount and frequent event in the life of the local church. Power in the Pulpit is the combined work of Dr. Vines's two earlier publications on preaching: A Practical Guide to Sermon Preparation (Moody Press, 1985) and A Guide to Effective Sermon Delivery (Moody Press, 1986). Dr. Shaddix carefully organizes and supplements the material to offer this useful resource which closes the gap between classroom theory and what a pastor experiences in his weekly sermon preparation.

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