

Recommended Books

The following book recommendations roughly fit three stages of transformation:

1. **Starting** (exploring Christianity, or new to the faith)
2. **Growing** (seeking to deepen your relationship with God)
3. **Maturing** (responding to God with trust, surrender, and faithfulness)

Starting

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey

What's So Amazing About Grace by Philip Yancey

The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel

Evil and the Justice of God by N.T. Wright

Jesus Is by Judah Smith

The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People

Love Does by Bob Goff

Believe by Randy Frazee

Crazy Love by Francis Chan

The Reason for God by Timothy Keller

A Spiritual Formation Workbook by James Bryan Smith and Lynda Graybeal

Growing

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality by Peter Scazzero

God in My Everything by Ken Shigematsu

Survival Guide for the Soul by Ken Shigematsu

The Deeply Formed Life by Rich Villodas

Sacred Rhythms by Ruth Haley Barton

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart

After You Believe by NT Wright

Prayer by Richard Foster

Primary Speech: A Psychology of Prayer by Ann and Barry Ulanov

Letters to Malcom: Chiefly on Prayer by C.S. Lewis

Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster

Answering God by Eugene Peterson

Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden

Surrender to Love by David Benner

The Gift of Being Yourself by David Benner

The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer

Traveling Mercies by Anne Lamott

The Good and Beautiful Life by James Bryan Smith

The Cross of Christ by John Stott

Let Your Life Speak by Parker Palmer

An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor

Maturing

God of Justice by Abraham George and Nikki A. Toyama-Szeto

The Voice of Jesus by Gordon T. Smith

Courage and Calling by Gordon T. Smith

The Emotionally Healthy Leader by Peter Scazzero

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction by Eugene Peterson

The Great Omission by Dallas Willard

The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Taking Your Soul to Work by Paul Stevens and Alvin Ung

Surprise the World by Michael Frost

Leadership Essentials by Dan Meyer and Greg Ogden

Seeking God Together by Alice Fryling

Holy Listening by Margaret Guenther