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Jesus, Continued... - J.D. Greear  
2014-11-04  
Encounter the dynamic presence of God

as you learn from pastor and author  
J. D. Greear how to more fully  
experience the Holy Spirit within

you. Jesus gave his disciples the audacious promise that the Spirit he would send to live inside them would be even better than if he himself remained beside them. Yet how many of us consider our connection to the Holy Spirit so strong that we would call his presence in us better than Jesus himself walking by our side? J. D. Greear was the pastor of a rapidly growing church who still felt like he didn't know how to relate to God personally. Though he knew a lot about God, he wasn't as sure about how to walk with God. Furthermore, he felt overwhelmed by the size of the mission Jesus had left for his church. In a world of so much need, what difference could he possibly make? Learning how God dwells in us and empowers us in the Holy Spirit redefined his life and ministry.

Ministry became less about working for God and more about letting God work through him. Drudgery was replaced by delight; helplessness was replaced by empowerment. In Jesus, Continued... Greear explores--in clear and practical language-- questions such as: What does it mean to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit? How can we tell when the Spirit is speaking to us? What do you do when God feels absent? If you are longing to know God in a vibrant way, Jesus, Continued... has good news for you: That's exactly what God wants for you too. His Spirit stands ready to guide you, empower you, and use you.

Faith, Hope, and Luck - Andy Stanley  
2009-09

Through this five-session small group Bible study, Hope, Faith and Luck,

Andy Stanley unpacks the power of faith and the need for maintaining one's confidence in Jesus Christ amid the ups and downs of daily life.

*Enemies of the Heart* - Andy Stanley  
2011-06-21

CBA BESTSELLER • Break free from the destructive power of guilt, anger, greed, and jealousy. Includes a six-week discussion guide. “Andy Stanley touches the right nerve at the right time.”—Shaunti Feldhahn, bestselling author of *For Women Only* and *For Men Only* Divorce. Job loss. Estrangement from family members. Broken friendships. The difficult circumstances you are dealing with today are likely being fed by one of four emotional forces that compels you to act in undesirable ways, sometimes even against your will. Andy Stanley explores each of these

destructive forces—guilt, anger, greed, and jealousy—and how they infiltrate your life and damage your relationships. He says that, left unchallenged they have the power to destroy your home, your career, and your friendships. In *Enemies of the Heart*, Andy offers practical, biblical direction to help you fight back, to take charge of those feelings that mysteriously control you, and to restore your broken relationships. Previously released as *It Came from Within*

**30 Life Principles** - Charles F. Stanley 2008-06-03

Charles Stanley lays out 30 Life Principles that can help you become more like Christ every day. This is accomplished through the power of His Holy Spirit, and through your own diligence and discipline. In this

book, author Charles Stanley lays out 30 Life Principles that can help you in the process. You will learn: "God's Word is an immovable anchor in times of storm," "fight all your battles on your knees and you will win every time," "God acts on behalf of those who wait for Him," and much more. These principles are laid out as a study guide for use in individual devotional or group study—enough for every day of the month. By practicing these 30 Life Principles, you will be cooperating fully with the Spirit of God, and your life will grow into the likeness of Christ.

Making Vision Stick - Andy Stanley  
2009-05-26

There are lots of books about discovering or developing a vision for your organization, but this one

is about making that vision endure the corrosion of time and complexity--how to make your vision stick. Influential author and pastor Andy Stanley reveals the reasons why leaders' visions often falter, and he delivers 5 in-depth strategies so that you can dodge the pitfalls: How to state your vision simply. How to cast your vision convincingly. How to repeat your vision regularly. How to celebrate your vision systematically. How to embrace your vision personally. Many of us have good ideas, even great ones. The difficult part is putting them into practice and keeping that vision clear and visible to your organization--whether that's a business or a church--when there are so many things in the day-to-day living of that vision that can distract from it. Making Vision Stick

offers valuable, practical tips and case studies. This is a book you'll want to highlight and dog-ear and pass around as you learn how to propel your organization toward the vision God has granted you. Vision is about what could be and should be, but life is about right this minute. The test of a true leader is in keeping that vision on track, day in and day out.

*Your New Name* - Esther Fleece Allen  
2020-01-14

Life is full of labels that limit, but God has a new name He longs for you to hear - a name that boldly declares freedom from your past and hope for your future. Join Esther Fleece Allen, bestselling author of *No More Faking Fine*, in this profound exploration of your God-given identity that no label can limit and

no circumstance can shake. Too often, our identity gets tangled up with our circumstances, and suddenly, the truth of who we are is colored by our relationship status, our job title, the shame of our past, or what others say about us. People might pin toxic, untrue labels on your back. Life might knock you down. And you might even wrongly label yourself. But God never does. Our God-given identity is the truest thing about us, and God spends a lot of time in the Bible telling us who we are. It's time to take Him at His word. God's names for you are not post-it-note provisions; they are names to be studied, taken to heart, and believed, all in the journey of becoming your truest self just as He created you to be. Let *Your New Name* be your first step in this journey of a lifetime.

*Taking Care of Business Study Guide* -  
Andy Stanley 2010-05-05

What Does the Boss Have to Say? Work. For most people, it's a necessity. For some, it's a passion. And for others, it's a four-letter word to be avoided as much as possible. In this DVD and accompanying study guide from North Point Resources, readers will come to grasp the one perspective on work that really matters: God's. He ordained it and He laid out specific guidelines enabling workers to achieve maximum success and fulfillment. In each session, Andy Stanley offers insights on common, specific problem areas people have, from dealing with coworkers and superiors, to boldly living the Christian faith, to balancing work and family. Your Guide from 9:00 to 5:00 Work. For most people, it's a

necessity. For some, it's a passion. And for others, it's a four-letter word to be avoided when possible. But for all of us, only one perspective on work really matters: God's. He ordained it and He laid out specific guidelines for us to achieve maximum success and fulfillment while on the job. Designed for small group or personal use, this companion study guide to the Taking Care of Business DVD addresses specific problem areas we're all familiar with—from dealing with coworkers and superiors while exemplifying Christ, to balancing our work and home life. This study guide is complete with a leader's guide and six lessons, including easy-to-do exercises and discussion questions. Story Behind the Book A new addition to the North Point Resources brand group from a series taught by Andy

Stanley at North Point Community Church .

The Best Question Ever Study Guide -  
Andy Stanley 2010-06-09

Can a Simple Question Foolproof Your Life? When it comes to sorting out the complexities of life, only wisdom can reveal the best path. Let's face it—we've all made some pretty dumb decisions in our lives. For most of us, there are chapters in the past we would like to rewrite. There's money we wish we had never spent, relationships we wish we had never started, and perhaps a few invitations we wish we had never accepted. Unfortunately, we can't do anything to reverse the bad decisions of the past. But there is certainly no reason to repeat them either. This six-part DVD and study guide focuses our attention on one crucial question

that has the power to goof-proof our decision making from this point forward. Prepare yourself. You are about to be introduced to a question that will revolutionize the way you make decisions. Over the past twenty years, speaker and author Andy Stanley has shared the power of this question with thousands of students and adults all over the country. Designed for small group or personal use, this companion study guide to The Best Question Ever DVD will take you through the process of making wise decisions. This study guide includes six lessons. Each lesson includes easy-to-do exercises and discussion questions. Story Behind the Book In an effort to help people broken by bad decisions, Andy Stanley created a series first called Fool Proof. While searching the Bible for

answers, he discovered the Best Question Ever. Now, after several years of teaching this principle to his church and through the extended home ministries of North Point Community Church , the DVD and study guide material are releasing to a national audience through North Point's relationship with Multnomah. **The Best Question Ever** - Andy Stanley 2009-04-23

We've all done dumb stuff in our lives. We all have regrets. Yet none of us plans to mess up our lives. Why, then, does it keep happening? Life doesn't have to be that way. You can fool-proof your life...as this book shows. God's promise and pattern is for something better. In *The Best Question Ever*, Andy Stanley effectively teaches the practical and lasting value of simply asking this

question about our actions in all of life's arenas: What is the wise thing for me to do, in light of my past experience, my present circumstances, and my future hopes and dreams? This book probes for honesty –it pushes us to open our eyes to reality and helps us expose the little (and big) self-deceptions we have. Prepare yourself. You are about to be introduced to a single question that will revolutionize the way you make decisions. Over the past twenty years, speaker and author Andy Stanley has shared the power of this question with thousands of students and adults all over the country. In this ground-breaking new book, Andy provides you with a filter through which to evaluate every decision in every arena of your life. As you are about to discover, the Best Question



Ever will bring clarity to decisions involving your finances, your love life, your schedule, even your career. People everywhere agree that their greatest regret could have been avoided had they asked the Best Question Ever and then acted on their conclusions. A time-tested truth that has immediate application, the Best Question Ever has the power to change the trajectory of your entire life. Story Behind the Book After continually making decisions that were short-sighted and hasty, Andy Stanley sought counsel. In Ephesians 5:15 he read, "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise." It was there that Andy discovered what he considers to be The Best Question Ever. From the Hardcover edition.

*Who Needs Christmas Bible Study Guide*

- Andy Stanley 2019-10-15  
Rediscover the improbable story of Christmas. Four thousand years ago, God promised he would do something through the bloodline of Abraham. Two thousand years later, Jesus was born. And two thousand years after that, we're still talking about it. Why? The story of Jesus' birth was not what anyone expected: a baby . . . born in the armpit of the Mediterranean . . . to save us from sins that no one thought we needed saving from. This Christmas season, join Andy Stanley as he unpacks why the improbability of the Christmas story is what makes it so believable. No one could have or would have made it up. The Who Needs Christmas Study Guide includes session overviews, video teaching notes, discussion questions, personal reflection

material, and a leader's guide. Sessions include: The Story Behind the Story The Author of Life The Message of Christmas Ready or Not . . . He Is Coming Designed for use with the Who Needs Christmas / Why Easter Matters Video Study (9780310121121), sold separately. Streaming video also available.

*Why in the World Bible Study Participant's Guide* - Andy Stanley  
2015-09-01

In this four-session video Bible study (DVD/digital video sold separately), bestselling author and pastor Andy Stanley takes a closer look at one of the unique things Christians believe: God became one of us. Why in the world would God do that? Why would God leave the comfort and recognition of heaven to live on this ball of dirt in a time before

morphine and indoor plumbing when the best of conditions barely paralleled the worst of modern-day conditions? Why? We think we know why He died. But what compelled him to live as one of us? Sessions include: To Communicate and Demonstrate Like Son, Like Father Classless Putting Religion in Its Place As the founder of North Point Ministries—comprised of six churches in the Atlanta area serving more than 36,000 people weekly, as well as a network of 30 churches around the globe—Andy Stanley is uniquely positioned to reach an engaged and ever-growing ministry. Designed for use with the Why in the World Video Study (sold separately).

*It Came from Within!* - Andy Stanley  
2009-08-26

Where Did THAT Come From? You know that dreaded, sinking, I-can't-

believe-I-said-that-out-loud feeling? It's a disconnect between your attitude and your actions. Or is it? "For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks," states Matthew 12:33. Scary, but true: The words you "accidentally" speak and the actions you later regret are actually in keeping with what's hiding in your heart. Andy Stanley's life-changing message examines four conditions at the root of sour attitudes, hurting relationships, and regretful actions: guilt, anger, greed, and jealousy. This book will help you disclose the true state of your heart and turn what's terrifying into what's terrific. You Can't Run from What Lurks Within More frightening than Frankenstein. More seductive than a vampire's kiss. More destructive than alien invaders from another planet.

They will numb your soul, steal your life, and threaten your most treasured relationships. Who are these creatures? Where do they come from? At the fall of mankind they were unleashed on the world, wreaking havoc and sending countless thousands fleeing from their homes. And their lair is found in the last place anyone wants to look – the mysterious depths of the human heart. You think nobody knows the real you. You think your secret is safe. Beware! These forces gain strength from darkness. And left to their own, they will grow in power and influence, like a lab experiment gone terribly wrong. But these monsters have a weakness. They can be defeated. You can escape their clutches and be forever free of their influence. Learn the truth—before it's too late! Are you afraid to look

inside? Suddenly a young wife files for divorce. Suddenly a college student's grades drop and his attitude changes. Suddenly a man's harmless pastime becomes a destructive habit. Each looks for someone else to blame. But the real enemy lurks within. Each of these people is a victim, but not in the way they might think. An invader, a deadly parasite, has wrapped its powerful, controlling tentacles around each victim's heart. The heart. Not the organ that pumps blood through our veins, but that invisible, intangible place where we experience love, compassion, contempt, and jealousy. Like the physical heart, this other heart is highly susceptible to attack—by four nightmarish foes, in particular. Four malevolent forces that, left

unchallenged, have the power to lay waste our homes, trample our careers, and leave our relationships in fiery ruins. But hope is not lost. There is a way to fight back. In this smart, revealing book, you will be introduced to these four invaders of the heart. More importantly, you will be given four weapons designed specifically to destroy them. Writing with deep honesty and gentle humor, Andy Stanley shows how you can overcome these monsters and save your world, starting now. Story Behind the Book Andy Stanley is the senior pastor of three North Point Ministries campuses with a cumulative congregation of more than twenty thousand. In his role he sees a tremendous number of people struggling with the same basic issues. This book is based on a

message he spoke to his congregation to help them better understand, work through, and move beyond the problems caused by a hurting heart. From the Hardcover edition.

*The New Rules for Love, Sex, and Dating* - Andy Stanley 2015-01-06

For anyone who is dating or thinking about marriage, pastor and bestselling author Andy Stanley shares practical, uncensored wisdom on avoiding mistakes in the present to help you avoid regrets in the future. Single? Looking for the "right person"? Convinced that if you met the "right person" everything would turn out "right?" Think again. In *The New Rules for Love, Sex, and Dating*, Andy Stanley explores the challenges, assumptions, and pitfalls associated with dating in the twenty-first century. This guide takes a

fresh approach to dating and love in the modern era by turning the search for "the one" back onto the searcher, challenging you to ask yourself tough questions like: Am I the person that the person I'm looking for is looking for? Are the Bible's teachings about women relevant today? If sex is only physical, why is the pain of sexual sin so deep? As you dig deep into Stanley's answers, you'll be equipped and empowered to step up and set a new standard for this generation by uncovering the things that create trouble in dating relationships and creating better habits now that will pay off later as you dive into married life. Praise for *The New Rules for Love, Sex, and Dating*: "No one speaks more powerfully and practically into the issues of dating and marriage in the twenty-first

century than Andy Stanley. The New Rules for Love, Sex, and Dating is an exceptional resource for anyone seeking to navigate challenging relationship waters and survive in a culture that's confused and complex. Straightforward. Graceful. Truthful. Needed." --Louie Giglio, Passion City Church, Passion Conferences "Andy's new rules for love, sex, and dating are so wise, so compelling, so clear that I want every single friend I have to read this book, and I want to save a couple copies for my boys, so they can read it in a decade or so." --Shauna Niequist, author of I Guess I Haven't Learned That Yet "Having experienced more than my fair share of destructive, harmful dating relationships, I can authoritatively say that Andy's views on the matter are clear and convicting. Andy so

beautifully conveys the message of the unfathomable grace of God, leaving you free to turn a leaf and begin a new dating chapter, making better decisions and living with fewer regrets." –Maggie Bridges, Miss Georgia 2014

*Communicating for a Change* - Andy Stanley 2008-08-19

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 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, 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 Creek 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 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.

**Take It to the Limit Study Guide** -  
Andy Stanley 2010-04-14

Come Back from the Edge Overloaded? Maxed out? Our culture encourages us to live as if we have no limits. So we fill up our schedules and empty

our bank accounts. We do as much as we can, spend as much as we can, and acquire as much as we can—all in an effort to get as much as we can out of life. This six-part DVD shows that the secret to getting more out of life is not by doing more, but by doing less. Its companion study guide is complete with a leader's guide and six lessons, including conversation-starting exercises, discussion questions, and application steps. You'll learn to create the margin you need to live the life God intends for you. Come Back from the Edge Overloaded? Maxed out? Our culture encourages us to live as if we have no limits. So we fill up our schedules and empty our bank accounts. We do as much as we can, spend as much as we can, and acquire as much as we can—all in an effort to



get as much as we can out of life. In this six-session companion study guide to the Take It to the Limit DVD, Andy Stanley explains that the secret to getting more out of life is not doing more, but doing less. We must learn to create margin to live the life God intended for us. This study guide is complete with a leader's guide and six lessons, including conversation-starting exercises, discussion questions, and application steps. Story Behind the Book Andy Stanley, senior pastor of three North Point Ministries campuses with a cumulative congregation of more than twenty thousand, sees firsthand the burned-out, frenzied life Christians are living. Some are just beginning to establish unhealthy patterns, while others have been living without margin for years, and

their health is paying the price. This curriculum was designed to help people establish balance, so that the life God intends for them will become an achievable reality!

*Defining Moments Study Guide* - Andy Stanley 2010-05-19

Face the Truth Life is full of defining moments. Like landmarks on a road map, these moments mark key points along your life's journey. A defining moment happens when you come face-to-face with a truth that invites you to change the way you live. It demands that you make a decision. And regardless of the choice you make, you will never be the same. In this eight-part companion study guide to the Defining Moments DVD, bestselling author Andy Stanley examines several such moments as depicted in the lives of people

from Scripture—the kinds of moments many of us will experience in our lifetimes. And if you're willing to look at truth honestly, these moments can change your life forever. Story Behind the Book While working to develop a series that would introduce people to a new mind-set about the way they live their lives, Andy Stanley discovered the influence that defining moments have. Now, after teaching this principle to his staff, church, and through the extended home study groups of North Point Community Church , this DVD and study guide material are releasing to a national audience through North Point's relationship with Multnomah.

**How Good Is Good Enough?** - Andy

Stanley 2008-08-19

Surely there's more than one way to get to heaven? Bestselling author

Andy Stanley addresses this popular belief held even among Christians. But believing that all good people go to heaven raises major problems, Stanley reveals. Is goodness not rewarded, then? Is Christianity not fair? Maybe not, he says. Readers will find out why Jesus taught that goodness is not even a requirement to enter heaven - and why Christianity is beyond fair. Andy Stanley leads believers and skeptics alike to a grateful awareness of God's enormous grace and mercy. Good People Go to Heaven...Don't They? Sure they do. It only makes sense. Actually, it doesn't really make any sense at all. Smart, educated, accomplished men and women everywhere are banking their eternities on a theory that doesn't hold water. Chances are, you've never really thought it through. But you

owe it to yourself to do so. Find out now what's wrong with the most popular theory about heaven—and what it really takes to get there.

*NIV, Voices of Faith Devotional Bible*  
- Zondervan, 2012-05-29

The NIV Voices of Faith Devotional Bible combines Scriptural insights from both the past and present to reveal God's truth for your life today. Writers such as C.S. Lewis and Eugene Peterson, Oswald Chambers and Joni Eareckson Tada, St. Augustine and Brennan Manning, Thomas à Kempis and Dallas Willard—voices from yesterday and voices from today—join together to address a topic for a timeless and relevant devotional experience every day.

*Creating Community, Revised & Updated Edition* - Andy Stanley 2009-03-25  
Five keys to building a small group

culture that fosters meaningful, lasting connections within your church community. Small groups are the key to impacting lives in your church. But a healthy small-group environment doesn't just happen. So pull up a chair. Let's talk about how to make it happen. Bill Willits and bestselling author Andy Stanley share their successful approach, which has resulted in nearly eight thousand adults becoming involved in small groups at North Point Community Church in Atlanta. Simply put, the five principles have passed the test. This is not just another book about community; this is a book about strategy—strategy that builds a small group culture. *Creating Community* shares clear and simple principles to help people connect into meaningful relationships. The kind that God

desires for each of us and that He uses to change our lives. Put this proven method to work in your ministry and enjoy the tangible results—God’s people doing life TOGETHER. “The small-group program at North Point Community Church is not an appendage; it is not a program we tacked on to an existing structure. It is part of our lifestyle. We think groups. We organize groups. We are driven by groups. Creating Community contains our blueprint for success. And I believe it has the potential power to revolutionize your own small-group ministry!” – Andy Stanley  
NIV Stewardship Study Bible - 2012-06-19

Stewardship is an idea that most of us don’t think about ... until we find ourselves in personal financial crisis, or the nation does. And we

may know that stewardship is about more than money, but the whole idea can be so overwhelming. How do we figure it out? How do we live lives of stewardship? Is it achievable? What does it mean? Through 366 Exploring Stewardship notes, profiles of individuals, notes on challenges to stewardship, quotes on stewardship from respected Christians throughout the ages, and other articles and helps, the NIV Stewardship Study Bible projects a positive picture of the privilege we have in managing what God has given us to give him glory and to build his kingdom. More than just money, this Bible emphasizes stewardly responsibility in all areas of life, including relationships, creation care, money management, institutions, and caring for the poor. It’s been pulled

together with the purpose of changing perceptions about what the word “stewardship” means—not something intended to be draining and guilt inducing, but rather motivating, empowering, and uplifting. The NIV Stewardship Study Bible has been endorsed by Crown Ministries, Dave Ramsey, Good \$ense ministries, the Barnabas Foundation, Prison Fellowship, and various other programs and ministries that seek to encourage responsible stewardship among Christians. This Bible is a natural “next step” for people who benefit from these ministries and take part in their programs. NIV ©2011. The New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible is the world’s most popular modern-English Bible—easy to understand, yet rich with the detail found in the original

languages.

**Beyond the Swipe** - Kristin Fry  
2018-04-24

There's no doubt that the Internet has changed modern life. In the blink of an eye, we can look up obscure information, order groceries, or connect with old friends. With the advent of dating apps, even true love is at our fingertips--or so we're told. But how can single Christians find their way from that first swipe right of interest on an app to long-lasting, God-honoring love? Kristin Fry has her share of laugh-out-loud and cringe-worthy dating app stories, and she knows the fatigue that can come with digital dating. Despite the instant gratification that some dating apps advertise, true relationships are more than an interaction based on first

impressions on a mobile device. In a warm, conversational style, Fry tackles a broad range of topics from evaluating profiles to first dates to maintaining healthy peer friendships even while dating. Kristin mines her own experience in the dating world but also includes insights from interviews with thirty married couples, and in-depth biblical study from Abraham and Sarah, the life of Jesus, the letter of Ephesians, and more. This isn't just another how-to book for finding Mr. Right; this is a guide to help single Christian women navigate the new normal without forgetting their genuine identity in a God who loves them. By the end, digital daters will have the right tools for dating well--and know that God's best is possible.

*Deep and Wide* - Andy Stanley

2016-02-09

Create a church unchurched people absolutely love to attend. Deep and Wide provides church leaders with an in-depth look into North Point Community Church and its strategy for creating churches unchurched people absolutely love to attend. In it, Andy Stanley explains: His strategy for preaching and programming to both mature believers and cynical unbelievers North Point's spiritual formation model: The Five Faith Catalysts Three essential ingredients for creating irresistible environments How to tackle the challenge of transitioning a local congregation If your team is more concerned with who you are reaching than who you are keeping, the expanded edition of Deep and Wide will be more than a book you read; it

will be a resource you come back to over and over! New bonus content includes a study guide, church staff helps, and an interview with Andy on the most frequently asked questions about Deep and Wide.

Next Generation Leader - Andy Stanley  
2011-10-19

A growing number of next generation Christians are eager to learn, grow, and lead in ministry or in the marketplace. Mentoring young leaders, as they face the unique issues of a changing world, has been pastor and Visioneering author Andy Stanley's passion for more than a decade. Here, he shares material from his leadership training sessions, developed to address essential leadership qualities such as character, clarity, courage, and competency. This is the perfect guide

for any new leader -- or for the mentor of a future leader! Clear, stylish typeset, with user-friendly links to referenced Scripture.

**Irresistible** - Andy Stanley  
2018-09-18

A fresh look at the earliest Christian movement reveals what made the new faith so compelling...and what we need to change today to make it so again. Once upon a time there was a version of the Christian faith that was practically irresistible. After all, what could be more so than the gospel that Jesus ushered in? Why, then, isn't it the same with Christianity today? Author and pastor Andy Stanley is deeply concerned with the present-day church and its future. He believes that many of the solutions to our issues can be found by investigating our roots. In

Irresistible, Andy chronicles what made the early Jesus Movement so compelling, resilient, and irresistible by answering these questions: What did first-century Christians know that we don't—about God's Word, about their lives, about love? What did they do that we're not doing? What makes Christianity so resistible in today's culture? What needs to change in order to repeat the growth our faith had at its beginning? Many people who leave or disparage the faith cite reasons that have less to do with Jesus than with the conduct of his followers. It's time to hit pause and consider the faith modeled by our first-century brothers and sisters who had no official Bible, no status, and little chance of survival. It's time to embrace the version of faith that

initiated—against all human odds—a chain of events resulting in the most significant and extensive cultural transformation the world has ever seen. This is a version of Christianity we must remember and re-embrace if we want to be salt and light in an increasingly savorless and dark world.

*Enemies of the Heart* - Andy Stanley  
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### **Seven Practices of Effective Ministry**

- Andy Stanley 2008-08-19

There's no scoreboard in the

sanctuary, and the only plate is probably for the offering. But every church leader needs to know how to win, and every congregation needs to know when to cheer. This insightful book speaks to every church leader who yearns for a simpler, more effective approach to ministry. An engaging parable about one overwhelmed pastor is followed by an overview of seven successful team practices, each one developed and applied in a ministry setting. Reinforced by relevant discussion questions, these clear, easy, and strategic practices can turn any ministry into a winning team. Your ministry is perfectly designed to produce the results you are currently experiencing. If you are satisfied with those results, you don't need this book. If not, it's time for a

change. Like your own personal trainer, 7 Practices of Effective Ministry is an insightful guide for any leader who yearns for a simpler, more effective approach to ministry. Here are seven strategic principles that when put into play will bring focus and clarity to everything you do and turn your ministry into a winning team. Story Behind the Book Looking for ways to help pastors faced with hectic lives and depleted resources, Andy Stanley, Reggie Joiner, and Lane Jones decided to write a parable about the complicated life of a local pastor. Rather than come straight at those in ministry with formulas and lists, they engage readers in an effort to have them identify with the character. "For many years, I practiced and taught church growth. What I have witnessed

as a member at North Point takes church growth to a whole new level. Andy and his team communicate principles that will add value to you and the church you love." -John C. Maxwell, founder, The INJOY Group "Every professional athlete recognizes the value of solid coaching. The best are always working to get better. From what I've seen at North Point, these seven practices can improve the game of any church in America." -John Smoltz, Cy Young Award-winning pitcher "The practices covered in this book are down-to-earth, practical, and come from real difference-makers who know what church leadership is all about. Andy, Reggie, and Lane have definitely hit the ball out of the park with the 7 Practices of Effective Ministry." -Ed Young, Jr., senior pastor, Fellowship

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*Not in It to Win It* - Andy Stanley

2022-05-10

Is it possible to disagree politically and love unconditionally?

The reaction of evangelicals to political and cultural shifts in recent years revealed what they value most. Lurking beneath our Bible-laced rhetoric, faith claims, books, and sermons is a relentless drive to WIN! But the church is not here to win. By every human measure, our Savior lost. On purpose. With a purpose. And we are his body. We are not in it to win anything. We are in it for something else entirely. That something else is what this book is about. You'll discover: How to take a stand the right way. You'll learn how to make your case with a posture of humility and understanding, rather than being

fueled by the fear of losing something. How to view politics through the lens of faith. Learn curiously, listen intentionally, and love unconditionally. How the life of Jesus and his teaching applies to modern-day challenges in a fresh way. The "biblical" stand may not be what we've been taught. Jesus never asked his followers to agree on everything. But he did call his followers to obey a new command: to love others in the same way he has loved us. Instead of asserting our rights or fighting for power, we need to begin asking ourselves: what does love require of me?

**The Grace of God** - Andy Stanley

2011-09-12

"Grace. It's what we crave most when our guilt is exposed. It's the very thing we are hesitant to extend when

we are confronted with the guilt of others—especially when their guilt has robbed us of something we consider valuable. Therein is the struggle, the struggle for grace. It's this struggle that makes grace more story than doctrine. It's the struggle that reminds us that grace is bigger than compassion or forgiveness. That struggle is the context for both. When we are on the receiving end, grace is refreshing. When it is required of us, it is often disturbing. But when correctly applied, it seems to solve just about everything. This struggle is not new; it has been going on since the beginning." —Andy Stanley We find in the pages of Scripture that the stories found there often mirror our own stories, and that we too need the very thing we do not deserve: the

grace of God. From the beginning, the church has had an uneasy relationship with grace. The gravitational pull is always toward graceless religion. The odd thing is that when you read the New Testament, the only thing Jesus stood against consistently was graceless religion. The only group he attacked relentlessly was graceless religious leaders. Even now as you think about grace, there might be a little voice in your head whispering, "It can't be that easy!" "What about obedience?" "What about disobedience?" "What about repeated misbehavior?" "What about bad habits?" "What about justice?" "What about repentance?" It's this tension that makes grace so slippery. But that's the beauty and the truth of grace. We don't deserve it. We can't earn it. It can't be qualified. But

God gives it to us anyway because he loves us unconditionally. The story of grace is your story. And as you are about to discover grace plays a larger role than you imagine.

*The Principle of the Path* - Andy Stanley 2011-03

Your Direction, not Your Intention, Determines Your Destination. There is often a tension between where we want to end up in life and the path we choose to get there. We fail to see that having good intentions is never good enough. Like Charlie Brown, we wrongly believe there's something to be said for trying hard. We need to understand why, in spite of our good intentions, we may have ended up at the wrong destination with our finances, our marriages, our careers, or a host of other dreams. So how do we get from where we are to where we

truly want to be? The Principle of the Path is a road map to proper direction and discipline. Includes Extensive Study Guide.

**Discovering God's Will Study Guide** - Andy Stanley 2010-05-05

God has a personal vision for our lives, and He wants us to know it even more than we do. But determining God's will can be a difficult process, especially when we need to make a decision in a hurry. The Discovering God's Will DVD and its companion study guide, designed for small groups or personal study, take you through the important steps of decision making, pursuing God's will, seeking counsel from others, learning to use discernment, and understanding the mind of God through Scripture as you seek His will. The DVD includes 4 complete sermons and eight 12- to 15-

minute group sessions that correspond with the study guide. The study guide, which includes a leader's guide, will help outline the amazing plan God has in mind for your life. How to Make Decisions with Confidence God has a wonderful and fulfilling vision for your life. Yet determining God's will can be a difficult process, especially when you need to make a decision quickly! Designed for small groups or personal study, this companion study guide to the Discovering God's Will DVD will take you through the important steps of decision making: Pursuing God's will Seeking counsel from others Learning to use discernment Understanding the mind of God through Scripture Includes eight sessions (and a leader's guide) that will outline the amazing plan God has for your life.

Story Behind the Book In an effort to focus Multnomah's mission to equip the church and to make the "bride" more beautiful, the company developed a relationship with Andy Stanley and North Point Community Church to publish a selection of the church's resources and distribute them to a broader market. Reaching the church is a strategic goal of Multnomah, and we realize that the emerging generation needs resources that deliver truth in fresh, new ways. Andy's leadership will keep North Point on the edge for a long time to come. North Point is one of the most influential churches in the nation and their teaching is already highly sought after. They have a voice for the 20- to 30-something generation. North Point Resources can effectively produce a vast selection of products

(books, CDs, DVDs, multimedia) at a high level of quality. They share a complementary heart and vision with Multnomah Publishers, Inc.

**She Works His Way** - Michelle Myers  
2021-10-12

Dear friend, We know it deeply. It is so hard to juggle work, home, and spiritual life. As working women, we've wrestled with tough questions:

- How can I be effective in my work, and stay committed to the Gospel?
- How can I be dedicated to my family, when my job is so demanding?
- Why am I working so hard, and still so unfulfilled?

Sound familiar? Like you, we see a culture that promotes success at all costs, and working women are falling for it. It's happening every day. Priorities are shifting. Things are getting done . . . but are we doing what matters most?

And that's why we wrote this book. This is the story of how we traded the lies of the world for the truth of our loving Father--the lessons we learned that challenged culture's "good things" so we could find the greatest thing. The book you're holding in your hands is really a conversation--a conversation that pushes back against our culture with a Gospel-centered approach to work and womanhood, for the glory of God and the good of others. Let's get to work. His way. Michelle + Somer "This is the book for every working woman!"--ALLI WORTHINGTON, bestselling author and business coach  
Go Fish Study Guide - Andy Stanley  
2010-04-14

Tell Faith-Filled Fish Tales Fishing stories. We've all heard them. "It was this big." "You should have seen

the one that got away.” People love to tell stories of their fishing adventures. When it comes to faith, however, most people clam up. Why is it we can’t talk about what God has done in our lives as naturally as we can spin fishing tales? In this six-session companion study guide to the Go Fish DVD, Andy Stanley explores the motivation behind sharing our faith. Discover God’s heart for those who don’t know Him and the role that we can play in introducing others to Him. Along the way you will be equipped with tools that will help you make sharing your faith a natural part of your life. This study guide is complete with a leader’s guide and six lessons, including conversation-starting exercises, discussion questions, and application steps. Story Behind the Book Andy Stanley,

senior pastor of three North Point Ministries campuses, with a cumulative congregation of more than twenty thousand, has had countless conversations with everyday Christians who struggle to share their faith with confidence and ease. Though not everyone has “the gift,” evangelism is something we’re each called to. This curriculum was designed to take the fear out of sharing the good news of Christ, and to help you talk about it as naturally as you would that exciting fishing trip last weekend!

**Visioneering, Revised and Updated**

**Edition** - Andy Stanley 2005-10-03

Everybody ends up somewhere in life. Wouldn’t you like to end up somewhere on purpose? What breaks your heart? What keeps you up at night? What could be that should be? Andy Stanley



believes these questions are bread crumbs that lead to the discovery of personal vision. With down-to-earth practicality, Andy extracts principles from the story of Nehemiah to help you discover your purpose in life. Visioneering includes helpful exercises and time-tested ideas for visionary decision-making, personal growth, and leadership at home and at work. Catch a glimpse of God's incredible vision for your life, relationships, and business—and discover the passion to follow it. Includes discussion guide for use in small groups.

*The Life-Giving Leader* - Tyler Reagin  
2018-09-18

The president of Catalyst Leader believes that the most impactful and most influential leaders are the ones who lead from who they truly are, not

who they pretend or wish to be. With clear biblical teaching and personal accounts, Tyler Reagin not only demonstrates the necessity of life-giving leadership, but also provides the steps you'll need to begin knowing and leading from your truest self. From his experiences in high-impact leadership roles at some of our nation's largest churches and ministries, Reagin has learned firsthand the importance of identity-based leadership. His desire is to help each reader become an empowered, confident leader that brings life and vibrancy to every room they enter. Whether you've got the corner office or you're just getting started, Reagin gives you the tools you need to become an impactful and unique influencer right where you are!

**Next Generation Leader** - Andy Stanley

2006-01-03

Follow Your Own Lead! The Next Generation Leader has been challenging young Christians eager to learn, grow, and lead in ministry or in the marketplace since its original release in 2003. Now with an all-new look, this repackaged version continues to advance the mission of the first release. Mentoring young leaders as they face the unique issues of a changing world has been pastor and bestselling author Andy Stanley's passion for more than a decade. Here he shares material from his leadership training sessions, developed to address essential leadership qualities such as character, clarity, courage, and competency. This is the perfect guide for any new leader—or for the mentor of a future leader! Straight Talk to

Tomorrow's Leaders Five characteristics mark the man or woman who will shape the future. -Courage - Clarity -Competence -Coachability - Character Drawing on two decades of experience mentoring a rising generation, seasoned visionary Andy Stanley shows how to: -Discover and play to your strengths -Harness your fears -Leverage uncertainty -Enlist a leadership coach -Maintain moral authority "Capable men and women will eventually catch, pass, and replace the current generation of leaders," says Stanley. "Embracing these essentials, you will not only excel in your personal leadership, but also ensure a no-regrets experience for those who choose to follow you." " Andy Stanley 's The Next Generation Leader will equip the messengers to stand a little taller with a vision

of hope and promise as they engraft these timeless principles into their daily lives.” –Dan T. Cathy, president and CEO, Chick-Fil-A Corporation “It’s obvious that what Andy Stanley has to say in *The Next Generation Leader* comes straight from the gut of someone who is in the leadership game and is winning at it.” –Bill Hybels, senior pastor, Willow Creek Community Church “ Andy Stanley offers a fresh perspective on ageless truths that will be of enormous benefit to today’s leaders and to future generations.” –Patrick S. Flood, chairman and CEO, HomeBanc Mortgage Corporation *Story Behind the Book Andy Stanley*, the senior pastor of the North Point Ministries campuses with a cumulative congregation of more than twenty thousand, admits he has one single,

core passion. He lives to train and mentor young leaders to be the best they can be! He sees the “next gen” need for quality Christian resources on leadership and wrote this book entrenched in leadership himself, desiring to guide the up-and-coming young men and women who will shape our future.

Defining Moments Study Guide - Andy Stanley 2004-12-11

Face the Truth Life is full of defining moments. Like landmarks on a road map, these moments mark key points along your life’s journey. A defining moment happens when you come face-to-face with a truth that invites you to change the way you live. It demands that you make a decision. And regardless of the choice you make, you will never be the same. In this eight-part

companion study guide to the Defining Moments DVD, bestselling author Andy Stanley examines several such moments as depicted in the lives of people from Scripture—the kinds of moments many of us will experience in our lifetimes. And if you're willing to look at truth honestly, these moments can change your life forever. Story Behind the Book While working to develop a series that would introduce people to a new mind-set about the way they live their lives, Andy Stanley discovered the influence that defining moments have. Now, after teaching this principle to his staff, church, and through the extended home study groups of North Point Community Church, this DVD and study guide material are releasing to a national audience through North Point's relationship with Multnomah.

*Community Bible Study Conversation Guide* - Andy Stanley 2013-12-23  
Community. It's a word we often hear, but what does it really mean? And why is it so important to your spiritual life? Because you can't grow spiritually unless you're connected relationally. God designed us that way. He wants to use other people to grow us and he wants to use us to grow other people. In this 8-session video-based study (DVD/digital video sold separately), specifically designed for launching new small groups well, you'll explore how building deep relationships with the people in your small group and serving in the larger community around you will grow your faith. You'll learn why your unique story matters... to God and to the people you do life with. Community is a great

way for small groups to grow together and for churches to connect new people in their congregation. This conversation guide is a necessary tool walking you through each session with group starters, leader's notes, discussion questions, and weekly reading. Sessions include: Show Up Pursue God Join In Be Real Part 1 Be Real Part 2 Be Real Part 3 Be the Church Be Together Designed for use with Community Video Study (sold separately).

**Guardrails Participant's Guide** - Andy Stanley 2013-04-24

In this six-session small group Bible study (DVD/digital video sold separately), Andy Stanley challenges us to stop flirting with disaster and establish personal guardrails. Guardrails. They're everywhere, but they don't really get much attention

... until somebody hits one. And then, more often than not, it is a lifesaver. Ever wonder what it would be like to have guardrails in other areas of your life-areas where culture baits you to the edge of disaster and then chastises you when you step across the line? Your friendships. Your finances. Your marriage. Maybe your greatest regret could have been avoided if you had established guardrails. In this six-session video-based small group bible study, Andy Stanley challenges us to stop flirting with disaster and establish some personal guardrails. Sessions include: Direct and Protect (20:00) Why Can't We Be Friends? (18:30) Flee Baby Flee! (21:30) Me and the Mrs. (15:00) The Consumption Assumption (19:00) Once and for All (17:30) Designed for use with the

Guardrails Video Study (sold separately).

*Staying in Love Bible Study Participant's Guide* - Andy Stanley  
2010-09

In this participant's guide, to be used with the "Staying in Love" video, pastor Stanley discusses how to stay in love. (Relationships)

**Relying on the Holy Spirit** - Charles F. Stanley 2019-10-15

Learn the whole truth about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit should inspire our awe and admiration. Unfortunately, for many believers these feelings of wonder come about as a result of puzzlement instead of adoration. But the truth of the matter is that the role of the Holy Spirit does not have to be a mystery in our lives, and we will miss out greatly on God's power if we choose

to ignore His Spirit. In Relying on the Holy Spirit, Charles F. Stanley cuts through the confusion and introduces us to a living Person as real and active as God the Father and Christ the Son. We can know what God's Word says about who the Spirit is—and how to develop a relationship with Him. With over 1 million copies sold, the Charles F. Stanley Bible Study Series is a unique approach to Bible study, incorporating biblical truth, personal insights, emotional responses, and a call to action. Each study draws on Dr. Stanley's many years of teaching the guiding principles found in God's Word, showing how we can apply them in practical ways to every situation we face. This edition of the series has been completely revised and updated, and includes two brand-new lessons

from Dr. Stanley. Each of the twelve lessons includes: Overview: A brief look at what is covered in the lesson Life's Questions: A teaching from Dr. Stanley that unpacks the topic of the

lesson Living the Principle: Application and Bible study questions based on the key points Reflection: Key takeaways to put into practice today and tomorrow