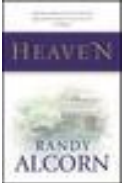


Reading/Study Resource List

The following list includes a number of resources we have discovered over the years. This list is by no means exhaustive, but is meant to provide a starting off point if you're looking for a "good read."

Please note we do not necessarily endorse any of these authors, nor do their opinions necessarily reflect or represent the position of the House of Hope Minnesota ministry organization. This list is simply a compilation of resources we have enjoyed over the past years.

Spiritual Growth/Christian Living

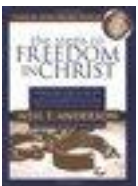
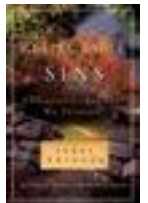


Heaven by Randy Alcorn

"What will heaven be like? Randy Alcorn presents a thoroughly biblical answer, based on years of careful study, presented in an engaging, reader-friendly style. His conclusions will surprise readers and stretch their thinking about this important subject. Heaven will inspire readers to long for heaven while they're living on earth." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

Respectable Sins by Jerry Bridges

"Have Christians become so preoccupied with major sins that we have lost sight of our need to deal with more subtle sins? Navigator author Jerry Bridges addresses the "acceptable" sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves, including pride and anger. He goes to the heart of the matter, exploring our feelings of shame and grief and opening a new door to God's forgiveness and grace. Travel down the road of spiritual formation with Jerry and discover your true identity as a loved child of God. A discussion guide is available separately." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>



Steps to Freedom in Christ by Neil T Anderson

"The victory that Christ promises us is complete. He has promised that knowing the truth will set us free. The Steps to Freedom in Christ is a comprehensive process that will help you resolve your personal and spiritual conflicts in Christ. If you have received Christ as your personal Savior, He has set you free. You will still have conflicts in your life, but you can overcome them because of your position in Christ as a child of God. Experience daily victory over sin and doubt with this next generation of The Steps to Freedom in Christ. It will help you reclaim the promise of freedom that Christ offers to all who call on His name. The Steps to Freedom in Christ includes a spiritual inventory to help you identify and break free from: condemning thoughts, compulsive behaviors, personal conflicts, spiritual struggle and despair, any type of personal or spiritual bondage." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

Why I Believe (video study and workbook) by Chip Ingram

"What happens when we die? Can miracles be explained? Is there really a God? Answers to questions such as these are as varied as they are confusing, and spring from a plethora of mystical belief systems. But the fact is, we can know the truth. There are solid, logical answers to satisfy the heart and mind of those who are seeking. In this series, Chip Ingram explores important topics such as the truthfulness and reality of the resurrection of Christ, the evidence of an afterlife, and the accuracy and intellectual feasibility of the Bible. If you or someone you know has genuine questions about issues at the core of human existence, this series is an excellent resource. The series includes the following messages: Why I Believe in the Resurrection Why I Believe in Life After Death Why I Believe in the Bible Why I Believe in Creation Part 1-2 Why I Believe in the God of the Bible" <http://livingontheedge.org/group-studies/browse-all-studies/why-i-believe>

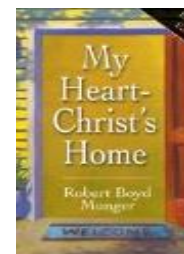


Not A Fan by Kyle Idleman

"Are you a follower of Jesus? Don't answer too quickly. In fact, you may want to read this book before you answer at all. Consider it a "Define the Relationship" conversation to determine exactly where you stand. You may indeed be a passionate, fully devoted follower of Jesus. Or, you may be just a fan who admires Jesus but isn't ready to let him cramp your style. Then again, maybe you're not into Jesus, period. In any case, don't take the question—Are you a follower of Jesus?—lightly. Some people don't know what they've said yes to and other people don't realize what they've said no to, says Pastor Kyle Idleman. But Jesus is ready to clearly define the relationship he wants with his followers. Not A Fan calls you to consider the demands and rewards of being a true disciple. With frankness sprinkled with humor, Idleman invites you to live the way Jesus lived, love the way he loved, pray the way he prayed, and never give up living for the One who gave his all for you." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

My Heart Christ's Home by Robert Boyd Munger

"More than ten million readers have enjoyed Robert Boyd Munger's spiritually challenging meditation on Christian discipleship. Imagining what it would be like to have Jesus come to the home of our hearts, Munger moves room by room considering what Christ desires for us. In the living room we prepare to meet Christ daily. In the dining room we examine together what appetites should and should not control us. We even explore the closets in our lives that Christ can help us clean out. Munger's practical and profound booklet (now revised and expanded) helps you give Christ control over all of your life." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

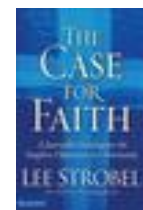


Invisible War by Chip Ingram

"Beneath our tangible landscape lurks an invisible spiritual realm where unseen battles rage. It's real. And it's dangerous. If you're prepared to remove the blinders and gaze into the unseen world, Chip Ingram is ready to take you there. Hang on to your seat. It's going to be a journey inside the very folds of our Bibles, a journey that will teach us about our greatest foe, Satan, also known as Lucifer, Dragon, Serpent, and Son of the Morning Star. Although this lying thief comes to "steal, kill, and destroy," God details in His Word the battle plan to uncover Satan's cunning deceptions and to resist his sinister schemes. The cosmic conflict exploding all around us will have eternal implications, for us and those we love. In this series you will be prepared to do spiritual battle with the enemy of your soul... and win! You'll learn to clothe yourself with God's "spiritual armor" so you can be confident of your certain victory over the scheming enemy. ACSI approved." <http://livingontheedge.org/group-studies/browse-all-studies/invisible-war>

The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel

"In his #1 bestseller The Case for Christ, Lee Strobel examined the claims of Christ, reaching the hard-won verdict that Jesus is God's unique son. In The Case for Faith, Strobel turns his skills to the most persistent emotional objections to belief—the eight "heart barriers" to faith. This Gold Medallion-winning book is for those who may be feeling attracted to Jesus but who are faced with difficult questions standing squarely in their path. For Christians, it will deepen their convictions and give them fresh confidence in discussing Christianity with even their most skeptical friends." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

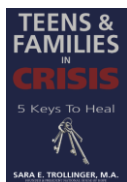


Bondage Breaker by Neil T. Anderson

"Featuring a new introduction by Neil T. Anderson, this freshly re-covered edition of his bestselling book The Bondage Breaker (more than 1.2 million copies sold) leads readers away from the shadows and shackles in their lives and toward the freedom that comes when they realize they have the right to be free, confront the power of Satan, fight the temptation to do it their way, trade deception for grace, affirm their identity in Christ. Neil Anderson ultimately helps people break negative thought patterns, control irrational feelings, and break out of the bondage of sinful behavior. Those struggling will discover how to embrace the promise of Jesus to win the spiritual battles that confront them."

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Parenting/Personal Development

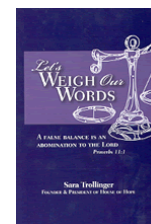


Teens and Families in Crisis by Sara Trollinger

"If you are a trained counselor, youth pastor, youth worker, concerned parent or grandparent, this powerful handbook will become a go-to-reference, a wealth of insight and ideas that you can apply to the specific situation you are facing. Far too often the behavior we see is not the root of the problem, it's the symptom. To have lasting results, we must go beyond the behavior and look into the families' past. You will gain insight that will transform teens and their families. The insights in this book do not come from a textbook or classroom. These proven practices shared come from real case studies and the experience of House of Hope Orlando counselors." http://www.nationalhouseofhope.org/general.php?section_url=18

Let's Weigh Our Words by Sara Trollinger

"Let's Weigh Our Words is an invitation to the life of real, authentic and unfeigned faith. Sara Trollinger helps you weigh your words in light of the powerful promises in the Word of God. She then provides the tools, confession, and affirmations to transform your language patterns and speech so that you are aligned with that Word. Let's Weigh Our Words includes: The Importance of the Words We Speak, Let's Weigh Our Words, Power of the Tongue, Balance, A Challenge for Confessing God's Word, The Power of the Spoken Word, Blessing Your Children." http://www.nationalhouseofhope.org/general.php?section_url=18



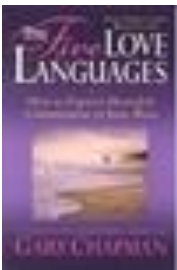
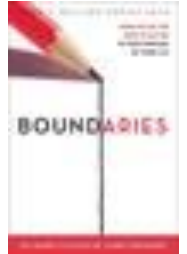


The Search for Significance by Robert S McGee

“Robert McGee's best-selling book has helped millions of readers learn how to be free to enjoy Christ's love while no longer basing their self-worth on their accomplishments or the opinions of others. In fact, Billy Graham said that it was a book that "should be read by every Christian." In this re-launch of this timeless classic you will: Gain new skills for getting off the performance treadmill. Discover how four false beliefs have negatively impacted your life. Learn how to overcome obstacles that prevent you from experiencing the truth that your self-worth is found only in the love, acceptance, and forgiveness of Christ.” <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

Boundaries by Henry Cloud and John Townsend

“Having clear boundaries is essential to a healthy, balanced lifestyle. A boundary is a personal property line that marks those things for which we are responsible. In other words, boundaries define who we are and who we are not. Boundaries impact all areas of our lives: Physical boundaries help us determine who may touch us and under what circumstances. Mental boundaries give us the freedom to have our own thoughts and opinions. Emotional boundaries help us to deal with our own emotions and disengage from the harmful, manipulative emotions of others. Spiritual boundaries help us to distinguish God's will from our own and give us renewed awe for our Creator. Often, Christians focus so much on being loving and unselfish that they forget their own limits and limitations. When confronted with their lack of boundaries, they ask: Can I set limits and still be a loving person? What are legitimate boundaries? What if someone is upset or hurt by my boundaries? How do I answer someone who wants my time, love, energy, or money? Aren't boundaries selfish? Why do I feel guilty or afraid when I consider setting boundaries? Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend offer biblically-based answers to these and other tough questions, showing us how to set healthy boundaries with our parents, spouses, children, friends, co-workers, and even ourselves.” <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

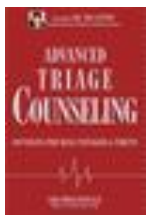


The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman (and all books in series)

“Marriage should be based on love, right? But does it seem as though you and your spouse are speaking two different languages? New York Times bestselling author Dr. Gary Chapman guides couples in identifying, understanding, and speaking their spouse's primary love language—quality time, words of affirmation, gifts, acts of service, or physical touch. By learning the five love languages, you and your spouse will discover your unique love languages and learn practical steps in truly loving each other. Chapters are categorized by love language for easy reference, and each one ends with specific, simple steps to express a specific language to your spouse and guide your marriage in the right direction. A newly designed love languages assessment will help you understand and strengthen your relationship. You can build a lasting, loving marriage together.” <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

Different Children Different Needs by Charles F Boyd

“Biblical parenting involves encouraging, exhorting, and empathizing with children according to their unique needs and character. This re-release of Different Children, Different Needs clarifies what the Bible means when it commands us to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6). It teaches moms and dads how to understand the personality God has given each of their children and how to tailor their parenting styles to meet their children's needs. Pastor Charles Boyd uses the popular DISC personality assessment model to help parents better recognize, accept, and appreciate their kids' temperaments.” <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

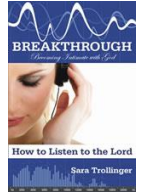


Advanced Triage Counseling by Sara Trollinger

“Advanced Triage Counseling is the must have handbook for counseling teens in crisis and their families. Accident victims have an all too brief "golden hour" in which to receive emergency care from the EMT. Teens and families today need Christian crisis counselors to meet them in their "golden hour" using the 5 following techniques: Checking for a heartbeat - how is their spiritual pulse? Examine their wounds - what is going on that is causing the pain? Knowing their history - what's in their past that needs to be dealt with? Performing Surgery - identifying and delivering them from the root of their problems? Physical therapy - what are the changes in behaviors and boundaries necessary to get healthy? Whether you're a trained counselor, youth pastor, youth worker, concerned parent or grandparent this powerful handbook will become your go-to reference book.” http://www.nationalhouseofhope.org/general.php?section_url=18

Breakthrough by Sara Trollinger

“Breakthrough is a handbook on listening to the Lord based on Sara's personal experiences. She offers background information and guidance on how you, can hear the voice of God. If you doubt that God speaks today, or have asked these kinds of honest questions, here is proof...documented evidence...that He is right there just waiting for you to listen: What does God sound like? Does He have a big booming voice? Or is it a thought that comes to us? How do we hear Him? How do we get in touch? What does He say?” http://www.nationalhouseofhope.org/general.php?section_url=18



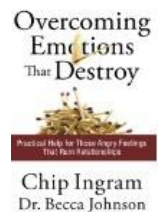
Effective Parenting in a Defective World (video and study guide) by Chip Ingram

“Raising children is a tough challenge in today's world. Peers and pop culture exert a never-ending pressure on kids. Parents often feel helpless, as every godly principle they teach their children seems to be contradicted by the corrupt principles of this defective world. But the good news is, God has a plan for effectively raising your children and you can learn from it. Packed with practical advice, this series will give struggling parents a vision for their children's future and life-changing help for today. This series includes the following messages: How to Raise Positive Kids in a Negative World How to Develop Your Child's Full Potential How to Discipline Your Child Effectively How to Prepare Your Kids to Win Life's Biggest Battle.” <http://livingontheedge.christianbook.com/page/tcg/lote/lote-product/effective-parenting-in-a-defective-world>



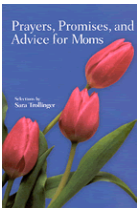
Overcoming Emotions that Destroy (video and study guide) by Chip Ingram

“We all struggle with angry feelings, brought on by tension, pressure, and the blocked goals and frustrations of day-to-day life. The broken and stressed relationships that result from these feelings can overwhelm us. But there is hope. With the right help, you too can overcome those emotions that destroy. In this practical series, Chip Ingram will help you learn how to identify the unhealthy ways you respond to anger, uncover the feelings underneath your anger, as well as choose God-given, emotionally healthy ways to control your anger. You will learn through solid biblical principles, as well as the psychological aspects of our emotions, that anger can actually be a positive tool used by God to transform you and your relationships.” <http://livingontheedge.org/group-studies/browse-all-studies/overcoming-emotions-that-destroy>



Prayers, Promises, and Advice for Moms by Sara Trollinger

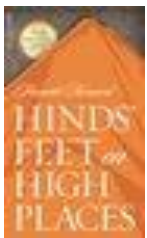
“Prayers, Promises, and Advice for Moms is designed to encourage your faith to grow. This book is filled with the Word of God, and there are promises for every need and every weakness, including the following: Promises, God's Word Works, What God's Word Says to You, Prayers for Your Children, Ways to Show Love and Affirm Your child, Discipline and Guidance Suggestions, How to Be a Good Role Model for Your Child.” http://www.nationalhouseofhope.org/general.php?section_url=18



Christian Reading Fiction/Nonfiction

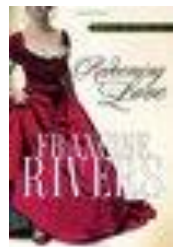
Hinds Feet on High Places Hannah Hurnard

“Much-Afraid had been in the service of the Chief Shepherd, whose great flocks were pastured down in the Valley of Humiliation. She lived with her friends and fellow workers Mercy and Peace in a tranquil little white cottage in the village of Much-Trembling. She loved her work and desired intensely to please the Chief Shepherd, but happy as she was in most ways, she was conscious of several things which hindered her in her work and caused her much secret distress and shame. Here is the allegorical tale of Much-Afraid, an every-woman searching for guidance from God to lead her to a higher place.” <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

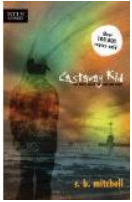


Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers

“California's gold country, 1850. A time when men sold their souls for a bag of gold and women sold their bodies for a place to sleep. Angel expects nothing from men but betrayal. Sold into prostitution as a child, she survives by keeping her hatred alive. And what she hates most are the men who use her, leaving her empty and dead inside. Then she meets Michael Hosea, a man who seeks his Father's heart in everything. Michael obeys God's call to marry Angel and to love her unconditionally. Slowly, day by day, he defies Angel's every bitter expectation, until despite her resistance, her frozen heart begins to thaw. But with her unexpected softening comes overwhelming feelings of unworthiness and fear. And so Angel runs. Back to the darkness, away from her husband's pursuing love, terrified of the truth she no longer can deny: Her final healing must come from the One who loves her even more than Michael does...the One who



will never let her go. A powerful retelling of the story of Gomer and Hosea, Redeeming Love is a life-changing story of God's unconditional, redemptive, all-consuming love." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

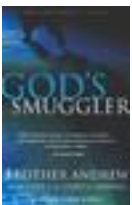


Castaway Kid by R.B. Mitchell

"Rob Mitchell is one of the last "lifers" raised in an American orphanage. Left by a dysfunctional family in an Illinois children's home, he grew up with kids who were not friends but rather "co-survivors." After becoming a Christian as a teenager, Rob found what he was looking for, home and family, in a relationship with God. Rob was able to overcome his past, forgiving his relatives and forging healthy family relationships of his own." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

Left to Tell by Immaculee Ilibagiza

"Immaculee Ilibagiza grew up in a country she loved, surrounded by a family she cherished. But in 1994, her idyllic world was ripped apart as Rwanda descended into a bloody genocide. Immaculee's family was brutally murdered during a killing spree that lasted three months and claimed the lives of nearly a million Rwandans. Incredibly, Immaculee survived the slaughter. For 91 days, she and seven other women huddled silently together in the cramped bathroom of a local pastor while hundreds of machete-wielding killers hunted for them. It was during those endless hours of unspeakable terror that Immaculee discovered the power of prayer, eventually shedding her fear of death and forging a profound and lasting relationship with God. She emerged from her bathroom hideout having discovered the meaning of truly unconditional love -- a love so strong she was able seek out and forgive her family's killers. The triumphant story of this remarkable young woman's journey through the darkness of genocide will inspire anyone whose life has been touched by fear, suffering, and loss." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>



God's Smuggler by Brother Andrew

"As a boy, Brother Andrew dreamed of being an undercover spy working behind enemy lines. As a man he found himself working undercover for God. His was a mission filled with danger, financed by faith, supported by miracles. Told it was impossible to minister behind the Iron Curtain, Andrew knew that nothing was too hard for God. Crossing "closed" borders, he prayed, "Lord, in my luggage I have Scripture I want to take to Your children. When You were on earth, You made blind eyes see. Now, I pray, make seeing eyes blind. Do not let the guards see those things You do not want them to see." And they never did. For thirty-five years, Brother Andrew's life story has inspired millions to step out on their own journeys of faith. This young Dutch factory worker's near-incredible adventures testify of God's step-by-step guidance and hour-by-hour provision--available to all who follow His call. Far from being over, Brother Andrew's current adventures are his most challenging yet. In a new prologue and epilogue, his story is carried into the new millennium with an account of Andrew's work in the "closed" societies of Islam." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

Through the Gates of Splendor by Elizabeth Elliot

"Through Gates of Splendor is the true story of five young missionaries who were savagely killed while trying to establish communication with the Auca Indians of Ecuador. The story is told through the eyes of Elisabeth Elliot, the wife of one of the young men who was killed." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>



She Said Yes: The Unlikely Martyrdom of Cassie Bernall by Misty Bernall

"One of the most gripping stories to come out of the shooting at Columbine High School" is told in the acclaimed national bestseller that illuminates the most remarkable aspect of 17-year-old Cassie Bernall's tragic death: her life. She Said Yes is an "intense and fascinating memoir" (Publishers Weekly) of an ordinary teenager growing up in suburban Colorado, and faced -- as all teenagers are -- with difficult choices and pressures. It is only now, when the world knows Cassie Bernall as one of the Columbine High students killed by two rampaging schoolmates, that the choices she made offer a profound relevance for us all. Once a rage-filled young woman who walked a path similar to that of her killers, Cassie found a way out of her personal snares and, through her faith and a family's love, chose to embrace life with courage and conviction. Told with unflinching honesty by her mother, Misty Bernall, Cassie's story is "a profoundly human story that should be read by every parent and every teenager" (New York Post)." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

Behind the Veils of Yemen by Audra Grace Shelby

“An Insider's Compelling View of Life in a Muslim Country When Audra Grace Shelby and her husband felt God calling them to minister in the Middle East, she was fearful how would she raise her children in the heart of conservative Islam? Armed with prayers and a faith that always seemed too small, the family made the move to Yemen, enduring deadly illness, uncertainty, and the unnerving experience of being Christians in an Islamic culture. Yet God was at work, and Audra was invited to see what few Christian women have seen: behind the veils of Muslim women. Here she shares about the friendships she forged, about the opportunities to minister when her new friends' hopes shriveled and their own religion faltered and how the grace of God touched lives in the midst of an enemy stronghold. With humor, passion, and honesty, she shows readers glimpses of life deep in the heart of Islam and the yearning heart of our loving God.”

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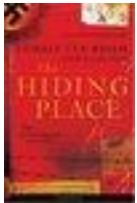


The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

“The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to “Our Father Below.” At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis's The Screwtape Letters is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written.” <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

By Searching by Isobel Kuhn

“Isobel Miller gave up God for worldly pursuits. But as graduation approached and her engagement was broken, she questioned that decision. “If You will prove to me that You are, and if You will give me peace, I will give You my whole life.” God heard Isobel's prayers and responded. He reached out to her, ending years of searching, and building her up for decades of fruitful missionary service with her husband, John Kuhn, in China.” <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>



The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom

“Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch watchmaker who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable evangelists of the twentieth century. In World War II she and her family risked their lives to help Jews and underground workers escape from the Nazis, and for their work they were tested in the infamous Nazi death camps. Only Corrie among her family survived to tell the story of how faith ultimately triumphs over evil. Here is the riveting account of how Corrie and her family were able to save many of God's chosen people. For 35 years millions have seen that there is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still. Now The Hiding Place, repackaged for a new generation of readers, continues to declare that God's love will overcome, heal, and restore.” <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>



Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy by Eric Metaxas

“Who better to face the greatest evil of the 20th century than a humble man of faith? As Adolf Hitler and the Nazis seduced a nation, bullied a continent, and attempted to exterminate the Jews of Europe, a small number of dissidents and saboteurs worked to dismantle the Third Reich from the inside. One of these was Dietrich Bonhoeffer—a pastor and author. In this New York Times best-selling biography, Eric Metaxas takes both strands of Bonhoeffer's life—the theologian and the spy—and draws them together to tell a searing story of incredible moral courage in the face of monstrous evil. Metaxas presents the fullest accounting of Bonhoeffer's heart-wrenching decision to leave the safe haven of America to return to Hitler's Germany, and sheds new light on Bonhoeffer's involvement in the famous Valkyrie plot and in “Operation 7,” the effort to smuggle Jews into neutral Switzerland.” <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

The Autobiography of George Muller by George Müller

“What can be accomplished in an ordinary man who trusts in an extraordinary God? George Muller discovered the endless possibilities! These excerpts from his diary allow Muller to tell his own story. Join him on his journey from a life of sin and rebellion to his glorious conversion. Share his struggles and triumphs as he establishes orphan homes to care for thousands of English children, depending on God's response to his prayer of faith to supply all things. Muller's unwavering, childlike dependence upon his heavenly Father will inspire you to confidently trust the God of the impossible in every area of your life.” <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0652270>

