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The Purpose of Christmas Rick Warren 2008-11-04 From the author of the bestselling The Purpose Driven Life comes a beautiful, heartfelt reflection on the purpose of Christmas—God’s greatest gift to us. In this beautiful holiday keepsake, Rick Warren, the bestselling author of The Purpose Driven Life, expounds on the profound origins of Christmas and shows how we can welcome the season of peace into our lives. In his powerful yet compassionate voice, Pastor Rick Warren sounds the clarion call to “remember the reason for the season,” taking us on a journey back in time to the most wonderful story of all—the birth of the baby Jesus. Regardless of your background, religion, or circumstances, Christmas is the best news you can ever receive. Now through stirring imagery and compelling personal insights, The Purpose of Christmas honors the significance and promise of this cherished holiday. Pastor Warren encourages you to identify and confront what drains peace from your life. He explains that the way to respond to these “peace-robbers” is to learn how to surrender to God’s will and not feel defeated or discouraged when life does not go as planned. True peace of mind is found by having unshakeable faith—knowing that God will guide you through life’s challenges. Gorgeously written, The Purpose of Christmas will exhilarate you to honor the true significance of Christmas and to nurture God’s gifts of love and peace in this world.

God’s Big Plans for Me Storybook Bible Rick Warren 2017-09-26 The God’s Big Plans for Me Storybook Bible uses kid-sized versions of the 40 foundational principles found in the #1 New York Times bestseller The Purpose Driven Life by pastor Rick Warren, helping boys and girls find the same motivating love of Christ in their own lives. Pastor Warren’s unique approach starts by introducing each Bible story with a theme that aligns with one of his renowned PDL principles. Then, he uses colorful illustrations and an engaging, narrative tone to guide younger readers through each story. Finally, he wraps up the stories with a closing thought that turns each principle into a practical step boys and girls can take to discover God’s big plans for them. Warren is a natural storyteller, and his principles have changed the lives of millions of adults. The God’s Big Plans for Me Storybook Bible is the kid-friendly version that parents, grandparents, pastors, and teachers have been waiting for. God’s Big Plans for Me Storybook Bible: Uses child-friendly language to introduce and engage children ages 4-8 in 40 of the most important Bible stories Includes illustrations that visually highlight—at a child’s comprehension level—the 40 foundational principles from the New York Times bestseller, The Purpose Driven Life Features an easy-to-understand, chronological approach to Bible reading

God’s Great Love for You Rick Warren 2017-10-03 God’s Great Love Created the entire universe And everything in it Including you. God’s Great Love for You, written by #1 New York Times bestselling author and respected pastor Rick Warren, takes children on a whimsical and heartfelt journey that lets them know God’s love is with them wherever they go. With breathtaking illustrations by Chris Saunders, the simple yet poignant text comes alive as a child journeys to places far and near and discovers God’s great love is perfect, and everywhere, and will never end.

Because of Bethlehem: Love Is Born, Hope Is Here Max Lucado 2020-10-13 Explores the story and meaning of Christmas for believers, and how it marks the beginning of a hope that endures forever.

Jesus Calling: The Story of Christmas Sarah Young 2018-10-02 Jesus Calling®: The Story of Christmas uniquely teaches the Christmas story to your children by starting at creation and sharing that Jesus has always been present and that God has always had a plan for Christmas. Bible verses and Jesus Calling devotions are on every spread of this beautifully illustrated book with foil and glitter on the cover. Teach your children the story of Christmas . . . starting from creation! In Jesus Calling®: The Story of Christmas, children will discover that God always had a plan for Christmas. Christ was chosen before the world was made. —1 Peter 1:20 The Christmas story began long, long ago. Before the angel Gabriel told Mary she would have God’s Son. Before the shepherds saw the angels and before the wise men saw the star. Even before the sun and the moon shone for the first time, before the first cows ever mooed and the first monkeys ever climbed! Before Adam and Even took their first walk in the Garden of Eden, God had a plan for Christmas. From the beginning of time, God had a plan to save his children. That plan was Jesus! Curl up with your little ones around the Christmas tree with Jesus Calling®: The Story of Christmas.

Meditations on the Purpose Driven Life Rick Warren 2003-08-19 Offers spiritual fulfillment through an understanding of God’s plan for a meaningful life.

The Heart of Christmas Max Lucado 1998 Six writers offer a fresh perspective on the birth of Jesus and its implications for all Christians **The Purpose Driven Life Devotional for Kids** Rick Warren 2015-10-06 The Purpose Driven Life Devotional for Kids is a 365-day devotional for children 8 to 12, written by Pastor Rick Warren and based upon the themes and ideas found in his bestselling book The Purpose Driven Life. God created each of his children with a purpose in mind ... now is the time to thoughtfully and prayerfully start the incredible journey to finding that reason. This year-long devotional will guide readers through that journey of discovery and fulfillment. The Purpose Driven Life Devotional for Kids: Is written especially for children ages 8-12 Includes a ribbon marker for reader convenience throughout the year Features a short message and thought for the day to help children discover who they are in God’s eyes and why God made them, as well as a daily Scripture verse Makes the perfect gift for Christmas, Easter, birthdays, and other holidays This daily devotional can be read individually or as a family. The devotions provide solid truths that every child should know about God’s love for His children and the purpose for them.

The Purpose Driven Life Rick Warren 2012-10-23 Discover and fulfill your God-given purpose by joining the more than thirty-five million others who have embarked on a spiritual journey that started with this #1 New York Times bestselling book by Pastor Rick Warren. Before you were born, God knew what your life had in store for you. His hope for you is to discover the life he created just for you—both here on earth, and forever in eternity. Let Rick Warren guide you as you learn to live out your true purpose. The Purpose Driven Life is more than a book; it’s a road map for your spiritual journey. Combining thoughtful verses from Scripture with timely stories and perspectives from Warren’s own life, The Purpose Driven Life will help you discover the answer to one of life’s most important questions: What on earth am I here for? Throughout The Purpose Driven Life, Warren will teach you to spend time getting to know yourself and your creator in order to live your life to the fullest. Unlocking your true purpose will also reduce your stress, simplify your decisions, increase your satisfaction, and, most importantly, prepare you for eternity. Designed to be read over the course of forty-two days, The Purpose Driven Life will help you see the big picture, giving you a fresh perspective on the way that the pieces of your life fit together. Every chapter of The Purpose Driven Life provides a daily meditation and practical steps to help you uncover and live out your purpose, starting with exploring three essential questions: The Question of Existence: Why am I alive? The Question of Significance: Does my life matter? The Question of Purpose: What on earth am I here for? Each copy of The Purpose Driven Life also includes thoughtful discussion questions, audio Bible studies that go along with every chapter, and access to a supportive online community, giving you the opportunity to dive even deeper into each life-changing lesson.

Who’s Driving the Purpose Driven Church? James Sundquist 2004-01-01 THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE BY RICK WARREN HAS BECOME A NUMBER ONE BEST SELLER, AND HAS BEEN DISRIBUTED TO OVER 180,000 PASTORS WORLDWIDE. RICK WARREN’S THEOLOGY HAS INFILTRATED ALMOST EVERY CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION. HIS TEACHINGS HAVE COME LIKE A FLOOD INTO A CITY, IN WHICH NO HOUSE IS LEFT UNTOUCHED. BECAUSE OF THIS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE TEST THE SPIRITS OF HIS TEACHINGS TO SEE IF THEY ARE OF GOD.

Pinocchio, the Tale of a Puppet Carlo Collodi 2011-02 Pinocchio, The Tale of a Puppet follows the adventures of a talking wooden puppet whose nose grew longer whenever he told a lie and who wanted more than anything else to become a real boy. As carpenter Master Antonio begins to carve a block of pinewood into a leg for his table the log shouts out, "Don't strike me too hard!" Frightened by the talking log, Master Cherry does not know what to do until his neighbor Geppetto drops by looking for a piece of wood to build a marionette. Antonio gives the block to Geppetto. And thus begins the life of Pinocchio, the puppet that turns into a boy.Pinocchio, The Tale of a Puppet is a novel for children by Carlo Collodi is about the mischievous adventures of Pinocchio, an animated marionette, and his poor father and woodcarver Geppetto. It is considered a classic of children’s literature and has spawned many derivative works of art. But this is not the story we’ve seen in film but the original version full of harrowing adventures faced by Pinnochio. It includes 40 illustrations.

The Purpose Driven Church Rick Warren 2007-09-04 Every church is driven by something. Tradition, finances, programs, personalities, events, seekers, and even buildings can each be the controlling force in a church. But Rick Warren believes that in order for a church to be healthy it must become a purpose driven church by Jesus. Now the founding pastor of Saddleback Church shares a proven five-part strategy that will enable your church to grow . . . - Warmer through fellowship - Deeper through discipleship - Stronger through worship - Broader through ministry - Larger through evangelism. Discover the same practical insights and principles for growing a healthy church that Rick has taught in seminars to over 22,000 pastors and church leaders from sixty denominations and forty-two countries. The Purpose Driven Church® shifts the focus away from church building programs to emphasizing a people-building process. Warren says, “If you will concentrate on building people, God will build the church.”

The Daniel Plan Rick Warren 2013-12-03 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The Daniel Plan is far more than a diet plan. It is an appetizing approach to achieving a healthy lifestyle by optimizing the five key essentials of faith, food, fitness, focus, and friends. Unlike the thousands of other books on the market, this book is not about a new diet, guilt-driven gym sessions, or shame-driven fasts. Your path to holistic health begins here, as Pastor Rick Warren and fitness and medical experts Dr. Daniel Amen and Dr. Mark Hyman guide you to incorporate healthy choices into your current lifestyle. The concepts in this book will encourage you to deepen your relationship with God and develop a community of supportive friends who will encourage you to make smart food and fitness choices each and every day. This results in gradual changes that transform your life as they help you: Conquer your worst cravings Find healthy replacement foods for the foods you love Discover exercise you enjoy Boost your energy and kick-start your metabolism Lose weight Think more clearly Explore biblical principles for health . . . and ultimately create an all-around healthy lifestyle It’s time to feast on something bigger than a fad. Start your journey to impactful, long-lasting, and sustainable results today! Plus, get more from The Daniel Plan with The Daniel Plan Cookbook, The Daniel Plan Journal, and The Daniel Plan 365-Day Devotional.

40 Days of Love Rick Warren 2009-11-20 "A six-session video-based study for small groups"—Container.

Chazown Craig Groeschel 2006 Chazown (pronounced khaw-ZONE) from the Hebrew, meaning a dream, revelation, or vision. You were born with your own Chazown. Do you know what it is? You’re invited on a most unusual odyssey—to find, name, and live out your personal Chazown. It’s a journey you’ll never forget because it’s impossible to return unchanged. Practical, fresh, and biblically sound, Chazown is a one-of-a-kind life planning experience. Perhaps for the first time, you’ll clearly understand what you’ve always suspected: I have been created and put on earth for a unique and important purpose. And God intends for me to know it and live it with passion and fulfillment for His glory. Craig Groeschel will help you get under the surface of your life to discover your life purpose in three often overlooked areas: your core values, your spiritual gifts, and your past experiences. He’ll help you turn it into a highly motivating credo—complete with short-term goals, action steps, and a supportive network to make your big dream a reality. And then Craig will show you how to apply your own chazown to five critical areas of your life: your relationship with God, your relationships with people, your finances, your health and fitness, and your work. Are you living someone else’s dream for your life, or no dream at all? Get ready for Chazown. For resources, visit The Chazown Experience at www.chazown.com

The Little Book of Christmas Joys Jackson Brown 1994-08-01 This delightful book reveals 432 unique ways to spread the Christmas spirit.Includes suggestions for decorating, gift-giving, cultivating personaltraditions, and more.

The Purpose of Christmas Rick Warren 2008-10 The Purpose of Christmas Study Guide is for groups and families and can be used with The Purpose of Christmas DVD (sold separately), which features three sessions taught by Rick Warren on why we celebrate Christmas and how it can change our lives forever. At the very first Christmas - the birth of Jesus - an angel announced three things. In those three statements of the angel, we find the three purposes of Christmas. The three sessions in The Purpose of Christmas look at each of those purposes: - Christmas Is a Time for Celebration - Christmas Is a Time for Salvation - Christmas Is a Time for Reconciliation Three sessions. Rick Warren’s Bible Study Methods Rick Warren 2009-05-18 Demonstrates twelve different methods for reading the Bible that will not only help you understand its words more fully but will also nudge you toward applying those words to your life more faithfully. “The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to make us like the Son of God.” —Rick Warren. You were created to become like Christ. This is one of the five God-ordained purposes for your life that Warren describes in his bestselling book The Purpose Driven Life. And this is why studying the Bible is so important. The Bible’s truths have the power to shape you, transform you, align you with the character and ways of Jesus Christ as you encounter him in the gospels and throughout all of Scripture. Rick Warren’s Bible Study Methods is an easy-to-understand guide through twelve effective reading methods that allow Scripture to do just that. Simple step-by-step instructions guide you through the how-tos of the following methods: Devotional Chapter Summary Character Quality Thematic Biographical Topical Word Study Book Background Book Survey Chapter Analysis Book Synthesis Verse Analysis The organization of this book allows you to explore each method or jump around to find the ones best suited to your reading and learning style as well as your spiritual growth. Thousands of individuals, small groups, churches, and seminary classes have used this practical manual to unlock the wonderful truths of Scripture. You can too. Written by America’s pastor, Rick Warren, Rick Warren’s Bible Study Methods will help you develop a customized approach to studying, understanding, and applying the Bible.

You Are Who God Says You Are Rick Warren 2013-10-29 365 encouraging, hope-offering devotions with shareable takeaways from one of America’s favorite pastors!

To Live Is Christ to Die Is Gain Matt Chandler 2013-09-01 Using Paul’s radical letter to the Philippians as his road map, Matt Chandler forsakes the trendy to invite readers into authentic Christian maturity. The short book of Philippians is one of the most quoted in the Bible,

yet Paul wrote it not for the popular sound bites, but to paint a picture of a mature Christian faith. While many give their lives to Jesus, few then go on to live a life of truly vibrant faith. In this disruptively inspiring book, Chandler offers tangible ways to develop a faith of pursuing, chasing, knowing, and loving Jesus. Because if we clean up our lives but don’t get Jesus, we’ve lost! So let the goal be Him. To live is Christ, to die is gain—this is the message of the letter. Therefore, our lives should be lived to Him, through Him, for Him, with Him, about Him—everything should be about Jesus.

Daniel Plan Journal Rick Warren 2013-12-03 The Perfect Daniel Plan Companion for Better Overall Health Research shows that tracking your food and exercise greatly contributes to your long-term success. Maximize your momentum by exploring and charting your journey through the five key essentials of The Daniel Plan—faith, food, fitness, focus, and friends. Taking readers of The Daniel Plan: 40 Days to a Healthier Life to the next level, The Daniel Plan Journal is the perfect companion, providing encouraging reminders about your health. On the days you need a little boost, The Daniel Plan Journal has the daily Scripture, inspiration, and motivation you need to stay on track and keep moving forward.

Brother John Collectible Art August Turak 2018 "Brother John is the true story of a monastic encounter between the author, going through a mid-life crisis, and an umbrella wielding Trappist monk. A magical Christmas Eve encounter that eventually leads the author and us all to the redemptive power of an authentically purposeful life. Uplifting, deeply moving, and set in the magnificent Trappist monastery of Mepkin Abbey, Brother John is dramatically brought to life by over twenty full color paintings by Glenn Harrington, a multiple award-winning artist." --Publisher description.

The Purpose Driven Life Richard Warren 2004

What Episcopalians Believe Samuel Wells 2011-10-01 Episcopalian identity tends to focus on history and worship, and sometimes on ethics but "cradle" and new Episcopalians plus seekers will benefit from having a brief, accessible summary of the Christian faith as seen through an Episcopalian lens. There are two underlying convictions behind the book: first, that ecumenism is at the heart of the Episcopal faith. Episcopalians are well placed to offer themselves as a place of convergence between Roman Catholics and Protestants, and even between Roman Catholics and the Orthodox. Secondly, in the current conflicts both within the Episcopal Church and between the Episcopal Church and some of its Anglican Communion partners, there is no fundamental difference in doctrine. The book is an attempt to portray what all parties have in common. The book comes in four parts: The Faith Sources of the Faith The Order of the Faith The Character of the Faith

The Daniel Plan Daniel Plan Team 2015

Hidden Christmas Timothy Keller 2016-10-25 From pastor and New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller comes the perfect gift for the Christmas holiday—a profoundly moving and intellectually provocative examination of the nativity story Even people who are not practicing Christians think they are familiar with the story of the nativity. Every Christmas displays of Baby Jesus resting in a manger decorate lawns and churchyards, and songs about shepherds and angels fill the air. Yet despite the abundance of these Christian references in popular culture, how many of us have examined the hard edges of this biblical story? In his new book Timothy Keller takes readers on an illuminating journey into the surprising background of the nativity. By understanding the message of hope and salvation within the Bible’s account of Jesus’ birth, readers will experience the redeeming power of God’s grace in a deeper and more meaningful way.

Daily Inspiration for the Purpose Driven Life Rick Warren 2010-10-05 Daily Inspiration for the Purpose Driven Life interweaves many of the Bible verses handpicked by author Rick Warren with reflections from his New York Times bestseller The Purpose Driven Life. Designed to be used as a convenient standalone book for daily reflection, or as an easy reference tool when reading The Purpose Driven Life, every section corresponds to each one of the 40 Days of Purpose. Daily Inspiration for the Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren is a wonderful resource of encouragement. Winner of the Retailers Choice Award, this expanded edition contains new material from the bestselling tenth-anniversary edition.

Preparing Your Heart for Christmas Terri L. Braun 2017-10-12 During the Christmas season, the busyness of the world can be distracting. It is filled with fuss over decorations, finding the perfect gift, and Elf on a Shelf. There are Christmas concerts, Black Friday, and family gatherings. These distractions prevent us from realizing what is truly important and remembering God’s greatest gift—Jesus. Discover what prevents you from enjoying this glorious season and begin a spiritual journey. Joyously anticipate the birth of Jesus and learn to soften your heart and revive the true spirit of Christmas.

The Purpose of Christmas Rick Warren 2012-12-11 In his powerful yet compassionate voice, Pastor Rick Warren tells the most wonderful story of all - the story of God come to earth in the form of a human infant. Warren goes back to that day long ago when the baby Jesus was born in the manger. In this clarion call to "remember the reason for the season", readers are taken back in time to the simple origins of a baby who changed history forever. Warren gives readers an intimate look into his family heritage as he shares the fifty-year-old Warren Christmas tradition of having a birthday party for Jesus. Through stirring imagery and compelling insights, this book celebrates the significance and promise of this cherished holiday.

Sermon Transcripts Zondervan Publishing 1998-02-15 It’s been said that church is not a club for saints but a hospital for saved sinners. Today especially, with issues such as alcoholism, divorce, sexual abuse, homosexuality, domestic violence, and drug addiction as near to us as the next pew—or our own—a typical Sunday school class or Bible study alone just won’t cut it when it comes to helping wounded people discover the healing and liberty Christ offers them. Celebrate Recovery fills a long-standing need in the church in its role as Christ’s healing agent. Developed by Rick Warren and John Baker of the celebrated Saddleback Church, this program has already proved itself. In just six years, its remarkable, life-changing effectiveness has gained it an explosive, grass-roots popularity. Now Zondervan teams with the program’s Saddleback authors to bring churches everywhere the first-ever 12-step recovery curriculum that’s distinctively Christian, uncompromisingly biblical, and designed especially for churches. Everything is here: a 45-minute vision-casting video, leader’s and participant’s guides, audio tapes, software diskettes, and sermon transcripts—all in a tested, groundbreaking program, painstakingly and prayerfully developed to help needy, often desperate people discover new dignity, strength, joy, and growth in the image of Christ. Celebrate Recovery does more than help people resolve painful problems—it does so in the context of the church as a whole. Rather than setting up an isolated recovery community, this program helps both participants and their churches to come together and discover new levels of care, acceptance, trust, and grace. Designed to accommodate churches large or small, this fellowship-based, 52-week curriculum truly is a celebration of Christ in the life of a church and its members.

Words to Love By Rick Warren 2018-12-25 With warmth and wisdom that speaks to the hearts of little ones, Words to Love By—written by #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren, and illustrated by Ag Jatkowska—is an inspirational, heartfelt look at language and how children can use their words to encourage, forgive, express gratitude, heal, and love. Words to Love By teaches children ages 4-8 to understand: How their words can change their lives and the lives of those around them How everyone must take ownership of their words “Words may be small, but they can do BIG things. Words can encourage. They can bring out the best in people. They can spread love and kindness ... and let us know we’re not alone.” Pastor Rick Warren’s picture book: Features charming illustrations and engaging text for kids Is a wonderful read-aloud picture book for parents and kids, grandparents and grandchildren, and teachers and students Is perfect for birthdays, Easter, Valentine’s Day, holidays, or as an addition to your family library

Learning to Follow Jesus Daniel McNaughton 2010-01-15

The Purpose of Christmas Curriculum Rick Warren 2008-11-04 The Purpose of Christmas DVD Study for groups and families features three sessions taught by Rick Warren on why we celebrate Christmas and how it can change our lives forever. At the very first Christmas -- the birth of Jesus -- an angel announced three things. In those three statements of the angel, we find the three purposes of Christmas. The three sessions on this DVD looks at each of those purposes:1. Christmas is a time for celebration2. Christmas is a time for salvation3. Christmas is a time for reconciliationThe Purpose of Christmas DVD Pack includes both the DVD and The Purpose of Christmas DVD Study Guide.

Defining Moments Bill Johnson 2016-01-08 A Prophetic Anointing for Today Defining Moments is a fascinating look at the remarkable ways in which God has used ordinary people to change history. But it is about more than history alone—it illuminates the present and unveils the future. Prophetic in nature, the book reveals how God wants to work in each of our lives to fulfill His purposes—today, tomorrow, and in the years to come. The stories in this collection of God-encounters carry a prophetic anointing for all who have ears to hear. Author Bill Johnson highlights the significant traits and contributions of many well-known revival leaders, including John Wesley, Charles Finney, Dwight L. Moody, Maria Woodworth-Etter, Carrie Judd Montgomery, Smith Wigglesworth, John G. Lake, Evan Roberts, Rees Howells, Aimee Semple McPherson, Kathryn Kuhlman, Randy Clark, and Heidi Baker. He explains the impact these leaders can have on us today as we respond to the life-changing truths revealed through their life stories. There is power in knowing the testimonies of men and women who experienced God in a defining moment and said yes to His unique call on their lives. It is a power that inspires us to hunger for God in such a way that we, too, will have an encounter with Him that launches us into the world of the “impossible,” enabling us to fulfill a greater measure of our destiny. Read this book with a sense of readiness, and watch what happens.

The Heart of Christmas 1999-10-25 Six writers offer a fresh perspective on the birth of Jesus and its implications for all Christians **The Lord’s Prayer** Rick Warren 2011-03-22 The beautiful words of The Lord’s Prayer come to life with gorgeous illustrations by Richard Jesse Watson in this partner picture book to Psalm 23. Bestselling illustrator Richard Jesse Watson brings to life the iconic The Lord’s Prayer. Watson’s use of vibrant color and detailed imagery beautifully capture the essence of the loving words of Our Lord as he teaches us to pray to his Father and brings the King James Version of this prayer alive for readers young and old. The Lord’s Prayer: Features the psalm from the traditional King James Version of the Holy Bible Perfect for gift giving Stunning front cover with foil accents and embossing **The Case for Christmas** Lee Strobel 2009-07-27 Who was in the manger that first Christmas morning? Some say he would become a great moral leader. Others, a social critic. Still others view Jesus as a profound philosopher, a rabbi, a feminist, a prophet, and more. Many are convinced he was the divine Son of God. Who was he—really? And how can you know for sure? Consulting experts on the Bible, archaeology, and messianic prophecy, Lee Strobel searches out the true identity of the child in the manger. Join him as he asks the tough, pointed questions you’d expect from an award-winning legal journalist. If Jesus really was God in the flesh, then there ought to be credible evidence, including eyewitness Evidence—Can the biographies of Jesus be trusted? Scientific Evidence—What does archaeology reveal? Profile Evidence—Did Jesus fulfill the attributes of God? Fingerprint Evidence—Did Jesus uniquely match the identity of the Messiah? The Case for Christmas invites you to consider why Christmas matters in the first place. Somewhere beyond the traditions of the holiday lies the truth. It may be more compelling than you’ve realized. Weigh the facts . . . and decide for yourself.

God’s Answers to Life’s Difficult Questions Rick Warren 2008-09-09 How can I ...cope with stress?rebound from failure?defeat depression?have peace of mind?Life’s difficult questions have answers.Answers from the Bible that can change your outlook—and your life.Rick Warren writes, “In each of these studies, you will discover simple ways to apply God’s truth to your personal life, your family, and your job. The way to get the most out of this book is to act on it.”Rick Warren takes you inside the Scriptures to see what they reveal about twelve of the most pressing questions people ask. They are questions you yourself either have asked or most likely will ask. This book provides simple, straightforward answers you can begin to apply right away to move past your worst sticking points and enjoy a life of purpose, peace, and significance.

Prophet of Purpose Jeffery L. Sheler 2009-11-03 Rick Warren is arguably the most influential man in American religion today. Megachurch pastor, friend of world leaders, and trend-setting spiritual entrepreneur, he is widely recognized as the new public face of evangelical Christianity in America. No other modern churchman has matched his success as a leader and motivator of Christians. His book, The Purpose-Driven Life, is the bestselling nonfiction hardcover of all time, with more than 25 million copies sold. At a time when evangelicalism stands at a political and cultural crossroads, his stature continues to rise. But who is Rick Warren? What can be learned from the story of the man behind the message? And what does his life say about the state of Christianity today? Prophet of Purpose: The Life of Rick Warren traces the road Warren has traveled, the influences in his life, his trials and temptations, and the opposition he has encountered along the way. Honest, thorough, and insightful, it explores his spiritual coming of age during the turbulent 1960s, his principled determination to sit out the divisive battles between fundamentalists and moderates in the Southern Baptist Convention in the late 1970s, and his audacious endeavor in the 1980s to build a “church for people who hate church” in the suburbs of Los Angeles. From a handful of worshippers meeting in a tiny apartment, he grew a vibrant congregation of over 22,000 and a global network of pastors who follow his strategies for building churches and transforming lives. In this unofficial biography, Jeffery L. Sheler, who had unfettered access to Warren and those closest to him, presents an intimate portrait of Warren as a man of faith and vision but also of flesh and blood and human foibles—a pastor, communicator, philanthropist, and family man who is driven by a sense of divine purpose to complete the course his God has set before him. Prophet of Purpose brings Warren and his mission to life and provides a provocative glimpse into the potential future of Christianity in America.

Joy to the World Scott Hahn 2014 What could be more familiar than the Christmas story—and yet what could be more extraordinary? The cast of characters is strange and exotic: shepherds and magicians, an emperor and a despot, angels, and a baby who is Almighty God. The strangeness calls for an explanation, and this book provides it by examining the characters and the story in light of the biblical and historical context. Bestselling author Scott Hahn who has written extensively on Scripture and the early Church, brings evidence to light, dispelling some of the mystery of the story. Yet Christmas is made familiar all over again by showing it to be a family story. Christmas, as it appears in the New Testament, is the story of a father, a mother, and a child—their relationships, their interactions, their principles, their individual lives, and their common life. To see the life of this “earthly trinity” is to gaze into heaven.