

Ragamuffin Gospel Study Guide

The Signature of Jesus challenges the gospel of "cheap grace" and calls the church to radical discipleship. With passion and boldness, author Brennan Manning invites readers to risk living life as Jesus lived—committed to simplicity, purity of heart, and obedience to the gospel. As a radical alternative this book is offered to Christians who want to live by faith and not by mere "religion," for those who recognize that many of the burning theological issues in the church today are neither burning nor theological; who see Christianity neither as a moral code or a belief system but as a love affair; who have not forgotten that they are followers of a crucified Christ; who know that following him means living dangerously; who want to live the gospel without compromise; who have no greater desire than to have his signature written on the pages of their lives. "Behold," Jesus proclaims, "I stand at the door and knock." You may have already met him at the door...but do you truly know him? Have you been transformed by His furious, passionate, unexplainable love? Join Brennan Manning, the bestselling author of The Ragamuffin Gospel, on a personal journey to experience Christ's love and live with His passion.

Have you ever felt entrapped or snared by some bad behavior? Although what you're doing feels good, deep in your heart you know it is wrong. Unable to escape the trap you've created for yourself, you feel as though there is no way out and no one to turn to for help. In Overcoming Moral Failure: Picking Up the Pieces, author Gordon Froese helps you understand how you arrived where you are and what you need to do to find relief and recovery from a life that is broken. For believers in the God of the Bible, this message resonates with the truth of the Scriptures, while nonbelievers may find that the God of the Bible has an astounding amount of insight into the behavior and misbehavior of human beings. Froese offers insights based not only the results of research and study, but also on his own real-life moral failure and recovery. This guide offers an open and frank discussion of moral failure and presents ways to recover from it. God can restore anyone who is willing to seek restoration God's way; it can be a reality when there is true repentance and a willingness to do whatever it takes.

Manning's original bestselling message about God's love comes to life through the provocative photographs, illustrations, and other attractive images throughout this visual book.

The name Josh McDowell promises real-life, on-the-street Christian apologetics. McDowell, along with his son, Sean, draws on a lifetime of work to create this comprehensive handbook on what Christians believe, why they believe it, how it is relevant to life, and how they can pass it on to the next generation. The Unshakable Truth is uniquely positioned in the way it presents apologetics relationally, focusing on how right believing affects not only believers but also the people they encounter.

The Miracle Moment Participant's Guide: A Six-Week Bible Study on Transforming Conflict Into Connection

The Relentless Tenderness of Jesus

The Naked Gospel

God and the Gay Christian

Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul

The Unshakable Truth

Depression, brokenness, joy, marriage, body issues, being single, hospitality. Women from Bible times can teach us a lot about life.

This hugely popular international bestseller is being repackaged and rebranded as the leading title in the C.S. Lewis Signature Classics range. One of the most popular and beloved introductions to the concept of faith ever written, Mere Christianity has sold millions of copies worldwide. The timeless questions of spirituality which Lewis raises will have resonance with a new generation of readers. Mere Christianity brings together Lewis's legendary broadcast talks of the war years, talks in which he set out simply to 'explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times.' Rejecting the boundaries that divide Christianity's many denominations, C.S. Lewis provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith. This scintillating collection confirms C.S. Lewis's reputation as one of the leading writers and thinkers of our age.

Lent for Everyone: Mark, Year B provides readers with a gentle guide through the Lenten season, from Ash Wednesday through the week after Easter. Popular biblical scholar and author N. T. Wright provides his own Scripture translation, brief reflection, and a prayer for each of the days of the season, helping the reader ponder how the text is relevant to their own life today. Suitable for both personal and group reflection, Wright's guide through Lent will make the Bible--and the season--come alive in inspiring new ways.

Imagine a stormy day at sea, your ship yielding to a relentless wind, pummeled by crashing waves, subject to the awesome force of nature. A force that is both fierce and majestic. A power that is nothing short of furious. Such is God's intense, consuming love for His children. It's a love that knows no limits, and no boundaries. A love that will go to any lengths, and take any risks, to pursue us. Renowned author and ragamuffin Brennan Manning presents a love story for the brokenhearted. For those who are burdened by heavy religion. For those who feel they can never measure up. It is a provocative and poignant look at the radical, no-holds-barred love of our Heavenly Father. It is a message that will forever change how you view God.

Hebrews

Thoughts on God's Great Grace

When God Disappears

Daily Devotions from the Writings of Brennan Manning

A Ragamuffin Christmas

Through Painted Deserts

The Truth You May Never Hear in Church

What if you had been there on the night that Jesus was born? What if you could have held the infant Son of God, when He was only a few minutes old? How would it feel to have God Himself in your arms, vulnerable, approachable, and unassuming? In "A Ragamuffin Christmas" Craig Daliessio provides just that view of the Nativity. Far from the usual retelling of a baby, some shepherds, and the Virgin Mary; this is the story of criminals, broken hearted moms, scandalous characters, and legendary Saints, each granted their own visit with the newborn King of Kings. The people and images are unmistakable...and the result of each interaction is life changing. This is the Christmas story as it's never been told before.

It has been over twenty years since the publication of The Ragamuffin Gospel, a book many claim as the shattering of God's grace into their lives. Since that time, Brennan Manning has been dazzlingly faithful in preaching and writing variations on that singular theme – "Yes, Abba is very fond of you!" But today the crowds are gone and the lights are dim, the patches on his knees have faded. If he ever

was a ragamuffin, truly it is now. In this his final book, Brennan roves back his past, honoring the lives of the people closest to him, family and friends who've known the saint and the sinner, the boy and the man. Far from some chronological timeline, these memories are witness to the truth of life by one who has lived it – All Is Grace.

PRAYzing! will help you understand that we pray to a creative God, from His creative Word, by His creative Spirit--and can pray in a creative way. Through powerful stories and real-life examples, this book will give you plenty of instruction and inspiration for making prayer a compelling and creative experience for every Christian.

For each of 50 global faiths this book provides a balanced, non-judgemental, easy-to-understand summary of its history, major figures/prophets, basic beliefs and values, sacred texts, view of God, worldview, and important dates.

The Prodigal

2 Samuel for You

So You Don't Want to Go to Church Anymore

The Furious Longing of God

Cross Purposes

Experiencing the Personal, Passionate Heart of the Gospel

The Ragamuffin Gospel Visual Edition

This timeless classic reveals the freedom and healing that comes from discovering God as the Father, who is eager to meet needs and is ready to give love.

IN 2016, BOB WELCH--that rare combination of newspaper columnist and Christian--prayed a prayer that he believes changed his life. Over the next five years, he discovered he'd been quietly complicit in allowing the rage of far-right politics to distort the faith of evangelicals, including his own. During a 2020 sailboat trip to spread his mother's ashes, Welch commits to writing a book that he knows may rankle his fellow believers, but he can't stay silent. Amid hot-button issues such as Trump, COVID, and race, he dares to ply the shores of uncertainty in an attempt to answer a question theologian Henri Nouwen so eloquently asked: "To whom do I belong? To God or to the world?"

Converge is where life and faith come together.

*With over a million copies sold, this classic work is essential reading for all who ask, "Where has my struggle led me?" A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's *The Return of the Prodigal Son* catapulted Henri Nouwen on an unforgettable spiritual adventure. Here he shares the deeply personal and resonant meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell. As Nouwen reflects on Rembrandt's painting in light of his own life journey, he evokes a powerful drama of the classic parable in a rich, captivating way that is sure to reverberate in the hearts of readers. Nouwen probes the several movements of the parable: the younger son's return, the father's restoration of sonship, the elder son's resentment, and the father's compassion. The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy, or anger. The challenge to love as God loves, and to be loved as God's beloved, will be seen as the ultimate revelation of the parable known to Christians throughout time, and is here represented with a vigor and power fresh for our times.*

The Signature of Jesus

Morning & Evening Prayer

A Ragamuffin Memoir

Overcoming Moral Failure

A Story of Homecoming

Thoughts In Solitude

Her Name is Woman

Brennan Manning shares his joyful message in a powerful new way with his first-ever collection of daily devotions. For every day of the year the beloved author of *Ragamuffin Gospel* and *The Boy Who Cried Abba* offers a verse of scripture, and each day's meditation is completed with a complementary reading from his own writings. Whether your life has already changed by Brennan Manning's dynamic version of the good news or you are meeting him here for the first time, *Reflections for Ragamuffins* will open your mind and heart to a profound new experience of God's unconditional love. Brief meditations on faith, forgiveness, and other topics celebrate God's love and its importance in overcoming personal problems and finding peace.

From the inspirational author of *The Ragamuffin Gospel* comes a powerful contemporary retelling of the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Jack Chisholm is "the people's pastor." He leads a devoted and growing megachurch, has several best-selling books, and a memorable slogan, "We have got to do better." Jack knows how to preach, and he understands how to chastise people into performing. What he doesn't know is anything about grace. This year, when it comes time for the Christmas sermon, the congregation at Grace Cathedral will look to the pulpit, and Jack will not be there. Of course, they will have seen plenty of him already—on the news. After an evening of debauchery that leads to an affair with his beautiful assistant, Jack Chisholm finds himself deserted with chilling swiftness. The church elders remove him from his own pulpit. His publisher withholds the royalties from his books. Worst of all, his wife disappears with their eight-year-old daughter. But just as Jack is hitting bottom, hopeless and penniless, drinking his way to oblivion, who should appear but his long-estranged father, imploring his prodigal son: "Come home." A true companion piece to *The Ragamuffin Gospel*, *The Prodigal* illustrates the power of grace through the story of a broken man who finally saw Jesus not because he preached his greatest sermon or wrote his most powerful book, but because he failed miserably. Jack Chisholm lost everything—his church, his family, his respect, and his old way of believing—but he found grace. It's the same grace that Brennan Manning devoted his life to sharing: profound in nature and coming from a God who loves us just as we are, and not as we should be. "A wonderfully written story that is as entertaining as it is thought provoking." —Publishers Weekly, starred review ". . . the consummate final tale. What they have created is the Ragamuffin at his best, full of hope, full of love, and finally, full of belief in the goodness of God." —Phyllis Tickle, founding editor, Religion Department, Publishers Weekly "Brennan Manning's last work continues the powerful message of grace and forgiveness that has transformed so many lives. *The Prodigal* will transform you too." —Mark Batterson, New York Times best-selling author of *The Circle Maker*

An expository guide to the book of 2 Samuel that can be used as a devotional, teaching or preaching resource.

Galatians

Ruthless Trust

Dear Abba

Wild at Heart

Handbook of World Religions

Lent for Everyone: Mark, Year B

The Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging

The Miracle Moment Participant's Guide is a six-session workbook designed for use with the companion DVD experience (sold separately). Based on the new book *The Miracle Moment* by popular speaker Nicole Unice, this is a great resource for anyone wanting to transform their relationships at home, in love, or at work! Designed for group or individual use, *The Miracle Moment Participant's Guide* is a six-week journey in discovering the practical tools to Learn to respect and respond to your emotions without letting them control you Speak words that help--rather than hurt--the likelihood of your getting what you need Identify and keep yourself safe from toxic people Become comfortable setting and holding boundaries Be your best self even when you're tempted to shut up, blow up, or give up (Don't miss the companion *Miracle Moment DVD Experience!*)

In his sequel to *The Ragamuffin Gospel* bestselling author Brennan Manning shows how true and radical trust in God can transform our lives. Manning, beloved author and spiritual teacher, shows us how trust in God can transform our lives and open us up to deeper experiences of grace and love. In *Ruthless Trust*, he turns his focus from furious love to radical trust, revealing the ways in which trust renews our faith and help us grow.

New York Times bestselling author, *Big Sister Emeritus*, and Chief BFF Jen Hatmaker returns with another round of hilarious tales, shameless honesty, and hope for the woman who has forgotten her moxie. In this highly anticipated new book, beloved author Jen Hatmaker parlays her own triumphs and tragedies into a sigh of relief for all normal, fierce women everywhere. Whether it's the time she drove to the wrong city for a fourth-grade field trip ("Why are we in San Antonio?") or the way she learned to forgive (God was super clear: Pray for this person every day, which was the meanest thing He ever said to me. I was furious.), she offers a reminder to those of us who sometimes hide in the car eating crackers that we do have the moxie to get back up and get back out. We can choose to live undaunted "in the moment" no matter what the moments hold, and lead vibrant, courageous, grace-filled lives.

Thoughtful and eloquent, as timely (or timeless) now as when it was originally published in 1956, *Thoughts in Solitude* addresses the pleasure of a solitary life, as well as the necessity for quiet reflection in an age when so little is private. Thomas Merton writes: "When society is made up of men who know no interior solitude it can no longer be held together by love: and consequently it is held together by a violent and abusive authority. But when men are violently deprived of the solitude and freedom which are their due, the society in which they live becomes putrid, it festers with servility, resentment and hate." *Thoughts in Solitude* stands alongside *The Seven Storey Mountain* as one of Merton's most uring and popular works. Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk, is perhaps the foremost spiritual thinker of the twentieth century. His diaries, social commentary, and spiritual writings continue to be widely read after his untimely death in 1968.

Following Jesus through the Storms, the Fish, the Doubt, and the Seas

Wrangling Delight Out of This Wild and Glorious Life

A Daily Devotional

The Reckless Love of God

An Unexpected Journey

The Ragamuffin Gospel

God Love You

Jesus plus nothing. 100% natural. No additives. It's the truth you may never hear in church. *The Naked Gospel* is a chapter-by-chapter assault on the churchy jargon and double talk of our day. It puts forth a message that is simple but life-changing. With a fresh take on Scripture and unapologetic style, *The Naked Gospel* will challenge you to re-examine everything you thought you already knew.

"The God I Never Knew gives life-changing insight into the mystery of the Holy Spirit."—Craig Groeschel, senior pastor of Life.Church and author of *Dangerous Prayers* Many people find the Holy Spirit mysterious and confounding. Why is the third person in the Godhead—the one Jesus said would be the believer's ultimate source of truth and comfort—the source of such confusion? In *The God I Never Knew*, Robert Morris clearly explains that the Holy Spirit's chief desire is for relationship—to offer us the encouragement and guidance of a trusted friend. This insightful and biblically-based book—including a small group study guide—moves beyond theological jargon, religious tradition, and cultural misconceptions to clarify what the Holy Spirit promises to do in your life: · Dwell within you · Be your helper · Guide you into all truth · Comfort you · Pray for you · Show you things to come · Never leave you It's time to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh, new way to meet the God you may have never known.

A deeply personal and heartfelt devotional from the beloved author of *The Ragamuffin Gospel*. Raw vulnerability can be scary. It can also save our lives. In this book, Brennan Manning has laid out a month of honest prayers to God, whom he affectionately calls Abba, in an easy-to-use format that can guide your own prayers. Each day contains morning and evening prayers coupled with Scripture and excerpts from Manning's contemporary spiritual classics—in a modern-day collection of psalms, complete with cries for help, expressions of wonder, and invitations into the comforting mercy of God. Is an impostor robbing you of God's love? We've bought into the lie that we are worthy of God's love only when our lives are going well. If our families are happy or our jobs are meaningful, life is a success. But when life begins to fall through the cracks and embarrassing sins threaten to reveal our less-than-perfect identity, we scramble to keep up a good front to present to the world—and to God. We hide until we can rearrange the mask of perfection. Sadly, it is then that we wonder why we lack intimate relationships and a passionate faith. All this time God is calling us to take the mask off and come openly to Him. He longs for us to know in the depth of our beings that He loves us and accepts us as we are. When we are our true selves, we can finally claim our identity as God's child—Abba's child—and experience His pure pleasure in who we are. Brennan Manning encourages us to let go of the impostor lifestyle and freely accept our belovedness as a child of the

heavenly Father. In Him there is life.

One Believer's Struggle to Reconcile the Peace of Christ with the Rage of the Far Right

The Ragamuffin's Path to God

Abba's Child

Mere Christianity

All Is Grace

Reflections for Ragamuffins

A Ragamuffin Story

Rose Guide to Discipleship: 30 Topics for Spiritual Growth Ready-to-Teach * Diagrams * Infographics * Life applications You already know that discipleship is important. So, the question is not should you disciple, it is how to disciple: How can you help others become more Christ-like? What topics do you need to cover to make sure they mature in their spiritual journey? How do you effectively develop spiritual growth? Enjoy having this easy-to-understand guide includes 30 ready-to-use lessons on 30 discipleship topics: Becoming more like Jesus, salvation, forgiveness, prayer, trusting God, how to study the Bible, and other spiritual growth topics! Whether you're a new Christian or a seasoned believer, this guide includes overviews of key topics to dive into for a lifetime. Click here to see all 30 topics. Each Discipleship Topic Includes--Core truth or theme sentence A memory verse A basic Bible study of the key passages with questions A handout on the topic to fill out and take home Graphics: Charts, diagrams, infographics Questions to draw out the key principles Life applications Featuring simple summaries, charts, and illustrations, this reproducible guide is perfect for the leader who wants ready-to-use lessons for discipling new believers. Every leader knows it isn't enough to lead a person to Christ, and stop there. You need to assist that person in their spiritual growth so they can help others become more Christ-like. Covering worship, community, the fruit of the Spirit, how to read the Bible, repentance, and more, Rose Guide to Discipleship helps you do just that! With its practical life applications and discussion questions, believers learn what the Bible says--and HOW to apply its truth to their lives. Any leader can pick and choose topics, or do all 30 lessons. And you can do them in any order. Each topic takes about 1 hour, so they are perfect for busy people.

Is God a wrathful judge? A gentle healer? A father? Brother? Friend? In *The Relentless Tenderness of Jesus*, Brennan Manning brings you to a deeper understanding of the true nature of God. Through poignant and unforgettable stories and challenging observations, Manning helps you stretch your mind and reject simplistic explanations of who God really is. With rich insights you'll see how God can at once be a roaring lion, pacing the globe and seeking you out; and simultaneously a tender lamb, there to comfort you in any time of need. A unique experience, this book will forever change the way you think about God.

The Book of Hebrews helps us see the connection between God's grace in our lives and the call to invest ourselves in God's mission in the world. In doing so, we express gratitude for the salvation we have received and respond to God's grace by being faithful to the One who delivers us. In *Hebrews: Grace and Gratitude*, author and New Testament scholar David deSilva takes you through a study of Hebrews, tracing the themes of grace and gratitude through this unique New Testament book. In the Book of Hebrews, you will discover a bold perspective on who Jesus is and what he has done, as well as a powerful reflection on the meaning and significance of his death and resurrection in light of the Old Testament. As you read and study this letter, you will receive a deeper appreciation for the salvation we have received through Christ and hear afresh God's call to a life of gratitude and faithfulness. Additional components for a six-week study include a DVD featuring David deSilva and a comprehensive Leader Guide.

Assurance of God's Personal Love for Us The startling truth about the love of God has lost its potency. It is not a passionless, theological idea. It is a real love that feels and even suffers. Whether you grew up in a Christian home and have forgotten this essential truth, or you never knew it in the first place, we all need to be reminded--and assured--that God's love is real and personal. *The Reckless Love of God* is about pulling readers in close and asking if they have really considered what it means to say, "Jesus loves you." Nothing changes lives and grows the church faster, more effectively, and more thoroughly than being captivated by this reality. But the love of Jesus is not just a means to another end. Receiving the love of Jesus is the end itself. Includes end-of-chapter questions for individual or group use.

Grace and Gratitude

Experience the 12 Essentials of a Relevant Faith

Converge Bible Studies | Reclaiming Anger

The God I Never Knew

Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up, and Burnt Out

The Father Heart of God

Crossing the Waters

"Most of us believe in God's grace .. in theory. But somehow we can't seem to apply it in our daily lives ..."--Back cover.

Jake Colson, an overworked and disillusioned pastor, happens into a stranger who bears an uncanny resemblance (in manner) to the ap number of encounters with John as well as a family crisis lead Jake to a new understanding of what his life should be like: one filled with bolstered by a steady, close relationship with the God of the universe. Facing his own disappointment with Christianity, Jake must fors that have made his faith rote and rediscover the love that captured his heart when he first believed. Compelling and intensely personal, *Want to Go to Church* Anything relates a man's rebirth from performance-based Christianity to a loving friendship with Christ that affe thinks, and says. As John tells Jake, "There is nothing the Father desires for you more than that you fall squarely in the lap of his love a from that place for the rest of your life."

The Gift for All People is a celebration of God's gift of salvation wrapped in a collection of inspirational stories. These stories will help C comprehend and treasure the assurance of their salvation and will help non-Christians realize and embrace the gift of abundant, eterna Christ. The concluding story, written especially for this book, urges readers to give their lives to Jesus Christ and shows them how to c will provide Christians with a unique, warm, and attractive presentation of the gospel to give to non-Christian family or friends. More t God wants you to be with Him. The God who designed your world, the God who placed you on the planet, simply wants you home with bring you home, He offers you a gift...the gift of eternal salvation. My prayer is that through the pages of this book you'll see his gift li seen it. If you've already accepted it, you'll thank Him again. And if you've never accepted it, I pray that you will. For it's the gift of a life all people.

"*God and the Gay Christian* is a game changer. Winsome, accessible, and carefully researched, every page is brought to life by the autho for Scripture and deep, persistent faith. With this book, Matthew Vines emerges as one of my generation's most important Christian le on matters of sexuality but also on what it means to follow Jesus with wisdom, humility, and grace. Prepare to be challenged and enlig and inspired. Read with an open heart and mind, and you are bound to be changed." — Rachel Held Evans, author of *A Year of Biblical W and Faith Unraveled* As a young Christian man, Matthew Vines harbored the same basic hopes of most young people: to someday share someone, to build a family of his own, to give and receive love. But when he realized he was gay, those hopes were called into question been taught, condemned gay relationships. Feeling the tension between his understanding of the Bible and the reality of his same-sex c devoted years of intensive research into what the Bible says about homosexuality. With care and precision, Vines asked questions such teachings on the marriage covenant preclude same-sex marriage or not? • How should we apply the teachings of Jesus to the gay deba

the story of Sodom and Gomorrah really say about human relationships? • Can celibacy be a calling when it is mandated, not chosen? • have in mind when he warned against same-sex relations? Unique in its affirmation of both an orthodox faith and sexual diversity, God Christian is likely to spark heated debate, sincere soul searching, even widespread cultural change. Not only is it a compelling interpretation of biblical texts about same-sex relations, it is also the story of a young man navigating relationships with his family, his hometown church, and the Christian church at large as he expresses what it means to be a faithful gay Christian.

Picking up the Pieces

How Real Friendship with the Holy Spirit Can Change Your Life

Of Mess and Moxie

The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships

The Gift for All People

The Return of the Prodigal Son

Rose Guide to Discipleship

Get ready for the wettest, stormiest, wildest trip through the Gospel you've ever taken! The gospels are dramatic, wild, and wet—set in a rich maritime culture on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus' first disciples were ragtag fishermen, and Jesus' messages and miracles teem with water, fish, fishermen, net-breaking catches, sea crossings, boat-sinking storms, and even a walk on water. Because this world is foreign and distant to us, we've missed much about the disciples' experiences and about following Jesus—until now. Leslie Leyland Fields—a well-known writer, respected biblical exegete, and longtime Alaskan fisherwoman—crosses the waters of time and culture to take us out on the Sea of Galilee, through a rugged season of commercial fishing with her family in Alaska, and through the waters of the New Testament. You'll be swept up in a fresh experience of the gospels, traveling with the fishermen disciples from Jesus' baptism to the final miraculous catch of fish—and also experiencing Leslie's own efforts to follow Christ out on her own Alaskan sea. In a time when so many are “unfollowing” Jesus and leaving the Church, *Crossing the Waters* delivers a fresh encounter with Jesus and explores what it means to “come, follow me.”

The Ragamuffin Gospel Multnomah

John Eldredge revises and updates his best-selling, renowned Christian classic. God designed men to be dangerous, says John Eldredge. Simply look at the dreams and desires written in the heart of every boy: To be a hero, to be a warrior, to live a life of adventure and risk. Sadly, most men abandon those dreams and desires—aided by a Christianity that feels like nothing more than pressure to be a “nice guy.” It is no wonder that many men avoid church, and those who go are often passive and bored to death. In this provocative book, Eldredge gives women a look inside the true heart of a man and gives men permission to be what God designed them to be—dangerous, passionate, alive, and free.