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This 12-session video Bible study will help you, your group, and your church stand on the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God who governs the world according to his great and precious promises. This world has a tremble to it. There are things that seem unsteady in this life. But when we belong to God, it allows us to filter our problems through the promises of God. When we choose to be people of the promise, we choose to build our lives on the promises of God, not the circumstances of life. The stories of the men and women in Scripture were different, but the theme was the same: they were People of the Promise. Because of God's promises, Noah built an ark on dry land, Joshua claimed the Promised Land, David became king, Peter preached the first sermon, and John caught a glimpse of the future. Like them, we can also build our lives on God's promises, and trust him to keep them. This study guide includes tools for personal study and reflection, video notes, and questions for group discussion. Sessions include: You Are Stamped with God's Image God Will Win the Victory You Are an Heir of God Your Prayers Have Power God Gives Grace to the Humble God Gets You Jesus Is Praying for You Death Has Been Defeated Joy Is Coming Soon You Will Have Power There Is No Condemnation in Christ Justice Will Prevail Designed for use with the Unshakable Hope Video Study (9780310092117), sold separately.

Promises in the Dark by Dr. Eric McLaughlin strengthens the

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hearts of readers to persevere in God's calling to walk with those in need. As a missionary doctor in Africa, McLaughlin knows how walking closely with those who suffer and bearing others' burdens can easily lead to burnout or cynicism—unless we find the path to perseverance that the Lord provides. This resource explores how to find both calling and hope, living in the tension between a difficult present and God's promises of renewal, how to cope with despair and futility, the importance of the suffering God for those who suffer, and how the manifestations of God bring life into a dying world. McLaughlin explores how to endure in such a yet-to-be-redeemed world as ours, which is full of tragedy and heartache, pointing to God's promises.

Experience the power of God's promises every day of the year! When you begin your day with a promise from the Bible you'll be inspired to live your life with God at the center of everything you do. You will learn to lean on him and trust in him no matter what life throws at you. This unique book presents more than 365 of these incredible promises from scripture; and a devotional thought for the day to help you focus on God, his love for you, and his plan for your life. Each reading is followed with a question to encourage and motivate you to trust that each of God's promises is meant especially for you. Are you ready to see what God can do through his promises?

The 'Dictionary of Paul and his letters' is a one-of-a-kind reference work. Following the format of its highly successful companion volume, the 'Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels', this Dictionary is designed to bring students, teachers, ministers and laypeople abreast of the established conclusions and significant recent developments in Pauline scholarship. No other single reference work presents as much information focused exclusively on Pauline theology, literature, background and scholarship. In a field that recently

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has undergone significant shifts in perspective, the 'Dictionary of Paul and His Letters' offers a summa of Paul and Pauline studies. In-depth articles focus on individual theological themes (such as law, resurrection and Son of God), broad theological topics (such as Christology, eschatology and the death of Christ), methods of interpretation (such as rhetorical criticism and social-scientific approaches), background topics (such as apocalypticism, Hellenism and Qumran) and various other subjects specifically related to the scholarly study of Pauline theology and literature (such as early catholicism, the centre of Paul's theology, and Paul and his interpreters since F. C. Baur). Separate articles are also devoted to each of the Pauline letters, to hermeneutics and to preaching Paul today. The 'Dictionary of Paul and His Letters' takes its place alongside the 'Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels' in presenting the fruit of evangelical New Testament scholarship at the end of the twentieth century - committed to the authority of Scripture, utilising the best of critical methods, and maintaining dialogue with contemporary scholarship and challenges facing the church.

A personal message of reassurance and encouragement.

**\*NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER\*** What feels shaky in your world? Are you overwhelmed by the problems you're facing or the pain you're feeling? Maybe you feel hurt by the past. Disappointed by the present. Worried about the future. If so, you are not alone, but there is hope. You can live with security and purpose. In *Unshakable Hope*, Max Lucado unpacks 12 of the Bible's most significant promises, equipping you to overcome difficult circumstances by keeping your focus on the hope found in the promises of Scripture rather than dwelling on the problems in front of you. For every problem in life, God has given you a promise. Hope is hard to come by these days. Whether it's heart disease or cancer, job failure or addiction, natural disasters or family disasters, mass

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murders or mental illness, there are so many reasons to be overwhelmed. In a world full of instability, we do not need more opinions or hunches; we need the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God. What is your life built on--the circumstances of life or the promises of God? The answer to that question changes everything. Join Max as he takes a closer look at Scripture's unbreakable promises and shows you how to live with unshakable hope.

Countless preachers have turned to the Zondervan Pastor's Annual to save them time in sermon and service preparation. This tried-and-true resource makes your demanding job as a pastor a lot easier. Use its contents as is, or tailor them to fit your unique approach. The Zondervan 2007 Pastor's Annual supplies you with: Morning and Evening Services for Every Sunday of the Year Sermon Topics and Texts Fully Indexed Definitive and Usable Sermon Outlines Devotionals and Bible Studies for Midweek Services Fresh and Applicable Illustrations Appropriate Hymn Selections Special-Day Services for Church and Civil Calendars Meditations on Lord's Supper Observance Wedding Ceremonies and Themes Funeral Messages and Scriptures Basic Pastoral Ministry Helps Messages for Children and Young People Offertory Prayers

The church is the hope of the world when it's working right...and therein lies the problem. Most aren't. This has led both Christians and non-Christians to give up on the church entirely; it has led many others to give up on all existing churches-and maybe even start new ones. But all church can and should be transitioned to a new life. A church is never beyond hope. This book will provide principles and practices that can lead to a resurrection of any church, in any setting. It will provide the inspiration and information needed to lead a church successfully

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through the necessary changes of tradition and culture without compromising God's timeless truth. When this happens, the church will once again be what God intended...the hope of the world.

Find security and hope in a broken world through the unshakable promises of God. Join bestselling author and beloved pastor Max Lucado as he leads you through 30 life-changing promises from God in *Praying the Promises*. You'll experience a more intimate and effective prayer life and a deeper faith in the God who keeps every promise. God makes His character clear throughout the Bible: He is a God who saves us, who is faithful, who sends His Comforter, and who has a good and holy purpose for our lives. In short, He keeps His promises. But what does that look like in a broken world? Surrounded by confusion, darkness, violence, and pain, where do we see the promises of God at work in our everyday lives? Max Lucado invites you into a deeper understanding of the peace and security God offers His people in *Praying the Promises*, a beautiful book that tells stories of God's faithfulness and offers tangible ways to implement faith into your own prayer life.

Through 30 key Scripture verses, a look into the lives of biblical people of faith, reflections, and prayers, you will see a clearer picture of the promises of God and how He is the rock you can build your life upon. Whether you are a lifelong believer or if faith is a brand-new adventure, *Praying the Promises* offers you access to the God who has kept His promises since the beginning of time and will continue to do so for eternity. A great gift for all ages.

»Die Bücherdiebin« ist ein modernern Klassiker und

Weltbestseller und wurde 2014 erfolgreich verfilmt. Molching bei München. Hans und Rosa Hubermann nehmen die kleine Liesel Meminger bei sich auf – für eine bescheidene Beihilfe, die ihnen die ersten Kriegsjahre kaum erträglicher macht. Für Liesel jedoch bricht eine Zeit voller Hoffnung, voll schieren Glücks an – in dem Augenblick, als sie zu stehlen beginnt. Anfangs ist es nur ein Buch, das im Schnee liegen geblieben ist. Dann eines, das sie aus dem Feuer rettet. Dann Äpfel, Kartoffeln und Zwiebeln. Das Herz von Rudi. Die Herzen von Hans und Rosa Hubermann. Das Herz von Max. Und das des Todes. Denn selbst der Tod hat ein Herz. Eine unvergessliche Geschichte vom dunkelsten und doch brilliantesten aller Erzähler: dem Tod. Tragisch und witzige, zugleich wütend und zutiefst lebensbejahend – ein Meisterwerk.

Eine Achterbahn der Gefühle Als Lily Ryle kennenlernt, scheinen all ihre Träume wahr zu werden: eine neue Stadt, der erste Job und dann noch Ryle – überaus attraktiv, überaus wohlhabend und überaus erfolgreich. Vergessen scheint Lilys schwierige Kindheit. Vergessen auch Atlas, ihre erste Liebe, der gegenüber von Lily squattete – bis ihr Vater die beiden erwischte und Atlas von heute auf morgen verschwand. Und dann steht Atlas auf einmal vor ihr. Als Ryle von ihrer gemeinsamen Vorgeschichte erfährt, weckt dies seine Eifersucht ... Paradoxes have become characteristic of the world we live in - poverty and privilege, empire and oppression, migration and enclaves seeking, war and peace, justice and injustice, reconciliation and revenge. During the 2016 Societas Homiletica annual conference held in

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South Africa, these paradoxes served as a rediscovery of the calling of preachers to deliver the promise that lies within life's contradictions. A divine promise brought forth by the grace of God and the gospel of Christ - embodied in and through us by the Spirit of Christ. This promise may take many forms and calls for discernment and often interrupts the status quos in surprising, shocking ways. It is a promise that interrupts, in order to comfort. Enthält: Joel / Graham S. Ogden. Malachi / Richard R. Deutsch.

Start Living Abundantly in 40 Days! I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of. —Jesus It's time for you to stop settling for anything less than the abundant life that Jesus came to give you. This prosperous life is available to you—it all starts with making healthy soul choices! This companion devotional to *The Prosperous Soul* from Dr. Cindy Trimm will lead you on an interactive 40-day journey to choosing abundance in every area of your life. Over the next 40 days, you will... Make key decisions that position you to fulfill your dreams and desires Learn how to enjoy prosperity in every area of your life: Spiritually, mentally, physically, relationally, vocationally, and financially. Discover 40 key practices for living your most prosperous life A prosperous soul is your all-access pass to living a rich and satisfying life. Get ready to start using these 40 practices and enjoy the abundant life that Jesus promised today!

"In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed" (Mark 1:35). Jesus taught by his words and

actions. He went by himself to pray when he was tired, when faced with upcoming trying events, or when he just wanted to be alone in the presence of his Lord. He gave us guidance about what to pray, how to pray, and why to pray, and was very familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures. Thus, if we want to become Jesus' disciple we should follow his model and invest time and emotional energy into prayer, Bible study, and reflection. Nourishment For The Spiritual Pilgrimage provides an aid for those who want to participate in the spiritual pilgrimage of becoming a lifelong disciple of Jesus Christ. It offers insight and support for those who daily want to turn their hearts, souls, and minds to God's will in their lives, as they strive to help in bringing about God's kingdom in this present time. There are countless other devotionals, but hopefully this can offer something that many of the others may not, a specific focus on the concept of discipleship.

Mit 14 Jahren hat Arnold Spirit in seinem trostlosen Indianer-Reservat bereits 42 Beerdigungen erleben müssen. Sein Entschluss auszubrechen und sich in die Welt der Weissen zu integrieren, wird von den Bewohnern zunächst als Verrat betrachtet. Ab 13. Ein Ort in den Pyrenäen, gespalten von Habgier, Feigheit und Angst. Ein Mann, der von den Dämonen seiner schmerzvollen Vergangenheit nicht loskommt. Eine junge Frau auf der Suche nach ihrem Glück. Sieben Tage, in denen das Gute und

das Böse sich einen erbitterten Kampf liefern und in denen jeder für sich entscheiden muss, ob er bereit ist, für seinen Lebensraum etwas zu riskieren und sich zu ändern.

»Umwerfend und brilliant, ein Klassiker!«

Bestsellerautor John Green Die 16-jährige Starr lebt in zwei Welten: in dem verarmten Viertel, in dem sie wohnt, und in der Privatschule, an der sie fast die einzige Schwarze ist. Als Starrs bester Freund Khalil vor ihren Augen von einem Polizisten erschossen wird, rückt sie ins Zentrum der öffentlichen Aufmerksamkeit. Khalil war unbewaffnet. Bald wird landesweit über seinen Tod berichtet; viele stempeln Khalil als Gangmitglied ab, andere gehen in seinem Namen auf die Straße. Die Polizei und ein Drogenboss setzen Starr und ihre Familie unter Druck. Was geschah an jenem Abend wirklich? Die Einzige, die das beantworten kann, ist Starr. Doch ihre Antwort würde ihr Leben in Gefahr bringen... Angie Thomas bei cbj & cbt: The Hate U Give On The Come Up Concrete Rose Alle Bücher können unabhängig voneinander gelesen werden.

No mother ever expects to grieve the death of her child before or immediately after the child is born. But the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences reports that as many as 31 percent of all pregnancies end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. When the unthinkable happens, where do women turn for help? Written from the perspective of

one grieving mommy to another, *Hope for Today, Promises for Tomorrow* is a ten-week study that will encourage and challenge women to delve into a deeper understanding of God's Word. As women engage in biblical teaching, they will learn to embrace God's promises of love, goodness, purpose, comfort, peace, refinement, restoration, hope, and eternity. "Hope for Today" verses peppered throughout each chapter, journaling cues, prayers, and the stories of other women who have experienced loss will help readers move from grieving in silent solitude to living life in the richness of God's love. While other books suggest a one-size-fits-all method for grief management or focus on understanding specific causes of child loss, *Hope for Today, Promises for Tomorrow* offers comfort for the reader, whatever her situation, by helping her focus on the light of the ultimate Promise, the hope of a Savior, Jesus Christ.

Overseas volunteering has exploded in numbers and interest in the last couple of decades. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people travel from wealthier to poorer countries to participate in short-term volunteer programs focused on health services. Churches, universities, nonprofit service organizations, profit-making "voluntourism" companies, hospitals, and large corporations all sponsor brief missions. *Hoping to Help* is the first book to offer a comprehensive assessment of global

health volunteering, based on research into how it currently operates, its benefits and drawbacks, and how it might be organized to contribute most effectively. Given the enormous human and economic investment in these activities, it is essential to know more about them and to understand the advantages and disadvantages for host communities. Most people assume that poor communities benefit from the goodwill and skills of the volunteers. Volunteer trips are widely advertised as a means to "give back" and "make a difference." In contrast, some claim that health volunteering is a new form of colonialism, designed to benefit the volunteers more than the host communities. Others focus on unethical practices and potential harm to the presumed "beneficiaries." Judith N. Lasker evaluates these opposing positions and relies on extensive research—interviews with host country staff members, sponsor organization leaders, and volunteers, a national survey of sponsors, and participant observation—to identify best and worst practices. She adds to the debate a focus on the benefits to the sponsoring organizations, benefits that can contribute to practices that are inconsistent with what host country staff identify as most likely to be useful for them and even with what may enhance the experience for volunteers. Hoping to Help illuminates the activities and goals of sponsoring organizations and compares dominant practices to

the preferences of host country staff and to nine principles for most effective volunteer trips.

Das Geheimnis des Erfolgs: »Die 1%-Methode«. Sie liefert das nötige Handwerkszeug, mit dem Sie jedes Ziel erreichen. James Clear, erfolgreicher Coach und einer der führenden Experten für

Gewohnheitsbildung, zeigt praktische Strategien, mit denen Sie jeden Tag etwas besser werden bei dem, was Sie sich vornehmen. Seine Methode greift auf Erkenntnisse aus Biologie, Psychologie und Neurowissenschaften zurück und funktioniert in allen Lebensbereichen. Ganz egal, was Sie erreichen möchten – ob sportliche Höchstleistungen, berufliche Meilensteine oder persönliche Ziele wie mit dem Rauchen aufzuhören –, mit diesem Buch schaffen Sie es ganz sicher.

Comprising 16 original contributions, this is the first collection of philosophical papers on promises and agreements, topics which are enjoying a renaissance in social, moral and legal philosophy.

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Dieses biblisch fundierte Buch wird Ihnen helfen, Gottes besondere Pläne für Ihr Leben zu entdecken. Rick Warren begleitet Sie durch eine 42-tägige geistliche Reise, die Ihre Antwort auf die wichtigste Frage des Lebens verändern wird: "Warum lebe ich eigentlich"? Gottes Berufung für sich zu kennen wird Stress reduzieren, Ihre Energien bündeln, Ihre Entscheidungen vereinfachen und Ihrem Leben einen Sinn geben. Dass

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Sie leben, war kein kosmischer Unfall. Schon vor der Erschaffung des Universums hatte Gott eine genaue Vorstellung von Ihnen und schuf Sie zu einem bestimmten Ziel und Sinn. Finden Sie ihn heraus! Die Erstausgabe dieses Buches avancierte zum weltweiten Bestseller und ist das meistverkaufte Sachbuch Nordamerikas. Diese Neuauflage wurde sprachlich überarbeitet und um zwei Kapitel ergänzt ("Die Neid-Falle" und "Die Gefallsucht-Falle"). Darüber hinaus enthält jedes der 42 Kapitel QR-Codes bzw. Links zu Websites, auf denen Sie ergänzend ca. 40-50 Minuten lange vertiefende Predigten von Rick Warren zum jeweiligen Thema finden (in Originalsprache).

Get to know the God who keeps His promises.

Unshakable Hope Promise Book, by bestselling author Max Lucado, explores the promises God made to His people throughout the Bible and how they are relevant to your life today. Get ready to discover the amazing plans and promises God has just for you! What would you do tomorrow if you had no fear? How would you live your life if you knew that the promises in the Bible are for you? What if God Himself put promises there meant for you and has an amazing plan for your life? In Unshakable Hope Promise Book: Student Edition, Max Lucado shows you how God has kept His promises in the lives of His people for all of history. Using examples from biblical characters and current examples from teens like you, Max will help you explore and understand the ways God has kept His promises then and how He keeps them now. Embrace an exciting faith-filled life as you work through stories, Scripture, and journaling

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questions in Unshakable Hope Promise Book.

With over one million units sold of the original God's Inspirational Promises, this revised and redesigned version is sure to be another popular bestseller. A wide variety of wise and heart-warming writings from Max Lucado's best-selling works accompanies Scripture selections from Max.

The most popular source of theological hope for American Christians is that of Jurgen Moltmann. Preachers, teachers, and lay people reflect Moltmann's influence, with their hope in a this-worldly eschatology and a suffering God. However, an exclusive reliance on that hope deprives the church of crucial resources in the face of global economic, environmental, and military crises. This book explores Moltmannian hope and considers its costs before looking elsewhere for additional contributions, from Thomas Aquinas's theological virtue of hope to nihilism and beyond, in order to encourage the church to sustain and practice hope in Jesus Christ, our only hope.

Share God's faithfulness and love with your child through Max Lucado's new children's book, God Always Keeps His Promises. Based on the promises of God, children will see that God is completely trustworthy to keep His promises. Just like He did in Bible times. Just like He does for them today. Since the beginning of time, God has kept His promises. Through the stories of Adam and Eve, Abraham, Joseph, Peter, Paul, and many more, children will learn about the character and nature of God and His unending love for His people. Offer children the chance to learn about the promises God made to His

followers in the Bible, and the knowledge that they still get to experience these promises today. Each chapter features a promise from God accompanied by a story example from the Bible and an application for children today. Max Lucado, beloved pastor and bestselling author, is a revered authority on biblical teaching. Yet his gentle, loving approach makes it possible for even the youngest children to understand God's tenderness toward them. Through beautiful illustrations and compelling stories, Max will guide your family through God's unfailing goodness and faithfulness through the promises He made, and how He kept those promises in Bible times and how He still keeps them today.

We often hear stories of people in terrible and seemingly intractable situations who are preyed upon by someone offering promises of help. Frequently these cases are condemned in terms of "exploiting hope." These accusations are made in a range of contexts: human smuggling, employment relationships, unproven medical 'cures.' We hear this concept so often and in so many contexts that, with all its heavy lifting in public discourse, its actual meaning tends to lose focus. Despite its common use, it can be hard to understand precisely what is wrong about exploiting hope what can accurately be captured under this concept, and what should be done. In this book, philosopher Jeremy Snyder offers an in-depth study of hope's exploitation. First, he examines the concept in the abstract, including a close look at how this term is used in the popular press and analysis of the concepts of exploitation and hope. This theory-based section culminates in a definitive account of what it is to exploit hope, and when and why doing so is morally problematic. The second section of the book examines the

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particularly dangerous cases in which unproven medical interventions target the most vulnerable: for example, participants in clinical trials, purchasing unproven stem cell interventions, "right to try" legislation, and crowdfunding for unproven medical interventions. This book is essential reading for ethical theorists, policymakers, and health researchers, on a topic of growing visibility and importance.

**IT'S TIME TO ARISE & ASCEND** With loads of distractions in today's world, it's quite simple for people to slip into a trap of false perception without realizing it. An untruth of where they may fit in and their purpose in life can quickly disrupt their mindset to settle for less than the wonderful plan God has for them. Unfortunately, while the high paced society of technology and information are expediently rising- God's abundant freedom, restoration and purpose that is always available to mankind is at an alarming low within their lives. Evidence of this can be seen through the condition of people. Numerous individuals are depressed, lonely and dissatisfied with their present lifestyle - far too many of them are women. In reference to women, why has there been a drastic decline of happiness, fulfillment, love and joy within their lives? In this book, I will be exposing deception plots that have held back women from advancing in their God given purpose and will be sharing why now is the time for women to awaken to who they are in Christ, and explain how to undergo the transformation of change in order to lay hold of God's freedom, restoration, purpose and destiny for their lives. If you are a woman who desires to lay hold of God's premium for your life, then *Arise & Ascend- A Woman's Cry To Freedom* is for you. Mari Tello is an Ordained Minister and Founder of Awaken International Ministries. She resides near San Antonio, TX with her husband, Robert, and their son. Awaken International Ministries give away a portion of profits from their books to charitable causes, including JCIA

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Foundation, that serve the orphans in third world countries.

To learn more about her ministry visit [www.awaken2him.org](http://www.awaken2him.org).

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Crafting a theology of hope, this book addresses both the possibility that hope offers and the capacity of hope to respond to the challenges that life presents to us all.

In an atmosphere of growing skepticism and discouragement, what hope has theology for the future, and what sources might deliver that hope? In this astute analysis of Protestant theology today, Gerhard Sauter sets himself to help theology answer critical questions and accomplish crucial tasks in order to move forward with hope. Protestant Theology at the Crossroads examines contextual theology, in which particular cultural heritages, race and gender, economic conditions, and the structure of social life inform the teachings of the faith rather than vice versa. How, for example, do we approach the crisis in American self-understanding caused by terrorism?

Do changes in European politics alter our theological perceptions? Sauter argues that dogmatics -- properly understood as the process of theological reasoning that supports the life of the church -- can and should be used as the tool to save theology. Dogmatics, he says, can break through pious isolationism and converge with genuine public theology, leading to the church's understanding of its own essence.

God encourages us in his Word to give thanks in all things. That's not a mistake. When we choose to focus on things we are grateful for, our satisfaction with life increases and we become happier people. This 365 daily devotional will encourage you to focus on things that bring life and joy, reflect on Scripture that give peace and comfort, and evaluate each day in the light of truth. Take time to ponder the sweetness of life, be still with the Father... and find true happiness!

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The themes of these stories are profoundly human themes, capturing the persistent interaction between God and humankind. These narratives invite us to witness the manner in which God enters human community in all of its complexities, struggles, challenges, fears, and ultimately hope. As the narratives unfold, not only is it clear that God will not be restricted by societal and cultural conventions, but the human journey will be generated by faith and doubt, fear and hope, promise and fulfillment. Hemchand Gossai not only explores the various themes within a variety of texts, but maintains a constant eye on the implications for the church and contemporary readers. In this regard, some of the literal and particular experiences such as barrenness, wilderness, and wrestling with God are examined as metaphors for our experiences. The richness and texture of metaphors allow us to embrace these stories in a way that makes them our stories.

Ein fesselnder und zutiefst persönlicher Bericht darüber, wie Geschichte geschrieben wird – von dem US-Präsidenten, der uns inspirierte, an die Kraft der Demokratie zu glauben In diesem mit Spannung erwarteten ersten Band seiner Präsidentschaftserinnerungen erzählt Barack Obama die Geschichte seiner unwahrscheinlichen Odyssee vom jungen Mann auf der Suche nach seiner Identität bis hin zum führenden Politiker der freien Welt. In erstaunlich persönlichen Worten beschreibt er seinen politischen Werdegang wie auch die wegweisenden Momente der ersten Amtszeit seiner historischen Präsidentschaft – einer Zeit dramatischer Veränderungen und Turbulenzen. Obama nimmt die Leser und Leserinnen mit auf eine faszinierende Reise von seinem frühesten politischen Erwachen über den ausschlaggebenden Sieg in den Vorwahlen von Iowa, der die Kraft basisdemokratischer Bewegungen verdeutlichte, hin zur entscheidenden Nacht des 4. Novembers 2008, als er zum

44. Präsidenten der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika gewählt wurde und als erster Afroamerikaner das höchste Staatsamt antreten sollte. Sein Rückblick auf seine Präsidentschaft bietet eine einzigartige Reflexion über Ausmaß und Grenzen präsidialer Macht und liefert zugleich außergewöhnliche Einblicke in die Dynamik US-amerikanischer Politik und internationaler Diplomatie. Wir begleiten Obama ins Oval Office und in den Situation Room des Weißen Hauses sowie nach Moskau, Kairo, Peking und an viele Orte mehr. Er teilt seine Gedanken über seine Regierungsbildung, das Ringen mit der globalen Finanzkrise, seine Bemühungen, Wladimir Putin einzuschätzen, die Bewältigung scheinbar unüberwindlicher Hindernisse auf dem Weg zur Verabschiedung einer Gesundheitsreform. Er beschreibt, wie er mit US-Generälen über die amerikanische Strategie in Afghanistan aneinandergerät, die Wall Street reformiert, wie er auf das verheerende Leck der Bohrplattform Deepwater Horizon reagiert und die Operation „Neptune’s Spear“ autorisiert, die zum Tode Osama bin Ladens führt. »Ein verheißenes Land« ist ungewöhnlich intim und introspektiv – die Geschichte eines einzelnen Mannes, der eine Wette mit der Geschichte eingeht, eines community organizer, dessen Ideale auf der Weltbühne auf die Probe gestellt werden. Obama berichtet offen vom Balanceakt, als Schwarzer Amerikaner für das Amt zu kandidieren und damit die Erwartungen einer Generation zu schultern, die Mut aus der Botschaft von „Hoffnung und Wandel“ gewinnt, und was es bedeutet, die moralische Herausforderung anzunehmen, Entscheidungen von großer Tragweite zu treffen. Er spricht freimütig über die Kräfte, die sich ihm im In- und Ausland entgegenstellten, gibt ehrlich Auskunft darüber, wie das Leben im Weißen Haus seine Frau und seine Töchter prägte, und scheut sich nicht, Selbstzweifel und Enttäuschungen offenzulegen. Und doch verliert er nie den Glauben daran,

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dass innerhalb des großen, andauernden amerikanischen Experiments Fortschritt stets möglich ist. In diesem wunderbar geschriebenen und eindrücklichen Buch bringt Barack Obama seine Überzeugung zum Ausdruck, dass Demokratie kein Geschenk des Himmels ist, sondern auf Empathie und gegenseitigem Verständnis gründet und Tag für Tag gemeinsam geschaffen werden muss.

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