

The Chosen A Daily Devotional

Unehelich, Vegetarier, homosexuell, Linkshänder, leicht ablenkbar und durchaus ketzerisch – Leonardo da Vinci verlangte der Gesellschaft des 15. und 16. Jahrhunderts so manches ab. Und er gab viel zurück. Er schälte das Fleisch von Schädeln, um die Gesichtsphysiognomie zu erkunden, zeichnete die Muskulatur der Lippen nach – und malte erst dann das einzigartige Lächeln der Mona Lisa! Er studierte, wie Lichtstrahlen auf die Hornhaut treffen ? und schaffte dadurch die wechselnden Perspektiven in seinem Gemälde "Das Abendmahl". Leonardos lebenslanger Enthusiasmus, Grenzen zu überschreiten, faszinierte bereits die einflussreichen Familien in Florenz und Mailand und gilt bis heute als wegweisendes Rezept für Kreativität und Innovationen. Walter Isaacson erzählt Leonardos Leben in völlig neuer Manier, indem er dessen künstlerisches und wissenschaftliches Wirken zueinander in Bezug setzt. Er zeigt dabei auf, dass Leonardos Genialität auf Fähigkeiten basierte, die jeder von uns in sich trägt und stärken kann: etwa leidenschaftliche Neugier, aufmerksame Beobachtung oder spielerische Einbildungskraft. Leonardo erinnert uns bis heute daran, wie wichtig es ist, nicht nur ständig neues Wissen zu erlangen, sondern dieses auch immer wieder zu hinterfragen, der Fantasie freien Raum zu lassen und abseits festgelegter Muster zu denken – so wie alle großen Geister der Weltgeschichte. Pick up where the best-selling book one left off. The Chosen Book Two features forty brand-new devotions that contain a Scripture, a unique look into a Gospel story, suggestions for prayer, and questions that lead you further in your relationship with Christ. Foreword by Alex Kendrick.

Does the holiday season conjure up images of perfect families, perfect lives, and perfect loves? Few of us measure up to those standards, so we sometimes feel a degree of angst, disappointment, or even depression during the holidays. If God chose us and called us for a purpose, as the Bible says, then why aren't our lives perfect? If we were in God's plan, wouldn't life be easy sailing? Does our struggle to overcome obstacles mean we are out of favor with God? A perfect family with perfect lives? A couple thousand years ago, God chose two young teens to parent the divine child-the promised Messiah, the Son of God. Along with that holy calling came all kinds of difficult circumstances. Joseph and Mary experienced shame and disgrace, an unmarried pregnancy, questions, doubts, fears, poverty, and childbirth during travel. They also fled as fugitives and lived as refugees in Egypt to protect Israel's Most Wanted-the holy child, Jesus. What if you could accept your life as messy, inconvenient . . . and perfect? Chosen: A 31-Day Christmas Devotional will help you embrace the messy parts of life as part of God's calling for you. Just because God chooses you, doesn't mean things will be easy. God puts you in challenges that allow him to work through you in amazing ways. Let him meet the challenges of life through you because his burden is light. Embrace your chosen, messy, and perfect life as you: Accept God's lead for this step, right now. Discover your high and holy calling. Lean into

God during uncomfortable circumstances. Want whatever God wants for you. Look for the blessings God leaves you to refresh you along the way. Allow God to live through you. Watch God to work out his plan for your life. See the ways God has worked in your life. Trust God to change others. Remember God is with you. Submit to God's plan in any situation. Keep trouble in perspective. Work through the details with God. Put others first. Show up. Display God's power. Possess every spiritual blessing. Witness God at work. Experience divine guidance. Rely on God's timing. Share what you have seen God do. Let God lead you where you need to be. Receive the faith God gives you. Seek Jesus and give yourself to him. Immerse yourself in God's grace. Worship Christ. Respond to God's leading. May these devotional readings give you hope and courage to face the challenges God has placed in your life. Have a wonderful Christmas! Don't miss what God wants to do in your life this Christmas. If your heart is tugging at you, scroll up and hit the BUY NOW button.

Encounter Jesus the way his followers did. Every follower of Jesus in the Gospels had a not-so-great "before": A brash fisherman. A pious religious leader. A demon-possessed woman. A thieving tax collector. Christ's love saw beyond their brokenness and forgave. Jesus revolutionized the lives of those who followed Him. And He's still doing it today. Each of the forty devotions in The Chosen contains a Scripture, a unique look into a Gospel story, suggestions for prayer, and questions that lead you further in your relationship with Christ. See Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him best, and explore the backstories of people like Mary Magdalene, Peter, Matthew, Nicodemus, and more. It's hard to relate to the sinless Son of God, but we can all identify with the sinners. You too can be transformed: Jesus sees past your "before" to the person He is creating you to be.

The Daily Devotional Bible for Women: NKJV Edition is designed to connect God's Word with the deepest needs of your heart. One of the challenges of Bible reading is knowing where to start. Crafted by a culturally diverse team of women for women, the devotionals for women and other resources offer insights from multiple perspectives spanning various ages, backgrounds and experience. As a result, these NKJV Bibles for women provide a systematic plan for applying God's wisdom and guidance for all stages of your life during daily Bible devotionals, daily Bible readings and in group settings. Features Included in this women's devotional bible: Presentation Section featuring "Family Tree," "Family Milestones," "The Ketubah," and "My Spiritual Mothers" sections Introduction Articles on "A Pattern of Personal Quiet Time" and "The Christian Life" Full text of the New King James Version with preface Two-color interior with black-letter text A brief introduction to each book of the Bible that provides context for the readings within that book 365 devotionals One extended passage for each day together with a focal verse A devotion based on the extended passage designed to emphasize some of the key truths and applications of that passage in daily life Space in the margin to indicate the date(s) you read that passage and to note

insights this passage has NKJV concordance Daily Bible reading plan Smyth-sewn binding Full-color maps section Additional suggested resources The Daily Devotional Bible for Women: NKJV Edition features the beloved New King James Version (NKJV) translation. The NKJV is modern and easy-to-understand, a translation that captures the beauty and majesty of God's Word in contemporary English yet retaining the purity and stylistic beauty of the original King James Version of the Holy Bible. Whether you're looking for a modern Christian Bible, a women's study Bible or a Bible to assist you during your daily devotions, NKJV Bibles help you deepen your relationship with God.

*Weitere Angaben Inhalt: Für andere zu beten, fällt uns Frauen meist relativ leicht. Aber wie sieht es eigentlich mit unserem eigenen, persönlichen Gebet aus? Wie ist es um unsere Beziehung zu Gott bestellt? Haben wir ihm wirklich jeden Bereich unseres Lebens ausgeliefert? Erleben wir überströmende Freude durch die innige Gemeinschaft mit Jesus in Lobpreis und Anbetung? In 30 Kapiteln beschäftigt sich die Bestseller-Autorin mit Themen und Gebetsanliegen, z.B. "näher bei Jesus leben", "dem Feind widerstehen lernen", "frei von Furcht werden". Jedes Kapitel schließt mit einem Beispielgebet und zahlreichen Bibelstellen. Mit ihrem neuen Buch gibt Omartian ihren Leserinnen eine einzigartige Hilfestellung für die persönliche Nachfolge. Sie zeigt uns, wie wir in das Leben hineinkommen, das Gott für uns geplant hat. Verfasser: Stormie Omartian, Jahrgang 1942, ist seit 25 Jahren mit dem bekannten Musikproduzenten Michael Omartian verheiratet. Die Amerikanerin ist eine Bestsellerautorin, der seelische und geistliche Gesundheit mindestens ebenso wichtig sind wie körperliches Wohlbefinden. Im Oncken Verlag erschien bisher "Mein Gebet macht uns stark" und "Mein Gebet macht uns stark - for men".

Enjoy these SAMPLE pages from The Quiet Place- Bestselling author Nancy Leigh DeMoss adapts the core themes of her teaching into a format her fans can enjoy daily-365 portions of rich Bible study and practical applications.

Do you know who you are? More importantly, do you know Whose you are? Christians often look at their lives through natural eyes and see themselves as less than they really are. That need not be. In this 31-day devotional, you'll find spiritual riches you never knew you possessed.

No matter your place in life, this inspiring collection of 365 devotional readings is designed to bring you daily to a special place of renewal—to help you pause and gaze "unto the hills" for help and inspiration. Day by day, you can join our nation's most beloved spiritual leader for a moment of quiet and reflection through: A carefully chosen passage of scripture A brief, thoughtful message from Billy Graham A heartfelt prayer composed especially for this devotional Distilled from a lifetime of study and ministry, these devotionals supply daily food for thought about living fruitfully and joyfully in an often-fretful world. Simple, direct, encouraging yet challenging, this book offers itself as a heartening companion for your daily walk in the valley. This collection is a gentle but constant reminder that we can find help for all our needs as long as we

remember to look up . . . unto the hills but especially unto the Lord. Billy Graham draws from his lifetime of study and ministry to offer this devotional classic, featuring 365 meditations to calm you and point you toward the One who can always help.

This book is intended as a spiritual growth tool and should be used in conjunction with time in the Word, regular fellowship with other believers, and council with spiritual mentors. We Christians are all on our way toward becoming like Jesus. This means that each day our Heavenly Father carves a little more of his Sons image into our character. I pray this book will be a tool the Holy Spirit can use to guide you through each days challenges. The scriptures in these meditations are verses that contain imperative mode verbs in the Greek New Testament epistles and letters. An imperative mode verb is a strong indicator of an authors purpose in a passage, so I give them special attention when I study the Word. Each passage has been chosen for its poignant application to our individual daily lives. The translation is my own and has been translated in a style that I hope will emphasize certain nuances of the Greek language pertinent to each days meditation.

Unsere moderne Kultur will uns glauben machen, dass es bei der Ehe vor allem darum geht, dass man verliebt ist und dass man "den Passenden" gefunden hat. Und aus "bis dass der Tod uns scheidet" ist geworden: "Solange meine Bedürfnisse befriedigt werden." "Solange wir nicht fähig sind, die Ehe durch die Brille der Bibel zu betrachten und nicht durch die engen Sehschlitze unserer Kultur, werden wir nicht in der Lage sein, fundierte Entscheidungen über unsere eigene eheliche Zukunft zu treffen. ... Das Schmerzlichste und das Wunderbarste – so sieht die Bibel die Ehe, und noch nie ist es wichtiger gewesen als in unserer heutigen Kultur, die Ehe hochzuhalten und für sie zu werben." Zusammen mit seiner Frau Kathy erklärt Timothy Keller, was Gott sich dabei gedacht hat, als er die Ehe erfand – erfrischend ehrlich und unsentimental, aber begeistert von Gottes wunderbarem Plan. Gemeinsam finden die beiden in der Bibel den Sinn der Ehe, holen Gott als dritten Partner ins Boot und machen deutlich, worauf es bei der Ehe und der Partnerwahl wirklich ankommt.

When you think of being chosen, does your mind go back to recess days on that schoolyard playground long ago, when Teacher asked the two biggest boys in the class to choose up teams? Remember how the rest of you lined up, dutifully waiting for your name to be called? And remember how you stood there, nervously holding your breath, shifting your weight from one sneaker to the other, hoping against hope that this time you'd be chosen? Good news. You have been chosen! Maybe not for the starting lineup on your school's basketball team or for the next promotion at work. But your calling is much more extraordinary For "you are a chosen people, . . . a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9, NIV). Who is this God who has chosen you? Why have you been chosen? And how are the chosen to live? Join Dwight K. Nelson in an experience with

God that will revolutionize your life as you stand where the chosen of old once stood on the brink of the Promised Land

At age twenty-two, Charles Haddon Spurgeon was the most popular preacher of his day. The "Prince of Preachers" shared his pulpit with Dwight L. Moody, Hudson Taylor, and George Mueller, and was responsible for leading Oswald Chambers to Christ. His messages touched countless hearts and lives, and thousands came to Christ under his evangelistic influence. Spurgeon helped to start more than forty churches and was a major influence on Christian leaders and lay persons. At the Master's Feet is a treasury of 366 devotions that offer a sampling of the very best of Charles Spurgeon, chosen with the modern reader's spiritual needs in mind. It also contains a plan for reading the entire Bible through in a year. Each devotional includes a related scripture in the NIV. These classic writings will direct you on a daily journey into a deeper and more thoughtful faith in Jesus Christ.

Remember how great it felt to be chosen to play on the playground team? It feels even better to be chosen by God. In this collection of 60 devotions, teens share stories of how God chose them and won them from sin, death, and the devil through the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Teens learn how God guides them in their day-to-day living. Each Christ-centered and biblically balanced devotion includes Scripture, meditation, and prayer. This book makes wonderful summer and fall reading or confirmation gift, lifting up God's Word and Sacraments for the strengthening of faith as young people face the challenges of today.

Do you want a message from God for your daily life? This daily devotional will bring you a Bible verse and accompanied message every day. The author has sought God every day to ensure the verse and message is from God's heart to you. Hearing from God is not difficult, if you just open your heart to Him and allow Him to speak into your life. May God bless you as you read this daily devotional and spend time in His presence. "Hearing from God Daily Devotional" will speak to all parts of your life. You will be reassured of God's love for you, that God is trustworthy, and that there is hope in God. This book will challenge and inspire you to grow into a deeper relationship with your Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. From this book: "We have victory over fear and worries, and we can walk in all peace through circumstances as God gives and is our strength." "We can never be separated from God's love. God's love for us is not based on what we've done; God loves us by choice, and He has loved us long before we have ever been born." "God likes to be included and be a part of our lives."

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Who am I? How does God see me? From forgiven and redeemed to chosen and victorious, the Who I am in Christ daily devotional will refresh you in God's presence as you deepen your understanding of how God sees you and what it means to be a new creation in Christ. In these 100 daily readings, experience the joy that comes from daily realizing that your identity is based on what God has

done through his Son, Jesus Christ! You can live with confidence, assurance, and hope because you have a new identity in Christ.

Know That I Am God is more than a devotional book. It is a life changing, soul shaking, spiritually reviving interactive journey. From the depths of her heart, the author shares her innermost struggles and fears as well as her praise and worship of who God is. She makes us feel that she is God's only child with His attention fully focused on her that there is no one else in the world that He has to attend to. She knows that she can come to Him anytime, anywhere, about anything at all. She whines, requests, thanks, praises, screams, confesses, submits. Then, with insightful questions and probing thoughts, she asks you to do it with her. Her insistence that you join her takes you behind the "Sunday Smile" and reaches deep into the core of your heart, where you can be honest with God about who you really are. She teaches you to go before the throne of your Heavenly Father and tell Him what's really going on inside of you. This unique and innovative devotional leads you to surrender your own will to the perfect love and goodness that God bestows on you, and asks you to give God more of yourself than you ever have before. Know That I Am God's full color, brilliant photography takes your breath away, draws you into reflection, and reminds you of the glory and magnificence of God's creation. Specifically chosen to accent the daily devotional entry, each distinctive photo radiates the beauty that is around us everyday and captures the spiritual relevance in everything we see. These inspirational images reflect the awesome nature of God's creation, from the great to the tiny. They also capture the beauty of the world around us, as God's crowning creation man interacts with the resources God has provided. The photographer's vivid colors, distinctive textures, and awareness of exceptional shapes mold your heart to the recognition of God and His all-encompassing power. This combination of intense, driving spiritual motivation and exciting, moving photography makes Know That I Am God an essential devotional tool for women of all ages. As you read and reflect each day, you will be lifted up, challenged, encouraged, and strengthened. Your daily cares will melt away when you immerse yourself in the world of God's unlimited care and attention as you join the author on this exciting 30 day journey.

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 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). In this 12-volume series of monthly devotionals, students will gain a deeper biblical understanding of Jesus' presence throughout Scripture and the role He continues to play in our lives today. Students will learn to Discover God's Word, Delight in the Lord, and Display God's work in their lives. Discover (Identity + Theology): Who is God? Who am I in light of who God is? These are two of the most important questions students can grapple with because in discovering who God is, they learn who He has meant for them to be. Studies within the Discover category will help students align their lives under God's rule which will give them confidence in who they were created to be. Delight (Spiritual Disciplines): What does it mean to delight in God? What leads to delight in God? Helping students see God in every detail teaches them to delight in Him. When students find their delight in God, they will learn what it means and how to be in relationship with Him. Display (Leadership, Mission, + Disciple Making): How do students display the glory of God? How do they help others grow in their relationship with Him? How can they lead others to display the truth of God? Through students learning to lead, live on mission, and make disciples, God's glory is on display and His kingdom is expanded. Each book includes 30 daily devotions, applicable Scripture, prayer prompts, and practical application.

Evening by Evening Charles H. Spurgeon's devotionals Morning by Morning and Evening by Evening have inspired, encouraged, and challenged Christians for generations. Spurgeon, with his masterful hand, carefully selected his text from throughout the Bible and covered a broad range of topics, in order to present a well-balanced and fruitful daily devotional for readers both young and old. Now updated into more-modern English for today's readers, and again separated into two volumes as originally published, with morning devotionals in one volume and evening devotionals in the second. We chose a 11-point font for the sake of legibility, and formatted the devotionals so each fits on a single page. January 1 (Sample Devotional) We will rejoice in you and be glad. (Song of Solomon 1:4) We will rejoice in you and be glad. We will not open the gates of the year with the notes of a mournful song, but with the sweet strains of the harp of joy and the high-sounding cymbals of gladness. O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation (Psalm 95:1). We, the called and faithful and chosen, will drive away our griefs and set up our banners of confidence in the name of God. Let others lament over their troubles, while we who have the sweetening tree to cast into Marah's bitter water (Exodus 15:23-25) will magnify the Lord with joy! Eternal Spirit, our powerful Comforter – we who are the temples in which You dwell will never stop adoring and blessing the name of Jesus. We will rejoice, for we are resolved to do so. Jesus must have the crown of our heart's delight. We will not dishonor our Bridegroom by mourning in His presence. We are ordained to be the singers of the skies. Let us rehearse our

everlasting anthem before we sing it in the halls of the New Jerusalem. We will be glad and rejoice. Glad and rejoice are two words with one sense: double joy, blessedness upon blessedness. Does there need to be any limit to our rejoicing in the Lord even now? Do not men and women of grace find their Lord to be nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon even now (Song of Solomon 4:14)? And what better fragrance could they have in heaven itself? We will be glad and rejoice in You. That last word – You, Jesus – is the delicacy in the dish, the kernel of the nut, and the soul of the text. What joys are laid up in Jesus! What rivers of infinite delight have their source and every drop of their fullness in Him! Since, O sweet Lord Jesus, You are the present portion of Your people, favor us this year with such a sense of Your preciousness that from its first day to its last we may be glad and rejoice in You. Let your January open with joy in the Lord, and close your December with gladness in Jesus.

The Reverend Canon Alson B H Percival is a man deeply engulfed in devotional life. When he prays the atmosphere is transformed with the Divine presence and those present become drawn into the apostles' (Peter, James and John) transfiguration experience. I believe such occasions are due to the fact that he is in spiritual communion with his God on a daily basis. Canon Percival prides himself with the fact that he leads his family, his staff and some parishioners in daily devotions. For the past twenty eight (28) years of his ministry he has conducted all-night Prayer Meetings, Prayer and Fast Sessions, and Prayer and Bible Studies with much spiritual success. This book "My Time with God" find its development from the spiritual reservoir Canon Percival continues to draw his resource. Each reader will find that this book is written with her or him in mind. Gloria Lanns, A Prayer Partner In this book Canon Percival has combined God's wonderful truth from scriptures with devotional readings pertinent to every day life. Because of his deep spiritual background he gives us a daily reading for a fresh and unique perspective. Each reader will experience the abundant grace of God as he/she meditates on each daily reading. Rev Fr Alric Francis Sr., Priest-in-Charge, St Thomas & St James, Nevis The book "My Time with God" in its daily devotion has a prayer to help you take hold of the remarkable insights and principles that the Holy Spirit has imparted to the good Canon. It is my wish that God will bless you, fill your heart with grace and peace in abundance, and draw you closer to the God who gave his all to meet your every day thirst. Rev Fr Isaiah Phillip

Daily Devotional is a worship aid designed to help the reader focus on scripture and its application each day. The book originated with weekly inspirational e-mail messages sent to a small group of readers who forwarded the messages to others. Over a period of more than 7 years the messages made their way into a variety of places including the Pentagon, prisons, military encampments in Iraq, used car lots and beauty salons, to name a few. Those messages have been compiled into the Daily Devotional. Grounded in scripture and flowing with encouragement, 30 Days in the Word is more than just a daily devotional. Beginning with the person Jesus himself and covering the essential points of the gospel, this inspirational offering provides a concise summary of Christian practice and belief. Utilizing verses, daily reflections, and life applications for every day of the month, author Sharna Knowles explains in concise terms the message of salvation. This devotional will help readers connect scripture to everyday life.

Covering topics such as water baptism, the gifts of the Spirit, fasting, giving, and end time theology, 30 Days in the Word is a valuable resource for evangelists, discipleship classes, conferences, family studies, and high school Religion reference guide.

Die Sonne war untergegangen, und ein kühler, blasser Abend dämmerte, als Frodo das einst so vertraute Klopfen hörte. Du hast dich gar nicht verändert, sagte der Zauberer. Du auch nicht, antwortete Frodo, aber im Stillen fand er, daß Gandalf doch um einiges älter und sehr besorgt aussah. Lange galt der Eine Ring als verloren. Doch nun erheben sich erneut die Schatten von Osten. Sauron erhielt Kunde, der Ring sei im Auenland, im Besitz eines gewissen Hobbits. Sauron schickt seine Schwarzen Reiter aus. Mit knapper Not und nur mit Hilfe des Zauberers Gandalf gelingt es Frodo und seinen Gefährten, zu entkommen. Doch das ist erst der Anfang des Abenteuers, das Frodo ins Reich der Elben führen soll und in die alte Zwergenstadt unter dem Berg, wo nun die Orks und der furchtbare Balrog hausen.

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"Warum hat Gott das zugelassen? Ich bin fast 60 Jahre alt! Warum solche Schmerzen an diesem Punkt in meinem Leben, nach all diesen Jahren des Erduldens, Durchhaltens und dem Bemühen, ihm zu dienen?" Joni Eareckson Tada erlitt vor über vier Jahrzehnten einen Unfall, der sie bis heute an den Rollstuhl fesselt. Trotz aller Einschränkungen konnte sie unzähligen Menschen Mut machen und neue Hoffnung schenken. Doch heute steht Joni Eareckson Tada vor einer neuen Herausforderung: ihrem persönlichen Kampf gegen chronische, kaum zu ertragende Schmerzen. Die Autorin nimmt Sie mit auf eine sehr persönliche Reise und stellt sich der Frage: Wenn Gott mich heilen kann, warum tut er es dann nicht? Ein Muss für alle Menschen, die Leid erdulden müssen.

Warum Gott? Ist es heute noch vernünftig zu glauben? Ist der Glaube nicht irrelevant, ohne Antworten auf die drängenden Fragen der Zeit? Hat die Wissenschaft nicht den Glauben an Gott längst widerlegt? Mächtige Fragen an den Allmächtigen! Tim Keller findet Antworten, die nicht nur den Zweifler nachdenklich werden lassen. Und er nennt gute Gründe für den Glauben.

"Sanfte Schönheit" oder "wilde Frau" Was macht das Wesen echter Weiblichkeit aus? Wie kann eine Frau heute selbstbewusst und erfüllt leben? John und Stacy Eldredge zeichnen ein neues Bild authentischer Weiblichkeit. Tatkraft, Mut und Selbstbewusstsein haben darin ebenso Platz wie das Bedürfnis, zu lieben und geliebt zu werden. Und welche Rolle spielt die Schönheit für das "schöne Geschlecht"? Schönheit ist keine Frage von Diätplänen und Fitnessprogrammen. Sie ist ein Wesensmerkmal jeder Frau seit Eva, oft genug verborgen hinter den Schutzmechanismen, mit denen wir uns vor den Verletzungen des Lebens schützen. Aber sie kann wieder ans Licht treten, dort, wo eine Frau ihre ureigene Bestimmung entdeckt.

Jesus war kein Europäer, sondern lebte in einer Kultur, die uns fremd ist. Dieses faszinierende, leicht verständliche Sachbuch liefert Einblicke in die Denkwelt Jesu und des Neuen Testaments. Durch die Beschreibung des kulturellen Umfelds, in dem Jesus gelebt und gewirkt hat, bekommt man ein tieferes Verständnis seiner Aussagen. Der Autor Kenneth E. Bailey hat Jahrzehnte lang im Nahen Osten gelebt und gelehrt. Für seine Analysen zieht er noch weitere arabisch-christliche Bibelausleger des Mittelalters heran. So erfährt man zum Beispiel, warum Jesus in der Krippe, aber nicht im Stall

geboren wurde, oder warum er in den Staub schrieb, als die Ehebrecherin vor ihm stand. Eine wertvolle Neu-Interpretation vieler biblischer Texte.

Vier Frauen, die unterschiedlicher nicht sein könnten, begegnen sich bei einem wöchentlichen Kurs, der eine Einführung in geistliche Übungen bietet: Hannah, eine engagierte Pastorin, die von ihrer Gemeindeleitung zu einer unfreiwilligen Auszeit verdonnert wird. Meg, verwitwet und nach dem Auszug ihrer erwachsenen Tochter einsam und richtungslos. Mara, die mit sich selbst und ihrer Ehe zu kämpfen hat. Und Charissa, die talentierte, aber von ihrem eigenen Perfektionismus völlig gelähmte Schönheit ... Unter der behutsamen Anleitung der Kursleiterin begeben die vier Frauen sich auf eine geistliche Pilgerreise, in deren Verlauf sie sich gegenseitig näherkommen und jede auf ihre Art Heilungsschritte und neue Hoffnung erleben. Ganz nebenbei erfährt man als Leser viel über Sinn und Zweck der geistlichen Übungen und erhält neue Impulse für den persönlichen Weg mit Gott.

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