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Joy in the Sorrow: How a Thriving Church (and Its Pastor) Learned to Suffer Well

David C Cook

A 9-session study for men and women seeking God's plan for manhood and womanhood and how His design leads to our greatest joy.

[God's Kingdom from Eden to Eternity](#)

WestBow Press

"Incredibly rich with wisdom and insight that will leave the reader, whether single or married, feeling uplifted." —The Washington Times Based on the acclaimed sermon series by New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller, this book shows everyone—Christians, skeptics, singles, longtime married couples, and those about to be engaged—the vision of what marriage should be according to the Bible. Modern culture would have you believe that everyone has a soul mate; that romance is the most important part of a successful marriage; that your spouse is there to help you realize your potential; that marriage does not mean forever, but merely for now; and that starting over after a divorce is the best solution to seemingly intractable marriage issues. But these modern-day assumptions are wrong. Timothy Keller, with insights from Kathy, his wife of thirty-seven years, shows marriage to be a glorious relationship that is also misunderstood and mysterious. *The Meaning of Marriage* offers instruction on how to have a successful marriage, and is essential reading for anyone who wants to know God and love more deeply in this life.

Reveling in the Excellencies of Jesus

Crossway

Daniel Akin does not write in a vacuum. Having led over 300 marriage seminars across the United States, he is in touch with contemporary distorted perceptions of sex. But the Bible is not silent on this

subject. As a matter of fact it has much to say. As the creator of sex, God knows and has imparted the knowledge of the conditions for sex at its best. Daniel Akin sets the many and varied misconceptions about sex alongside God's design to reveal His intention and blessing for this vital dimension of life.

[What Solomon Says About Love, Sex, and Intimacy](#) Crossway

Navigating the Four Critical Seasons of Relationship The vast majority of young people will still pass through the key phases of singleness, dating, engagement and marriage in their twenties. Yet they are delaying marriage longer than any generation in human history. Why? For the first time in history, the average age for an American woman having her first child, 26, is younger than the average age of her first marriage, 27. More children than ever are growing up in fatherless homes, despite the overwhelming evidence that in every measurable way this is bad for the child. The Center for Disease Control also recently reported a dramatic rise in sexually transmitted disease nationwide. In Rhode Island alone, since the onset of online dating, reported cases of Syphilis has risen 79%, and HIV has increased by 33%. Though many young people can avoid early pregnancy and STDs, most cannot dodge the depression and feelings of isolation that characterize this modern generation. Studies show a dramatic rise in self-reported loneliness among the young. All of our technological connectivity has not made us feel more connected. In many ways, the very screens that are meant to link us to others have become shields blocking us from the deep intimacy we crave. Many have discovered that where there is a lack of intimacy, addiction often rises to take its place. How can a young person navigate such troubled waters? Is there hope out there? Like a sailor on turbulent seas, we need to look up and see the North Star: the fixed points in the sky whereby we might navigate the objective realities in life. We need the skill-set to know how to journey through life

and how to select the right people to journey alongside. In this book we will chart a course through the four relational phases that the vast majority of human beings on the planet will pass through in their twenties: singleness, dating, engaged and married. In each of these phases, we will look at what eternal purposes should be pursued in each stage, and how to pursue them. SINGLENES: DEVOTION DATING: EVALUATION ENGAGED: UNIFICATION MARRIED: MISSION Our desires for intimacy are powerful. This power can be constructive or destructive. Our satisfaction and our safety will be ensured if we can aim these powerful desires toward divine purposes.

[Gospel Wakefulness \(Foreword by Ray Ortlund\)](#) The Mingling of SoulsGod's Design for Love, Marriage, Sex, and Redemption

Using Paul's radical letter to the Philippians as his road map, Matt Chandler forsakes the trendy to invite readers into authentic Christian maturity. The short book of Philippians is one of the most quoted in the Bible, yet Paul wrote it not for the popular sound bites, but to paint a picture of a mature Christian faith. While many give their lives to Jesus, few then go on to live a life of truly vibrant faith. In this disruptively inspiring book, Chandler offers tangible ways to develop a faith of pursuing, chasing, knowing, and loving Jesus. Because if we clean up our lives but don't get Jesus, we've lost! So let the goal be Him. To live is Christ, to die is gain—this is the message of the letter. Therefore, our lives should be lived to Him, through Him, for Him, with Him, about Him—everything should be about Jesus. [Cat's Cradle](#) B&H Publishing Group Discover the freedom, holiness, and beauty of sex in marriage. Intimacy and sex should flow from an attitude of true selflessness. A verse-by-verse look at the Song of Solomon, *Intimacy Ignited* shows couples how to fire up and maintain the flames of a passionate marriage. Sex plays a vital role in every healthy marriage, yet there's more to intimacy than just sex. If

your marriage doesn't have the passion it once did, learn why romance and intimacy is all about being a servant lover. Part marriage manual, part commentary, and part Bible study, *Intimacy Ignited* is a great resource.

How Does God Change Us? Crossway

This wonderful survey of the impact and outworking of God's grace in the life of the believer will revitalize the most threadbare faith.

Gospel Deepes David C Cook

The unique premise of this book is God's revelation for bonding couples through marital sex with pleasure and full satisfaction for both spouses. Isn't there more to sex? Christian couples may breeze through the Song of Solomon and be impressed with the poetry, beauty and passion, yet never discover the hidden keys in the revelatory word of God. Many married couples will be amazed as the Song of Solomon unlocks secrets designed by God to bring the husband and wife into a fulfilling sexual union. The creator and designer of sex gives us His instructions. The authors address the worldwide problem of the unfulfilled wife and the husband's premature ejaculation. God's design eliminates such problems. This book exposes Freud's sex fraud which has perpetrated erroneous and destructive thinking on societies for years. Life brings stress, but God grieves when marital sex brings added stress to a marriage. Conversely, God designed sex to be a refreshing oasis from the drudgery and stress of life in every married couple as they fulfill the will of God for their lives. His word describes how to achieve this satisfaction without exercises, drugs or gadgets. God designed it to be a pleasure this world cannot naturally duplicate.

Take Heart Crossway

Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God."

Simply Song of Solomon Penguin

Bestselling author Gary Thomas transforms the way you look at romantic relationships. His unique perspective on dating will prepare you for a satisfying, spiritually enriching marriage. In the revised edition of his hit book *The Sacred Search*, Gary Thomas helps single people of all ages make wise marital choices by rethinking what basis those choices should be made on. You will be encouraged to think beyond finding your "soul mate" and instead adopt a more biblical search for a "sole mate"—someone who will walk with you on your spiritual journey. Thomas

asks, What if we focused on why we should get married more than on who to marry? What if being "in love" isn't a good enough reason to get married? And most of all, what if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy? *The Sacred Search* casts a vision for building a relationship around shared spiritual mission—and making marriage with eternity at its heart.

A Study of Attraction, Love, Marriage and Redemption from the Song of Solomon Baker Books

You can't. God can. Life never lacks for improvement—in ourselves, in our relationships, in just about everything. But all our brave stabs at getting better, if they ever change anything, are incomplete at best, complete failures at worst. Sometimes much worse. Unless . . . The gospel of Jesus Christ is the great "unless" of life—both for those who already believe (but can't believe the messes they're still capable of making), as well as those who don't yet believe but just know their way isn't working. *Recovering Redemption*, written with a pastor's bold intensity and a counselor's discerning insight, takes you deeply into Scripture to take you deeply inside yourself, discovering that the heart of all our problems is truly the problem of our hearts. But because of what God has done, and because of what God can do, the most confident, contented person you know could actually be you—redeemed through Jesus Christ. None of us, really, can do what's required to change our lives for the better, taking what's persistently frustrating and making it perfectly satisfying. Yet as hopeless as that may sound, it is the flat-line truth in which good news comes to life . . . to your life. For just as what's lost can be found, what's wrong can—even now—be recovered.

When Marriage Meets Grace Kregel Publications

Marriage is great, but it's not forever. It's until death do us part. Then come eternal rewards or regrets depending on how we spent our lives. In his latest book, Francis Chan joins together with his wife Lisa to address the question many couples wonder at the altar: "How do I have a healthy marriage?" Setting aside typical topics on marriage, Francis and Lisa dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls. In the same way *Crazy Love* changed the way we saw our personal relationship with God, *You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity* will radically shift the way we see one of the most important relationships in our life. Jesus was right. We have it all

backwards. The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage. Whether you are single, dating or married, *You and Me Forever* will help you discover the adventure that you were made for and learn how to thrive in it. 100% of the net proceeds from this book will support various ministries including those that help provide shelter and rehabilitation for thousands of children and exploited women around the world. For more information, please visit:

youandmeforever.org

Radically Pursuing Each Other in Light of Christ's Relentless Love Multnomah

The *Knowing the Bible* series is a resource designed to help Bible readers better understand and apply God's Word. These 12-week studies lead participants through books of the Bible and are made up of four basic components: (1) reflection questions that help readers engage the text at a deeper level; (2) "Gospel Glimpses" that highlight the gospel of grace throughout the book; (3) "Whole-Bible Connections" that show how any given passage connects to the Bible's overarching story of redemption, culminating in Christ; and (4) "Theological Soundings" that identify how historic orthodox doctrines are taught or reinforced throughout Scripture. With contributions from an array of influential pastors and church leaders, these gospel-centered studies will help Christians see and cherish the message of God's grace on every page of the Bible. Over the course of 12 weeks, this study connects Paul's letters to the Thessalonians to the lives of Christians today. These epistles encourage readers by reminding them of the salvation God will bring to all those whom he has called—strengthening them to pursue lives of holiness and love as they anticipate Jesus's return.

Deacons Claire Love Publishing

What's the Big Deal About Sex? Birds do it. Bees do it. And when you turn on the television, log on to the Internet, or watch a movie, you can't help but notice that everyone else seems to be doing it too. Our culture has embraced the message that sex is just a basic bodily function, as irresistible and harmless as satisfying your hunger and thirst. But is it? Or have we bought into a lie that is rapidly corroding our souls and our society? When it comes to sexuality, you can't ignore the Manufacturer's directions and escape unharmed. That's why everyone—teen or adult, single or married—needs to know *The Truth About Sex*. This compelling, interactive study provides an antidote to the world's subtle yet insidiously dangerous lies. You'll learn... why God

created sex in the first place ·what happens when you don't follow His design ·why virginity matters ·what consequences follow sex outside of marriage ·how to find healing if you've been harmed because you or someone else violated God's instructions With this knowledge comes the power to stand firm, resisting the pull of temptation. Whatever your past-whether you've remained sexually pure or endured the pain of misusing God's precious gift-you'll find your eyes opened and your life transformed as you discover for yourself *The Truth About Sex*. Includes a companion study guide for personal use or group discussion.

The Mingling of Souls Lifeway Church Resources

We may know the gospel. We may believe it—even proclaim it. But we also may assume the gospel and become lethargic. In this book Jared Wilson seeks to answer the central question, how do we experience and present the gospel in a fresh, nonroutine way in order to prevent ourselves and others from becoming numb? His answer may be surprising: “by routinely presenting the unchanging gospel in a way that does justice to its earth-shaking announcement.” We don't excite and awaken people to the glorious truths of the gospel by spicing up our worship services or through cutting-edge, dramatic rhetoric, but by passionately and faithfully proclaiming the same truths we have already been given in Scripture. Wilson's book will stir churches to live out the power of the gospel with a fervent, genuine zeal. After an explanation of the term “gospel wakefulness,” Wilson unpacks implications for worship, hyper-spirituality, godly habits, and sanctification, as well as other aspects of church life. Pastors, church leaders, and all in ministry, especially those who are tired or discouraged, will be uplifted, emboldened, and empowered by this book.

Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood (Revised Edition) Monarch Books

It took Brian, my husband, and me some

time to grasp the idea of purity while we were dating. After reading our story, you'll see that making the commitment to purity was just the beginning. We had tasted the forbidden fruit for a number of years. Then I got to know Jesus in a new and powerful way as I recovered from an eating disorder. Brian eventually followed, and we knew things had to change. We had the difficult task of trying to figure out how to have a Christian dating relationship, living in the Garden of Eden, so to speak, right next to the tree but resisting the habit and compulsion of reaching for that fruit. How close to the forbidden tree can you get? Can you actually hold the apple in your hand but not taste it? There is no hard-and-fast rule I can give you for where to draw the line. However, I will share with you some lessons that I learned to show you how to build your relationship together through Christian dating. I will describe some strategies to keep the pilot light of your passion lit but under God's gentle control. Then, how does it work to take two imperfect people, joined under God to become one in a loving marriage? **God's Design for Love, Marriage, Sex, and Redemption** Lifeway Church Resources

In *Love That Lasts*, New York Times bestselling author of *Jesus > Religion* Jefferson Bethke and his wife, Alyssa, expose the distorted views of love that permeate our culture and damage our hearts, minds, and souls. Drawing from Jeff's “prodigal son” personal history and from Alyssa's “True Love Waits” experience, the Bethkes point to a third and better way. Blending personal storytelling with biblical teaching, they offer readers an inspiring, realistic vision of love, dating, marriage, and sex. Young people today enter adulthood with expectations of blissful dating followed by a romantic, fulfilling marriage only to discover they've been duped. They learned about love and sexuality from social media, their friends, Disney fairy tales, pornography, or even their own rocky past, and they have no idea what healthy, lifelong love is supposed to be like. The results are often disastrous, with

this generation becoming one of the most relationally sick, sexually addicted, and divorce ridden in history. Looking to God's design while drawing lessons from their own successes and failures, the Bethkes explode the fictions and falsehoods of our current moment. One by one, they peel back the lies, such as the belief that every person has only one soul mate, that marriage will complete you, or that pornography and hook-ups are harmless.

The Life of God in the Soul of Man Crossway

Marriage is a profound and marvelous mystery established by God for his glory—and that is for our good. So many marital relationships never reach their greatest potential because they have the fatal limitation of being focused on one another. When our focus is solely on God, our marriages have the potential to thrive and not merely survive.

A 12-Week Study B&H Publishing Group

A provocative new book that calls Christians to stop making Jesus so “convenient”

How They Serve and Strengthen the Church Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

The most important disciple a parent will make is within their own home, and yet this is the most difficult disciple to make. *Family Discipleship* by Matt Chandler and Adam Griffin helps readers develop a sustainable rhythm of gospel-centered discipleship through a guided framework focusing on moments of discipleship in 3 key areas: time (intentional time gathering your family around gospel activities or conversations), moments (leveraging opportunities throughout the day), and milestones (celebrating significant life events). Each section provides parents with Scriptures to consider, questions to answer, structures to implement, and ideas to try out as they seek to see Christ formed in their children. Here is a book that begins with the end in mind, offering ideas and examples of what gospel-centered family discipleship looks like, helping parents design their own discipleship plan as they seek to raise children in the love and fear of the Lord.