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Just in Time for Lent: Resources for Nurturing the Soul

TOP PICKS . . .

Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith.

Bell, Rob. Zondervan, 2005. 261 Bel

Invites seekers into a Christianity that has room for doubts, questions. A fresh look at Jesus, faith, life-style and religion. Good study book for young adults or those new to faith. Easy to discuss, as questions to ponder are built into chapters.

Stories: How Mennonites Came to Be.

Roth, John D. Herald Press, 2006. 289.709 Rot

Roth offers the perspective of Anabaptist-Mennonite people as a compelling example of past faithfulness and a contemporary invitation to be a Christian.

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices That Transform Us.

Calhoun, Adele Ahlberg. InterVarsity Press, 2005. 248.4 Cal

Full of practical, accessible guidance that helps anyone learn about and do spiritual disciplines. Wonderful! Every pastor and church library should have a copy.

Spiritual Mentoring: a guide for seeking and giving direction.

Anderson, Keith R. and Randy D. Reese. InterVarsity, 1999. 253.53 And

Mentors are ordinary Christians who are willing to enter into a faith relationship with another person who wants to grow. Each chapter draws on the work of a different classical spiritual writer and provides questions for the mentor and mentoree.

Telling Our Stories: Personal Accounts of Engagement with Scripture.

Edited by Gingerich & Zimmerman. Cascadia, 2006. 220.088 Tel

Personal tales of two dozen Mennonites that describe a unique spiritual journey with scripture.

What You Do Best in the Body of Christ: discover your spiritual gifts, personal style and God-given passion.

Bugbee, Bruce. Zondervan, 2005. 234.13 Bug

Practical manual, includes spiritual gifts assessment. Could be used with the *Network* DVD series which focuses on using the "right people in the right places for the right reasons at the right time."

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What about Hitler?: Wrestling with Jesus' Call to Nonviolence in an Evil World.

Brimlow, Robert W. Brazos Press, 2006. 241.6242 Bri

A searching examination of just war and pacifist approaches to war and violence that leads to advice on discipleship.

Recovering the Sacred Center: church renewal from the inside out.

Friend, Howard E. Judson, 1998. 254.5 Fri

A reflective approach that is designed to help readers discover new ways of understanding themselves and the mission of the church.

Harvest of Righteousness: a spiritual discipline of devotion in the reformed tradition.

Langer, Rebecca Bradburn. Geneva Press, 1999. 242 Lan

A four-week exploration of spiritual disciplines designed especially, but not exclusively for Presbyterians. The goal is to establish a daily routine of personal worship using the spiritual disciplines.

Affirmations from the Heart of God.

Meehan, Bridget and Regina Oliver, Ligouri, 2001. 248.4 Mee

Suggests prayer process, directed meditations, scriptural affirmations to help realize God's tremendous love that helps move us to a love of self and others.

Sabbath: finding rest, renewal and delight in our busy lives.

Muller, Wayne. Bantam, 1999. 263.3 Mul

This book gives us permission to rest, reflect and appreciate, along with the spiritual tools to guide us.

Still listening: new horizons in spiritual direction.

Edited by Norvene Vest. Morehouse, 2000. 253.53 Sti

Essays are offered with guidance on how to provide spiritual direction to the poor, abused, church drop-outs, the addicted, the dying and homosexuals.

The Nonviolent Atonement.

Weaver, J. Denny. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2006. 232.3 Wea

Explores the history of the Christian doctrine of atonement, exposing the intrinsically violent dimensions of the traditional atonement view and offers instead a thoroughly nonviolent paradigm for understanding this central Christian belief.

The Truce of God.

Williams, Rowan. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2005. 261.873 Wil

In an arrangement known as the "truce of God," the medieval monastery of Cluny encouraged its feuding neighbors to restrict warfare to three days of the week. This edition speaks anew to the realities of living in a terror-filled world and seeks to treat war and peace as spiritual issues, rather than political issues.

Prayer: does it make any difference?

Yancey, Philip. Zondervan, 2006. 248.3 Yan

Yancey explores the intersection of two of the most intriguing questions about God: why doesn't God act the way we want God to and why don't I act the way God wants me to.