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CSB Ancient Faith Study Bible B&H Publishing Group

Undated, interactive, 90-day devotional guide for students.

Essential Connection: 90 Days of Devotions for Students Volume 2 Multnomah

God is good, God does good, and oh, how He wants you to be happy. In her new book, *The Sacrament of Happy: What a Smiling God Brings to a Wounded World*, Lisa Harper unveils that happiness is a gift from God that we can unashamedly enjoy. Happiness tends to be cast as a fluffy emotion without substance rather than a biblical concept, but this is not theologically accurate. Wearing the twin hats of both seminarian and belly-laughing adoptive mom, Lisa Harper dismantles the old-school idea that joy, not happiness, is the truly spiritual emotion, and asserts that Christ-followers are actually called to happiness. We are called to happiness, and this happiness is not impacted by personal or global tumult. In fact, happiness is a sacrament. The general definition of sacrament is “a visible sign of inward grace.” In communities of faith, it most often refers to holy communion or the Eucharist. In the broadest understanding, however, a sacrament is a gift bestowed by God, and in that case, ‘happiness’ is absolutely a sacrament—a visible, sometimes even audible, sign of inward grace! Lisa shares heart-wrenching difficult stories from her past, as well as some side-splitting hilarity along the way. Throughout the book, we see that happiness and sadness can coexist and ebb and flow like the tides. Christine Caine, Founder of A21 & Propel Women, had this to say about Lisa’s new book: “The Sacrament of Happy—like all of Lisa’s messages and books—enriches my understanding of God and His Word—and His great love for us. As always, she unfolds biblical truth so clearly and calls me to action. Every. Single. Time.”

Bash and the Pirate Pig Lifeway Church Resources

Every book of the Bible tells us what is true about God. In Genesis we see Him as Creator and Covenant Maker. In Exodus we see Him as our strong Deliverer who sets us free from sin and death. In this 10-session study of Exodus 19-40, journey through the story of how God shepherds His newly-liberated children into an understanding of what their freedom means: lives consecrated for service to God and to one another. Revisit familiar scenes of the giving of the Ten Commandments, the idolatrous worship of a golden calf, and of the intricate details of the tabernacle. And with fresh perspective, ask what these stories teach God’s children today about how to live as those set free. In every page of the Bible, learn to see Christ through the stories of His people. And discover how the

God who created you and made a covenant with you will deliver you from death to life, for His name and renown. Additional purchase or renting of the video teaching sessions is recommended for the best experience of this Bible study book. Features: Leader helps to guide questions and discussions within small groups Personal study segments to complete among 10 weeks of group sessions Ten essential teaching videos, approximately 30-45 minutes per session, available via redemption code printed in Bible study book for individual streaming access Benefits: Learn the deeper theological implications of stories you may have known for years. Understand how the freedom God gives His children is meant to lead us to lives of glad service to God and our communities of faith. Explore how we understand the character of Christ, even through Old Testament accounts.

Cornerstones B&H Publishing Group

Christianity’s roots run deep with examples of strong faith from spiritual giants extending throughout history. One of the greatest needs today is for Christians to be lifted up from our current cultural moment and be refreshed by the insights and wisdom of ancient believers. Today’s church can be renewed by listening to yesterday’s saints. This CSB Study Bible for men and women features study notes and commentary from the writings of the church fathers of the second through fifth centuries to help you understand and apply their rich, biblical insights to your life, for preparation to teach or for Bible studies. Also included in the CSB Ancient Faith Study Bible are “Twisted Truth” call-outs describing where some ancient thinkers drifted from orthodoxy, over 25 feature articles highlighting a key selection from one of the early church fathers on an essential Christian truth, and biographies of 25 of the most influential patristic church fathers. The study Bible’s commentary and writings are from: Irenaeus of Lyons, Origen, Justin Martyr, Tertullian, Clement of Alexandria, Ambrose of Milan, Augustine of Hippo, Athanasius of Alexandria, John Chrysostom, Jerome, the Cappadocian Fathers, and more. Features of this CSB Bible include: Study notes from the early church, exclusive feature articles, profiles of patristic fathers, “Twisted Truth” call-outs, author index to easily find commentary from individual church fathers, presentation page, book introductions, two-column text, 10.25-point type size, 8-point study notes, black-letter text, Smyth-sewn binding, Bible ribbon markers, full-color maps, and more. CSB Bibles by Holman feature the highly readable, highly reliable text of the Christian Standard Bible® (CSB). The CSB stays as literal as possible to the Bible’s original meaning without sacrificing clarity, making it easier to engage with Scripture’s life-transforming message and to share it with others.

Streams in the Desert B&H Publishing Group

Elmer Towns Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough has become a must read, as this powerful spiritual

discipline of fasting has seen a revival among followers of Christ. Now Towns digs deeper into one of the most popular forms of fasting today, the Daniel Fast. With an emphasis on a healthy, simple diet, The Daniel Fast is named after the prophet Da...

I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die Zondervan

The story of Jesus interacting with the Emmaus disciples after his resurrection provides an outline for what a gospel-centered kids ministry looks like: gospel-centered teaching that points to Jesus in every session, gospel-centered transformation that positions the gospel to change a child's heart and then his or her behavior, and gospel-centered mission where kids join in on the big story of Jesus that continues to unfold. Seven out of ten kids will walk away from church after they turn eighteen. About five will return when they have families of their own. But two will never return. Clearly, something isn't connecting with our kids. As kids ministry leaders, we need to take a hard look at what we are missing in our kids ministries and provide kids the one thing that will satisfy them and keep them connected to the church—the gospel. Gospel-Centered Kids Ministry also addresses how to communicate with and encourage gospel-centered leaders and parents as part of your ministry.

The Sacrament of Happy Lifeway Church Resources

Every woman longs for someone to protect and care for her—someone to guide her when she's not sure of her next steps, to provide rest when she's worn out, to walk with her when the valley is dark. God is the Good Shepherd whose companionship provides the comfort and confidence every woman needs. No matter what season a woman finds herself in, she is safe with her Shepherd. Join Jennifer Rothschild in this 7-session study of Psalm 23 to: Explore the depths of God's care tucked in the psalm you've always loved, Trade in the myth of self-reliance for the truth that God will take care of you, no matter what, Know that your vulnerability is not a liability—God made you to need Him, Release fear and trust the Shepherd's goodness in every season of life. Also Available Psalm 23 leader kit includes resources for leading a 7-session group study: One Bible study book, two DVDs, video downloads of the teaching sessions, and extra leader resources. Digital Resources E-book, video and audio teaching sessions, and free promotional materials available at LifeWay.com/Psalm23 Book jacket.

Her Mother's Hope Harvest House Publishers

The New York Times bestselling author of *Redeeming Love* and *A Voice in the Wind* pens a captivating tale of suffering, seeking, and redemption set in Appalachia in the 1850s. In the misty peaks and valleys of Appalachia roams the sin eater—a myth as much as a man, burdened with absolving the sins of villagers passing from this life to the next. But when a young girl uncovers the dark secret behind the tradition, she vows to show her village the truth. All that matters for young Cadi Forbes is finding the one man who can set her free from the sin that plagues her, the sin that has stolen her mother's love from her and made Cadi wish she could flee life and its terrible injustice. But Cadi doesn't know that the sin eater is seeking as well. Before their journeys are over, Cadi and the sin eater must face themselves, each other, and the One who will demand everything from them in exchange for the answers they seek. "This unforgettable novel is rich in style, lore, and action, revealing a profound truth in a way only Francine Rivers can do. Transcending age, gender, and reading genres, this gripping story is a must-read for men, women, and young people alike."

—Romantic Times "Rivers delivers both a powerful message about Christian beliefs and the need for forgiveness of sins and an evocative portrayal of life in the 1850s. Highly recommended." —Library Journal Also available in The Francine Rivers Historical Collection (e-book only).

Food, Fasting and Faith Lifeway Church Resources

What would you be willing to give up to experience the presence of God in your life again? Many of us sign up for a physical detox program, thinking that if our bodies are healthier, then we're healthier. But a healthy body doesn't do us a lot of good if we are spiritually malnourished. Welcome to the 40-Day Sugar Fast, a fast that begins with us giving Jesus our sugar and ends with Jesus giving us more of himself—the only thing that can ever truly satisfy our soul's deep hunger. On this 40-day journey you'll learn how to stop fixating on food and other things you use to fill the voids in life and instead fix your eyes on Christ. Anyone who runs to sugar for comfort or a reward, who eats mindlessly or out of boredom, who feels physically and spiritually lethargic, or who struggles with self-control will discover here not only freedom from their cravings but an entirely new appetite for the good things God has for us.

Elijah - Bible Study Book Lifeway Church Resources

A 7-session Bible study to discover the God who cherishes you.

Essential Connection: 90 Days of Devotions for Students - Lifeway Church Resources

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Redeeming Love* and *The Masterpiece*—and "one of [Christian fiction's] most honored and talented writers" (Library Journal)—comes a heart-wrenching but uplifting story about a highly controversial topic. Dynah Carey knew where her life was headed. Engaged to a wonderful man, the daughter of doting parents, a faithful child of God—she has it all. Then the unthinkable happens: Dynah's perfect life is irrevocably changed by a rape that results in an unwanted pregnancy. Her family is torn apart and her seemingly rock-solid faith is pushed to the limits as she faces the most momentous choice of her life: to embrace or to end the life within her. This is ultimately a tale of three women, as Dynah's plight forces both her mother and her grandmother to confront the choices they made. Written with balance and compassion, *The Atonement Child* brings a new perspective to a widely debated topic.

And the Shofar Blew Lifeway Church Resources

Life is painful. Everyone's story comes with unique challenges, difficulties, bumps, and bruises that leave you lost and drowning in their wake. It could be a financial disaster, a health issue, a broken relationship, or the loss of a loved one. Dr. Tony Evans, bestselling author and pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, understands life's hardships firsthand. In a span of less than two years, he lost his brother, sister, brother-in-law, two nieces, father, and wife. At the same time, both of his daughters received cancer diagnoses. In the wake of all this pain, Dr. Evans had to put into practice, at the deepest levels, the truths he has preached about God for more than forty years. God's Word doesn't promise us a life free from pain and trouble. It promises us something else—Someone else. Someone who will walk with us through all of life's trials and troubles. There is hope for the hurting: His name is Jesus.

Psalm 23 - Bible Study Book Lifeway Church Resources

A modern classic—revised with more than 70 percent new material—is based on seven Scriptural realities that teach Christians how to develop a true relationship with the Creator.

The Daniel Fast for Spiritual Breakthrough (Large Print 16pt) Lifeway Church Resources

The experience of modernization -- the dizzying social changes that swept millions of people into the capitalist world -- and modernism in art, literature and architecture are brilliantly integrated in this account.

Jesus Followers Harvest House Publishers

In this 5-session Advent study, take a closer look at the Christmas story and the hope revealed in the lives of people in the Bible whose obedience and yeses to God's plans, even in difficult times, gave them great joy and led to God's glory in their lives and generations to come. As we explore the hope that Jesus brings, we'll learn to trust God's care for us as His beloved children in both times of abundance and times of lament. No matter what you're facing, at just the right time, in the fullness of time, God will act on your behalf too. In fact, He already has. In the advent season, we celebrate God's kindness to us, even as we wait on the future hope to come. Features: Personal study segments with homework to complete between 5 weeks of group sessions Leader helps to guide questions and discussions within small groups Beautiful, full-color interior to enhance the study experience Specific Advent activities for kids, students, and adults Benefits: Be encouraged to obey God despite difficult circumstances. Be reminded that God, in His sovereignty, works on behalf of His children at just the right time. Study the Christmas story and many of the individual stories of God's people in the Bible to capture the wonder of the holiday season. Consider how your testimony of faith may extend to generations in the future.

Hope for the Hurting Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

Essential Connection: 90 Days of Devotions for Students is an undated 90-day devotional guide for students. The interactive daily devotions will focus on the character of God, challenging students to consider the implications His character has on who they are and discover how God's character shapes the way they live out their faith. A new volume will be published each quarter. Volume 4 focuses on these aspects of God's character: Self-existent, Provider, Supreme, Good, Three-in-one, Jealous, Immanuel, Forgiving, Incomprehensible, Kind, Unique, Peace. Features: 90 interactive devotions that provide clear truth and call for a response Provides prompts and activities to help students memorize 12 Scripture verses Pages provided for students to take notes on sermons or

Bible studies Pages provided to guide students in focused prayer

Jude - Bible Study Book Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

A compassionate, shame-free guide for your darkest days "A one-of-a-kind book . . . to read for yourself or give to a struggling friend or loved one without the fear that depression and suicidal thoughts will be minimized, medicalized or over-spiritualized."—Kay Warren, cofounder of Saddleback Church What happens when loving Jesus doesn't cure you of depression, anxiety, or suicidal thoughts? You might be crushed by shame over your mental illness, only to be told by well-meaning Christians to "choose joy" and "pray more." So you beg God to take away the pain, but nothing eases the ache inside. As darkness lingers and color drains from your world, you're left wondering if God has abandoned you. You just want a way out. But there's hope. In *I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die*, Sarah J. Robinson offers a healthy, practical, and shame-free guide for Christians struggling with mental illness. With unflinching honesty, Sarah shares her story of battling depression and fighting to stay alive despite toxic theology that made her afraid to seek help outside the church. Pairing her own story with scriptural insights, mental health research, and simple practices, Sarah helps you reconnect with the God who is present in our deepest anguish and discover that you are worth everything it takes to get better. Beautifully written and full of hard-won wisdom, *I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die* offers a path toward a rich, hope-filled life in Christ, even when healing doesn't look like what you expect.

The Atonement Child B&H Publishing Group

Elijah emerged as the voice of unapologetic truth during a time of national crisis and moral decline. His ministry was marked by tenacious faith and holy fire--the same kind you will need in order to remain steadfast in current culture.

Exalting Jesus in Proverbs B&H Publishing Group

In this first of an epic family saga by Francine Rivers, mother and daughter relationships are challenged, setting their family on a course full of heartache.

Hosea - Bible Study Book B&H Publishing Group

The Philippines series of the PALI Language Texts, under the general editorship of Howard P. McKaughan, consists of lesson textbooks, grammars, and dictionaries for seven major Filipino languages.