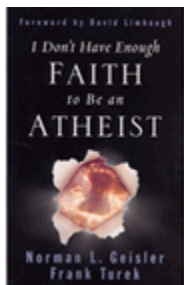




Discover the value of reading Christian books for spiritual growth. What goes into the mind, comes out in a life. This website is designed to recommend the best resources for your spiritual growth. Whether they're the profound words of a well worn classic or the latest thoughts from today's best loved teachers, we hope these resources will help you go deeper and grow stronger in your walk with Christ.

## Recommended Reading (Books Available in RLM Resource Café)

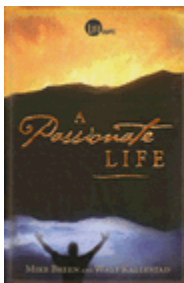
### This Fall's top 10 pick from RLM Staff:



#### **I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist:**

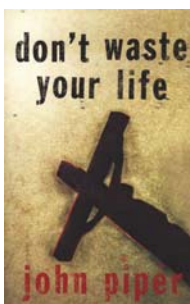
Faith is a necessary element of all worldviews, and, as atheism is definitely a worldview, it necessarily requires faith to be an atheist. Oddly enough, the atheist belief system requires more assent to seemingly unbelievable tenets than Christianity does. Arguing that Christianity contains the least amount of essential but incredible features, Geisler shows interested readers how few things Christians actually need to take 'on faith' compared to other religions and beliefs.

Geisler writes with clarity, wit and wisdom to bridge the imaginary hurdle of the impossibility of Christian belief.



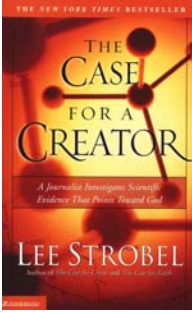
#### **A Passionate Life:**

Jesus was driven by a definite purpose. Now authors Breen and Kallestad show you how to follow his lead! By linking vital biblical concepts concerning relationships, priorities, and prayer with eight geometric shapes, their easy-to-remember discipleship plan enables believers to stop walking wearily, start moving with zest and begin teaching others how to do the same.



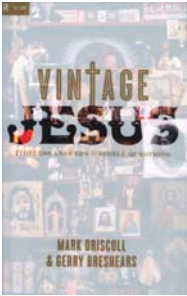
#### **Don't Waste Your Life:**

In this provocative work Pastor Piper challenges us to set aside the trivial pursuit of self-fulfillment so that we can develop a deeper passion for God. Piper believes that if we passionately submit the sufferings we endure, the risks we take, and the goals we set to the pursuit of God's glory, then not one moment of our lives will be wasted. Don't miss this opportunity to rekindle your passion for the cross of Christ and the glory of God.



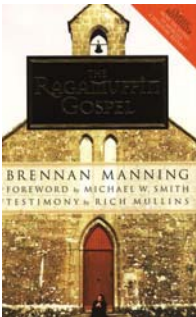
### **The Case for a Creator:**

From evolutionary icons to the uniqueness of planet Earth, from irreducible complexity to the *kalam* cosmological argument, Lee Strobel gives full rein to his keen analytical mind in addressing these issues and more. But don't expect an inaccessible tome of arcane scientific terms; Strobel's years of newspaper reporting give the book a conversational style. Relying on transcriptions of his interviews with experts in the pertinent fields, he tells the incredible stories about the hard science behind what some have termed *creationism*. Extensively researched, this book should be a classic apologetic text for years to come.



### **Vintage Jesus:**

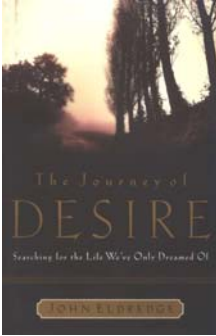
Some two thousand years after he walked the earth, Jesus Christ is still a hot topic. And for all the ridiculous, twisted, Da Vinci Code-esque conspiracy theories and lies about Jesus that have permeated popular culture and even the academy over the years, the truth about his character, nature, and work has not changed. So what exactly is the truth about Jesus Christ? That's the question the authors of *Vintage Jesus* seek to answer by breaking it down into a number of sub-questions about Jesus, including Is Jesus the only God? Why did Jesus come to earth? Did Jesus rise from death? Why should we worship Jesus? and others. Nonbelievers and new Christians looking to sit down and delve into the topic of Jesus, asking the toughest, most confounding questions they can think of, will find solid, biblical answers presented in a relevant, accessible way.



### **The Ragamuffin Gospel:**

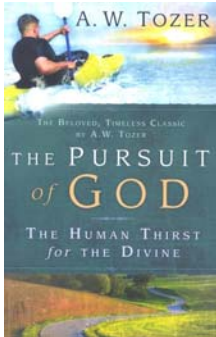
For more than 15 years, Manning's bestseller *The Ragamuffin Gospel* has reminded us that Jesus did not come for the pretty, pious and powerful. Instead, he came for the "bedraggled, beat-up and burnt-out" ragamuffins who desperately need his grace. Dispelling the myth that you must work to receive God's gift of grace and joy, Manning, a fellow ragamuffin, reveals the true nature of a freely-given and unrelenting grace that's available to all. Drop the burden of never measuring up and revel in the comfort of a God who loves you for who you are - not for who you think you should be.

This 2005 release includes a new epilogue, "The Scandal of Grace: Fifteen Years Later," and a new section "19 Mercies: A Spiritual Journey" of reading, prayer, and contemplation.



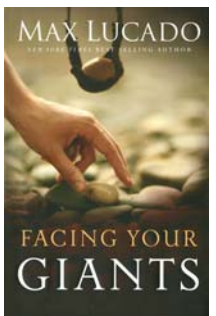
### **The Journey of Desire:**

John Eldridge writes, "We all share the same dilemma - we long for life and we're not sure where to find it. Our days come to us as a riddle, and the answers aren't handed out with our birth certificates. We must journey to find the life we prize. In this follow-up book to *The Sacred Romance*, Eldridge invites you to rediscover your God-given desire and to search again for the life you once dreamed of.



### **The Pursuit of God:**

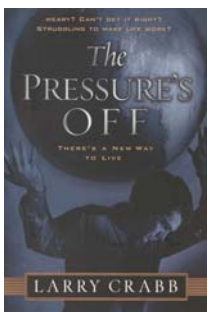
In the middle of day-to-day life, have you somehow forgotten that Christianity is a living, vibrant relationship with a personal God? In this classic bestseller and recipient of both the ECPA Gold and Platinum Book Awards, *The Pursuit of God* reminds and challenges you to renew your relationship with your loving God. In each of the 10 chapters, Tozer explains one aspect of hungering for God and ends with a prayer.



### **Facing Your Giants:**

You know your Goliath. You recognize his walk, the thunder of his voice. He taunts you with bills you can't pay, people you can't please, habits you can't break, failures you can't forget, and a future you can't face. But just like David, you can face your giant, even if you aren't the strongest, the smartest, the best equipped, or the holiest.

You could read his story and wonder what God saw in him. His life has little to offer the unstained, straight-A saint. He fell as often as he stood, stumbled as often as he conquered. But for those who know the sound of a Goliath, David gives this reminder: focus on giants---you stumble; focus on God---your giants tumble. If you're ready to face your giants, let David's story inspire you. The same God who helped him will help you.



### **The Pressures Off:**

Everybody wants a "good life" that's free from problems. But for some Christians, the desire to fix what's wrong with life and the pursuit of biblical "principles" and "blessings" actually become a form of idolatry. Dr. Crabb shows you how to escape that bondage and learn to experience true freedom and connectedness with God.