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Humble & Kind Tim McGraw 2016-05-24
What if practical inspiration could be as simple as an eye-opening, heartfelt song? From Grammy-winning star performer, husband, and father, Tim McGraw, comes a beautiful keepsake book, inspired by his uplifting hit, "Humble and Kind." Humble

and Kind is the keepsake hardcover volume that combines the emotional power of Tim McGraw's uplifting #1 single and video "Humble and Kind" to elegant line illustrations in a gift book for all seasons. Inspired by McGraw's own life experience as his eldest child embarked on her college career, every parent and graduate can

relate to Humble and Kind; with tender clarity, the words reinforce lessons for mindful, compassionate living. The song's pure poetry not only propelled the single up the charts, but its accompanying video-gorgeously produced with images courtesy of Oprah Winfrey's documentary "Belief" - has been viewed by tens of millions since its release, and inspired a community movement at stayhumbleandkind.com. Featuring an introduction from McGraw and an epilogue by the songwriter Lori McKenna, Humble and Kind is a deeply affecting call to action, and the perfect memento for millions of graduates, parents, and children across the continent. Safe in the Shepherd's Arms Max Lucado 2010-01-31 Words of comfort and inspiration from Psalm 23 provide readers with hope to persevere through life's daily challenges. In today's world it can be difficult to feel safe and secure. That's why

in this revised and updated Safe in the Shepard's Arms, which has sold more than 475,000 units, Max Lucado offers a 30-day devotional as a reliable source of safety and security from the 23rd Psalm. He describes this psalm as "written by a shepherd who became a king--because He wanted us to know about a King who became a shepherd." With Psalm 23 as our guide, we can release our burdens, throw off our fears, and rest safely in the Shepherd's arms.

Just Like Jesus Max Lucado 2012-12-31 God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you there. He wants you to be just like Jesus. Can you think of a better offer? In *Just Like Jesus*, pastor and bestselling author Max Lucado reminds us that being just like Jesus feels like an impossible goal until we accept one simple truth: God loves us. Jesus felt no guilt; God wants you to feel no guilt. Jesus had no bad

habits; God wants to do away with yours. Jesus had no fears; God wants the same for you. Jesus had no anxiety about death; you needn't either. God's desire, his plan, his ultimate goal is to make you into the image of Christ. Not only does God love each of us exactly as we are, he wants us, little by little, to become like him. He doesn't love us and leave us alone; he loves us enough to live within us, making our hearts his home. But doing so requires a bit of sprucing up, remodeling, refurnishing. Why? Because he wants us to have a heart like his too. Just Like Jesus will teach you how far God will go to transform us into his likeness. Along the way, Max addresses questions that might arise as you examine the peaceful, passionate, and pure heart of Christ, including: How do we know that God wants us to be made in his image? How does this change occur? If God wants me to be just like Jesus, why do I still seem just

like me? In Just Like Jesus, Max gives you the tools you need to better understand God's gracious gift of transformation and restoration, so you, too, can start to live Just Like Jesus.

Whispers of Moonlight Lori Wick

2006-01-01 When Travis and Rebecca marry, rumors quickly spread that he has done so only for her dying father's ranch. Confused and convinced that Travis can never truly love her, Rebecca strikes out on her own. She disappears to make a new life for herself in a town far away, but her friends there are few, and life is hard. When desperate circumstances drive Rebecca home to Travis, she can see the change in the man she left behind. In her absence, he has grown from a rough-hewn cowboy to a confident rancher. Still, her wounded heart is hesitant. Is she more afraid to love—or to be loved?

In the Grip of Grace - Max Lucado

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2011-01-09 Exchange the pressure of accomplishment for the peace of God's grace When the world demands: achieve, succeed, earn, God says: lean on me, trust me, believe me. That is grace. And that is what God offers: unconditional acceptance of a believing heart. Your heavenly Father loves you enough to hold you in his grace. Pastor and New York Times bestselling author Max Lucado will help you release a false sense of self-sufficiency. rest in God's unbending and unending gift of grace. remember that God is for you and will carry you through every circumstance. Today, leap from the cliff of self-sufficiency and land in the strong arms of the Father who loves you . . . the Father who catches you—every time—in the grip of his grace. God Doesn't Whisper Jim Osman 2020-07 In God Doesn't Whisper, Pastor Jim Osman examines the assumptions, practices, and Scriptural citations of those who promote

Hearing the Voice of God theology. This book provides a thorough examination of the Scriptures often used to promote the practice of listening for the voice of God. What is the still small voice? Does God speak through signs? What about open doors, dreams, and "feeling led"? What is the biblical model for decision-making? Scripture is clear: God Doesn't Whisper. **In the Eye of the Storm** Max Lucado 2012-08 The author paints a picture of Christ's calm in what he calls "the second most stressful day in the life of our Savior." He shows the secret of transforming panic into peace, stress into serenity, and chaos into control. **God Speaks in Whispers** Mark Batterson 2020-09-08 Children often begin their faith journey with basic but big questions like How does God speak to me? This charming picture book from the best-selling author of Whisper and his daughter provides a fun

and clever answer! God Speaks in Whispers helps even the youngest readers look for God's voice in the universe: in creation, as he speaks through his followers, and in the Bible as he speaks through his Word. With a charming rhyme pattern and vivid pictures, Mark and Summer Batterson invite little ones to imagine how God might be showing them love every day, by leaning in close to hear God's whisper.

Remembering You Marilyn R. Duncan

2018-05-03 As Canada's population continues to age and lifespans lengthen, the incidence of dementia is also on the increase, with Alzheimer's being the most common. For twelve years, author Marilyn Duncan cared for her beloved mother after she developed dementia. *Remembering You Until God Whispers My Name* is the moving memoir of a devoted daughter who becomes a strong health and social advocate for her mother as she gradually

loses her mental faculties. Told with love, humour, poetry and through her grief, the story of Marilyn and her mother Jeannette Marguerite Sealey (née Butler) will help anyone who reads it to better understand how to show respect and give dignity to those on their final journey and their caregivers. Marilyn reminds us that grief is a very personal journey that we need to take to heal after losing a loved one. She also reminds us that laughter and joy are not disrespectful while caregiving to someone with dementia.

Traveling Light Journal Max Lucado

2001-09-29 Dare to slow down, take a break from the chaos of life and commit to meeting Christ like you never thought possible. Readers will find themselves on a 30-day journey, led by Max Lucado, to better understand Psalm 23 and its power to teach you how to lighten your load.

Lucado asks us to consider the baggage we

all carry and the overwhelming need to release these burdens to a God who is ready and willing to carry them for us. Each day includes a scripture verse, a devotional excerpt from Max Lucado, a short prayer, and space for readers to write thoughts and prayers.

Whisper Mark Batterson 2017-10-24
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER • The question isn't whether God speaks. The question is what does He have to say to you? The New York Times bestselling author of *The Circle Maker* teaches readers how to listen to God. WINNER OF THE ECPA CHRISTIAN BOOK AWARD FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING The voice that spoke the cosmos into existence is the same voice that parted the Red Sea, and made the sun stand still in the midday sky. One day, this voice will make all things new, but it's also speaking to you now! That voice is God's voice, and what we've learned from

Scripture is that He often speaks in a whisper. Not to make it difficult to hear Him, but to draw us close. Many people have a tough time believing God still speaks. Sure, in ancient times and in mysterious ways, God spoke to His people, but is He still speaking now? Mark Batterson certainly believes so. And he wants to introduce you to the seven love languages of God; each of them unique and entirely divine. Some of them you might suspect but others will surprise you. By learning to tune in to and decipher each language, you'll be able to hear His guidance in simple as well as life-altering choices. God is actively speaking through: Scripture, Desires, Doors, Dreams, People, Promptings, and Pain. Batterson gives you the tools you need to unlock each of these languages. God's whisper can answer your most burning questions, calm your deepest fears, and fulfill your loftiest dreams.

Discover how simple it is to hear God's voice in every aspect of your life! He's speaking, make sure you know how to listen!

Fierce Marriage Ryan Frederick 2018-04-17
Ryan and Selena Frederick were newlyweds when they landed in Switzerland to pursue Selena's dream of training horses. Neither of them knew at the time that Ryan was living out a death sentence brought on by a worsening genetic heart defect. Soon it became clear he needed major surgery that could either save his life--or result in his death on the operating table. The young couple prepared for the worst. When Ryan survived, they both realized that they still had a future together. But the near loss changed the way they saw all that would lie ahead. They would live and love fiercely, fighting for each other and for a Christ-centered marriage, every step of the way. Fierce Marriage is their story, but more

than that, it is a call for married couples to put God first in their relationship, to measure everything they do and say to each other against what Christ did for them, and to see marriage not just as a relationship they should try to keep healthy but also as one worth fighting for in every situation. With the gospel as their foundation, Ryan and Selena offer hope and practical help for common struggles in marriage, including communication problems, sexual frustration, financial stress, family tension, screen-time disconnection, and unrealistic expectations.

He Still Moves Stones Max Lucado
1999-04-23 People with questions. The Bible is absolutely full of them. A crook on a cross. A wild man in a cemetery. A five-time divorcée. A despondent cripple. A grieving sister. A father at the end of his rope. Why are these portraits in the Bible? So we can look back in amazement at what Jesus did?

No ... these aren't just Sunday school stories. They are historic moments in which a real God met real pain so we could answer the question. "Does God care when I hurt?" On every page of this powerfully moving book, New York Times best-selling author Max Lucado reminds us that the God who spoke to Moses at the burning bush still speaks to you today. The God who forgave King David still offers you forgiveness. The God who helped men and women in ages past still comes into your world, and he comes to do what you can't, to move the stone away so you can see his answer.

You Are Never Alone Max Lucado
2021-12-28 In *You Are Never Alone*, pastor and New York Times bestselling author Max Lucado will show you that you're stronger than you think because God is nearer than you know. You'll be comforted by the living, loving, miracle-working God who doesn't

think twice about stepping into the thorny thickets of your world to lift you out.

Whispering in the Wind Carmen Bostic St. Clair 2001

I Hate Whitey! Nicole Footman 2009-09-23

I wrote *I Hate Whitey* to get everyone to understand how process foods affect your body. By eating foods that contain white sugar, white flour, white rice, trans fat, and saturated fat pack on the pounds and bring unwanted diseases to your body. Process foods have no nutritional value. The information in this book give you the tools to choose the right foods to live a healthy lifestyle.

When God Whispers Your Name Max Lucado 2011-08 Presents scriptures and anecdotes designed to bring hope to busy people.

Carvings in His Palm Brenda Craig
2008-03-01 Have you ever wondered what God is thinking when He whispers your

name? Have you ever longed to read the carvings in His hand or hear the conversations of Heaven about your life? If so, now is your chance. According to Psalm 40: 5, God's thoughts toward you are too numerous to be counted and He has had a lot of time to think about you since . . . according to 2 Timothy 1: 9 . . . you have been called in Christ before the worlds began. Carvings In His Palm, What God Thinks When He Whispers Your Name is designed to present God's point of view in many areas of life, enabling the reader to circumvent destructive pitfalls and to receive the encouragement to do it God's way. The underlying theme in this book is God's mercy, grace and His overwhelming desire to reveal the fact that He sees us in Jesus; with love. Join Brenda and come away on a revelatory, life-changing journey into the chambers of Father's heart---a place where the whispers of heaven are

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Shaped by God Max Lucado 2002 Forty-nine short inspirational stories offer encouragement to people who find themselves facing struggles, being tempered and crafted into the image of God through challenging circumstances. Beautiful gift book, previously published as On the Anvil.

Life Lessons from Psalms Max Lucado 2019-04-02 Worship is a daunting task. For that reason, God gave us the Psalms. This collection of hymns and petitions was written over a span of centuries, in many different settings, by kings such as David and Solomon and commoners like Asaph, Heman, and the sons of Korah. Some of the psalms are defiant; others are reverent. Some are meant to be sung; others are to be prayed. Some are intensely personal;

others are written as if the whole world is to use them. But all have one purpose – to help us express our hearts to God. So don't just read these psalms but actually pray them along with the saints who composed them. As you do, you will experience their energy, appreciate their honesty, and enjoy their creativity. The Life Lessons with Max Lucado series brings the Bible to life in twelve lessons filled with intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and poignant reflections to take you deeper into God's Word. Each lesson includes an opening reflection, background information, an excerpt of the text (from the New International and New King James versions), exploration questions, inspirational thoughts from Max, and a closing takeaway for further reflection. The Life Lessons series is ideal for use in both a small-group setting and for individual study.

You Can Count on God Max Lucado
2021-11-02 Today's worries and anxieties can seem overwhelming, but trusted pastor and New York Times bestselling author Max Lucado leads you to greater peace through this 365-day devotional of short, powerful readings and Scripture verses. No matter what happens in this ever-changing world, God invites us to count on him because he never changes. Each dated entry in *You Can Count on God* includes: an engaging devotion from Lucado with his trademark inspirational style comforting Scripture to bring us back to God's promises encouragement to receive God's peace even in challenging circumstances reminders of how God gives us courage to try new things strength to make it through any trial we face. The ribbon marker and beautiful cover make this year-long devotional a perfect gift for men and women needing courage for a new season of life or anyone

struggling with anxiety about the future. You Can Count on God calls us to know God on a deeper level as we remember his faithfulness through all generations.

You Are Special Max Lucado 2004

Punchinello is a chipped, ugly puppet who thinks he's not worth much. This beautifully illustrated tale reminds your children that, no matter how the world evaluates them, God loves them just as they are. 4 yrs+

God Will Help You Max Lucado 2020-12-29

We all experience disappointing setbacks, overwhelming loneliness, and paralyzing fear at some point in our lives. It sometimes seems as if nothing will help. In God Will Help You, New York Times bestselling author Max Lucado encourages us to trust in the God who is working miracles in the big and small things. With God, no setback is too big to solve, and no prayer goes unnoticed. God is still working. Each chapter offers reassurance through

miracles big and small that He will meet us in the midst of life's messes. God will help if you feel anxious, solve your problems, through fear if you are stuck, when you are lonely, in daily life in illness, during grief, with guidance, to forgive God Will Help You is an interactive book: filled with biblical miracles and current stories thoughts to ponder, prayers, Scripture, and journaling prompts with space for reflection with an easy-to-read and easy-to-use design and a beautiful ribbon marker This book is a great self-purchase for anyone struggling with anxiety, loneliness, grief, or fear. God Will Help You is a thoughtful gift for anyone who has recently lost a loved one, needs an encouragement, endures a difficult season, or struggles with daily stressors.

Loves Like a Hurricane Gene Krcelic 2011-06 "Loves Like a Hurricane is the intricate true life story of a Catholic turned agnostic turned Christian through a wild

web of odd encounters while running from a hurricane-like God"--Publisher description.

HE WHISPERS YOUR NAME TURQUOIS

2017-02-01 He Whispers Your Name is a Daily Devotional offering inspiration in the course of your inner walk of faith. Daily guidance from deeply reflective homilies by the author are delivered as personal messages from God to the reader's heart. The messages will inspire you to converse with God - intimately, from within. The book is divided into 52 weekly topics like: Trials & Troubles, Wisdom, Mercy and more. The devotions are followed with a relevant Scripture passage. The supple cover is constructed of quality man-made material with the look and feel of real leather (trade name LuxLeather). The cover features a debossed floral design and a silver foiled title. Silver gilt-edged pages, an attached ribbon page marker and a presentation

page all add up to a lovely and thoughtful gift.

The Story of God's Love for You Sally Lloyd-Jones 2015-10-06 It's an adventure story about a young Hero who comes from a far country to win back his lost treasure. It's a love story about a brave Prince who leaves his palace, his throne—everything—to rescue the one he loves. The best thing about this Story is—it's true! And at the center of the Story, there is a baby. The Child upon whom everything would depend. All the stars, mountains, oceans, and galaxies were nothing compared to how much God loved his children. He would move heaven and earth to be near them. Always. Whatever happened, whatever it cost him, he would always love them. And so it was that the wonderful love story began. The Story of God's Love for You: Is for teenagers and adults who want to read and learn about the story of God's love for

them Includes 44 short chapters that lead you through the beautiful story of the Bible—Genesis to Revelation Masterfully shows how all the individual Bible stories fit together into one cohesive narrative that points to Jesus Makes the big picture of Scripture clear to new believers, and helps seasoned believers fall in love with the Bible all over again Features text from bestselling author Sally Lloyd-Jones that brings the truths of the Bible into a new light for today's world The beauty and peace that only God's love can provide pulses through every page. Just as The Jesus Storybook Bible is an essential book for the library of every child, The Story of God's Love for You is an essential book for the library of every adolescent and adult.

Embraced by God 2000

Beyond Heaven's Door Max Lucado 2013
Selections in this book are taken from the previously published 'When Christ comes' ...

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Next Door Savior Max Lucado 2012-12-31
We applaud men for doing good things. We enshrine God for doing great things. But what about a man who does God things? One thing is certain. We can't ignore him. If these moments are factual, if the claim of Christ is actual, then he was, at once, man and God. The single most significant person who ever lived. Forget MVP. He is the entire league. The head of the parade? Hardly. No one else shares the street. Who comes close? Humanity's best and brightest fade like dime-store rubies next to him. Dismiss him? We can't. Resist him? Equally difficult. Why would we want to? Don't we need a God-man Savior? A just-God Jesus could make us, but not understand us. A just-man Jesus could love us, but never save us. But a God-man Jesus? Near enough to touch. Strong enough to trust. A next door Savior.

You'll Get Through This Max Lucado

2013-09-10 You'll get through this. It won't be painless. It won't be quick. But God will use this mess for good. Don't be foolish or naïve. But don't despair either. With God's help, you'll get through this. You fear you won't make it through. We all do. We fear that the depression will never lift, the yelling will never stop, the pain will never leave. In the pits, surrounded by steep walls and aching reminders, we wonder: Will this gray sky ever brighten? This load ever lighten? In *You'll Get Through This*, pastor and New York Times best-selling author, Max Lucado offers sweet assurance.

"Deliverance is to the Bible what jazz music is to Mardi Gras: bold, brassy, and everywhere." Max reminds readers God doesn't promise that getting through trials will be quick or painless. It wasn't for Joseph--tossed in a pit by his brothers, sold into slavery, wrongfully imprisoned,

forgotten and dismissed--but his Old Testament story is in the Bible for this reason: to teach us to trust God to trump evil. With the compassion of a pastor, the heart of a storyteller, and the joy of one who has seen what God can do, Max explores the story of Joseph and the truth of Genesis 50:20. What Satan intends for evil, God redeems for good.

He Whispers Your Name (eBook) Cherie Hill 2016-01-12 God is whispering your name, can you hear Him? **HE WHISPERS YOUR NAME** is more than just a devotional; it is 365 invitations to listen to God and the personal messages He wants to share with you. With 52 themes such as faith, prayer, forgiveness and salvation, Cherie Hill ensures that you will be able to draw closer to God in all areas of your life. There is also an index of the themes at the back of the book. Written as if God Himself is speaking, **HE WHISPERS YOUR NAME** makes it

resoundingly clear that He wants to have an intimate relationship with you. Allow God to strengthen your faith as you listen to Him whispering your name. Find encouragement in God's whisper as you work your way through this full-color devotional.

The Applause of Heaven Max Lucado 2008-09 It is what you've always dreamed but never expected. It's having God as your dad, your biggest fan, and your best friend. It's having the King of Kings in your cheering section; it's hearing the applause of heaven. Max Lucado believes that the Beatitudes provide what we truly need to discover: the joy of God. Much more than a how-to book on happiness, *The Applause of Heaven* is an encounter with the Source of Joy.

The Very Last Seat on the Plane Gwendolyn Olmsted 2016-08-28 Less than twelve hours before take-off, after her brother called from far-off California, her

place of original derivation, Gwendolyn booked a flight on Southwest Airlines, the only coterie of the aerial velocity where she was able to muster up a ticket for this kind of urgency. Urgency, because you see, Gwendolyn's Dad of forty odd years had just suffered a massive heart attack, declared legally dead for approximately one half hour, and through the fortune or misfortune of modern technology, first responders were able to bring him back to life, from a legal perspective only, the second Friday in June 2016 between the hours of 10:20 and 10:50 a.m. By the time Gwendolyn received news of this, it was Monday, and she could not have been in a higher geographical location in Montana, on a National Bison Range, no less, crowded by snow covered mountain peaks. Returned home she did to Florida, on Tuesday. She booked a flight Wednesday night for Thursday before sunrise, arriving in Los Angeles at 9:50 a.m.

Not knowing what to expect, and hoping for the best, yet in her heart, she knew... She knew she would be visiting her dad on his deathbed, and more than likely assisting in the advising of "pulling the plug," from life support. From Tampa to Las Vegas was tough: Flying out of tropical depressions always are. Yet, from Las Vegas to Los Angeles proved to be the last thing Gwendolyn had expected, as she seized the last seat on the plane in the very first row, left side, middle seat, between an old man in the aisle, and the window seat already inherited by a man, who was quite attractive, with model-type healthy hair, the darkest blue eyes she had ever seen, in his thirties, painfully fit, and although she found out later around the baggage belt, about 6'7" in height, who preoccupied his time by reviewing the Wisconsin volleyball athletes he coached on his portable electronic tablet. "Is this seat taken?"

Gwendolyn asked both men, to her immediate left, referring to the seat in between them, yet more directed toward the man by the window.

The Applause of Heaven Max Lucado 1990
This book by Max Lucado contain three books in one book. They are The Applause of Heaven, When God Whispers your name, & In the Grip of Grace.

Traveling Light Max Lucado 2013-04 We all lug loads we were never intended to carry. Fear. Worry. Discontent. No wonder we get so weary. We're worn out from carrying that excess baggage. Wouldn't it be nice to lose some of those bags? That's the invitation of Max Lucado. With the Twenty-third Psalm as our guide, let's release some of the burdens we were never intended to bear.

The Jesus Storybook Bible Sally Lloyd-Jones 2011 A collection of Bible stories invites young readers to discover that Jesus

is the center of God's great story of salvation.

God Is With You Every Day Max Lucado 2015-12-21 Do you find it easier to face the day when you know God is with you? Max Lucado believes it is! In *God Is With You Every Day*, Max uses his signature reassuring and encouraging voice, paired with practical, relevant, and personal messaging, to remind you that God is with you every day. This 365-day devotional begins each week with a prayer and scripture, followed by six days of devotions and scripture for reflection. Weaving messages of comfort, grace, and encouragement, this book is wonderful for: Anyone who wants a fresh infusion of faith to start each day Those walking through difficult seasons of life such as loneliness, grief, or change People in need of courage to face each day *God Is With You Every Day* makes a great: Self-purchase for those

needing an extra pick-me-up or Max Lucado fans Inspirational gift for friends and family walking through a tough season, experiencing loss, or overwhelmed by life's challenges

When God Whispers Your Name Max Lucado 1999-04-15 These days, bad news often outpaces the good. Problems outnumber solutions. You may turn and ask, "Where is God at a time like this?" Friend, he's right here. And he's whispering your name. You really want to do what is right. But sometimes life turns south. You're anxious, you're busy, you're cautious because you've been hurt before--or maybe you're all of the above. But pastor and New York Times bestselling author Max Lucado is here to share some good news: in the Bible and in the circumstances of your life, God whispers your name lovingly, tenderly, patiently, and persistently. Somewhere between the pages of this book and the

pages of your heart, God is speaking. And he is calling you by name. Maybe that's hard to believe. Maybe you just can't imagine that the One who made it all thinks of you that personally--that he keeps your name on his heart and lips. In *When God Whispers Your Name*, Max will help you: See yourself in the stories of hardship and redemption in Scripture Understand that you are uniquely known by God Grasp the great and daring love of the One who calls your name Each copy of *When God Whispers Your Name* also includes a discussion guide designed to let you dive deeper into the timeless scripture that underlies each of these lessons of hope, encouragement, and redemption. Max knows that we all need a reminder every now and then--not a sermon, but a simple reminder that God knows our names. Today, listen carefully. Hear that? God is whispering your name.

Anna of Byzantium Tracy Barrett
2011-04-13 For fans of Joan of Arc and Alexander the Great, comes "a gripping saga of alliances, intrigues, deceits, and treacheries" about Anna Comnena of the Byzantine Empire. Anna Comnena has every reason to feel entitled. She's a princess, her father's firstborn and his chosen successor. Someday she expects to sit on the throne and rule the vast Byzantine Empire. So the birth of a baby brother doesn't perturb her. Nor do the "barbarians" from foreign lands, who think only a son should ascend to power. Anna is as dismissive of them as are her father and his most trusted adviser--his mother, a manipulative woman with whom Anna studies the art of diplomacy. Anna relishes her lessons, proving adept at checkmating opponents in swift moves of mental chess. But as she matures into a young woman, her arrogance and intelligence threaten her

grandmother. Anna will be no one's puppet. Almost overnight, Anna sees her dreams of power wrenched from her and bestowed on her little brother. Bitter at the betrayal, Anna waits to avenge herself, and to seize what is rightfully hers. Praise for *Anna of Byzantium*: A Bulletin Blue Ribbon Book An ALA Quick Pick An ALA Best Book for Young Adults A Booklist Editor's Choice A Booklist Top Ten Historical Fiction Pick [STAR] "[*Anna of Byzantium*] involves readers in a gripping saga of alliances, intrigues, deceits, and treacheries worthy of a place among the tragic myths." — The Bulletin, Starred review "In the tradition of E. L. Konigsburg's *A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver* and Karen Cushman's *Catherine, Called Birdy* comes this story of a real-life historical figure, Anna Commena, groomed to be the sovereign of the Byzantine empire...Barrett uses an effective first-person narrative to draw readers into

Anna's story, and the author's precise use of detail helps re-create Anna's world, the palace of Constantinople in the ninth century. . . Readers will be caught up in...this exciting read."—Booklist, Boxed review "A fascinating mix of history, mystery, and intrigue."-The Horn Book Magazine "Barrett does a remarkable job of painting moods and emotions with spare, elegant sentences. . . This splendid novel about a neglected period of history is the perfect choice. . . Hard to imagine it being any better written." —VOYA "This wonderfully engaging novel both entertains and serves as a lively history lesson with its well-researched background, dramatic plot and dimensional characters. Barrett's descriptive, engaging prose will draw readers into a fascinating historical time, filled with political intrigue and a complex, admirable teen protagonist who faces her changing future with an inspiring

combination of heart and mind."— Wichita Eagle

A Joyful Journey and a Tattered Faith

Vonda Hecht 2018-01-17 Have you ever felt like you were living the American dream? I did. Have you ever felt as if the rug had been snatched right out from under you? I did, too. Did you feel as if God had abandoned you? Me, too. Did you find yourself questioning if God were even real? Ashamedly, I wondered that, too. Raymond and I were married at a young age. We had such big dreams and high expectations. I held on to the "white-picket-fence" dream while he held on to the "being successful" dream. We felt unstoppable. Of course, neither of us really had a clue how it was all going to take place; we just believed that it would. And for a while, it was as if we were living the American dream. We had two beautiful little girls, the best dog anyone could ask for, and a sweet little home.

Raymond had a job that paid fairly well and I was a homemaker. Everything seemed, well...pretty close to perfect! While everything seemed to appear perfect on the outside, it was the inside that was suffering greatly. Somewhere along the way, we had forgotten God. We had professed to be Christians, but, truthfully, it was only in word. We had left Him out of our thoughts and our plans. And then change came. Raymond had gotten injured at work. Life as we knew it was about to end. This would be where our faith, if we even had any, was going to be tested. One painful afternoon, I found myself crumbled on the floor in our bedroom. How had we gotten to this place? How had all of our dreams and expectations come to this? We were supposed to be different. We were supposed to be unique. And we were certainly supposed to beat the odds! We started asking and even blaming God. "Lord, why did You allow this happen?"

What did we do to deserve this?" We had placed Him in the 'hot-seat'. That was the beginning of A Joyful Journey and a Tattered Faith. We had lived a life of relying solely on ourselves. We didn't know what it was like to depend on God; to rely on Him to get us through any situation. Truthfully, we didn't know Him. We just knew of Him. The Lord has taken us separately, as well as together, by the hand and walked us through some very trying

times. Times to where we wondered if He really did exist. Even times of wondering, that if He was indeed real, did He care. This journey has been worth every step. God is a personal God. He loves us beyond our understanding. He has a plan for us and it is a good one! He wants to give us a hope and a future. He wants to prosper us and not harm us. More than anything, He wants us to live with Him forever.