

Courageous Leadership Bill Hybels

What kind of love makes a difference? A bold yet compassionate love is a trademark of Jesus Christ. Love without limits. A world-changing love. Can such love be reproduced in the lives of sinful men and women like us? Is it possible to follow Jesus' model of giving and receiving love? In Lessons on Love, you'll find out how. You'll learn about the various kinds of love, beginning with forms of love you'll recognize—and ending with a supernatural love so awesome it can utterly transform lives. Christ's love. The world around you will take note

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when you unleash the power of Christ's love—and it will never be the same. Interactions—a powerful and challenging tool for building deep relationships between you and your group members, and you and God. Interactions is far more than another group Bible study. It's a cutting-edge series designed to help small group participants develop into fully devoted followers of Christ.

The best leaders not only lead well but also reflect on their leadership long enough and thoughtfully enough to articulate the philosophies that cause them to do so. Whether serving in the marketplace or in ministry, as executives or rank-and-file employees, as salaried staff or volunteer servants, good leaders can pinpoint the

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rationale for their actions and decisions with the ease of reciting their home address. In Axiom: author Bill Hybels divulges the God-given convictions that have dictated his leadership strategy for more than three decades as senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church.

Oriented toward four key leadership categories ... 1. Vision and strategy ('Promote Shameless Profitability, 'Take a Flyer') 2. Teamwork and communication ('Obi-Wan Kenobi Isn't for Hire, 'Disagree without Drawing Blood') 3. Activity and assessment ('Develop a Mole System, 'Sweat the Small Stuff') 4. Personal integrity ('Admit Mistakes, and Your Stock Goes Up, 'Fight for Your Family') ...Axiom brokers accessible wisdom from one leader's journey, as well as emboldens you to nail

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down the reasons why you lead like you lead. Modern business practice and scholarship have honed the laws of the leadership. To achieve success, you're supposed to - among other things - leverage your time, choose a strong team, and avoid unnecessary controversy. But what do you do when the laws of leadership collide with the teachings of Christ? What would it mean to reveal your true character to those you lead? What would it take for you to take an honest look at yourself and ask, "Am I leading from my mission ... or my shadow mission?" Using stories from their own lives and ministries, Bill Hybels, John Ortberg, and Dan Allender illustrate how the laws of leadership sometimes crash head-on into the demands of discipleship, and

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how the decisions you make at these crossroads could affect not only you, but the destiny of those you lead. The Call to Lead includes the previous releases from the Leadership Library series: When Leadership and Discipleship Collide, by Bill Hybels, Overcoming Your Shadow Mission, by John Ortberg, and Leading Character from Dan Allender.

When the spiritual gift of leadership comes alive in churches everywhere, the church will become the hope of the world and a most influential force for good.

Re:Vision

Fueling the Fire That Ignites Personal Vision

Connect with God

Psalms

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Becoming a Contagious Christian

Holy Discontent

Lessons on Love

The author of Holy Discontent shares the importance of recognizing God whispers and challenges readers to be attentive in this process and to walk in obedience, knowing without a doubt that God's whispers are always worth listening to.

Courageous Leadership

Based on the book of Proverbs and Bill Hybels's Making Life Work, this study guide will help you develop discipline, speak truth and strengthen

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relationships--equipping you to think and act out of godly wisdom.

Six-session small group studies to build true community within the church and among the world. Sermon on the Mount 1: In this greatest of all sermons, Jesus inspires, encourages, and challenges us to love God and love others in fresh and practical ways. He teaches us how we can enter into a more intimate relationship with the Father. Six-session small group studies to build true community within the church and among the world
A Companion Guide for Ministry Leaders
Sermon on the Mount 1

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Prayer

Be A People Person

Giving God Your Best

Parenting

Putting God's Wisdom Into Action

Bill Hybels is one of today's most respected voices on the subject of leadership. The bestselling author, founder, and senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church and host of the world-renowned Global Leadership Summit is also a much-in-demand

speaker on leadership and mentor to leaders around the globe. In Everyone Wins When a Leader Gets Better, Hybels shares his top leadership lessons from a remarkable lifetime of leading others. A must-read for experienced and emerging leaders alike, this book is filled with wisdom, stories, and practical insight. Learn from a legend how to become a stronger, more God-centered leader in whatever sphere you influence. Bestselling author and pastor Bill Hybels

helps equip leaders with five key skills that everyone needs in order to grow their leadership ability. Each of the video sessions will feature Hybels sharing the wisdom and experience that he has learned in nearly 40 years of leadership at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois. In this five-session teaching video (DVD/digital video sold separately), Hybels will help leaders discover what kind of leader they are, how to gain self-awareness and

relational awareness, how to build an effective team, how to form and declare a vision, and discovering each leader's holy discontent. Sessions include: The Power of Vision The Toughest Person You Lead Mastering 360-Degree Leadership Building a Fantastic Culture Pursue Your Unique Calling Designed for use with the Leading from Here to There Video Study 9780310884606 (sold separately).

Those who follow in the steps of Jesus

hear the invitation to excellent living. When we seek to give God our best, we discover that the power of Jesus helps us live excellent lives on every level: spiritually, morally, relationally, financially, directionally, and eternally. This kind of life honors God and leads to the greatest joy possible. Told in the parable format of The One Minute Manager, this work draws on the model and messages of Jesus as a source of practical lessons in effective

leadership. Recounting the story of a teacher, a minister and a marketplace leader who support one another in their leadership challenges, this book offers unexpected and exceptional answers to tough leadership issues. The authors offer simple strategies for bringing vision - and values - to the workplace by examining messages and examples from the Bible.

Excellent Living

Ten Practices to Unclutter Your Soul

**The Call to Lead
Help Your Friends Know God in a Style
That Fits You
Slowing Down to Be with God
Hope and Direction for Church and
Parachurch Leaders in Today's Complex
World
Making Life Work**

Evangelism doesn't have to be frustrating or intimidating. Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg believe that effectively communicating our faith in Christ should be the most natural thing in the world. We

just need encouragement and direction. In *Becoming a Contagious Christian*, Hybels and Mittelberg articulate the central principles that have helped the believers at Willow Creek Community Church become a church known around the world for its outstanding outreach to unchurched people. Based on the words of Jesus and flowing from the firsthand experiences of the authors, *Becoming a Contagious Christian* is a groundbreaking, personalized approach to relational evangelism. You will discover your own natural evangelism style, how to develop a contagious Christian character, to build spiritually strategic relationships, to direct conversations toward matters of faith, and to share biblical truths in everyday

language. This landmark book presents a blueprint for starting a spiritual epidemic of hope and enthusiasm for spreading the Gospel.

Are You Looking For God? That is, the God who can really make a difference in your life? Have you already found God...but are disappointed? Bill Hybels wants to introduce you to the God you're looking for. Not only does this God exist, He passionately yearns to be in a relationship with you. In fact, writes Hybels, God is head over heels in love with you! But in order to find God, you'll first need to put aside the caricatures, the fears, the lies, and the misconceptions that have been gathered over the centuries about who God really is. Understanding the

true personality and nature of God can make ordinary people extraordinary and weak people strong. With penetrating insights and pointed anecdotes, Hybels reveals God for who He really is: a God who knows your every thought, who is always gracious, who always guides you, is always committed to you, and who is always there. A God who feels your joy and sadness, a God who doesn't stop giving, a God who has your life in His loving hands.

When Leadership and Discipleship Collide Using stories from his own life and ministry, Bill Hybels shows how the laws for leadership success can sometimes crash headlong into another reality: an inner prompting of the Spirit showing you a different

approach. The decisions you make at that point could affect not only you, but the ultimate destiny of those you lead.

Kennon Callahan shares a new understanding of leadership, and helps missionary pastors grow their leadership by cultivating new understandings and practices in seven key areas. Callahan guides pastors and key leaders in building on their creativity and imagination in order to revitalize their local churches and advance their missions.

Simplify

Becoming an Authentic Christian

Following Jesus and Living Out Your Mission

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Leadership by the Book
Crossing the Line of Faith
Effective Church Leadership

If you long for a spiritual life that is deep, fruitful, and profoundly real, these studies will help you draw heart to heart with God. 6 SESSIONS

In this made-for-use guidebook, Bill Hybels provides the exact steps needed for ministry leaders to translate the principles described in his book *Holy Discontent* into practical and effective action. What is the one aspect of this broken world that, when you see it, touch it, or get near it, you just can't stand? What reality is so troubling that it thrusts you off the couch and into action? This is what Bill Hybels refers

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to as a holy discontent: a personal “firestorm of frustration” that, although sparked by that which is terribly wrong, can catalyze fierce determination to set things right. It is often during these eye-opening, heart-hungering moments of engagement when you will hear God whisper, “I feel the exact same way about this situation. Now, let’s go solve it together!” Here are the steps and the guidance you need to make that happen. This companion to Holy Discontent includes:

- Interactive processing exercises that encourage you to ask the tough questions of your ministry strategy, your supporting organizational structure, and the key people with whom you collaborate
- Sidebar stories of ministry

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leaders who are living and leading from their holy discontent in a variety of contexts • Insightful prompts to help you act on what you learn • Space for personal reflection

God wants you to be a world changer. Your acts of service, words of truth, love for God, and care for people can have a transformational impact. In a dark world, the light of heaven can shine through you. It's time to influence the world with the love of Jesus. It's time to maximize our impact for God!"

In a society where "upward mobility" is the highest goal, Bill Hybels asks a tough question: Do Christians place God's desires first-or their own? In *Descending into Greatness*, Hybels and writer Rob Wilkins take

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the example of Christ's downward journey as it was meant to be; the radical and essential answer for every Christian. In fourteen powerful chapters, the authors explore such topics as How Jesus managed power. The intentional decisions necessary to move down. The uplifting nature of true humility. Abundant life through dying to self. The ambush of joy. Moving down is never an easy matter that can be reduced to a formula. It involves a life committed to discipleship. Descending into Greatness introduces you to the touching stories of modern men and women committed to advancing the kingdom of God: from the pro football player, to the medical missionary, to a businessman wrestling with the priorities in the

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world of finance. Descending into Greatness asks tough questions and gives hopeful answers. Now, this powerful, urgent message also includes a discussion guide so that you can follow through, too. "Like Christ, we must descend-into self-abandonment, unconditional giving, sacrifice, and death to self. And, like Christ, we will then ascend-into fulfillment, blessing, joy, and purpose."

Axiom

Building on the Twelve Keys

Living and Leading from Your Holy Discontent

Simple Steps Pointing People to Faith

When Leadership and Discipleship Collide

The Power of a Whisper

The God You're Looking For

The floodwaters of life are rising; the current races faster. You feel yourself slipping. You need a secure foothold . . . and you need it now! We have all experienced the heart-pounding feeling of losing our stability in the storms of life. We want to stand strong as followers of Christ, but the world presses against us with staggering force. Where can we find an unshakable foundation for life? In the book of 1 Peter, you and your small group will find a rock-solid basis for living in a precarious and uncertain world. God offers you hope, love, purpose, service, submission, and victory. You can stand strong against the flood as you anchor yourself to the bedrock of Jesus Christ.

Evangelism doesn't have to be frustrating or intimidating. We just need encouragement and direction. In *Crossing the Line of Faith* you will discover how to build spiritually strategic relationships, to direct conversations toward matters of faith, and to share biblical truths in everyday language. This easy-to-read book presents a blueprint for starting a spiritual epidemic of hope and enthusiasm for spreading the Gospel.

True stories about the highs and lows of life with God. What is it about the Psalms that creates their ageless appeal? What draws us to them time and again to find courage, hope, and joy? Perhaps it's the way these ancient songs so faithfully mirror our own experience. With depth

and passion, the Psalms reflect the many-faceted relationship between humans and God in the ever-changing proving grounds of life. In Psalms, you'll learn about God's heart toward you--and what He looks for in your heart toward Him. You'll find a road map for life. Discover a source of courage in the face of fear. Expand your heart with a fresh realization of God's greatness. And deepen your relationship with a very present, personal Creator. Interactions--a powerful, challenging tool for building deep relationships between you and your group member, and you and God. Interaction is far more than another group Bible study. It's a cutting-edge series designed to help small group participants develop into fully

devoted followers of Christ.

In "Simplify," bestselling author Bill Hybels identifies the core issues that lure us into frenetic living--and offers searingly practical steps for sweeping the clutter from our souls. Today's velocity of life can consume and control us . . . until our breakneck pace begins to feel normal and expected. That's where the danger lies: When we spend our lives doing things that keep us busy but don't really matter, we sacrifice the things that do. What if your life could be different? What if you could be certain you were living the life God called you to live--and building a legacy for those you love? If you crave a simpler life anchored by the priorities that matter most, roll up your sleeves:

Simplified living requires more than just cleaning out your closets or reorganizing your desk drawer. It requires uncluttering your soul. By eradicating the stuff that leaves your spirit drained, you can stop doing what doesn't matter--and start doing what does.

The Art of Balance

Maximizing Your Impact for God

Just Walk Across the Room

Hearing God, Having the Guts to Respond

Too Busy Not to Pray

Five Essential Skills

What if you knew that by simply crossing the room

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and saying hello to someone, you could change that person's forever? Just a few steps to make an eternal difference. It has nothing to do with methods and everything to do with taking a genuine interest in another human being. All you need is a heart that's in tune with the Holy Spirit and a willingness to venture out of your "Circle of Comfort" and into another person's life. Just Walk Across the Room brings personal evangelism into the twenty-first century. Building on the solid foundation laid in Becoming a Contagious Christian, Bill Hybels shows how you can participate in the model first set by

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Jesus, who stepped down from heaven 2,000 years ago to bring hope and redemption to broken people living in a fallen world. Now it's your turn. Your journey may not be as dramatic, but it can have a life-changing impact for someone standing a few steps away from you—and for you as well, as you learn the power of extending care, compassion, and inclusiveness under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The highest value in personal evangelism is cooperating with the Spirit, says Hybels. This means playing only the role you're meant to play—walking when the Spirit says to walk, talking when he says to

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talk, and falling silent when he suggests that you've said enough. Hybels encourages you to "live in 3D" ... —Developing friendships —Discovering stories —Discerning appropriate next steps ... as a means of learning to understand the Holy Spirit's promptings. With fresh perspectives from his own reflections and experiences collected during his most recent decade of ministry, Bill Hybels shows with convincing and inspiring clarity the power of this personal, richly relational approach to evangelism. The stakes are high. The implications are eternal. And you may be only a conversation away from

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having an eternal impact on someone's life—if you will just walk across the room.

How do you hand the tough challenges of parenting? Parenting. Nothing gives us more joy—or greater challenges. “How do I balance my work and family time? What's the best way to handle my teenager's attitude? Can I do a better job of raising my kids?” Parenting helps you and your groups tackle the thorny issues parents face today. Each session covers a topic that's key to effective parenting, from raising well-balanced kids to overcoming the mistakes you make along the way.

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This practical, hands-on discussion guide helps you create a home where children can thrive. You'll develop confidence and competence in your God-entrusted role as a parent and enjoy watching your kids grow into vibrant, godly adults. Interactions—a powerful and challenging tool for building deep relationships between you and your group members, and you and God. Interactions is far more than another group Bible study. It's a cutting-edge series designed to help small group participants develop into fully devoted followers of Christ.

The book you hold resonates with this conviction:

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that leaders such as you have the potential to be the most influential forces on planet Earth. Yours is the staggering responsibility and the matchless privilege of rallying believers and mobilizing their spiritual gifts in order to help people who are far from God become fully devoted followers of Christ. Life transformation and the eternal destinies of real people depend on the redemptive message entrusted to the local church. Are you willing to do whatever it takes to lead your church effectively so God's message of hope can change the world? Then this book is for you. **Courageous Leadership** is Bill

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Hybels' magnum opus, a book far too important to be written before its time. Only now, after nearly thirty years leading his own church from a handful of people with a burning vision into a globe-spanning kingdom force—only after almost three decades of victories and setbacks, of praying hard and risking big—is Hybels ready at last to share the lessons he has learned, and continues to learn, about Christian leadership. Too much is at stake for you not to maximize your spiritual gift of leadership, insists Hybels. In this passionate, powerful book, he unpacks the tools, tasks, and challenges of your

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calling. You'll discover the power of vision and how to turn it into action. You'll gain frontline insights for developing a kingdom dream team, discovering your leadership style, developing other leaders, making decisions, walking with God, embracing change, staying your God-given course, and much, much more. Drawing on his own richly varied life experiences, Hybels fleshes out vital principles with riveting firsthand stories. This is far more than another book on leadership strategies and techniques. You'll find those topics in here, to be sure. But beyond them, you'll find the very essence

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of one of today's foremost Christian leaders—his fervent commitment to evangelism and discipleship and his zeal to inspire fellow church leaders even as he seeks to keep growing as a leader himself. If unchurched people matter to you . . . if you love seeing believers serve passionately with their spiritual gifts . . . if God's heartbeat for the church is your heartbeat as well . . . then this book is a must.

Courageous Leadership will convince you to lead with all your might, all your skill, and all your faith.

And it will give you the tools to do just that.

Focusing on the key aspects of Christian life--prayer,

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character, and wisdom--this one-year devotional shows believers how to know God more deeply and discover how he works in them.

Nine Ways to Connect with God

Leading from Here to There Study Guide

Tools to Transform Your Workplace

1 Peter

The Key to Transforming Your Church

Honest to God?

Field-Tested Strategy for the 360 Leader

Bring back the balance to your crazy, non-stop world by taking action with the dynamic "Life@Work GroupZine." In

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this chaotic, stressful, non-stop world, balance is difficult to maintain. Life @ Work GroupZine is written for the purpose of restoring balance to life and putting focus back on what's really important in life. This six-session study examines the biblical definition of balance and studies how work and ambition fit in with God, family, community, and self. This GroupZine has a creative free-flow "magazine" feeling that is enjoyable to read and non-threatening even to non-believers. Life @ Work GroupZine is an action-oriented Bible-based study aimed at tackling the daily grind that causes us to lose balance and sight of God's intention for our lives. Pastors around the country continue to look for the program, the book, or the sermon series that will turn their plateaued or declining churches around. But what if the answer to

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revitalizing the church was closer to home? According to trusted church leadership expert Aubrey Malphurs and veteran pastor Gordon E. Penfold, it is. They believe that pastors themselves are the key. In a time when many pastors are jumping from church to church every two or three years as they search for the "right fit" where they can "make a difference," churches are suffering from a lack of sustained leadership from pastors with a viable vision for ministry. In *Re:Vision*, Malphurs and Penfold take pastors through a process of discovery and self-evaluation designed to help them re-envision their role, create a culture for positive change, and recruit people to come alongside them as helpers and encouragers. Multiple appendices offer self-diagnostic tools and surveys to help pastors assess their

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strengths and weaknesses for more effective ministry. Being a leader means working with people, and that's not always easy! Whether in your office, church, neighborhood, or elsewhere, your interpersonal relationships can make or break you as a leader. That's why it's so important to be a "people person" and develop your skills in tapping that most precious of all resources: people. In this powerful book, America's leadership expert John Maxwell helps you: discover and develop the qualities of an effective "people person" improve your relationships in every area of life understand and help difficult people overcome differences and personality traits that can cause friction inspire others to excellence and success Loaded with life-enriching, life-changing principles for relating positively and powerfully with

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your family, friends, colleague, and clients, Be a People Person is certain to help you bring out the best in others—and that's what effective leadership is all about.

"When I listen to the evening news or read the morning paper these days my reaction is always the same: what's wrong in our world will not be set right until people who love God and who refuse to cave to these overwhelming challenges put the things they believe into action, things like courage and discipline and love." Bill Hybels Who You Are When No One's Looking has pointed the way to godly character for more than twenty years. Now Bill Hybels's essential book is completely revised and updated, featuring a new introduction, a new concluding chapter ("World-Change: When Character Counts Most") and a discussion guide for groups. Read this book to

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discover who God is calling you to be in the world around you.

Descending Into Greatness

Effective Leadership Through Effective Relationships

Leadership That Works

Choosing Consistency, Resisting Compromise

Opening Your Heart to God

Influence

Wisdom

Sacred Pathways reveals nine distinct spiritual temperaments--and their strengths, weaknesses, and tendencies--to help you improve your spiritual life and deepen your personal walk with God. It's time to strip away the

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frustration of a one-size-fits-all spirituality and discover a path of worship that frees you to be you. Experienced spiritual directors, pastors, and church leaders recognize that all of us engage with God differently, and it's about time we do too. In this updated and expanded edition of Sacred Pathways, Gary Thomas details nine spiritual temperaments and--like the Enneagram and other tools do with personality--encourages you to investigate the ways you most naturally express yourself in your relationship with God. He encourages you to dig into the traits, strengths, and pitfalls in your devotional approach so you can eliminate the barriers that keep you locked into rigid methods of worship and praise. Plus, as you begin to identify and understand your own temperament, you'll soon learn about the

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temperaments that aren't necessarily "you" but that may help you understand the spiritual tendencies of friends, family, and others around you. Whatever temperament or blend of temperaments best describes you, rest assured it's not by accident. It's by the design of a Creator who knew what he was doing when he made you according to his own unique intentions. If your spiritual walk is not what you'd like it to be, you can change that, starting here. Sacred Pathways will show you the route you were made to travel, marked by growth and filled with the riches of a close walk with God. A Sacred Pathways video Bible study is also available for group or individual use, sold separately. For a decade thousands have enjoyed Bill Hybels's insightful and readable ideas on prayer and spending time with God. Now

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this new edition of his contemporary classic has been revised and expanded, including two new chapters.

This analysis of the inconsistencies in the lifestyle of today's Christians is accompanied by specific examples and discussion of how Christians can restore authentic Christianity in their personal lives and thus nurture a troubled world.

What is the one aspect of this broken world that, when you see it, touch it, get near it, you just can't stand? Very likely, that firestorm of frustration reflects your holy discontent, a reality so troubling that you are thrust off the couch and into the game. It's during these defining times when your eyes open to the needs surrounding you and your heart hungers to respond that you hear God say, "I feel the same way about this problem. Now,

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let's go solve it together!" Bill Hybels invites you to consider the dramatic impact your life will have when you allow your holy discontent to fuel instead of frustrate you. Using examples from the Bible, his own life, and the experiences of others, Hybels shows how you can find and feed your personal area of holy discontent, fight for it when things get risky, and follow it when it takes a mid-course turn. As you live from the energy of your holy discontent, you'll fulfill your role in setting what is wrong in this world right!

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Everyone Wins When a Leader Gets Better

Courageous Faith Through the Year

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Who You Are When No One's Looking

Bill Hybels points us to the wisdom of the book of Proverbs. This practical guidebook is ideal for anyone who wants to live the Christian life with wisdom and wholeness. One of Christianity Today's Top 10 Books of the Year! Leith Anderson's preaching vision, and leadership have guided his church through a process of change and growth process of change and growth, putting it on the cutting edge to meet the spiritual needs of its people. His counsel is sound, practical, and full of hope to

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pastors, church leaders, and lay Christians. Christianity Today selected this book as its top pick in the Church/Pastoral Leadership category for 2000.