

A Year Of Biblical Womanhood Rachel Held Evans

Though the modern feminist movement left suffering families and a lost culture in its wake, there is a new movement spreading seeds of hope in the hearts of Christian women everywhere. Nancy Leigh DeMoss has brought together seven respected teachers, including Susan Hunt and Mary A. Kassian--all of whom speak to the hearts of their sisters in Christ with a message about the greatness of God's created order and the part women play in His grand, redemptive plan so that they may re-discover the beauty and wonder of their distinctive calling.

"She is a godly woman." "True love waits." Are these phrases and many others about gender truly based in scripture, or based on dusty, outdated stereotypes? And how do these perceptions repress people, especially women, from fully expressing their faith? *If Eve Only Knew: Freeing Yourself from Biblical Womanhood and Becoming All God Means for You to Be* offers a fresh perspective on gender and the Bible, destroying trumped-up, captive-creating messages with the freeing proclamation grounded in Jesus' ministry and found everywhere in scripture: that we are all created in God's image, and by relying on our gifts and skills - rather than on gender-designed roles - we become all God means for us to be.

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Finding Joy and Fulfillment in All God Has Called You To Do Overwhelmed. Miserable. Exhausted. These are the words that women often use to describe their busy lifestyles. How can you keep up with all the demands of work, family, and ministry? Carolyn Mahaney and her three daughters offer biblical hope to women who truly desire to glorify God with their time. These authors present five key practices to help you see that you really can do all that God has called you to do- finding joy, peace, and rest in the One who has designed every season of your life.

Like millions of her millennial peers, Rachel Held Evans didn't want to go to church anymore. The hypocrisy, the politics, the gargantuan building budgets, the scandals--church culture seemed so far removed from Jesus. Yet despite her cynicism and misgivings, something kept drawing her back to Church. And so she set out on a journey to understand Church and to find her place in it.

As a person enters adulthood, there are decisions to be made that affect all aspects of that person's life. There are paths based on scripture and paths the world would define as successful. In *Humbled and Exalted*, author Kimberly Taylor shares her story of finding the right path. Taylor chose to marry her high school sweetheart, who did not share her faith, and embark on a successful career path that left little time for God. Things did not go smoothly, and she

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felt her life plummeting. As she searched for direction, she discovered the power of applying God's Word to the daily details of life. By following this path, she learns that the abundant life God promised in scripture starts now and God's plan was more than she could have ever hoped or imagined. Taylor shares her journey, and it is one to which many readers will be able to relate. Women will gain wisdom, strength and encouragement on their journey to Biblical womanhood.

God places precious value upon women! In this book, Ryan shares God's incredible design and blessing through expounding the Word of God in Proverbs 31.

I recently came across some old, unscriptural teachings on "biblical womanhood," and my heart began to break at the things that I once believed about my worth. My heart began to break for my daughter, who may one day come across these same teachings. My heart began to break for the women and girls who still believe that they are less valuable and useful than men. In an effort to combat these teachings and empower women through Scripture, I wrote a book dissecting the harmful teachings that I have personally encountered on womanhood. It is meant to be a short read that presents Scripture and provokes reflection and personal study. Ladies, God loves and cherishes you just as much as He does men! He has so much

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more planned for you!

Recovering from Biblical Manhood and Womanhood presents a critique and an alternative to the push for biblical womanhood and biblical manhood today, focusing on the reciprocity of the male and female voices in Scripture, the covenantal aspect to Bible reading and interpretation, and bearing the fruit of that in our church life.

This book is a straight forward, non-apologetic presentation of biblical truths about God's design for womankind and the most important human relationship in most women's life-marriage. *On the Other Side of the Garden of Eden* provides an uncompromising look at how a wife should complement her unique man. Its message is based solely on what God's Word teaches about the subject. The previous two editions of this book have been used in thousands of women's Bible studies since 1992. Even though it was designed specifically for women, it has also been increasingly used in couples' classes to strengthen marriages. Husbands, who attend these classes, tend to become more understanding about the complexities of their wife's role and her need for their leadership. This new, third edition has now been expanded to integrate many illustrations given in Virginia's sequel, *Victorious Women*. Those examples testified about the miraculous results wives experienced in their marriages after applying biblical principles they learned in the previous editions. This edition of *On the Other Side of the Garden of Eden* only differs from the previous two by the addition of those examples. At times, it may appear that the information given in this book is

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one-sided because it does not deal with how a husband should act. Contrastingly, it reveals how a wife can live her life to the glory of God, even if her husband never functions as God's Word declares he should. This third edition of the first and second editions of *On the Other Side of the Garden* incorporates much of the information contained in Virginia's sequel, *Victorious Women*. Illustrations were provided in that book based on real-life examples of women who had applied God's principles taught in the previous editions. These illustrations will encourage even the most apprehensive woman that she too can benefit from obedience to God's Word; if not here on earth, in eternity. The manuscript is laid out in three sections. Section one states the principles of Christian womanhood solely from the Bible's perspective. It establishes the fact that God created the woman and designed her for His specific purposes. By carefully exploring the Scriptures as it relates to His plan, a woman will clearly discover what it reveals about her uniqueness, importance, responsibilities, and privileges. The second section alerts Christian women to the consistent and intentional attacks against biblical womanhood in America over the past fifty plus years. It then carefully documents the sources of this anti-biblical position. Finally, Section three describes applications for practical living. This section expounds on the biblical foundations presented in section one and applies them to the woman's real life. The *On the Other Side of the Garden* has been affectionately called, "A Christian woman's basic boot camp," and "The best book I ever cried through." But, it has helped save many marriages

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and families."

Many Christian books written to women claim to present God's good instructions for their lives. Some expound on the value of marriage and children. Many extol the virtues of the Proverbs 31 wife. A good number teach the value of love, submission, and respect in Christian marriages. Though this book deals with these topics, *The Gospel-Centered Woman* addresses women from an entirely different perspective. The most important part of the Bible's instructions to women center around the gospel. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection brought about a seismic shift in our understanding of Scripture. After His resurrection, His disciples understood words written thousands of years before with a clarity they never had previously. The good news of Christ illuminates all other Scripture, including instructions to women.

A new collection of original writings by Rachel Held Evans, whose reflections on faith and life continue to encourage, challenge, and influence. Rachel Held Evans is widely recognized for her theologically astute, profoundly honest, and beautifully personal books, which have guided, instructed, edified, and shaped Christians as they seek to live out a just and loving faith. At the time of her tragic death in 2019, Rachel was working on a new book about wholeheartedness. With the help of her close friend and author Jeff Chu, that work-in-progress has been woven together with some of her other unpublished writings into a rich collection of essays that ask candid questions about the stories we've been told—and the stories we tell—about our faith, our selves, and our world. This book is for the doubter and the

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dreamer, the seeker and the sojourner, those who long for a sense of spiritual wholeness as well as those who have been hurt by the Church but can't seem to let go of the story of Jesus. Through theological reflection and personal recollection, Rachel wrestles with God's grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the Church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging. An unforgettable, moving, and intimate book.

Eighty years after the Scopes Monkey Trial made a spectacle of Christian fundamentalism and brought national attention to her hometown, Rachel Held Evans faced a trial of her own when she began to have doubts about her faith. Growing up in a culture obsessed with apologetics, Evans asks questions she never thought she would ask. She learns that in order for her faith to survive in a postmodern context, it must adapt to change and evolve. Using as an illustration her own spiritual journey from certainty, through doubt, to faith, Evans adds a unique perspective to the ongoing dialogue about postmodernism and the church that has so captivated the Christian community in recent years. In a changing cultural environment where new ideas threaten the safety and security of the faith, *Evolving in Monkey Town* is a fearlessly honest story of survival.

In this remarkable, six-part DVD series, you'll discover exactly what the role of the wife was designed to be not according to our culture, not according to psychologists, but according to the unchanging truth of God's Word. *The Fruitful Vine* contains six sections. The first, *The Marital Union*, supplies the biblical foundation for the

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remainder of the book: Why was marriage instituted, and what was God's best plan for marriage? The chapter "To Marry or Not?" offers guidance and encouragement to unmarried women, both those called to "singleness" and those "maids in waiting." The following three sections pertain to the natural roles a married woman will find the most joy in fulfilling - namely, being a companion to her husband, bearing and nurturing children, and keeping an ordered home. The fifth section, The Autumn Years, provides counsel to the "empty-nesters" and encouragement for widows. The final section provides a character sketch of a spiritually-minded woman and the types of ministry she may engage in. Through Scripture, God has revealed both what He finds beautiful in a woman and what He expects of her. Warren Henderson's book Fruitful Vine is part of the foliage trilogy on biblical family life. The Fruitful Bough: Affirming Biblical Manhood The Fruitful Vine: A Celebration of Biblical Womanhood The Olive Plants: Raising Spiritual Children Discovering God's Design answers the call for a resource that any woman can use to help her reexamine her view of womanhood according to Scripture. Walker leads us, as women, on a journey to embrace the wonderful truth that being called "woman," according to God's design, is an essential aspect of our identity." -Dr. Terri Stovall (PhD), Dean of Women's Programs and Associate Professor of Women's Ministries at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Discovering God's Design is a six-week Bible study for women of all ages. In a world where feminism and political correctness have threatened to undermine God's design for a woman, her family, and her ministry, Discovering God's Design provides biblical guidelines on how to live out the

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unique calling God has placed on each woman's life. Beginning in Genesis, you will explore how God crafted Adam and Eve to be His image bearers in the world. God, in His infinite wisdom, created men and women to complement each other. He designed Adam to be the leader, provider, and protector of Eve, and He designed Eve to be Adam's helpmate. However, with the introduction of sin in Genesis 3, man and woman have continued to struggle in their relationships with each other and the world. But there is good news. God provided an answer to the constant tension by offering us salvation through Jesus Christ. Jesus's death, burial, and resurrection did not remove the God-given gender distinctions. Instead, it restored them. Women are now free to discover what it means to be an image bearer, how He has gifted each woman for a specific task, and then provided an opportunity, within the boundaries of scripture, to accomplish the task set before them. If you have wondered what it means to be a biblical woman, then look no further. Discovering God's Design is for you!

I'm a wife and mother. What's your superpower? Journey with me and discover the true, biblical meaning of womanhood, in contrast to the shallow, feminist teachings that the world gives. God's Word shows you how to live as a wife and mother, how to manage your home, raise your children, enjoy intimate times with your husband, make a difference in this world, and be a witness for His glory. It is a beautiful plan that when followed leaves the world awestruck. In this 12-week Bible study you will find the biblical meaning of womanhood in this modern world. Forget red capes and super strength, true Women of Wonder are armed with the power of God.

"A powerful work of skillful research and personal insight."--Publishers Weekly Biblical womanhood--the belief that God designed women to be submissive wives, virtuous mothers, and joyful homemakers--pervades North American

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Christianity. From choices about careers to roles in local churches to relationship dynamics, this belief shapes the everyday lives of evangelical women. Yet biblical womanhood isn't biblical, says Baylor University historian Beth Allison Barr. It arose from a series of clearly definable historical moments. This book moves the conversation about biblical womanhood beyond Greek grammar and into the realm of church history--ancient, medieval, and modern--to show that this belief is not divinely ordained but a product of human civilization that continues to creep into the church. Barr's historical insights provide context for contemporary teachings about women's roles in the church and help move the conversation forward. Interweaving her story as a Baptist pastor's wife, Barr sheds light on the #ChurchToo movement and abuse scandals in Southern Baptist circles and the broader evangelical world, helping readers understand why biblical womanhood is more about human power structures than the message of Christ.

Biblical womanhood is not for the weak. In an age that seeks to obliterate God and His authority, modeling biblical womanhood involves spiritual warfare. *Radical Womanhood* seeks to equip new believers and long-time Christians alike, exposing the anti-God agenda of the three waves of feminism to date and presenting the pro-woman truth of the Scriptures. Illustrated with numerous personal testimonies, this book will dig deep into the Word and show how it can be lived out today. The foundation and core message of *Radical Womanhood* is consistent with the traditional complementarian teaching on biblical womanhood. However, the target audience, tone, and style are radically different. Most books on this subject take a heavily didactic tone that assumes an awareness of Christian lingo and a high degree of spiritual maturity. *Radical Womanhood* has the narrative approach appreciated by postmodern readers, but still

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incorporates solid, biblically-based teaching for personal application and growth.

This book will help mothers and daughters communicate and pass on the legacy of God's design for womanhood from one generation to the next.

Everywhere women face choices-home or career; money or relationships; "secure" marriage or "free" singleness; looks or intellect; women bishops or "just cleaners and baby-sitters"?, Our culture says plenty about all this. But a Christian woman, seeking to live for her Lord, needs to find out God's design, purposes and promises for women. So, here is a guide that is not politically correct, but faithful to Scripture. This set of ten Bible studies will guide you through the "big issues", helping you to confidently live a God-shaped life in a society that follows a very different agenda. Suitable for groups or individuals, this course covers all the major Bible teaching specific to women. Set within the big picture of God's redemption of sinners through Jesus Christ, the heart-felt aim is that 21st-century women will be enabled to live obediently and joyfully for Christ, as women after His own heart. The new edition of this best-selling guide is revised and has expanded leader's notes. It includes a brand new chapter on Women and their Children. Book jacket.

Step into the world of Proverbs 31:10-31 and some of the Bible's most prominent women for a 10-week journey in Biblical womanhood. Geared toward young ladies 10-14, but applicable to the lives of all women, "La Femme" challenges the reader to not simply read the Bible, but to participate in trying to understand what it says. Focusing on one to three verses a day, you'll find a series of questions designed to deepen faith, solidify basic principles of salvation, and unearth the character traits that comprise a woman after God's own heart. Get the most out of this book by pairing it with "Daddy Daughter: 10 Date Nights Designed to Teach

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Biblical Womanhood" - a pre-planned guide to help Dads usher their daughters down the path of Biblical Womanhood and build a better relationship with them in the process. A strong Christian woman embarks on a radical life experiment-a year of biblical womanhood. Strong and committed in her faith-but frustrated by the inconsistencies she saw in her evangelical culture's view of women-Rachel Held Evans became an independent woman. But, intrigued by the traditionalist resurgence that led many of her friends to abandon their careers to assume traditional gender roles in the home, Evans had a crazy idea:What if I took "biblical womanhood" literally for a full year? In the next twelve months Rachel: Wore a scarf over her head to pray Called her husband "master" and stood on the roadside with a sign that said "Dan is Awesome" Adopted a computerized baby Perched on the roof for an afternoon of penance for gossiping Camped out in her front yard during her period Visited an Amish schoolhouse, a pig farm in Bolivia, and a Benedictine monastery Took up baking and knitting Interviewed a polygamist, a Quiverfull daughter, and a courtship couple With just the right mixture of humor and insight, Evans takes readers along with her on a lively adventure. In the process she discovers that the journey itself leads her right to the heart of God.

In today's culture, biblical womanhood is a lost art. Women are in a daily battle to embrace their biblical roles within their homes. Sadly, society looks down on the biblical woman, viewing her as weak and subservient, but as Christian women, we know the truth. The biblical woman is strong, supportive, and faithful. Jesus came to redeem and restore this generation of women to live with victory and purpose. Far Above Rubies is one program, with three distinct parts; the Book, 12-filmed Workshops, and a Workshop Guide, built by author and speaker Brenda Leavenworth to aid women in

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reclaiming their God-given mandate. Each week, of this 13-week program, contains a two-part lesson aimed at establishing a solid biblical foundation. A corresponding video component is available, providing 12 practical workshops, one for each week, for managing the home. Woven into the pages are Brenda's eclectic life experiences as a ministry wife and the mother of a former child actor in Hollywood. *Far Above Rubies* is the perfect study for those who wish to reclaim biblical womanhood and bring glory to His name. Did you know that God created you with a distinct purpose in mind? Understanding and embracing that purpose is the key to experiencing true freedom and fulfillment. Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth highlights specific Scriptures that reveal God's design for our lives as women. Through a series of penetrating questions, discover how well you are fitting into His plan. Learn practical ways that you can influence and "build up" the lives of those around you, through your attitudes, words, and actions.

Highly anticipated follow-up to the *True Woman 101* Bible study for women. When we step into God's plan for womanhood, we step into the great adventure of discovering who we're created to be. The greatest display of God's glory, the greatest wholeness of personhood, the greatest joy of human relationships, and the greatest fruitfulness in ministry come about when we embrace and celebrate His design. In this Bible study for women, Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and Mary Kassian delve into *Titus 2* to celebrate redeemed womanhood. Exploring 10 "design elements" of biblical womanhood, they will lead you on a 10-week journey of discovering what a beautiful heart looks like, and how it leads to a beautiful life. Each week is divided into five lessons that provide opportunity for group interaction and delving deep into Scripture. You'll explore the following themes: Discernment Honor Affection Discipline Virtue Responsibility

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Benevolence Disposition Legacy Beauty The Lord wants to come in and do a radical renovation of your heart. He wants to change you into a godly woman from the inside out. If you let Him, He'll give you an extreme makeover . . . a new interior design. Why wait? Begin your renovation today.

What does it mean to be a woman? The current cultural ideal for womanhood encourages women to be strident, sexual, self-centered, independent -- and above all -- powerful and in control. But sadly, this model of womanhood hasn't delivered the happiness and fulfillment it promised. The Bible teaches that it's not up to us to decide what womanhood is all about. God created male and female for a very specific purpose. His design isn't arbitrary or unimportant. It is very intentional and He wants women to discover, embrace, and delight in the beauty of His design. He's looking for True Women! Bible teachers Mary A. Kassian and Nancy Leigh DeMoss share the key fundamentals of biblical womanhood in this eight week study. Each week includes five daily individual lessons leading to a group time of sharing and digging deeper into God's Word. And to enhance this time of learning together, on-line videos are available featuring Mary and Nancy as they encourage women to discover and embrace God's design and mission for their lives.

A True Woman Book The goal of the True Woman publishing line is to encourage women to: Discover, embrace, and delight in God's divine design and mission for their lives Reflect the beauty and heart of Jesus Christ to their world Intentionally pass the baton of Truth on to the next generation Pray earnestly for an outpouring of God's Spirit in their families, churches, nation and world

The 20th century saw a transformation in the lives of women in the Western world. From a biblical standpoint, the important "God's Design for Women" discusses how women should respond to these changes and what it means to be a Christian women in the postmodern world.

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Given the fever-pitched controversies about evolution, Adam and Eve, and scientific evidence for the Flood, the average person might feel intimidated by the book of Genesis. But behind the heady debates is a terrific story—one that anyone can understand, and one that has gripped people for ages. If you are not a Bible scholar but want to be able to read Genesis and understand its big picture, this brief, witty book is the guide you've been waiting for. Clear summaries and thought-provoking questions provide direction for personal reflection and group discussion. Peter Enns, a Biblical Studies professor, and Jared Byas, an Old Testament professor, summarize the book's key themes and help us see Genesis as an ancient story, one with continued relevance for human experience today. Genesis for Normal People illuminates the characters that fill the book of Genesis, causing us to resonate with their choices and struggles even as we marvel at their distant world. And that's what you'll find here—not scientific proof texts or simple moral tales, but a distant world made available, and a story that is often strange, sometimes dangerous, and always filled with rich possibilities.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT GENESIS FOR NORMAL PEOPLE: "This book is a welcome antidote to the mystification about the book of Genesis that goes around. It is accessible for readers who want to take the plunge into this old text. It is gentle in leading readers to a critical sense of the text in response to a "late" trauma in Israel. It is imaginative in its articulation of a book that might otherwise be off-putting. The convergence of accessibility, gentleness, and imagination make this a very fine read." - Walter Brueggemann, Professor Emeritus, Columbia Theological Seminary

Genesis for Normal People is the perfect starting point for Christians who want to read the book of Genesis more faithfully and honestly. Enns and Byas break down the history, genre, culture, and context of this

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fascinating book of the Bible, so that "normal people"--you know, those who can't read ancient Hebrew--can get a better sense of its purpose, meaning and relevance. The authors manage to simplify without dumbing down, challenge without confusing, and dig for deep truth without compromising their intellectual integrity. A must-read for anyone who care enough about the Bible to want to read and understand it on its own terms."- Rachel Held Evans, author of A Year of Biblical Womanhood

"The stories in the book of Genesis are among the most well known in the Bible--so much so that it's easy to lose sight of the fact that Genesis is an ancient document from a cultural setting very different from our own. Enns and Byas have provided a highly readable volume that reminds readers of its reality while explaining the meaning and significance of Genesis in light of its ancient context. An ideal book for individual and study groups interested in understanding Genesis on its own terms."- John R. Franke, General Coordinator for The Gospel and Our Culture Network

"Evangelical Old Testament scholarship has come of age and is now coming out from behind the shadows of suppression and secrecy. No one represents this fresh coming of age more than Peter Enns, who, with co-author Jared Byas, makes available to any Bible reader a fresh engagement with Genesis--readable, responsible, and recognizably fresh."- Scot McKnight, Professor of New Testament at Northern Seminary

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sit down and talk with a lady from the Bible? Wouldn't it be nice to see if she had some of our same struggles and see how she handled them? "Have A Chat" is just that book. You travel back in time and meet thirty-one women who God put in His Word to

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encourage us in our walk with Him. It is a book to let you understand what these ladies were feeling and thinking. Each lady is an actual biblical person and their story is told in first person just as if she is sitting next to you. The scripture is given where the lady is found in the Bible and the story is a fictional account of what may have happened next. Read a chapter a day and learn from each lady. Jacquelyn Griggs was born in rural Iowa and raised in a Christian home. She went on to move to the Atlanta, Georgia area. There she earned her Masters in Christian Education and with her husband began a ministry in 1987 of working with at - risk youth. Now there are five locations ministering to approximately 2500 students each semester. She speaks at conferences and presents women of the Bible dressed in biblical apparel. To receive more information, go to her web site at www.jacquegriggs.com.

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If the Bible isn't a science book, instruction manual,

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or position paper, then what is it? New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans invites readers on a journey of rediscovery as she explores the magic of the Bible, engaging the old, familiar stories in new ways that honor the past and enlighten the present. Is the Bible relevant to modern people of faith? This is the question Rachel Held Evans, bestselling author of *Searching for Sunday*, found herself asking, launching her on a quest to understand better what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her forever. Drawing upon recent scholarship and literary analysis, Evans creatively retells our favorite Bible stories, explaining their contexts and possible interpretations, and then connects these ancient stories to our present-day ones. Using her well-honed literary instincts and experience in both evangelical and mainline Protestant traditions, Evans discovers a way of understanding that avoids noncommittal liberalism on one hand and strident literalism on the other. Readers are invited to fall in love with Scripture all over again without checking their intellect--or their imaginations--at the door. A timely call to women to live out and leave a legacy of biblical womanhood to the next generation. "From time to time talk becomes effective, conquering like war, widening the boundaries of knowledge like an exploration." Robert Louis Stevenson

The definition of a conversation is a

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sharing of thoughts and ideas. One online dictionary uses the example of two friends talking while having coffee together. I love coffee and conversation, especially when it is centered on the Word of God. Seldom do we take the time to gather together as women and "talk" our way through the Scriptures. The kind of "talks" where we ask the hard questions, engage one another in life-changing conversations, exposing the lies of the culture in an effort to bring biblical truth to the forefront. It is precisely this type of conversation that promotes a deeper walk with God and authenticity with His people. "Girl Talk" is a series of conversations challenging women to embrace their womanhood, biblical womanhood. You may not have noticed, but the truths of biblical womanhood are under attack, being challenged both by the culture and the church. Every woman, whether she recognizes it or not, has been influenced by "feminist" thinking. She takes these thoughts with her into her home, her workplace, her ministry and out into the world, not understanding that her ideas have consequences. In order to be a light to the world around her, a woman must know what it is that she believes, so that she can fulfill her Titus role, and influence the generation coming up after her. It's not difficult today to find books on the topic of biblical womanhood, but each author brings with their writing a personal opinion, a "bent" that leaves the reader with a "little bit of the Bible" and a

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lot of the writer's influential thought. It is not enough to embrace what other writers believe about biblical womanhood; we must come to the One who is the expert on the topic.

In a globalized world full of uncertainty and injustice, Suzanne Collins' Hunger Games series has captured the imaginations of readers looking for glimmers of hope. The tale of Katniss Everdeen's journey of survival in the post-apocalyptic country of Panem, where bread and circuses distract the privileged and allow a totalitarian regime to oppress the masses, parallels situations in our world today. At the same time, the series' themes of resistance to oppression and hope for a better world, portrayed honestly as messy and difficult endeavors, echo the transformative way of life Jesus offered his followers. The Hunger Games and the Gospel explores these themes in The Hunger Games series that have resonated so deeply with readers by examining their similarity to the good news found in Jesus' message about living in the ways of God's Kingdom. Taking the rich statements of the Beatitudes, which serve as mini-pictures of God's dreams realized on earth as in heaven, each chapter reflects on how those pictures are exhibited both in the narrative of The Hunger Games, and in Jesus' time, and then explores their significance for our own world. Thought-provoking questions provide direction for personal reflection and group discussion. Readers are invited to allow

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the inspiration of The Hunger Games help them live in the ways of the Kingdom of God by discovering how they too can work toward the possibility of a better world. ***** PRAISE FOR "THE HUNGER GAMES AND THE GOSPEL" My favorite analysis of "The Hunger Games..". Clawson does a fantastic job of reminding readers that Collins' world of occupation, oppression, excess, and poverty is not so far removed from our own, and that it is exactly the kind of world in which Jesus himself lived. -- Rachel Held Evans, author of "A Year of Biblical Womanhood" It shouldn't surprise anyone that Julie Clawson finds everyday justice in the Hunger Games trilogy, but what may surprise and delight is that she reads the story so well and writes so beautifully about the lessons she finds there. Everyone who loves The Hunger Games should read this book. -- Greg Garrett, author of "Faithful Citizenship," "One Fine Potion: The Literary Magic of Harry Potter," and "The Other Jesus" Are we living in the United States of Panem? The Hunger Games trilogy's depiction of a wealthy, totalitarian regime that exploits its conquered neighbors is more than fiction. The series brings to life the Roman Empire of Jesus' day and suggests a searing indictment of contemporary American imperialism. Using a framing structure of the Beatitudes, Julie Clawson powerfully explores Katniss's suffering as a lens for understanding Jesus' passion for loving our neighbors and building

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a better world. -- Jana Riess, author of "Flunking Sainthood" and "What Would Buffy Do?" Julie Clawson writes with intelligence, thoughtfulness, and nuance. This is a collection of fascinating and insightful reflections, a set of mirrors that we as Christians must confront, even though they come to us from the unlikeliest of places: a story we've all read "for fun." -- Shauna Niequist, Author of "Cold Tangerines" & "Bittersweet" There is no question that the Hunger Games trilogy has touched something deep in the psyche of its millions of readers, stirring up questions and uncertainties that we all foster about our future. With sharp clarity and stunning insight, Julie Clawson helps us understand our visceral response to the series by interweaving the narrative with Jesus' Beatitudes. The result points to a realistic hope for today and tomorrow. -- Jamie Arpin-Ricci, author of "The Cost of Community: Jesus, St. Francis & Life in the Kingdom"

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