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Honest to God SAMPLER WestBow Press

Pinpointing spiritual disciplines, family life, marriage values, male and female role models, and other areas, Hybels discusses common examples of inconsistent Christian living. He supplies encouraging, practical guidelines for Christians to go beyond just talking about their faith.

Authenticity Gospel Light Publications

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 *Meeting God*, 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 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. *Relationship* Zondervan Publishing Company

Enjoy these SAMPLE pages from *Honest to God- Is hypocrisy eroding your trust in relationships, the church, or even yourself?* We long to know there is a God - and, yes, a community - who is big enough to accept us for who we are and loving enough not to leave us that way. Imagine how our relationships and witness would change if Christians everywhere began to live in a more authentic manner. Throughout the Bible, we find heroes of the faith who lived with daring, messy honesty before God and others--their example is worth emulating. *Honest to God* is a practical and riveting study of biblical honesty. Follow next generation author, Josh Weidmann, as he takes the reader on a journey toward true Christian authenticity. Both biblical and contemporary examples will give you practical principles and

tools for self-examination that will lead to the freedom and transformation that come only through honesty.

The Seven Deadly Sins of Small Group Ministry Zondervan

Our world is filled with fake facades, from the unrealistic filters used on social media to the “holier than thou” personas seen in certain hypocritical believers. To combat the fake trends, a new trend has emerged—one that fights the facade with transparency and vulnerability. Instead of being filtered or super-spiritual, we’re told to be real and honest. And rightly so. We should be getting real with each other about our junk. But should we stop there? Should we gather to simply commiserate about our current version of “me”? Is community about more than just feeling understood by one another in our hard places, or does God have actual change in store for us beyond brokenness? In *Sick of Me*, Whitney Capps shows us that spiritual growth means being both honest and holy—that we can come to Jesus just as we are, but we cannot stay that way. While virtues like vulnerability, honesty, and humility are desperately needed, we should fight for more. After all, the gospel is a change-agent. Whitney calls us beyond trendy transparency and into something better: true transformation. If you want to be honest about all your junk, but are also sick of staying there—*Sick of Me* is for you.

Big Questions Zondervan

God never called us to be nice. What happens when we replace courage with compromise? What happens when we replace honesty with likability? What happens when we replace conviction with clichés? What happens when we replace discipleship to Christ with a devotion to nice? We live in a culture that prizes niceness as one of its highest virtues. Niceness keeps the peace, wins friends, gains influence, and serves our reputations well, but it also takes the teeth out of our witness and the power out of our faith. When we choose to be nice instead of faithful, we bear fruits that are bland, bitter, empty, and rotten to the core. In this life-changing book, Sharon Hodde Miller explores the seemingly innocent idol that has crept into our faith and quietly corrupted it, producing the bad fruits of cowardice, inauthenticity, shallowness, and more. Then she challenges readers to cultivate a better tree, providing practical steps to reclaim our credibility as followers of Christ, and bear better, richer, more life-giving fruits.

Excellent Living Xulon Press

Freedom begins when you stop hiding. Many of us understand the value of authenticity. Of baring our souls in community. Of admitting our pain and struggles to each other. If we desire to relate authentically with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we must also desire relate honestly with God. Josh Weidmann, a millennial and world traveler who is dedicated to writing and speaking the truth of the Bible, leads us to examine honesty and its importance in our relationship with God. Using Scripture and stories from his own life, Josh shows us how to be honest with God and truly honest with others. He also helps us identify lies, misunderstandings, and masks that are preventing us from being honest with God. Honesty with God will free us, heal us, and transform us.

Prayer Zondervan

God instituted festivals and feasts. Jesus went to weddings and parties. Christians were made to be people who celebrate, and the focal point of praise should always be God. He is generous, and He is righteous, and believers' natural responses should be celebration.

A Compact Guide to Authentic Living Aneko Press

Vaughan Roberts finds direction for today's church in Paul's prophetic letter of 1 Corinthians. Ancient Corinth was a similarly confusing cultural landscape to our own, but in Paul's vision Roberts finds a path of wisdom that will help you choose the true

spirituality of the gospel of Christ and become the authentic church God intends for you to be. Each chapter includes a Bible study.

Celebrating God Barbour Publishing

Winner of the 2017 Illumination Award Jacqueline Bussie knows that too many Christians live according to unspoken “laws” that govern the Christian life: #1: Never get angry at God; #2: Never doubt; #3: Never question; #4: Never tell your real story; #5: Always speak in clichés about evil and suffering; and #6: Always believe hope comes easy for those who truly love God. Living according to these rules is killing real Christian life; Outlaw Christian proposes a rebellious, life-giving, authentic alternative. Through captivating stories and with disarming honesty, Bussie gives concrete, practical strategies to help readers cultivate hope, seek joy, practice accompaniment, compost their pain, and rediscover the spiritual practice of lament. Tackling difficult questions without political divisiveness, Bussie speaks to both progressive and conservative Christians in ways that unite rather than divide. And in doing so, she provides a new way to handle the most difficult and troubling questions of life in a broken world that God will never abandon.

The Real Deal InterVarsity Press

What could be more natural, more human, than communication? But we all learn quickly enough that good communication is not always natural. There is much to learn from Scripture and from the academic study of human communication. In this book Tim Muehlhoff and Todd Lewis are able guides, aiding us in understanding the broad field of human communication in Christian perspective.

Be Real Moody Publishers

Let's face it. On the surface, there seem to be few rewards for the authentic person in today's world. Society bombards us with advertisements of perfect images to live up to. Honesty in the workplace is rarely prized. And sadly, candor in church is far too often associated with rejection. We've all experienced the pain of vulnerability from being authentic. Maybe you've been open with a friend or family member, only to be abandoned or receive a stinging rebuke. You might even feel that you've hidden behind a mask for so long, you don't know how to be real. If this sounds familiar, there's good news. *A Compact Guide to Authentic Living* reveals how you can be an authentic person by following the example of Jesus and truths from Scripture. Find answers to questions like: -- What does it really mean to be authentic? -- How can I be both honest and compassionate? -- Is there a difference between authenticity and transparency? -- How can I integrate the authenticity of God's kingdom into the marketplace? Whether you're struggling with genuineness in one area or many, *A Compact Guide to Authentic Living* can help you become an authentic person God's way. Discover how rewarding "real" life can be!

Unafraid Baker Books

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The Authenticity of the Bible Thomas Nelson

Many of us struggle to come to grips with the idea that God loves us. We may know it and believe it in our heads, but getting that into our hearts and into our lives is not easy. Sometimes what we have learned about God makes it even harder to really know that we are Gods beloved. *Being Gods Beloved* will lead you through forty reflections on what it means to be beloved of God, combining deep spirituality, thoughtful Bible study, and warm pastoral care. The reflections lead you on a journey from before creation, through the Old Testament, into the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, and on to the presence of the Holy Spirit. It tells the great love story of God for the Creation over thousands of years. Providing fresh insights into well-known passages, making thoughtful use of word studies, and inviting us to think creatively about God in relation to the world, this book will immerse you in an awareness of Gods love.

True You Zondervan

Has hypocrisy crept into your life? It doesn't just happen overnight. Drifting into hypocrisy is a long, drawn-out journey away from God's will for your life and toward a two-faced existence. How do you know when your inner self has deteriorated, when you've become an expert at presenting a faithful-looking facade? Hold up the mirror of God's Word and take a good look. Acting like a Christian and saying all the right words sometimes leads to nothing more than empty piety. If you want to live that vibrant life, if you want to be truly blessed, you must get after the disciplines of genuine faith. Follow along with Pastor James MacDonald on the road toward Truth and explore the disciplines of personal Bible study, personal prayer, fasting, fellowship, and service for Christ. Become the real deal. Be authentic.

His Sufficiency for My Authenticity: Eight Keys to Authentic Relationship with God and Others BroadStreet Publishing Group LLC

Can you believe in God without checking your brain at the door? We live in an age where atheism is on the rise and participation in religion is decreasing. "Just have faith" does not carry weight any more. Is it possible to believe in God today without setting aside our knowledge and reason? If people are to believe with authenticity, they must be encouraged to think critically as well as value their own unique experiences. The roots of faith today grow best in the soil of honest questioning. There is only a thin line separating sincere non-believer from believer. Our human limitations and subjectivity provide common ground for us to learn from each other regardless of belief or lack of belief in God. Within that context, an atheist will have an opportunity to view faith from a broader perspective while a believer will be challenged to use both mind and heart to grow deeper spiritually. By opening up to God in a broader fashion like this, we're better able to open up to each other as well.

ADDRESSING ATHEISM: Is Authentic Faith Possible? InterVarsity Press

You probably don't think of yourself as an evangelist. Most Christians would rather leave evangelism to a select few with "special talent" for outreach. But when Christ gave the command to spread the Gospel, He gave it to us all. Because He knew we'd each have something unique to offer as His witnesses to the world. In *Reaching Out*, Bill Hybels helps you develop your own evangelism style—one that fits your personality like a glove. You'll discover the meaning and importance of sharing your faith and learn the motivation and mind-set behind evangelism. You'll also get the solid guidance and seasoned tips you need to put it all into motion successfully. As you walk through this proven, highly effective approach, you'll find your hesitations melting into an enthusiasm for winning lost men and women to

Christ. *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.

Honest to God Abingdon Press

We live in a world of fakers. Rather than being real with each other, we present a carefully crafted persona that hides our faults and magnifies our good qualities. But inside we long to be loved, warts and all. We long to stop hiding from each other--and especially from God. With candor and clarity, pastor Rick Bezet calls readers to a life built on authenticity, showing that the way to true freedom lies through reclaiming our hearts, reviving our souls, and renewing our minds in light of what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. Through biblical stories and (often funny) personal examples, Bezet encourages readers to live with passion, integrity, and perseverance. He releases readers from the spiritual death that comes with pretending and leads them into a new life characterized by transparency rather than fear.

Sick of Me HarperCollins Christian Publishing

As women, we struggle to feel like we're good enough because we are bombarded daily with messages that whisper, "Who you are is not okay." We live in a world that tells us we have to look a certain way, live a certain lifestyle, have husbands who fit a certain mold, and have children that excel in every area of their lives. And rather than thrive in the life we have, we strive to create an existence that impresses others. This impossible treadmill leaves us with deep discontentment and a joyless existence. God doesn't apologize for how He created us. And while we're always being molded by our Creator, it's only to shape us for the calling on our life—not so we can fit into a world we were never meant to: "Do not allow this world to mold you in its own image. Instead, be transformed from the inside out by renewing your mind. As a result, you will be able to discern what God wills and whatever God finds good, pleasing, and complete. Love others well, and don't hide behind a mask; love authentically" (Romans 12:2, 9). What if we had the confidence to shed our fears and be who God created us to be—stumbles, fumbles, and all—relishing who we are rather than conforming to the world? Using an acrostic for the word AUTHENTIC, author Carey Scott unpacks 9 ways we can find the confidence we need to shine with fearless authenticity: 1. Accept Your Awesomeness 2. Unearth the Untruths 3. Try Loving Everyone 4. Hold on to Hope 5. Extend Forgiveness 6. Never Shrink Back 7. Trample the Negatives 8. Invest in Community 9. Camp in the Word of God Let's link arms and commit to living authentic lives. . .together. Are you ready?

Honest to God Zondervan

The essentials of faith. You can build a life on them. Like a house built on a firm foundation, the Christian faith is founded on some key, enduring truths. Do you know what they are? If not, you owe it to yourself to find out whether you're building your life—and your eternity—on solid ground. *Essential Christianity* is your invitation to spiritual discussion with others as you explore the basics of faith—principles deeper and more far-reaching than you may have imagined. You'll learn what it means to really know Christ. You'll discover the secret to confident living, how to grow spiritually, how to handle your failures, how to follow Jesus in a world that's anything but devoted to Him, and the different ways God wants to guide you in the practical concerns of life. *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.

Outlaw Christian Moody Publishers

Assessment and solution for seven common obstacles to building small groups. It's one thing to start a small group ministry. It's another to keep the groups in your church healthy and headed in the same direction. Whatever your church's approach maybe—whether it is a church with groups or of groups—sooner or later, as a leader, you'll need to do some troubleshooting. That's when the expert, to-the-point guidance in this book will prove its worth. The beauty of this book lies in its unique diagnostic process. It allows you to assess, diagnose, and correct seven common "deadly sins" that can drain the life

from your church's small group ministry. In *The Seven Deadly Sins of Small Group Ministry*, what would take you years to learn through trial and error is distilled into some of the most useful information you can find. Drawing on the knowledge they've gleaned from working inside Willow Creek Community Church, from consulting with hundreds of churches, and from conducting conferences and seminars worldwide, small group experts Bill Donahue and Russ Robinson furnish you with proven, real-life solutions to the toughest problems in your small group ministry. This is not theory—it is hands-on material you can read and apply today.