



Resource List: Christian Heritage

The resources listed here align with Focus on the Family's philosophy and mission. Call us at 1-800-A-FAMILY, or visit our online store at store.focusonthefamily.com. (Information is regularly updated, but it's still possible that an item originally available from Focus on the Family is now unavailable.) You might also be interested in content posted on our website at focusonthefamily.com.

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Books

7 Men and the Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas (2013) • 9780718030957 •

Metaxas brings to life the stories of seven men who positively impacted the world: George Washington, William Wilberforce, Eric Liddell, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jackie Robinson, Pope John Paul II, and Charles Colson.

7 Women and the Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas (2015) • 9780718021832 •

Learn the struggles and significant contributions of seven women: Joan of Arc, Susanna Wesley, Hannah More, Saint Maria of Paris, Corrie ten Boom, Rosa Parks, and Mother Teresa.

Abraham Lincoln: A Man of Faith, Courage, and Integrity by Joe Wheeler (2008) • 9781416550969 •

Wheeler weaves his own narrative with quotes from Lincoln and excerpts from other biographers to share about the president's life, faith, and courage.

America the Beautiful by Ben Carson, M.D. (2012) • 9780310330714 • (not currently available through Focus on the Family)

"Rediscovering What Made This Nation Great" — Carson offers a fresh perspective on our country's Judeo-Christian heritage. He discusses our educational system, capitalism versus socialism, healthcare, and more.

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy by Eric Metaxas (2011) • 9780718016166 •

Metaxas writes of Bonhoeffer's life as a theologian and a spy to tell his story of moral courage in the face of overwhelming atrocities.

The Confessions of St. Augustine by Saint Augustine (2011) • 9780802456519 •

"Most of Augustine's *Confessions* are spent in a nearly catastrophic tug of war. From insult and injury to passion, lost love, and the arts—this work leads through and beyond a world where God's timing is absolutely perfect. Nothing has really changed since then. Sin is still sin—and God is still God."

For You They Signed: The Spiritual Heritage of Those Who Shaped Our Nation by Marilyn Boyer (2010) • 9780890515983 •

The men who signed the Declaration of Independence risked everything to shape our modern United States of America—but we've largely forgotten them. Learn about the lives of the 56 signers through Boyer's biographical sketches.

Foxe's Book of Martyrs edited by W. Grinton Berry (2002) • 9780800786649 •

Foxe, who fled England during Queen Mary's persecution of Reformed believers, chronicles stories of others who faced torture and martyrdom instead of denying Christ.

From Sea to Shining Sea: 1787–1837 by Peter Marshall and David Manuel (2009) • 9780800733940 •

The authors make the case that America's future was threatened by greed, pride, and self-righteousness—but God raised up leaders to shape our country and character.

How Christianity Changed the World by Alvin Schmidt (2004) • 9780310264491 •

"This book is both a helpful apologetic tool in talking with unbelievers and a source of evidence for why Christianity deserves credit for many of the humane, social, scientific, and cultural advances in the Western world in the last two thousand years."

How Now Shall We Live? by Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey (2004) • 9780842355889 •

With true, inspiring stories of faith in action, Colson and Pearcey encourage readers to present the Gospel in a way that will capture the hearts and minds of a culture entrenched in the lies of relativism and self.

If You Can Keep It by Eric Metaxas (2016) • 9781101979983 •

"The Forgotten Promise of American Liberty"

The Legacy of a Couple: Ruth & Billy Graham by Hanspeter Nuesch (2014) • 9780801017179 •

This biography explores the devotion of Ruth and Billy Graham to the Lord and to each other, focusing on faith, partnership, authenticity, humility, intimacy, integrity, grace, global responsibility, and more.

Letters of John Newton by John Newton (2007) • 9780851519517 •

Newton (1725–1807) wrote for his epitaph, "Once an infidel and libertine, a servant of slaves in Africa, by the rich mercy of Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith he had long laboured to destroy." This is a collection of his personal correspondence.

The Life of Martyn Lloyd-Jones, 1899–1981 by Iain H. Murray (2013) • 9781848711808 •

A condensed version of Lloyd-Jones' books *The First Forty Years* and *The Fight for Faith*, this volume also offers insight into "a thoroughly humble man. He was a man of prayer, a powerful evangelist, ... in the fullest sense a servant of the Word of God."

The Light and the Glory: 1492–1793 by Peter Marshall and David Manuel (2009) • 9780800732714 •

Chronicling the great American experiment, Marshall and Manuel trace events from Columbus' journey through George Washington's presidency to reveal the central role that Christianity played in our nation's founding.

Martin Luther by Eric Metaxas (2017) • 9781101980019 •

"The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World"

The One Year Book of Christian History by Michael and Sharon O. Rusten (2003) • 9780842355070 •

This one-year daily devotional looks at the events of faith that have changed the course of the world. Understand how God has carried out His unchanging plan and purpose throughout Church history.

A Short Life of Jonathan Edwards by George Marsden (2008) • 9780802802200 •

Marsden offers an approachable biography of Edwards (1703-1758)—theologian, pastor, missionary, college president, husband, and father of eleven.

The Triumph of Christianity by Rodney Stark (2008) • 9780062007698 •

"How the Jesus Movement Became the World's Largest Religion"

Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity by Mark Noll (2012) • 9780801039966 •

Noll explores fourteen critical moments that help frame Christianity's journey through the centuries.

Broadcasts & Other Audio

Adventures in Odyssey®: For God & Country (Focus on the Family) • 9781589974746 •

Join Paul Revere on his midnight ride, meet President Abraham Lincoln as the nation is being torn in two, escape with runaway slaves on the Underground Railroad, and learn how "The Star-Spangled Banner" was composed.

America's Strong Foundation (Pastor Tommy Nelson) • 9781624714740 •

Nelson presents a fascinating outline of America's history from its beginnings to the present day, describing how our nation has veered from the biblical principles of its founding.

Aspiring to Be a Hero: Lessons of Great Men and Women (Eric Metaxas) • 2350000010416 •

Metaxas shares from *7 Women* and *7 Men* about the hardships heroic men and women faced—individuals such as Corrie ten Boom and Eric Liddell. They faithfully battled adversity to positively impact the world.

The Bible in the Fabric of Society (Steve Green) • 2350000010676 •

Chairman of the Board for the Museum of the Bible, Green discusses the immeasurable influence the Bible has had on society and the amazing biblical artifacts that are on display at the museum in Washington, D.C.

C.S. Lewis: The Heart Behind Mere Christianity (Douglas Gresham, Paul McCusker) • 2350000006266 •

Gresham shares of growing up with the influence of his stepfather, C.S. Lewis. He and McCusker also discuss the production of *C.S. Lewis at War*, an 8-CD set of *Focus on the Family's Radio Theatre*, as well as Paul's book *C.S. Lewis & Mere Christianity*.

A Fascinating Journey Through America's Past (Dave Stotts) • 9781624713842 •

Stotts, host of the *Drive Thru History* DVD series, talks about his passion for American history and the importance of preserving the messages of faith and freedom established by the Founding Fathers.

The Founding of America (David Barton) • 9781624714849 •

Learn about the faith-filled backgrounds of some of the members of the Constitutional Convention—and how the portrayal of America's history affects current public policy decisions.

How Martin Luther Changed the World (Eric Metaxas) • 2350000011222 •

Metaxas notes that many of the freedoms of religion we enjoy today are a direct result of Martin Luther's passion to see corruption removed from the Church and allow people into a personal relationship with God.

How the Early Church Changed Culture (Ray Vander Laan) • 9781624714610 •

Vander Laan talks about the impact of the early church. They represented Christ in a hostile culture and served their fellow man—not just *knowing* the right thing to do according to God's Word (orthodoxy), but also *doing* the work of the Gospel (orthopraxy). Vander Laan encourages believers to return to that model.

Keeping the Promise of American Liberty (Eric Metaxas) • 2350000009373 •

Metaxas encourages listeners to re-ignite their passion for America. He talks about the nation's inspirational beginning; why the Founding Fathers viewed faith, virtue, and freedom so highly; and the importance of remembrance and rituals in our communities.

Learning From History's Great Men and Women (Eric Metaxas) • 2350000009274 •

Metaxas emphasizes the great obstacles, trials of faith, and hardships that some of history's heroic men and women faced—and how they were able to overcome difficulty and positively influence the world.

Learning to Love America Again (Eric Metaxas) • 2350000010997 •

Metaxas discusses the importance of acknowledging both the mistakes and successes in our nation's history. He encourages us to understand America's heritage, and to pass that knowledge on to our children.

Putting Your Faith into Action (Charles Colson) • 2350000002657 •

If today's believers would engage the culture the way the early church did, Colson believes our nation could be transformed. He discusses the importance of Christian orthodoxy and orthopraxy, the influence the church has historically had on society, and the responsibility of believers to stand up for their faith in the public arena.

Why Liberty Requires Responsibility (Pastor Andy Stanley) • 2350000009823 •

Stanley explains why Americans must exercise moral values in order for the Constitution to work properly, and why implementing more laws won't fix our problems.

DVDs

God & Country by Andy Stanley (2010) • 2350000001322 •

"While politicians frame the debate as rich vs. poor, big business vs. the middle class, or Republican vs. Democrat, there is another conflict that reflects a much deeper divide in American culture—a conflict that, if resolved, could pave the way for our nation to come together and successfully address the issues that fill the airways."

Drive Thru History hosted by Dave Stotts • ages 12-18 (available through many local and online retailers)

This fast-paced series takes viewers on tours through historical sites to bring history to life and set it in the context of a Christian worldview.

Drive Thru History

- #1: Rome If You Want To
- #2: Greece and the Word
- #3: Turkish Delight
- #4: East Meets West

Drive Thru History: American History

- America: Foundations of Character
- #1: Columbus, the Pilgrims, and Early Boston
- #2: Patriots, Penn, and the Freedom Trail
- #3: New York, New Jersey, and Washington's Warriors
- #4: Soldiers, Jamestown, and Heroes of Virginia

Drive Thru History: Holy Land

- #1: [Egypt to Qumran](#) • 9780310396338 •
- #2: [Jericho to Megiddo](#) • 9780310396864 •
- #3: [Bethlehem to Caesarea](#) • 9780310397038 •
- #4: [Jerusalem to Calvary](#) • 9780310397182 •

That the World May Know® by Ray Vander Laan (Focus on the Family)

Vander Laan weaves together the Bible's historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts. He offers insights into Scripture's significance for believers today.

- [The True Christmas Story](#) • 9781624053948 •
- [The True Easter Story](#) • 9781624052422 •

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| #1: Promised Land • 9780310878766 • | #9: Fire on the Mountain • 9780310879800 • |
| #2: Prophets and Kings • 9780310878803 • | #10: With All Your Heart • 9780310879848 • |
| #3: Life and Ministry of the Messiah • 9780310878841 • | #11: The Path to the Cross • 9780310880608 • |
| #4: Death and Resurrection of the Messiah • 9780310878889 • | #12: Walking With God in the Desert • 9780310880646 • |
| #5: The Early Church • 9780310879640 • | #13: Israel's Mission • 9780310811978 • |
| #6: In the Dust of the Rabbi • 9780310879688 • | #14: The Mission of Jesus • 9780310812586 • |
| #7: Walk As Jesus Walked • 9780310879725 • | #15: A Clash of Kingdoms • 9780310085775 • |
| #8: God Heard Their Cry • 9780310879763 • | #16: Cultures in Conflict • 9780310085942 • |

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Resource Lists and Q&As**

Resource Lists

- focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a/resources-and-referrals
Find recommended resources and referrals listed by topic, including the following:

- [Christian Growth for Adults](#) • RL022 •
- [Cults, World Religions, & Apologetics](#) • RL028 •

Q&As

- focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a
Browse our Q&As for advice and encouragement.

Referrals

Focus on the Family Counseling Consultation Line

If you need someone to talk to, [Focus on the Family offers a free phone counseling consultation with a licensed counselor.](#) Call 1-855-771-HELP (4357), Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM (MT). Our staff may need to call you back, but they'd love to speak with you.

Focus on the Family's Christian Counselor Network

Search for licensed Christian counselors in your area: FocusOnTheFamily.com/FindACounselor

American Values

Gary L. Bauer, President

P.O. Box 1223

Merrifield, VA 22116

703/671-9700

ouramericanvalues.org

- This non-profit organization shares the vision of liberty from our Founding Fathers. They seek to remind Americans of that vision and unite public support behind conservative principles.

The Foundation for American Christian Education

The Hall-Slater Christian History Library

4225 Portsmouth Boulevard

Chesapeake, VA 23321

800/352-3223

[face.net](https://www.facebook.com/face.net)

- This organization researches, documents, and publishes materials on America's Christian history and government.

Jefferson Center for Character Education (Passkeys Foundation)

P.O. Box 4137

Mission Viejo, CA 92690

949/770-7602

jeffersoncenter.org

- This foundation offers materials that can be used in public, private, and home-school education for students of all ages.

Plymouth Rock Foundation

1120 Long Pond Road

Plymouth, MA 02360

800/210-1620

plymrock.org

- This organization seeks to preserve and share the rich Christian heritage of the United States.

Providence Foundation

P.O. Box 6759

Charlottesville, VA 22906

434/978-4535

providencefoundation.com

- This ministry trains pastors and lay leaders by offering presentations, seminars, historical tours, and summer courses.

WallBuilders

P.O. Box 397

Aledo, TX 76008

817/441-6044—General

800/873-2845—Orders

wallbuilders.com

- This ministry is dedicated to rebuilding God's principles in public affairs, and they offer a number of resources.

World History Institute

P.O. Box 4673

Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

805/523-0072

worldhistoryinstitute.com

- This institute is dedicated to teaching America's Christian heritage.