



Resource List: Social Issues

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Books

[Captive in Iran](#) by Maryam Rostampour and Marziyeh Amirizadeh (2014) • 9781414371214 •

Two women shared their Christian faith in Iran—and were eventually imprisoned in Evin Prison in Tehran. They continued to minister to others and were finally freed.

[City of Man: Religion and Politics in a New Era](#) by Michael Gerson and Peter Wehner (2010) • 9780802458575 •

Former White House insiders Gerson and Wehner call evangelicals toward a new kind of political engagement—a kind that is better both for the Church and the country, and that avoids historic mistakes of both the Religious Right and the Religious Left.

[A Compassionate Call to Counter Culture](#) by David Platt (2015) • 9781414373294 •

Platt explores how to take a stand for God's truth on issues of poverty, same-sex marriage, racism, sex slavery, immigration, persecution, abortion, orphan care, and pornography.

[Compelling Interest: The Real Story Behind Roe v. Wade](#) by Roger Resler (2012) • 9781618431134 •

Resler draws from original sources and interviews with experts to examine the historic *Roe v. Wade* decision, and he offers balanced insight that will challenge your thinking on abortion—regardless of your current stance.

[Culture Shift: The Battle for the Moral Heart of America](#) by Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr. (2011) • 9781601423818 •

Mohler applies biblical insights to today's challenging topics—including parenting, education, entertainment, politics, homosexuality, abortion, and terrorism.

[Generous Justice: Finding Grace in God Through Practicing Justice](#) by Timothy Keller (2010) • 9781594486074 •

Keller helps seekers and lifelong Christians understand that God's justice for the poor and marginalized is central to His command to "love thy neighbor as thyself."

[God & Government](#) by Charles Colson (2007) • 9780310277644 •

This updated edition of Colson's book *Kingdoms in Conflict* includes a new foreword, new stories, recent court cases, and a revised opening—all depicting today's international climate marked by terrorism and conflict with radical Islam.

[He Walks Among Us: Encounters With Christ in a Broken World](#) by Richard and Reneé Stearns (2013) • 9781400321865 •

This 90-day devotional underscores Christ's transforming love as you read stories about people in desperate situations around the world whose lives were changed by God's sovereign care.

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

Schmidt documents the impact of Christianity through the centuries—both good and bad—and how the faith has inspired great achievements and become the moral basis for Western civilization.

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

Colson and Pearcey alert believers to the increasing divergence between a Christian worldview and those of a culture that's morally adrift. They explain how Christian truth can influence education, science, medicine, the legal system, and the media.

How Should Christians Vote? by Tony Evans (2012) • 9780802404794 •

Evans looks at the necessary qualities of a good candidate—including intellect, education, competency, skill, and spiritual beliefs—to help us evaluate individuals in light of God's Word.

Just Courage: God's Great Expedition for the Restless Christian by Gary Haugen (2008) • 9780830834945 •

Haugen doesn't believe that Christians are called to lives of safety and comfort. He offers a vision for a more satisfying way of life: joining God in reaching out to a hurting world.

Killing Christians: Living the Faith Where It's Not Safe to Believe by Tom Doyle (2015) • 9780718030681 •

Doyle shares the stories of Christians in the Middle East who face torture and martyrdom—and who long for others to know how the Lord works through unimaginable suffering.

Let Justice Roll Down by John Perkins (2012) • 9780801018152 •

The son of sharecroppers in 1930s Mississippi, Perkins grew up under the weight of poverty and racism. He came to Christ in California and returned home to share the Gospel and help others find equality, justice, and economic independence.

The Next Christians: Seven Ways You Can Live the Gospel and Restore the World by Gabe Lyons (2012) • 9780385529853 •

Lyons encourages readers to be restorers—believers who stand for truth while engaging others with grace and love. Learn to live a faithful life that credibly reflects Christ.

One Nation: What We Can All Do to Save America's Future by Ben Carson, M.D. (2014) • 9781595231123 •

Carson discusses the current state of our nation and encourages readers to consider what they can do to reverse negative trends.

Oneness Embraced: Through the Eyes of Tony Evans by Tony Evans (2011) • 9780802412669 •

Evans encourages the Church to embrace our diversity in Christ so we can more effectively share His love with others.

Onward: Engaging the Culture Without Losing the Gospel by Russell Moore (2015) • 9781433686177 •

Moore discusses western Christianity's shift from *moral majority* to *prophetic minority*, and he encourages a renewed focus on seeking God's Kingdom so that we can speak His truth regarding the issues of our day.

Passport Through Darkness: A True Story of Danger and Second Chances by Kimberly Smith (2010) • 9781434702128 •

Traveling around the world, Smith and her family discovered the atrocities of human trafficking. As she and her husband make every effort to save thousands from slavery, persecution, and disease, they see God work in impossible situations.

Persecuted: The Global Assault on Christians by Paul Marshall, Lela Gilbert, and Nina Shea (2013) • 9781400204410 •

Understand widespread persecution happening around the world, and learn how to better pray and take action.

Proclaiming Truth: A Liberal Journalist Asks Tough Questions (Kirsten Powers) • 9781624712821 •

First aired in April 2013, Kirsten Powers discusses the trial of abortionist Dr. Kermit Gosnell, as well as the mainstream media's minimal coverage of the horrendous crimes committed in a Philadelphia abortion clinic.

Refocus: Living a Life That Reflects God's Heart by Jim Daly (2012) • 9780310331766 •

Daly encourages Christians to embrace a biblical model of cultural engagement—engaging those with whom we disagree in a spirit of grace, compassion, and love, while remaining committed to upholding biblical truth.

The Ring Makes All the Difference by Glenn Stanton (2011) • 9780802402165 •

Most cohabiting couples view the arrangement as a step toward—or as a substitute for—marriage. But Stanton offers a compelling factual case that nearly every area of health and happiness is increased by marriage and decreased by cohabitation.

Say Yes to God: A Call to Courageous Surrender by Kay Warren (2010) • 9780310328360 •

Whether God calls you to minister to the poorest of the poor or the richest of the rich, He can work through you to share His love and hope with a desperate world.

Secret Believers: What Happens When Muslims Believe in Christ by Brother Andrew (2008) • 9780800732646 •

Understand the persecution facing Christians in the Middle East—and God's call to forgiveness and prayer.

Singing Through the Night by Anneke Companjen (2007) • 9780800731984 •

Read stories of eleven women in nine countries who have lost their loved ones, their livelihoods, or even their freedom—but who still love and praise God.

Stolen: The True Story of a Sex Trafficking Survivor by Katariina Rosenblatt (2014) • 9780800723453 •

Rosenblatt shares about being trapped in a child trafficking ring and how she overcame the cycle of violence—and now helps others escape.

Too Small to Ignore: Why the Least of These Matters Most by Dr. Wess Stafford (2007) • 9781400073924 •

Children are our future, but throughout the world, many become victims of war, pornography, prostitution, and poverty. Learn why it's crucial to make children a priority and to never overlook the importance of investing in their lives.

The Truth War: Fighting for Certainty in an Age of Deception by John MacArthur (2008) • 9781400202409 •

In a postmodern culture, Christians face a push to eliminate absolute Truth. But MacArthur reclaims the unwavering certainty of God's Truth and anchors Christians in the eternal, immovable promises found in His Word.

Unlikely: Setting Aside Differences to Live Out the Gospel by Kevin Palau (2015) • 9781476789446 •

Palau shares about the creation of CityServe, an unlikely but God-directed partnership between the city of Portland and a group of churches.

While the World Watched by Carolyn Maull McKinstry (2013) • 9781414336374 •

"A Birmingham Bombing Survivor Comes of Age During the Civil Rights Movement"—McKinstry shares about growing up in the South. She describes what she and others suffered and how the Lord gave her the strength to forgive.

The White Umbrella: Walking With Survivors of Sex Trafficking by Mary Frances Bowley (2012) • 9780802408594 •

Bowley shares stories of girls who have been forced into the sex trade and of individuals who've reached out to protect and lead them to restoration. Whether by prayer or action, we can all play a role in these girls' healing.

With Justice for All: A Strategy for Community Development by John Perkins (2011) • 9780801018169 •

Perkins extends an invitation to live out the Gospel in a way that brings good news to the poor and liberty to the oppressed—so that every racial and ethnic group might be reconciled to one another and work together to further God's Kingdom.

Why Family Matters: A Modern Look at an Ancient Truth by Focus on the Family (2013) • 235000000370 •

Understand how modern sociological research supports the ancient institutions of marriage and family. Learn to champion the family as God intended it to be.

Why Marriage Matters: Reasons to Believe in Marriage in Post-Modern Society by Glenn Stanton (1997) • 9781576830185 •

Drawing from 100 years of social science research, Stanton examines the state of marriage in America and gives solid evidence why marriage benefits society.

Broadcasts & DVDs

Advocating for Religious Liberty (Chuck Colson, Richard Doerflinger) • 9781624710773 •

Taped in 2012, Colson and Doerflinger discuss a government mandate that undermines the First Amendment by forcing religious groups and employers to violate deeply held moral convictions.

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

Nelson presents an outline of America's history from its beginnings to the present day, describing how our nation has veered from the biblical principles upon which it was founded.

Birmingham and Beyond: Racial Tensions in America – I, II (Carolyn McKinstry) • 9781624718366 •

McKinstry survived the 1963 bombing of her church by the Ku Klux Klan, which killed four friends and injured another. In describing the struggles she and others endured, she shares Christ's message of love and forgiveness.

Challenges to Our Religious Freedoms (Helen Alvaré, Jordan Lorence, Aaron and Melissa Klein) • 9781624715402 •

First aired in 2013, law professor Helen Alvaré, attorney Jordan Lorence, and business owners Aaron and Melissa Klein discuss recent examples of infringements upon religious freedoms that continue to pop up across the United States.

Changing Culture by Changing Hearts (John MacArthur) • 9781624711619 •

If our primary goal is to change the world's moral values, we become enemies of society rather than compassionate friends. But it's possible to silence critics when our lives and actions reflect the truth of the God who loves, saves, and transforms people.

Changing Lives in the Inner City – I, II (Panel) • 9781624719394 •

The transforming power of the Gospel and the efforts of both an inner-city entrepreneur and a local pastor are helping men, in particular, overcome substance abuse and hopelessness to live confident, productive lives.

Cohabitation: Why Traditional Marriage Matters (Glenn Stanton) • 9781624718335 •

Stanton talks about how living together has the biggest negative impact on the woman, as well as the children in the home. He explains that waiting until marriage to experience life under one roof is a better choice for everyone involved.

Confronting Racism in Your Heart, Home, and Community (Kay Coles James) • 9781624710803 •

James shares her experiences as an African-American growing up during school integration. She discusses the importance of raising children to live in a racially diverse world without discriminating against anyone.

Courageously Stepping Out to Change the World – I, II (Pastor Eugene Cho) • 9781624719516 •

Cho shares his struggle of learning to walk his talk. After struggling with unemployment and underemployment, he became a pastor, took a mission trip to Burma, was convicted to help alleviate poverty, and started the organization One Day's Wages.

The Drop Box: Saving Babies, Changing Lives (Brian Ivie, Kelly Rosati) • 9781624718434 •

Ivie shares about his conversion as a result of filming *The Drop Box*, which documents a South Korean pastor's efforts to rescue hundreds of abandoned babies. Learn more about the needs of orphans worldwide.

Engaging Politically in This New Era (Peter Wehner, Michael Gerson) • 9781624713736 •

Wehner and Gerson discuss thoughts from their book *City of Man: Religion and Politics in a New Era*, encouraging Christians who engage in the political arena to do so in a persuasive and appealing way, without compromising biblical principles.

Engaging the Culture: Marriage and Religious Liberties (Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr.) • 9781624711343 •

Mohler shares insights on today's culture, focusing on religious liberties surrounding the institution of marriage, as well as the issue of tolerance.

Engaging Today's Culture With the Gospel – I, II (Dr. Russell Moore) • 9781624719271 •

Moore suggests the Church has always been a minority, but we didn't realize it. As we see our freedoms erode and our nation become secularized, Moore gives hope for the future of Christianity and the Church—even if the culture dismisses our faith.

The Erosion of Marriage in America (Helen Alvaré) • 9781624712623 •

Marriage is a divine gift from God and is the best environment for children to be nurtured into productive citizens. But Alvaré, a law professor, reveals the calculated path through the court system that has undermined marriage as God intends.

Exposing the Dark World of Human Trafficking – I, II (Linda Smith, "Briana") • 9781624712968 •

Smith, of Shared Hope International, and "Briana," a victim of sex trafficking, share the realities of this horrific industry. They encourage parents to help teens recognize signs of someone who is being trafficked—or someone who wants to control *them*.

Faith in Action: Defending Religious Freedom (Congressman Frank Wolf, Ambassador Tony Hall) • 9781624712005 •

Sharing stories from their own efforts and experiences, Wolf and Hall discuss our moral responsibility to be global advocates for human dignity and freedom of religion.

Finding Purpose Through Saving Others – I, II (Kimberly Smith) • 9781624710636 •

Smith shares how God led her to rescue victims from human trafficking. Though difficult to hear about the horrendous situations she witnessed and encountered, her story reminds listeners of God's heart for the orphans, widows, and oppressed.

Forty Years Since Roe v. Wade (Yvette Maher, Jim Daly) • 9781624712449 •

Maher shares her testimony of having one abortion and almost going through with a second—but choosing life instead and giving birth to twin girls. She and Daly talk about the sanctity of human life and about Focus' Option Ultrasound program.

George W. Bush: Reflections on the Presidency – I, II (Former President George W. Bush) • 9781624717727 •

Focus on the Family president Jim Daly interviews America's 43rd president—who reflects candidly on 9/11 and other defining moments based on his memoir, *Decision Points*.

Having Compassion for the World's Children – I, II (Dr. Wess Stafford) • 9781624715099 •

President Emeritus of Compassion International, Stafford endured horrible abuse as a child in a missionary boarding school—but he found emotional healing by forgiving those who hurt him, and went on to fulfill his God-given desire to help children around the world. Here he shares his concern for the sanctity of human life and for the impressionable hearts of children.

Human Trafficking: What You Need to Know – I, II (Linda Smith, "Lacy") • 9781624718328 •

Smith, founder of Share Hope International, and Lacy discuss human trafficking of minors in the U.S. Lacy shares her story of being trafficked, starting at the age of 12, and of finding help and learning to forgive her perpetrators. Linda shares the signs of trafficking so parents, children, youth leaders, and teachers know what to watch for.

Jeb Bush on the Importance of Family (Jeb Bush) • 9781624718779 •

Bush talks about his family heritage, issues that families care about, and the importance of strong families. He also speaks on the sanctity of human life, the protection of religious freedoms, and civil engagement on cultural issues.

Kirsten Powers on Faith and Freedoms – I, II (Kirsten Powers) • 9781624719035 •

Powers shares about her liberal upbringing and coming to faith. She also talks about the many ways our freedoms of speech are being suppressed, discussing tactics used and the impact these efforts are having, especially on college campuses. She points to the need for conversations in the public arena, and she advises how we can have disagreements in a respectful way.

A Legacy of Justice and Freedom (Dr. John Perkins) • 9781624712432 •

At 82, Perkins has a vivid memory of the early years in a segregated Southern Mississippi that was cruel toward African Americans. Sharing his testimony of finding Christ and being nearly beaten to death by white law officers, he encourages listeners to pray for those who persecute them and remember that every life is worthy of respect.

Living Out Your Faith in Culture (Pastor Brady Boyd, Gabe Lyons) • 9781624714726 •

Boyd and Lyons talk about Christian leadership, where the Church is heading and how it can effectively engage the culture, and how believers can discern their role in God's plan.

Making the Case for Traditional Marriage (Dr. Brad Wilcox, Glenn Stanton) • 9781624714290 •

Wilcox and Stanton discuss research affirming that the best family structure for both children and adults is a one-man, one-woman, married household. They talk about how the decline of marriage—and the increase in cohabitation and out-of-wedlock childbearing—impacts the culture.

Marriage and the Supreme Court (Professor Helen Alvaré, Dr. Al Mohler) • 9781624712760 •

First aired in 2013, Alvaré and Mohler talk about deliberations by the Supreme Court on the definition of marriage and legality of same-sex marriage, as well as the Proposition 8 law passed in California, which protected marriage as being between one man and one woman.

Merging Faith and Policy to Benefit Families (Senator Tim Scott) • 9781624718212 •

Raised by a single mom while living with his grandparents, Scott's future changed when a mentor stepped in and he accepted Christ. He shares how America is the land of second chances and how his faith shapes how he interacts with his constituents.

Modern Feminism and the Gender Blur – I, II (Nancy Leigh DeMoss, Mary Kassian) • 9781624712609 •

Feminism is a prevailing mindset in our culture, but we can't dismiss God's design for men and women. DeMoss and Kassian discuss the joy that comes from purposefully living out biblical manhood and womanhood.

Navigating End-of-Life Decisions – I, II (Dr. Margaret Cottle, Jason Tippetts, Kara Tippetts) • 9781624718113 •

Cottle (a medical specialist who cares for the terminally ill) and the Tippetts share their hearts in dealing with Kara's incurable cancer—how they're handling grief, minimizing family conflict, helping young children cope, and how to care for Kara in her remaining days. They offer compassionate and godly perspectives on how to live well while facing a terminal diagnosis.

Putting Your Faith Into Action (Chuck Colson) • 9781624717482 •

Colson 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.

Reaching Your Neighbors for Christ – I, II (Rev. Lee Strobel) • 9781624717628 •

In a message to teens and parents, Strobel shares stories and offers suggestions to help Christians not be afraid of non-believers' tough questions. Living out our beliefs genuinely and winsomely can attract others to the Jesus they see in our lives.

Reclaiming the Culture of Your Community (Bryan Wickens) • 9781624713460 •

Wickens discusses his grassroots efforts to reduce the number of sexually oriented businesses in his community, and he offers advice about how listeners can make a positive difference in their own communities.

Refocusing Our Lives to Reflect God's Heart – I, II (Jim Daly) • 9781624711886 •

Sharing thoughts from his book *ReFocus*, Daly encourages believers to rise above political agendas and partisan battles—and instead, interact with others in a way that reveals the Lord's kindness to a hurting world.

Religious Liberties Around the World (Frank Wolf) • 9781624719424 •

First aired in 2015, former Congressman Frank Wolf speaks about the current threat to religious liberties around the world, including the eradication of religious minorities in Iraq and the ISIS terrorism outbreak. He encourages listeners to become active on behalf of religious freedom and to pray for persecuted Christians.

Responding to the Supreme Court Decision on Same Sex Marriage (Professor Helen Alvaré, Dr. Al Mohler) • 9781624719127 •

Alvaré and Mohler discuss the Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage issued June 26, 2015.

Showing Christ's Love to Your City (Kevin Palau, Sam Adams) • 9781624719578 •

Palau, author of *Unlikely*, and Adams talk about their friendship formed in the context of meeting social needs in Portland. They offer a practical example of how Christians can dialogue respectfully and share the love of Christ with those who hold different views.

A Vision of Christ Among the World's Poor – I, II (Richard and Reneé Stearns) • 9781624717970 •

The Stearns share stories of their world travels and their faith in Jesus that brings unity —no matter the country or culture.

A Visit With Dr. Ben Carson – I, II (Dr. Ben Carson) • 9781624716690 •

Carson talks about being raised by a single mother, his early struggles with anger, and finding God. He discusses godly leadership, as well as the importance of education, and he touches on issues such as debt, welfare, and abortion —and how we should interact with those who have differing views.

A Visit With Governor Bobby Jindal (Governor Bobby Jindal) • 9781624714856 •

Jindal shares his story of coming to faith in Christ. He discusses his pro-life stance and concerns for the family in a troubled culture, and he suggests how Christians can engage in the political process while keeping their focus on Christ.

Why Should Christians Vote? (Dr. Tony Evans) • 9781624711794 •

Evans talks about the need for citizens to participate in the free election process, both as a privilege and duty. He urges voters to exercise that right as ambassadors for God's Kingdom —to protect religious freedoms and to better our society.



The Drop Box (Focus on the Family) • 83061117795 • DVD

This documentary tells the true story of a South Korean pastor's efforts to protect abandoned children. It's a story about the forgotten, the disabled, the discarded —and the man who gives everything to protect them.

The Family Project (Focus on the Family) • 2350000000486 • DVD

This 12-session series explores the theological, philosophical, and cultural underpinnings of the traditional family, and combines that information with inspiring stories and practical tools to help 21st-century families thrive.

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Q&As

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Browse our Q&As for advice and encouragement.

Resource Lists

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

- Adoption** • RL012 •
- Evangelism** • RL074 •
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- Prison Ministry** • RL026 •
- Pro-Life Advocacy & Encouragement** • RL001A •
- Suggestions for Community Involvement** • RL021 •

Referrals

Alliance Defending Freedom

15100 North 90th Street
Scottsdale, AZ 85260
800/835-5233

alliancedefendingfreedom.org

- ADF defends the right to hear and speak biblical truth through strategy, training, funding, and litigation.

American Values

P.O. Box 1223
Merrifield, VA 22116
703/671-9700

ouramericanvalues.org

- This non-profit organization shares our Founding Fathers' vision of, and unites public support behind, conservative principles.

Concerned Women for America

1015 15th Street Northwest, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005
202/488-7000

cwfa.org

- This nationwide information center keeps women current on the status of political, family-oriented issues and helps members bring biblical principles into all levels of public policy.

Eagle Forum

P.O. Box 618
Alton, IL 62002
618/462-5415

eagleforum.org

- This social conservative interest group defends traditional values and the family in the public policy arena.

Family Policy Alliance (formerly CitizenLink)

8655 Explorer Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80920
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familypolicyalliance.com

- Family Policy Alliance is a public policy partner of Focus on the Family. They are dedicated to family issues in policy and culture.

Family Research Council

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- FRC supports Christian principles and pro-family issues in Washington, D.C.

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