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Even when life presents challenges, the phrase 'Limping But Blessed' beautifully captures the spirit of overcoming adversity. It speaks to finding strength amidst vulnerability, discovering profound blessings despite hardships, and showcasing true resilience. This journey of spiritual growth through struggle reminds us that grace can be found even in our most vulnerable moments.

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After the unexpected, accidental death of his three-year-old son, Jason Jones went on a long, painful journey to make sense of how God could have let this happen to his son and best friend, Jacob, and to their family. And he struggled intensely with his faith after everything he thought about God disintegrated on June 12, 2011. In *Limping But Blessed*, Jones explores struggling with faith and belief, dealing with his depression and grief, and searching for hope in a hopeless situation. The book includes tales of his darkest days, correspondence he had with Christian theologians, and what he's done to preserve his son's legacy. At some point in each of our lives, something goes terribly wrong, and our faith is shaken to the core. This book is the story of one man's journey through the darkest time of life searching for answers and a grueling attempt to find a sliver of hope to keep holding on.

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For Jurgen Moltmann, theological anthropology must be liberating. It should take a stand against dehumanizing images and concepts of human life and point out ways to "true humanity." In his view, a theologian can develop such a liberating anthropology only if he speaks explicitly from the perspective of God's kingdom as conceived in the Bible and the Christian tradition and if he speaks to and in his context, as one who experiences contemporary sufferings and hopes. But how? This book analyzes the development of Moltmann's theology in the light of this quest for a liberating view on human life. It examines the anthropological concerns in the different stages of his theological enterprise: his post-war Trummertheologie, the "loose theological threads" of the 1950s, his theology of hope and promise in the 1960s, his theology of the cross, human rights and play in the 1970s and his ecological and "charismatic" theology of the 1980s and 1990s. Moltmann's theological thinking has taken place consciously at the intersection of personal experiences, historical challenges, biblical testimony and

the fundamentals of the Christian tradition. Analyzing his quest for a liberating anthropology in a chronological way, this study therefore gives an impression of the frictions and fault lines of Christian anthropology in the context of the societal changes during the second half of the twentieth century. A concluding chapter discusses some of the problems accentuated in the course of this analysis and evaluates some valuable leads for a Christian anthropology today. TON VAN PROOIJEN submitted this study as his doctoral dissertation at the Free University of Amsterdam. His current research interests include anthropology and politics, particularly the concept of humankind in Christian Democratic political thought.

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Are you experiencing a "valley" of life, a disappointment, or shattered dreams? In "Limping But Blessed," you will discover that God can meet you where you are right now, take you by the hand, and lead you to a new outlook on life, a new hope, and unlock a new you at the fullest of blessedness. Zig Ziglar says, "How you see your future is much more important than what happened in your past." The concepts in this book will help you add a little swag to your limping knowing beyond a shadow of doubt that God's got you!

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The Write Stuff

With clarity and wit, preacher and writer Sondra Willobee explores the joyful process of crafting effective sermons. Gathering the strategies of good writers, Willobee shows how to capture and keep listeners' attention, how to generate suspense through structure, and how to increase impact with vivid language. In addition, Willobee offers examples, exercises, and reflections that help turn each chapter into a preaching workshop. The result is a book that will rekindle the creativity of experienced preachers and help new preachers develop their own compelling voices.

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The stories of Scripture are for everyone. No exceptions. Emmy Kegler has a complicated relationship with the Bible. As a queer woman who grew up in both conservative Evangelical and progressive Protestant churches, she knows too well how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude. And yet, the stories of Scripture continue to captivate and inspire her--both as a person of faith and as a pastor to a congregation. So she set out to fall in love with the Bible, wrestling with the stories inside, where she met a God who continues to seek us out--appearing again and again as a voice, a presence, and a promise. Whenever we are pushed to the edges, our voices silenced, or our stories dismissed, God goes out after us--seeking us until we are found again. And God is seeking out those whose voices we too quickly silence and dismiss, too. Because God's story is a story of welcome and acceptance for everyone--no exceptions. Kegler shows us that even when we feel like lost and dusty coins--rusted from others' indifference, misspent and misused--God picks up a broom and sweeps every corner of creation to find us.

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When we look to the Bible for role models in our daily discipleship, we tend to think of Noah's obedience and David's bravery. *Limping With God: Jacob and the Old Testament Guide to Messy Discipleship* posits that we can also look to Jacob. Jacob seems to be anything but a model disciple, though we can learn a lot from his journey. He's a trickster, liar, and selfishly ambitious man who fathers children with four women and leads a dysfunctional family rife with jealousy and backstabbing. But Jacob is also Israel, the namesake of the Old Testament community of God, chosen and blessed. As such, this sinner-saint, who limps along with the Lord, burdened by weakness and beset by problems, is the mirror image of all of us who follow Jesus. In Jacob's life we see our lives, our struggles, our failures, and most especially the God who loves us and chooses us as his own. As we explore his bio, from his wrangling in the womb with Esau to his death as an old man in Egypt, we will learn more about ourselves and the God who is with us and for us in Jesus the Messiah. From the author: "I have entitled this book *Limping With God* instead of *Walking With God* or *Running With God*, not because there would be anything wrong with those metaphors, but because, as Jacob limped away from his famous wrestling match with God, so we all get by on bum hips and bad knees. Following Jesus, we gimp our way down the dark and slippery paths of life. As we do, we discover, ironically, that the longer we follow him, the weaker we become, and the more we lean on our Lord. Finally, at our most mature, our eyes are opened to realize that we've never run or walked or even limped a single day of our lives. "We've been on Christ's shoulders the entire time."

One Coin Found

Meet ordinary people who exemplify the upside-down values of Jesus' Beatitudes. "Why me?" is the cry I hear most often in my work as a hospice chaplain. I'm not a theologian, but through my encounters with people who are elderly, disabled, dying, and bereaved - and through my own quest for peace - Jesus' teachings known as the Beatitudes have become essential. They describe the attributes of God's people: God is with those who suffer, those beaten down by life and rejected by the world. Whether you consider yourself a Christian or not, you too can be encouraged by these words: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *Broken but Blessed* is a journey through the lives of ordinary people who exemplify these values, which flip the priorities of modern society on their head. Perhaps you, like one of these people, are up against insurmountable odds, battling illness or devastated by loss. You may have been rejected, betrayed, or abused. Whatever you are facing, these people will accompany you, showing how suffering can be transformed into blessing and how, even in our own brokenness, we can become a blessing to others.

Limping with God

It's hard to say that God is good when God isn't always what we expect good to be. A good father wouldn't make it so difficult to get to know him, would he? And if God is all-powerful, wouldn't he ensure that we never suffered? Either our understanding of God is incorrect, or our definition of good is inadequate. In a world that is messy and a church that is imperfect, it's easy to let our faith be lost. But that doesn't mean we have to lose God. It means we must consider the fact that perhaps our idealized expectations are just plain wrong. With transparency about his own struggles with cynicism and doubt, pastor Luke Norsworthy helps frustrated Christians and skeptics trade their confinement of God in an anemic definition of good for confidence in the God who is present in everything, including our suffering.

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Given a life spent in scholarship and controversy, it is easy to forget how much energy Martin Luther devoted to helping the common person understand and take comfort from God's word. This commitment extended to even the most challenging of biblical texts, and nowhere is this more apparent than Luther's work on the lament Psalms. Difficult to understand, and perhaps even more difficult to implement in life and devotion, the lament Psalms played a key role in Luther's thought. More importantly, the lament Psalms were for Luther an essential part of the Christian's understanding of the life of faith. In this volume, Dennis Ngien helps contemporary readers engage Luther's commentary on the lament Psalms. What Luther intended for the education and encouragement of everyday Christians, Ngien

unpacks and illuminates for life in the twenty-first century. Introduced and commended by Robert Kolb, the volume will be appreciated by teacher and student alike.

God over Good

In *The Magnificent Defeat*, Frederick Buechner examines what it means to follow Christ, the lessons of Christmas and Easter, the miracles of grace, and "the magnificent defeat" of the human soul of God.

Fruit for the Soul

A brand-new volume in the New Interpreter's line, offering in one volume articles on all books of the Bible, including the Apocrypha

The Magnificent Defeat

Blessed is the first book in the autobiographical series, *Blessed and Cursed and Won* by first-time author, Oliver J. Tanner. It follows Oliver through his experience being raised as the fifth of thirteen children in a home mired in abuse of every kind and continues through his early childhood into adolescence and finds its culmination in his experience serving for two years as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; an experience that not only changed his life and helped to shape who he is today, but culminated in his losing everything. Through it all, Oliver highlights how he has survived this journey and where he has found his answers and his inspiration to even just keep breathing. *Blessed* is raw, it is sometimes brutal, it is heartbreaking, it pulls no punches, and it is a statement to the world not only against the abuses suffered and an exposure of lies that have for too long prevailed, but also of the reasons why, even despite his difficult journey, Oliver truly does consider himself to be blessed beyond his wildest expectations. It is an examination of the real-life monsters in Oliver's past, both in his world and within himself. *Blessed* may feel like just a story to you as you read, and it may sometimes feel like it can't be real, but for Oliver, this is the story of his life, told more boldly and openly than he has ever told it to anyone before.

The New Interpreter's Bible One Volume Commentary

This series challenges adults to read Scripture in a new way -- to take a fresh look at familiar passages and discover new insights from them. Each 12-session course includes both a book and an easy-to-follow leader's guide. Great for adult church school classes and small group Bible study. Genesis is much more than a creation story. In this fresh look at the Bible's first book, you'll discover why God's election of Abraham was the pivotal event -- and how God used one faithful person to bless all people. Challenging studies for mature Christians that assume knowledge of the Scriptures

Blessed

Are you struggling to overcome feelings of bitterness, betrayal, and unforgiveness from your past hurts? Do you feel stuck because past events seem to plague you constantly? You were not placed on this earth to merely endure life but to live purposefully and authentically in your God-given calling. As women, we grapple with so many issues: sexual abuse, rape, neglect and suicidal tendencies, but your past hurts do not define the rest of your life. The different challenges we face can sometimes leave us feeling broken as we struggle to find our path in life but there is a blessing that may also come from it. In her first book, *Broken To Be Blessed*, Rozanne Comrie takes you along on a journey through the years of her life. After experiencing what no child should have to face in her childhood and struggling to find her identity in this world, Rozanne has been able to take her mess and turn it into a message of hope. It is proof that going through the fire of life does not have to leave you damaged forever. The scars from our past are proof that we fought and are still here and, if we let Him, God can take the brokenness and make it a beautiful blessing for yourself and others.

Like Sand, Like Stars

Gospel medicine is Barbara Taylor's metaphor for the healing power of God seen in the active and ongoing restoration of this broken world. In this new collection of sermons she practices the old-fashioned art of gospel home remedies like a true evangelist, summoning with piercing clarity and wit the Old and New Testament stories that have the power to mend our spirits, strengthen our weaknesses, and restore us to wholeness. Scripture comes to life in the contemporary people and places of which Taylor speaks. Georgia apple-growers become God's sharecroppers of the gospel

parable; through Mary's embracing of her role as God-bearer we are dared to take risks in our own discipleship; in Jonah's angry stand-off with God we see reflections of our own struggles with a God who is more forgiving than we want him to be; with tender awe after years of waiting Sarah wipes her hands on her apron and goes to tell Abraham she is to bear a child. Through the stories of Scripture, Taylor addresses with moving simplicity the contemporary wounds of anger, abandonment, fear of judgment, and a longing for home, healing, and mercy.

Broken to Be Blessed

The book of Genesis contains some of the most beautiful and well-known stories in the Bible: the garden, the flood, the tower of Babel, and the lives of the patriarchs. But these are more than just good stories. They lay the groundwork for God's relationship with humanity and for his plan for our salvation, making Genesis foundational to understanding everything else that happens in the Bible. Genesis reveals much about human nature and the nature of God. From the actions of the first man and woman, we see where our rebellious, sinful nature originates. And through the whole book we see the hand of a sovereign God who is loving and merciful, but also just and holy. Time and again in Genesis, God showers his grace upon undeserving humanity, giving us our first tastes of God's enduring faithfulness that shines throughout the entire Bible. R. Kent Hughes, respected pastor and author of many other commentaries in the Preaching the Word series, takes readers back to the beginning of the Bible and moves through Genesis with careful exegesis. He explores the superbly crafted structure of the book as well as the weighty themes it contains. For those who preach, teach, and study God's Word, this exceptionally detailed work will reveal much about the beginnings of God's great story. Part of the Preaching the Word series.

Gospel Medicine

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DEFINES YOU? WHAT IS YOUR IDENTITY? How you answer those questions affects every aspect of your life: personal, public, and spiritual. So it's vital to get the answer right. Pastor and best-selling author Mark Driscoll believes false identity is at the heart of many struggles—and that you can overcome them by having your true identity in Christ. In *Who Do You Think You Are?*, Driscoll explores the question, "What does it mean to be 'in Christ'?" In the process he dissects the false-identity epidemic and, more important, provides the only solution—Jesus. "This book will give you an unshakeable, biblical understanding of who you are in Christ. When you know who you are, you'll know what to do." —Craig Groeschel, Senior Pastor of LifeChurch.tv and author of *Soul Detox*, *Clean Living in a Contaminated World* "I spent years in ministry for Christ without understanding my identity in Christ. I know now that I was not alone. When, by the grace of God, we understand who we are in Christ, everything else can crumble and we will still be standing. I highly commend this book to you." —Sheila Walsh, speaker and author of *God Loves Broken People*

Sermons

A volume of extraordinary essays by 32 outstanding individuals.

Genesis

"...true theologians are more than good religious managers, for their hearts must be in what they are doing. Without personal authenticity, no one will believe in the truth of their message."- Jürgen Moltmann, from his lecture *What is a Theologian?* at the Pontifical University, Maynooth, Ireland (1998). Jürgen Moltmann was born into a secular family of teachers in Hamburg in 1926. His plans to study mathematics and physics were interrupted by the destruction of Hamburg in July of 1943. He was one of only a few students serving in the anti-aircraft battery in the central city that survived the Royal Air Force "fire storm" that killed over 40,000. He spent the next three years as a prisoner of war in labor camps in Belgium and Scotland, and finally at Camp Norton near Nottingham in England. After devouring every book that crossed his path during captivity, he eventually turned to reading the psalms and New Testament. These writings soothed his experiences with death, his depression and his guilt, and ushered along his theology, his belief in God and the power of hope. Jürgen Moltmann's work sprung from the social and political turmoil in post World War II German culture. In this Bibliography, the author lists more than twelve hundred sources from Jürgen Moltmann and more than eight hundred significant reviews, articles, and books on his work. He has also included most of the theologian's early writings in either German or English through the year 2001. Besides a foreword and essay by Moltmann, this volume includes a bibliographic biography of his life. Most of his works are listed by title

and first place of publication. Also listed are later versions and many of the translations. Translations of Moltmann's major books (in as many European languages as possible) as well as a list of known dissertations and monographs, presented in reverse chronological order for the reader's convenience, make for a well-rounded work. A research index helps the reader find the major pieces for some of Moltmann'

Who Do You Think You Are?

Preaching hope in the contexts of HIV and Aids, hunger and poverty are but some of the issues that are looked at in the seventeen chapters of this insightful book.

The Courage of Conviction

Put your flawed foot forward. Pick up most leadership books and you'll find strategies for leveraging your power and minimizing your areas of weakness. But think about the leaders whose names have gone down in history. Most of them were so messed up that, if they were looking for work today, no executive placement service would give them the time of day. God's criteria for choosing leaders runs counter to the conventional wisdom. Our culture equates strength with effectiveness, but God favors leaders who know the value of brokenness. In *Leading With a Limp*, you'll discover what makes flawed leaders so successful. They're not preoccupied with protecting their image, they are undaunted by chaos and complexity, they are ready to risk failure in moving an organization from what is to what should be. God chooses leaders who aren't deceived by the myths of power and control, but who realize that God's power is found in brokenness. If you are a leader—or if you have been making excuses to avoid leading—find out how you can take full advantage of your weakness. A limping leader is the person God uses to accomplish amazing things. To go deeper, check out the *Leading With a Limp Workbook*.

Harper's Young People

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Thoughts on Prayer

The Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Collection.

Jürgen Moltmann

In an exciting twist to the existing series, *The Jerusalem Scrolls*, the fourth book, takes the story back in time to tell an ancient tale of love, faith, and redemption.

Preaching as a Language of Hope

God's will is always to heal people, and this book proves it biblically. In this revised and expanded edition, Art Thomas unfolds down-to-earth arguments that are easy to read and understand. This will help you defend your own convictions about God's will to heal. With a new format and about 100 new pages of additional material, this book will be even more valuable to you as you grow in healing ministry.

Part One: Eliminating Paul's Thorn in the Flesh What was Paul's "thorn in the flesh"? Was it a sickness or disease that God refused to heal? Was it an eye problem? Was it a demon? In this book, author Art Thomas tackles the matter of Paul's "thorn in the flesh" with clarity and faithfulness to Scripture.

Part Two: Other Objections to God's Will for Healing We'll also look into some of the most classic objections to physical healing, including: Why isn't Everyone Healed? What about the Pool of Bethesda? What about All the Times God Afflicted People with Disease? What about King Hezekiah? What about Job? What about Jacob's Limp? What about Jesus' Hometown? What about Ananias and Sapphira? What about the Man at the Gate Beautiful? What about Timothy's Frequent Illnesses? What about Paul Leaving Trophimus sick in Miletus? What about God's Discipline? But Jesus was God! These questions have been used for years to argue that God does not always want to heal—a statement that is completely at odds with the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Part Three: Ten Things Jesus NEVER Said about Healing Derived from Art's popular sermon of the same title found on YouTube, this section further removes common unhealthy ideas about healing ministry by showing that they are at odds with the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus Christ healed every person who came to Him or called out to Him. He paid a very high price for healing, and He deserves to receive everything for which He paid. It is vital that we remove the "thorn" of doubt that skews our perspective of God. Get ready for some spiritual tweezers!

Leading with a Limp

"I've always loved the book of Genesis, where faith in the eternal, unchanging God of Abraham proves—paradoxically—to be more human than heroic. This is surely why I appreciate Ezra Byer's exploration of the life of Jacob, whose story provides a window for examining his own seasons of doubt and depression. Mercifully, Ezra strips us of the illusion that faith will always be the swift, steady, sure climb. He reminds that we might cling to God—and still feel his absence. This is a book for the trenches—a book for building gritty, honest, ultimately resilient faith." – Jen Pollock Michel, Author of *Surprised by Paradox* and *Keeping Place*

"Walking with a Limp will point you to the sure sources of hope for the hopeless: The God of all hope and His word of hope. In it you'll find practical help and encouragement to stay the course. You, like Jacob, can be a prince with God, an overcomer whose limp testifies to tenacious clinging to God." – Dr. Philip Brown, Author of *A Reader's Hebrew Bible*

"In recent years, believers in Christ have become more transparent about the struggles we face with depression and mental illness. In this timely book, Ezra Byer contributes to this encouraging trend by inviting readers to re-read the ancient narrative of the Patriarch Jacob and encounter anew the God who heals and also sets apart his people for worship and service." – Dr. Edward Smither, Author of *Mission in the Early Church* and *Christian Martyrdom*

"When we suffer, we don't need glib answers or easy truths. We need to hear from someone who knows what it's like, can remind us of biblical truth, and point us to hope. That's why I'm grateful that Ezra has written this honest, profound, and encouraging book. I can't wait to read it again and to share it with others." – Darryl Dash, Author of *How to Grow*

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Breathings of the devout soul. [Followed by] Godly meditations [Meditations and vows].