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A Theology of Conversation Stephen Okey 2018-10-10 Sometimes described as “a theologian’s theologian,” David Tracy’s scholarship has impacted countless thinkers around the globe. The complexity of his thought, however, has often made engaging his work into a daunting challenge. Combining analysis of the most influential features of Tracy’s theology (theological method, the religious classic, public theology) with a retrieval of his more overlooked interests (Christology, God), Stephen Okey presents the essential themes of Tracy’s career in accessible and insightful prose.

Ruth Eugene H. Peterson 2017-06-20 Color with Friends. Be Drawn In to Scripture. Struck by tragedy. On the fringes of society. Seizing upon hope. Ruth didn't wait for hope to arrive. She sought it out and grabbed hold of it. Compelled by need, animated by faith, she dared to leave the only land she knew. Ruth's resilience and resourcefulness offer you a creative vision to navigate life's inevitable struggles, trust God, and hold fast to his irrevocable hope. Deepen your friendships as you gather around Scripture for coloring and conversation. Drawn In offers simple four-week Bible studies--perfect for groups or personal devotions. Coloring quiets your heart and mind so you can enter fully into Scripture's stories. The Bible's passion and personality come through in The Message, surprising new and long-time Bible readers alike. Discover the delight of being Drawn In.

As Kingfishers Catch Fire Eugene H. Peterson 2019-05-14 Living Out the Word Made Flesh “Sixty years ago I found myself distracted,” Eugene Peterson wrote. “A chasm had developed between the way I was preaching from the pulpit and my deepest convictions on what it meant to be a pastor.” And so began Peterson’s journey to live and teach a life of congruence—congruence between preaching and living, between what we do and the way we do it, between what is written in Scripture and how we live out that truth. Nothing captures the biblical foundation for this journey better than Peterson’s teachings over his twenty-nine years as a pastor. As Kingfishers Catch Fire offers a collection of these teachings to anyone longing for a richer, truer spirituality. Peterson’s strikingly beautiful prose and deeply grounded

insights usher us into a new understanding of how to live out the good news of the Word made flesh. This is one man's compelling quest to discover not only how to be a pastor but how to be a human being.

God and Guns C. L. Crouch 2021-11-02 Using the Bible as the foundational source and guide, while also bringing contemporary sociological data to the conversation, seven biblical scholars and theologians construct a powerful dialogue about gun violence in America, concluding that guns are incompatible with the God of Christian Scripture. *God and Guns* is the first book to argue against gun culture from a biblical studies perspective. Bringing the Bible into conversation with contemporary sociological data, the volume breaks new exegetical and critical ground and lays the foundations for further theological work. The scholars assembled in this volume construct a powerful argument against gun violence, concluding that a self-identity based on guns is incompatible with Christian identity. Drawing on their expertise in the Bible's ancient origins and modern usage, they present striking new insights involving psychology, ethics, race, gender, and culture. This collection, carefully edited for clarity and readability, will change conversations—and our culture. Contributors include: T. M. Lemos David Lincicum Shelly Matthews Yolanda Norton Brent A. Strawn

Talking to God Thomas L. Constable 2005-01-13 Why a theology of prayer? Because counterfeit prayer abounds, we need Scripture's guidance, writes Thomas Constable. Praying as God desires requires considering what God has revealed about it. As we give prayer our careful attention, we gain greater understanding of what he intends it to be. Constable details the different forms of communication God invites us to use. He identifies the counterfeits that pass for prayer, discusses the conditional nature of prayer, and explains why some prayers seem to go unanswered.

Mary Eugene H. Peterson 2017-06-20 *Color with Friends. Be Drawn In to Scripture. Fear. Anticipation. Heartache. Joy.* Mary knew the struggle of bringing new life into a harsh world. Still she willingly opened herself to be vulnerable to God's purposes. From her simple faithfulness as a young woman to her soul-piercing anguish at the foot of the cross, journey with Mary through the sorrows and the joys of saying yes to God. Deepen your friendships as you gather around Scripture for coloring and conversation. *Drawn In* offers simple four-week Bible studies--perfect for groups or personal devotions. Coloring quiets your heart and mind so you can enter fully into Scripture's stories. The Bible's passion and personality come through in *The Message*, surprising new and long-time Bible readers alike. Discover the delight of being *Drawn In*.

Talking God Albert Cutié 2016-04-10 What does it mean to preach to a 21st century congregation?

The Story of God, the Story of Us Sean Gladding 2010-08-03 Travel with Sean Gladding between the lines of the Scriptures to listen to the conversations of people wrestling with the Story of God for the first time. Whether by campfire in Babylon, at table in Asia Minor or by candlelight in Rome, you'll hear a tale that is at once familiar and surprising.

The Future of Catholic Biblical Scholarship Luke Timothy Johnson 2002 This volume considers the current state of research, offering a critique of current approaches to Catholic Biblical scholarship from a Catholic viewpoint. The authors (they're both Catholic theologians:

Johnson teaches at Emory U., Kurz at Marquette U.) have contributed five chapters each on their approaches to Biblical interpretation, chapters in which they respond to each other's work, and a co-written conclusion offering their views on the importance of maintaining a Catholic identity in Biblical scholarship.

Talking With God Robert L. Millet 2010-01-01 Even when we believe in the value of prayer, many of us do not make it a priority or long for a more meaningful prayer life. In this book, Brother Millet explores the dimensions of prayer in an engaging, personal way. A valuable guide to making our prayers more effective and inspiring. * Shows how consistent, sincere prayer can transform us into better men and women. * Covers a wide variety of topics, including: preparation for prayer, fasting and prayer, prayers of gratitude, receiving help from the other side, and what to do when no clear answer comes. * Inspires renewed gratitude for the privilege of prayer and a deeper appreciation of the blessings it brings.

Conversing with God in Scripture Stephen J. Binz 2008-02-01 Is it really possible to enter into a genuine conversation with God? Christians throughout the ages have done so using the ancient practice of lectio divina, or spiritual reading. In this practical and inspirational book, Stephen Binz shows how we can read and reflect on Scripture in ways that enable us to hear God speaking to us in our thoughts and hearts. He explains how to converse with God in prayer, which will lead to contemplation and life-changing action. With a clarity that all will welcome, Binz explains the elements, characteristics, and benefits of lectio divina. This book is suitable both for beginners and those seasoned in prayer as well as for those in faith-sharing and Bible study groups. Seven examples from biblical passages show readers how to use lectio divina. Questions for reflection and discussion follow each chapter. Valuable for all, from beginners to those experienced at prayer.

The Oxford Handbook of Early Modern Theology, 1600-1800 Ulrich L. Lehner 2016-10-04 The Oxford Handbook of Early Modern Theology, 1600-1800 will offer a comprehensive and reliable introduction to Christian theological literature originating in Western Europe from, roughly, the end of the French Wars of Religion (1598) to the Congress of Vienna (1815). Using a variety of approaches, the contributors examine theology spanning from Bossuet to Jonathan Edwards. They review the major forms of early modern theology, such as Cartesian scholasticism, Enlightenment, and early Romanticism; sketch the teachings of major theological concepts, along with important historical developments; introduce the principal practitioners of each kind of theology and delineate their particular theological contributions and stresses; and depict the engagement by early modern theologians with other religions or churches, such Judaism, Islam, and the eastern Church. Combining contributions from top scholars in the field, this will be an invaluable resource for understanding a complex and varied body of research.

The Bible as Word of God Terence Fretheim 2001-12-26

The Message Prayerful Reading Bible: Jeremiah & Lamentations (Softcover, Blue) Eugene H. Peterson 2021-09 Slow Down and Connect with God The Bible in contemporary language is placed here alongside the ancient Christian practice of lectio divina, or sacred reading. You'll enter the text of Scripture more fully than ever before and come out of each prayerful reading with a fresh encounter with our loving God, ready to live in the way of Jesus. A perfect resource for your devotional quiet time. This Old Testament Bible portion includes the complete

books of Jeremiah and Lamentations. It introduces readers to the timeless practice of lectio divina and provides guided reflection. There is also ample space for journaling your observations, reflections, and prayers. Here are the steps of lectio divina to help you slow down and meet God: Stop: Take a moment to stop and prepare to encounter God. Read: Do a first reading and make observations of the text. Ponder: Read the text again and meditate on its meaning. Pray: Begin a conversation with God about this Scripture. Reflect: Take note of what this time with God has brought to the surface for you. Live: Consider how this time with God translates into our life with God.

The Divided God: Apostolic Theology and the Biblical Challenge to Contemporary Trinitarianism
Larry L. Yates ThD, PhD 2017-03-28 A carefully researched and easy to read presentation of Apostolic Doctrine and refutation of the Doctrine of the Trinity presenting an alternative more in keeping with the Scriptures.

Handbook of Pentecostal Christianity Adam Stewart 2012-04-15 Handbook of Pentecostal Christianity is an easy-to-read guide designed for those interested in learning about one of the fastest growing religious traditions in the world. Adam Stewart's unique collection presents concise, yet comprehensive explanations of some of the most important terms and concepts needed to understand the origins and development, as well as the beliefs and practices, of Pentecostalism worldwide. Twenty-four scholars from five continents provide entries, which are written from disciplinary perspectives as diverse as anthropology, biblical studies, black church studies, history, religious studies, sociology, and theology. The fifty entries shed light on such aspects as The Azusa Street Mission and Revival, Baptism of the Holy Spirit, exorcism, Godly Love, prophecy, snake handling, and the Word of Faith movement. Each entry also includes a brief list of references and suggestions for further reading. These brief, engaging explanations on aspects of Pentecostalism can be read on their own, or alphabetically from start to finish. In its entirety, Stewart's text provides the reader with an introduction to the history, theology, practices, and contemporary forms of Pentecostalism as it stands at the outset of the twenty-first century. Stewart's handbook is an appealing introduction to Pentecostalism suitable for both students of religion and the curious general reader.

Preaching Paul Brad R. Braxton 2010-08-01 Helpful and insightful strategies for preaching from the writings of Paul. Few biblical figures are more compelling to preachers than the apostle Paul. The story of his dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus is a favorite example of the way that God turns lives around. His writings contain the earliest witness we have to the Christian gospel. His message of God's offer of grace in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is deeply appealing. So why is it that when it comes time to choose a text for this Sunday's sermon, preachers so often choose something other than Paul? When Brad Braxton asked himself that question, he realized that preachers are often daunted by the size and complexity of the Pauline corpus. Drawing on his expertise as a New Testament scholar and homiletics professor, as well as on his experience as a pastor, Braxton offers the reader tools with which to wrestle more effectively with the complex, yet essential, message of Paul. Eschewing either a solely historical approach or a completely spiritual one, the author brings the two together to explore the meaning of Paul's message in its original context, as well as its contemporary application. Written with imagination and depth of understanding, this book is for anyone who wishes to know Paul better and to preach from his letters more effectively.

Scripture in the Church James Chukwuma Okoye 2011 Who should read the Bible? What is the biblical word? How is Scripture to be interpreted? How is it to be prayed and lived? How does Scripture call forth the Church's entire life and mission? In October 2008 the Synod on the Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church took place in Rome. During the synod the bishops addressed these questions on the significance of the Word in the life and mission of the church. Beginning with a helpful explanation of the synod process, James Chukwuma Okoye, CSSp, follows the synod in historical progression, highlighting important topics and issues along the way and concluding with an exposition of the post-synodal apostolic exhortation *Verbum Domini*, which Benedict XVI signed on September 30, 2010. Okoye emphasizes that the Synod on the Word of God was not just about Scripture's function in the pastoral life of the church but it was also about tradition and God's continuing self-disclosure in history and in the religions and cultures of humankind." James Chukwuma Okoye, CSSp, is the Carroll Stuhlmueller Professor of Old Testament at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. His teaching and ministry place him among people of many diverse cultures. Okoye has been Provincial of his Nigerian Congregation of Spiritans and General Assistant in the Congregation's headquarters in Rome. He was a member of the International Theological Commission and a peritus of the 1994 First Synod of Bishops for Africa. "

Conversing with God Hilmar M. Pabel 1997-01-01 A close reading of Erasmus' (d. 1536) work on prayer and spirituality that analyses how he understood prayer and demonstrates how his publications on prayer form part of the larger pastoral program that was implemented by the printing press.

Talking with the Bible Donn Morgan 2013-02-01 The Bible is full of sound and fury—just like the world that looks to it for answers. It is also a powerful resource for understanding and moving beyond conflict. Talking with the Bible helps readers understand how and why we have conversations with the Bible in our communities of faith. There is no one way to talk with the Bible and no one way the Bible talks to us. Rather, there are a number of differing, sometimes contradictory ways in which we understand the Bible in conversation and as a dialogue partner. Through studying scripture, together and alone, we can become more sensitive and adept at listening to and understanding one another. The accompanying study guide contains a series of texts and questions intended to provoke thought and discussion about talking with the Bible.

Conversing with God in Lent Stephen J. Binz 2010-01-01 Lectio divina is an ancient spiritual practice that can help us to hear God speaking to us through the words of Scripture. In recent times, Pope Benedict XVI and a Synod of Bishops have recommended that lay people pray with the Scriptures using this method. In this book, respected biblical scholar Stephen J. Binz chooses one of the three Mass readings for each Sunday in cycles A, B, and C during Lent, including the complete text of the reading. Then he leads readers through the steps of lectio divina—reading, meditation, prayer, contemplation, and action—by suggesting themes and verses on which to focus. - Discussion questions are provided for each of the Sunday readings. - A perfect Lenten resource for both individuals and parish groups.

The Message Prayerful Reading Bible (Hardcover) Eugene H. Peterson 2022-02 Slow Down and Connect with God The Bible in contemporary language is placed here alongside the ancient Christian practice of lectio divina, or sacred reading. A perfect resource for your devotional quiet time. This beautiful reading Bible introduces the timeless practice of lectio divina. Learn

the practice with 150 guided reflections, then enjoy putting prayerful reading to practice, with ample space for journaling your observations, reflections, and prayers on high-quality paper. Here are the steps of prayerful reading to help you slow down and meet with God: Stop Take a moment to stop and prepare to encounter God. Read Read and make observations of the chosen passage. Ponder Meditate on the meaning of what you've read. Pray Begin a conversation with God about this Scripture. Reflect Take note of what this time with God has brought to the surface for you. Live Consider how this time with God translates into our life with God. You'll enter the text of Scripture more fully than ever before and come out of each prayerful reading with a fresh encounter with our loving God, ready to live in the way of Jesus.

The Jesus Way Eugene H. Peterson 2011-09-02 Arguing that the way Jesus leads and the way we follow are symbiotic, Peterson begins with a study of how the ways of those who came before Christ revealed and prepared the way of the Lord that became complete in Jesus. He then challenges the ways of the contemporary American church, showing in stark relief how what we have chosen to focus on--consumerism, celebrity, charisma, and so forth--obliterates what is unique in the Jesus way.

The Message Prayerful Reading Bible: Luke & Acts (Softcover, Purple) Eugene H. Peterson 2021-09-07 Slow Down and Connect with God The Bible in contemporary language is placed here alongside the ancient Christian practice of lectio divina, or sacred reading. You'll enter the text of Scripture more fully than ever before and come out of each prayerful reading with a fresh encounter with our loving God, ready to live in the way of Jesus. A perfect resource for your devotional quiet time. This New Testament Bible portion includes the complete books of Luke and Acts. It introduces readers to the timeless practice of lectio divina and provides guided reflection. There is also ample space for journaling your observations, reflections, and prayers. Here are the steps of lectio divina to help you slow down and meet God: Stop: Take a moment to stop and prepare to encounter God. Read: Do a first reading and make observations of the text. Ponder: Read the text again and meditate on its meaning. Pray: Begin a conversation with God about this Scripture. Reflect: Take note of what this time with God has brought to the surface for you. Live: Consider how this time with God translates into our life with God.

Theology as History and Hermeneutics Laurence W. Wood 2005 This book offers in style and content an exciting new perspective on contemporary theology and its future in post-modern times. I welcome this new perspective. The style is agreeable, unpolemical, and engages in dialogue with the best of Barth and Bultmann, Ricoeur and Pannenberg, Cobb and Moltmann, showing what they have to offer to the larger theological community and transferring it like a ferry boat into the post-modern age. The purpose is to offer an evangelical theology which is at the same time genuinely evangelical and relevant for post-modern ways of thinking. Wood writes with admirable clarity." --Jürgen Moltmann, University of Tübingen

Conversation with God David C. Wilson 2020-08-07 David Wilson didn't know where to turn when his wife, Chris, was in the depths of clinical depression, brought on by chronic fatigue syndrome and anorexia. In despair he entered an empty church and said a simple prayer: "I have no power to affect anything in my life, but you have the power. If you help me, I will serve you." From then on, their lives began to change. A prayer group contacted them and through the power of prayer, Chris's condition began to improve. At the same time she found herself developing remarkable gifts of prophecy. The author embarked on a theology course,

enabling him to look at what had happened to him and to Chris with a new perspective. Is there, he wondered, a link between depression and spiritual awareness? The author looks at the lives of Elijah and other Old Testament prophets and notes how signs of depression coincided with spiritual insights. This fascinating and thought-provoking book is the story of a couple's spiritual journey, as well as a profound meditation on the connection between depression and prophecy.

Theology as Conversation Bruce McCormack 2009-05-04 This unique volume invites readers into ?conversations? on religion, theology, and social movements. The essayists ? an internationally respected gathering ? offer a variety of articles that not only contribute to creative thinking past long-standing impasses, moving conversation forward, but that also create conditions needed to inspire new conversations. Some chose to document historically inspired debates that helped shape the theological reflection of the time in which each occurred. Some imagined a dialogue that had never taken place but which the contributor wished had. Still others took a thematic approach and created a dialogue between religions or theology and a pressing social or political issue. / Creative and inspiring, *Theology as Conversation* is not only a fitting tribute to Princeton Theological Seminary professor Daniel L. Migliore, but a wholly fascinating work overall.

Conversation, Friendship and Transformation Jennifer Constantine Jackson 2016-12-08 Conversation is the central spiritual exercise in philosophical and theological reflection on language and love. Groundbreaking in its interdisciplinary approach, *Conversation, Friendship and Transformation* invites readers to an exploration of theological reflection on conversation and friendship as transformative ways of knowing self, others and God. Contemporary contributions in the areas of rhetorical theory, friendship studies, and gender collaboration provide a fruitful lens through which conversation as discourse may be understood as a pathway for theological inquiry. Augustine's *De doctrina christiana* and *Confessions* manifest a foundational example of reflection on the nature of language and love in the context of basic questions of Christianity and culture. Two texts from the medieval tradition are brought forth to confirm and develop Augustine's contributions. The *Letters of Heloise and Abelard* have received substantial scholarly attention from the work of medievalists, historians and literary critics, but require more intentional theological reflection about the relation between the truths of the Christian faith and the collaborative participation of men and women. Thomas Aquinas' discussion of *oratio* in the *Summa Theologiae* is presented for the first time as a pivotal treatise in this profoundly influential text in the history of Western thought.

The Possibility of Salvation Among the Unevangelized Daniel Strange 2007-01-01 In the area of systematics known as the theology of religions, those who affirm the particularity of Christ in terms of truth, revelation, and salvation have always had to deal with the problem of the unevangelized: those who have never heard of Christ through no fault of their own. For evangelical theologians this issue impinges on fundamental tenets of evangelical identity. Recently the fate of the unevangelized has received detailed attention from evangelicals, and has been fiercely debated because of the wider doctrinal issues it raises. The position known as inclusivism has been most fully developed by Clark H. Pinnock, an influential and controversial evangelical theologian, known as being the leading spokesman of Arminianism and a new theistic paradigm entitled the trinitarian openness of God. Through a detailed analysis and critique of his work, this book examines a cluster of issues surrounding the unevangelized and its implications for Christology, soteriology, and evangelical identity.

The Gender Conversation Edwina Murphy 2016-05-13 Conversations about gender, both inside and outside the church, can frequently degenerate into stale and rancorous disputes in which predictable arguments are traded back and forth, or fade awkwardly away into the tense silences of mutual misunderstanding. But the issue is an important one, and calls for a better conversation than either of those alternatives. In September 2015, Morling College hosted a one-day symposium entitled The Gender Conversation. A rich and diverse mix of contributors met to discuss issues of gender, theology, and Christian living, within a shared framework of evangelical conviction. Our aim in hosting the symposium was to deepen mutual understanding and respect, highlight common ground, clarify points of difference, and unite us all in a quest to learn from the Scriptures and live in the light of the gospel. This book brings together the papers presented at the symposium and the contributors' responses to one another, as a resource for further reflection and discussion.

Living God's Future Now Samuel Wells 2022-10-31 Arguably the most imaginative and energetic church response to the pandemic has been that of HeartEdge, the interdenominational church renewal movement founded at St Martin in the Fields by Samuel Wells but now extending beyond the UK to Europe, North America and Australia. From serving thousands of meals on London's streets to becoming, in all but name, an online conference centre and theological college offering hundreds of events, one outstanding feature of its programme has been Samuel Wells' monthly conversations about the future of the Church with leading figures from Britain and America, attended by large online audiences. This volume offers a distillation of those conversations which, instead of being preoccupied with decline, focus on what Christian presence and practice might look like in the world that is being reshaped by what the pandemic has revealed, and the theology that is needed to sustain such a vision.

The Meeting God Bible 2009-02 Designed to engage spirit, mind, and emotions, this unique Bible helps turn scripture reading into a transforming encounter with God. Over 1,500 Entry Point reflections help readers tap into the vital heart of scripture through time-tested spiritual disciplines: · Lectio divina invites individuals to a time of two-way conversation with God · Ignatian reading engages all senses as readers explore the passage · Franciscan reading helps users encounter God through practical and creative acts such as writing and art · Fivefold question asks what the biblical passage means to individuals · Quotations from respected Christians, historic and contemporary, illuminate the power of scripture Seven articles on the spiritual disciplines are included to guide the user in meeting God in Scripture, Prayer, Worship, Service, the Created Order, Everyday Life, Community, and in Getting Started in Spiritual Formation. This Bible has a "How to Use" tool in the introduction and makes an excellent gift.

And God Said What? Margaret Nutting Ralph 2003 Explains literary forms used in Scripture -- myth, gospel, parable, allegory, letter, and others -- and shows how this knowledge is important in interpreting the Bible.

Scripture as Communication Jeannine K. Brown 2007-03 This basic guide to the theory and practice of biblical hermeneutics emphasizes the communicative nature of Scripture, proposing a communication model as an effective approach to interpreting the Bible.

A Conversation with God in Jesus' Name Scott Beattie 2022-05-24 This book contains some of

the wisdom and knowledge I have gained from praying to God, reading the Bible, going to church, and learning from other Christians. The format of the book is a 'question-answer' conversation between God the Father Almighty and me. The inspiration came from the book entitled *Conversations with God* by Neale Donald Walsche. The difference between his book and mine; is that I have written this with the belief that Jesus is the one mediator between man and God the Father Almighty. During the conversation, I might ask a question about a scripture or an issue that I am interested in, and God will help me to interpret the scripture. Of course, God has not audibly answered these questions of mine. It is me expressing the knowledge and wisdom I have gained over the years to answer questions I had about the Christian faith a long time ago, scripture, and contemporary issues about Christianity. As you read the book, it may come across that I know the answers to all of my questions. I don't. The conversation is a reflection of what I believe is to be right. It is my opinion; however I have made a significant effort to interpret the scriptures accurately to clarify any misconceptions one might have about Christianity. There are scriptures from Ezekiel, Isaiah, Daniel, the four Gospels, the Apostle Paul's Letters, James', John and Peter's and Jude's epistles, The Revelation of Jesus Christ, Acts of the Apostles, and the Book of Enoch, and there is also two psalms included. I have tried to make connections between these scriptures, as well as interpreting them to the best of my ability.

Hearing God in Conversation Sam Williamson 2016-06-27 "I picked it up out of curiosity and I couldn't put it down."--Eugene Peterson Christians are comfortable saying that Christianity is about a relationship with God. Yet many might also say that they sense little meaningful relationship with God in their own lives. After all, the foundation of good relationship is communication—but conversation with God often seems to go only one way. We may sing of walking and talking with God in the garden, His voice falling on our ears, but few have heard that beloved voice themselves. Sam Williamson acknowledges the fundamental human longing to hear God's voice and offers a hopeful supposition: God is always speaking—we've just never been taught how to recognize His voice. Williamson handles this potentially heady topic with his characteristic straightforwardness and leavening humor. This book deftly bridges the gap between solid biblical theology and practical application, addressing topics such as how to truly pray without ceasing, how to brainstorm with God, how to navigate our emotions, how to answer God's questions, and how to hear God's voice for others. *Hearing God in Conversation* offers simple, step-by-step lessons on how to hear God. Williamson begins with Scripture meditation. He then expands the practice of listening for that voice everywhere—in the checkout line, on the job, in a movie theater, and even in silence. From there, he demonstrates how to hear God's guidance when making any decision. By the end, readers' eyes and ears will be opened to the limitless methods through which God speaks.

Faithful Conversation James M. Childs 2003 Initiated by the ELCA seminary presidents, this volume is aimed at engendering reflection and conversation. *Faithful Conversations* includes five essays, a "table talk" about how specific issues in the church are affected by these perspectives, a select bibliography of further readings, and directions on how the resource might be used.

Biblical Theology Leo Perdue 2010-10-01 One of the thorniest problems in theological study is the relationship between biblical studies on the one hand, and constructive theology on the other. Theologians know that the Bible is the core source document for theological construction, and hence that they must be in conversation with the best in critical study of

Scripture. For many biblical scholars, the point of what they do is to help the biblical text speak to today's church and world, and hence they would do well to be in conversation with contemporary theology. Yet too often the two groups fail to engage each other's work in significant and productive ways. The purpose of the Library of Biblical Theology, and this introductory volume to it, is to bring the worlds of biblical scholarship and constructive theology together. It will do so by reviving biblical theology as a discipline that describes the faith of the biblical periods on the one hand, and on the other hand articulates normative understandings of modern faith and practice. In this volume the authors begin by providing an overview of the history and possible future of biblical theology. They introduce biblical theology as a fundamentally contrastive discipline, one that is neither dogmatic theology (seeking to explain the official teachings of a particular Christian tradition), nor is it a purely historical approach to Scripture, eschewing questions of the Bible's contemporary message and meaning. Rather, biblical theology takes seriously both the need to understand the message of Scripture in its particular historical context, and the need to address that message to questions that confront contemporary human life.

Eat This Book Eugene H. Peterson 2009-07-29 "Eugene Peterson maintains that how we read the Bible is as important as that we read it. The second volume of Peterson's momentous five-part work on spiritual theology, *Eat This Book* challenges us to read the Scriptures on their own terms, as God's revelation, and to live them as we read them. Countering the widespread practice of using the Bible for self-serving purposes, Peterson here serves readers with a nourishing entrée into the formative, life-changing art of spiritual reading." - from the back of the book.

Making See C. M. A. van Ekris 2018-04 What is theologically and homiletically happening in 'prophetic' sermons? This empirical theological study offers an analysis of the prophetic dimension in contemporary practices of preaching, including sermons from Bonhoeffer, King and Tutu, and from Dutch local contexts. After a phenomenological opening, five theological concepts are extracted from the studied sermons: exposing destructiva; interrupting dominant discourses; recognising the Word; overcoming destructiva; and edifying the congregation. In this study, prophetic speech is reconstructed as an illuminative interplay between epiphanic and inductive aspects.