WOMEN in the WORD: A Workshop October 11 & 12, 2013 Calvary PCA, Willow Grove Additions to the Reading List for 2013

How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels

By: N. T. Wright

HarperOne / 2012 / Hardcover

How God Became King reveals the surprising, unexpected, and shocking news of the gospels: this is the story of a new king, a new kind of king, a king who has changed everything, and a king who invites us to be part of his new world.

"We often read the beginning and the end of the Gospels without the large middle where the message of the kingdom rings loud and clear. I recommend to everyone who wants to understand the Gospels' message in a way that will not only inform the intellect but also transform life." (Tremper Longman III, Robert H. Gundry Professor of Biblical Studies, Westmont College)

The Case for the Psalms: Why They Are Essential

By: N. T. Wright

HarperOne / 2013 / Hardcover

Wright seeks to reclaim the power of the Psalms, which were once at the core of prayer life. He argues that, by praying and living the Psalms, we enter into a worldview, a way of communing with God and knowing him more intimately, and receive a map by which we understand the contours and direction of our lives. For this reason, all Christians need to read, pray, sing, and live the Psalms.

FOR THE KIDS

The Gospel Story Bible: Discovering Jesus in the Old and New Testaments

By: Marty Machowski (Author), A. E. Macha (Illustrator)

New Growth Press / 2011 / Hardcover

Can a Bedtime Story Actually Change Your Life? It is easy to forget Jesus in the midst of frantic schedules, family squabbles, and conflicting priorities. But the truth is that he is the hero of every story, including these ordinary ones. This is why Marty Machowski puts God's plan of salvation in Christ on continuous display in *The Gospel Story Bible*. The easy-to-read storybook introduces your family to many captivating people, places, and events from the Bible's Old and New Testaments, showing how each one ultimately points to Jesus. As you share these Bible Stories together, you and your family will meet Jesus and learn a new, life-changing way of recognizing Christ as the hero of every story.

Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God

By: Marty Machowski

New Growth Press / 2010 / Paperback

Long Story Short is a family devotional program designed to explain God s plan of salvation through the Old Testament and is suitable for children from preschool through high school.

Long Story Short will help busy parents share with their children how every story in the Old Testament points forward to God's story of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Old Story New: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God

By: Marty Machowski

New Growth Press / 2012 / Paperback

This second volume in Marty Machowski's family devotional series continues the gospel story begun in the Old Testament devotional, *Long Story Short*. Using the same effective ten-minute a day structure, it connects children to living gospel truth through 78 New Testament stories.

RECOMMENDED BY DR. ERIKA MOORE

The Pentateuch and Its Cultural Environment.

By: Herbert G. Livingston

Baker Book House/ 1987/ Paperback

This book provides a broad introduction to the Pentateuch within its ancient, near-eastern cultural and literary context.

The Pentateuch as Narrative.

By: John H Sailhamer

Zondervan Publishing House/ 1995/ Paperback

Given some caveats, this work provides a helpful introduction and analysis of the texts of the Pentateuch . Sailhamer focuses on the narrative and literary continuity of the Pentateuch as a whole. It seeks to disclose how the original Jewish readers may have viewed this multivolume work of Moses. Its central thesis is that the Pentateuch was written from the perspective of one who had lived under the Law of the Covenant established at Mount Sinai and had seen its failure to produce genuine trust in the Lord God of Israel. In this context, the Pentateuch pointed the reader forward to the hope of the New Covenant, based on divine faithfulness.

The King in His Beauty: A Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments.

By: Thomas Schreiner Baker/2013/ Hardcover

"From the garden of Eden to the garden of Paradise, Tom Schreiner deftly takes the reader through the entire narrative of the history of redemption. Giving attention to every part of the canonical Scriptures, Schreiner shows how the Bible coheres under the theme of the kingdom or rule of God. The payoff is a feast of theological, practical, and devotional insights. In a simple, direct, and nontechnical way, this book will bring Christians to a new understanding and appreciation of the entire Bible."

-- Donald A. Hagner, Fuller Theological Seminary

OTHER BOOKS ON THE PENTATEUCH

From Paradise to the Promised Land: An Introduction to the Pentateuch.

By: Desmond T. Alexander.

Baker Academic / 2012 / Paperback

"In this up-to-date and scholarly work, Alexander shows how the first five books of the Bible make sense and hang together. More than that, they lay the foundations of Christian theology so that no one can properly understand the rest of the Bible who has not come to terms with them. Alexander will be found to be a lucid and reliable guide to this vital part of Scripture."

--Gordon J. Wenham, Trinity College, Bristol

An Introduction to the Old Testament.

By: Tremper Longman III and Raymond B. Dillard

Zondervan / 2006 / Hardcover

This second edition of An Introduction to the Old Testament integrates and interacts with recent developments in Old Testament scholarship. Several distinctive set it apart from other introductions to the Old Testament: * It is thoroughly evangelical in its perspective * It emphasizes 'special introduction'---the study of individual books * It interacts in an irenic spirit with the historical-critical method * It features points of research history and representative scholars rather than an exhaustive treatment of past scholarship * It deals with the meaning of each book, not in isolation but in a canonical context * It probes the meaning of each book in the setting of its culture. This upper-level introduction to the Old Testament offers students a solid understanding of three key issues: historical background, literary analysis, and theological message