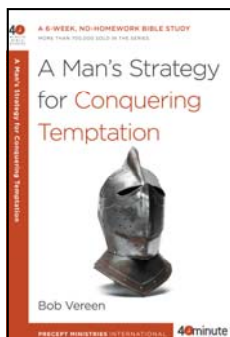


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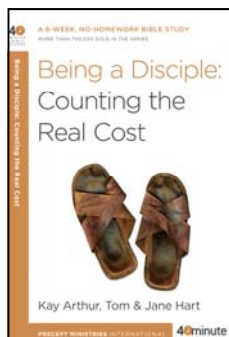
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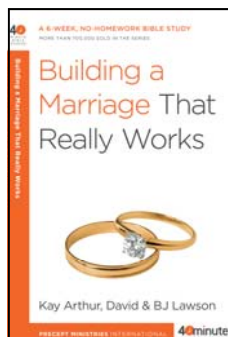
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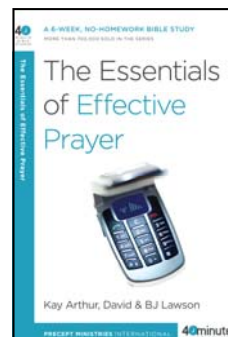
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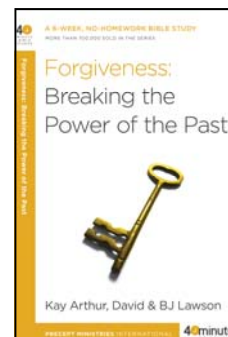
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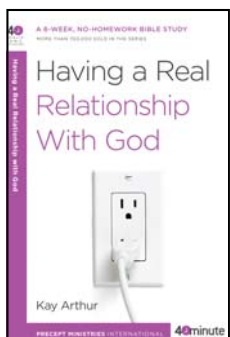
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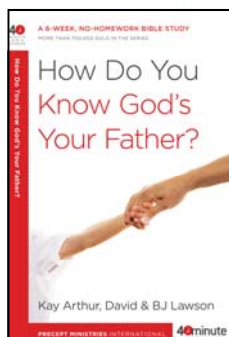
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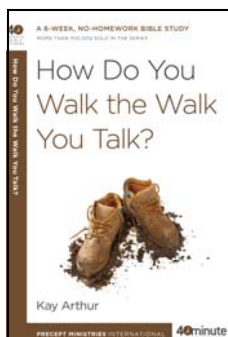
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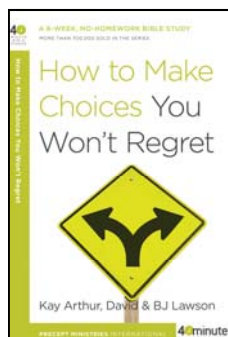
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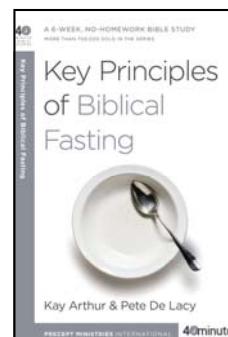
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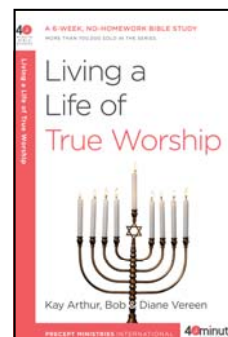
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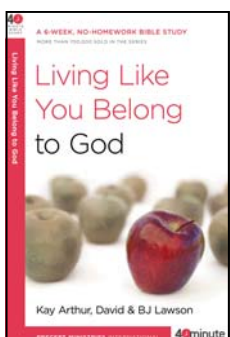
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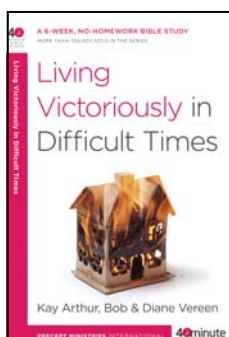
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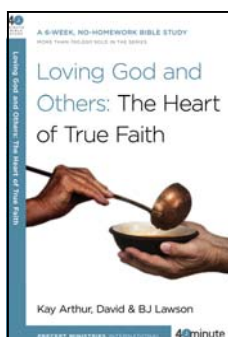
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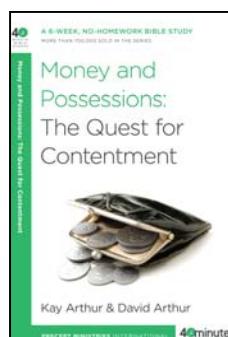
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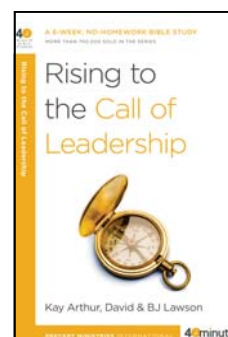
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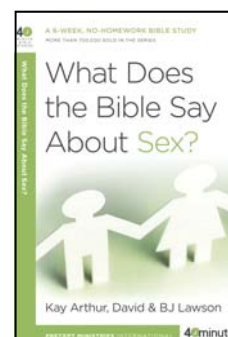
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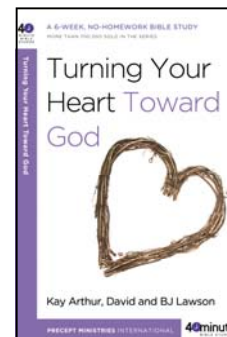
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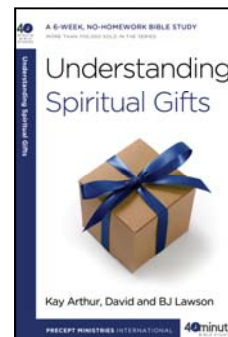
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# Sample chapter from: *Turning Your Heart Toward God*

## WEEK ONE

Do you want to be blessed by God? Well, of course. We all do. We

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~~want His blessing in our lives. In this week we will derive from Scrip-~~

ture, the word *blessed* and we will study the first beatitude to see who it is that receives the blessing of God. Start with prayer. Before we get into the study, let's spend some time in prayer, asking God to help us see these familiar verses with a heart open to His truth.

### OBSERVE

Matthew 5–7 is commonly called the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus began His sermon with the Beatitudes.

**Leader:** *Read Matthew 5:1–12 aloud. Have the group say aloud and mark...*

- every reference to **Jesus**, including pronouns, with a cross: †
- draw a box around each occurrence of the word **blessed**:

*As you read the text, it's helpful to have the group say the key words aloud as they mark them. This way everyone will be sure they are marking every occurrence of the word, including any synonymous words or phrases. Do this throughout the study.*

### MATTHEW 5:1–12

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

<sup>2</sup> He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.