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What Really Matters Have the extremities taken  
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your mind, and invigorate your soul. Chapters include “Breaking the Rules of Legalism,” “The Cross Centered Day,” and “Assurance and Joy.” Get ready to behold a breathtaking view of what God intends to accomplish in and through you every day. You’ll discover how embracing this cross centered life is both our highest privilege and greatest responsibility. His Gift, Your Hope Do you desire more passion for Jesus Christ? Return to the very essence of your faith—the cross of Christ. Here, the deepest truths of Calvary will stir your passion for Him into an unquenchable fire. “Never lay it aside. Never move on,” says C. J. Mahaney, who shows you how to center every day around the life-giving reality of the gospel and how to escape the pitfalls of legalism, condemnation, and feelings-driven faith. PRAISE C. J. Mahaney’s *The Cross Centered Life* and *Christ Our Mediator* are life-changing books whose unique messages are even more powerful when combined. *Living the Cross Centered Life* is a careful melding of these

two books with new content as well. For readers who have not yet discovered the stand-alone books, or for Mahaney fans ready to cherish their favorites in a new package, this book is sure to become a treasured classic. The principal liturgies of Holy Week underwent a series of revisions between 1951 and 2011. In this book, noted liturgist Paul Turner charts the rubrics and prayers of the current rites paragraph by paragraph, explaining the historical development of individual components, how and why the post 'Vatican II liturgical reform made its revisions, and where the Roman Missal, Third Edition has added nuances. This book will help ministers, liturgists, catechists, and all the faithful enter more deeply into the mystery of the cross of Christ, their glory and their hope. Beginning in the Garden of Gethsemane and concluding at the tomb, this work offers a powerful, yet personal rendition of the Passion of Jesus. Based on John Paul II's Scriptural Way of the Cross, first prayed by the Pope on March

29,1991, this work's purpose is to renew a time honored devotion. This book makes the journey come alive through its personal and dramatic style. On a Danish shore, a Vatican priest is found—hanging on a cross. The next day, the same crime is repeated...this time in Asia and Africa. Meanwhile, deep in the legendary catacombs near Orvieto, Italy, an archeologist unearths a scroll dating back two thousand years, revealing secrets that could rock the foundations of Christianity. Its discovery makes him the most wanted criminal in all of Europe. But his most dangerous enemies operate outside the law of man... Study of the working of Christian missionaries among the Oraons, a tribal people of Chotanagpur in Bihar. The Body of the Cross is a study of holy victims in Western Christian history and how the uses of their bodies in Christian thought led to the idea of the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice. Since its first centuries, Christianity has traded on the suffering of victims—martyrs, mystics, and

heretics—as substitutes for the Christian social body. These victims secured holiness, either by their own sacred power or by their reprobation and rejection. Just as their bodies were mediated in eucharistic, social, and Christological ways, so too did the flesh of Jesus Christ become one of those holy substitutes. But it was only late in Western history that he took on the function of the exemplary victim. In tracing the story of this embodied development, *The Body of the Cross* gives special attention to popular spirituality, religious dissent, and the writing of women throughout Christian history. It examines the symbol of the cross as it functions in key moments throughout this history, including the parting of the ways of Judaism and Christianity, the gnostic debates, martyr traditions, and medieval affective devotion and heresy. Finally, in a Reformation era haunted by divine wrath, these themes concentrated in the unique concept that Jesus Christ died on the cross to absorb divine punishment for sin: a holy body

and a rejected body in one. Tells of Jesus' suffering and death. Illustrated in, full color. Most studies of Paul concentrate solely on his theology. This book breaks new ground by focusing on the source and nature of Paul's spirituality. Taking his cue from Paul's express desire to "know nothing but Christ crucified," Michael Gorman shows how Paul's personal experience of God constantly intersects with the story of the cross, an event that both reveals the cruciform character of God and shapes believers into a community of "cruciformity" (conformity to the crucified Christ). Expertly combining biblical studies and theological reflection, this noteworthy volume presents a model of the Christian life marked by faith, love, power, and hope. How could things deteriorate so quickly in twenty-four hours? From a banquet to a burial! The dark shadow of the executioner's cross sliced across that unforgettable day. A tragic day -- yet planned by a sovereign God. Watch anew as Jesus prays his prayer of submission to the

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Father's will, as he passes through the sting of betrayal, as he faces undaunted the inhumane and hateful treatment, and as he speaks unexpected last words that leave a legacy of love. Walk with Jesus from the garden to the tomb, to that first Easter morning, the dawning of hope and joy. For the shadow of the cross is the anguished prelude to the best news you will ever hear: "He is risen! A much anticipated Christian companion to Facing the Shadow. Kneel again in blood and water, and revisit the hill where the two of you first met. Understand the great paradox of the cross—He suffered so we never have to, and He suffered to show us how. His cross will make sense of your sufferings. Your faith will be strengthened as you believe God for your own resurrection! This is the most profound writing on the cross I have ever read. The magnitude of this book is almost beyond my ability to describe—it's a treasure of truth. Don Wilkerson Co-Founder, Teen Challenge "Collected writings on the Trinity,

Christ, and the Holy Spirit" In this collection of writings from one of the most well-known theologians of the modern era, Packer strongly defends Trinitarian theology and the uniqueness of Jesus Christ against contemporary challenges. In so doing, he deals with theological issues such as atonement, justification and universalism. He calls for believers to be serious about the Holy Spirit, and his articles on this topic are valuable examples of how to apply theological beliefs to controversial issues within the church. The articles range from short devotional pieces published in church-sponsored journals, to opinion articles for popular journals like Christianity Today, to major articles for scholarly journals. Contents Foreword 1. The Trinity and the Gospel 2. On Covenant Theology 3. Jesus Christ the Lord 4. Jesus Christ: the Only Saviour 5. The Lamb Upon His Throne 6. A Modern View of Jesus 7. The Uniqueness of Jesus Christ 8. What Did the Cross Achieve? 9. Sacrifice and Satisfaction 10. Justification: Introductory Essay

11. The Love of God: Universal and Particular 12. Good Pagans and God's Kingdom 13. The Problem of Universalism Today 14. Evangelicals and the Way of Salvation 15. An Agenda for Theology 16. Shy Sovereign 17. On Being Serious About the Holy Spirit 18. The Spirit and His Work " Following the theme of the cross as a puzzle, Elmer E. Burrall offers a sermon, prayer, and order of service for the five Sundays of Lent plus Maundy Thursday. As a visual part of worship, this series provides directions to design a cross puzzle to display in church sanctuaries. Each week, based the sermon topic, a new piece of the puzzle fits into the cross. By Maundy Thursday the cross puzzle is complete. Sermon topics are: - God - Humanity - Sin - Savior - Sacrifice - Salvation One page of hymn suggestions is provided for the worship services in this series. Elmer E. Burrall began his church service as a lay missionary with his wife, Kay, in India. He graduated from West Virginia University. His seminary training is from Hamma

School of Theology, Wittenburg University. He has served churches in Ohio, Arizona, Texas, and Arkansas. He is pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. Every year during Holy Week in the Philippine province of Pampanga, hundreds of men and women undergo acts of excruciating, self-inflicted pain in ways that evoke the Way of the Cross: the torment and crucifixion that Christ endured in the last days of his earthly existence. Because these Passion rituals are officially disavowed by the Filipino Roman Catholic Church, most observers view them as irrational and extremist mimicry of Christ's painful ordeal. Even scholars conventionally depict them as theatrical "spectacle" or macabre examples of Filipino "folk religion." But what conditions enable ritual actors to submit to such extreme pain? What justifications do they give for going against official prohibitions? What outcomes do they seek in channeling Christian piety in this way? This book addresses these questions

through its in-depth analyses of three interconnected ritual acts: the pabasa, a days-long communal chanting of Christ's Passion story; the pagdarama, the public self-flagellation of hundreds of devotees; and the pamamaku king krus, in which steel nails are driven through the palms and feet of ritual practitioners as part of a street play performed in front of tens of thousands of spectators. Author Julius Bautista suggests that such ritual acts manifest the embodied physicality of a suffering selfhood that facilitates the expression of heartfelt sentiments of pity, empathy, trust, and bereavement. By emphasizing these outwardly focused human sensibilities as the wellsprings of ritual agency, he demonstrates that Passion rituals are reinterpretations of the very idea and experience of pain, hardship, and suffering and premised on an appeal for a certain kind of divine intimacy. The author draws on a decade of in-depth and often exclusive interviews with a host of local stakeholders—including ritual

practitioners, clerics, scholars, and government officials—and his own participation in a Passion play. Ethnographic insight is considered alongside primary and secondary archival sources, including unpublished, locally produced oral historical accounts and a survey of relevant media coverage. *The Way of the Cross* makes a welcome contribution to the anthropology of religion by examining the unique ontological contexts in which ritual agents experience God's involvement in their lives. Book is accompanied by a Leader guide and DVD. Max's most encouraging words on life's most important subject are collected into one volume and enhanced with beautiful, full-color photography. An everyday reminder of what the Cross means to you adds joy and gratitude to ordinary days, pain-filled days, and even the best days. The cross is an historical event that can bring us to heaven... And a current event bringing heaven to bear on us In *The Power of the Cross*, Tony Evans applies Christ's work to life today. In

three parts, he systematically and pastorally explains three aspects of the cross: Its Person: What makes Christ unique, and how He is the center of salvation history Its Purpose: What was accomplished on it, and how it is to be the centerpiece of our lives Its Power: The stability and deliverance it provides in our everyday living We wear crosses around our necks, but do we apply it to our lives? Jesus' work holds incredible power for us. It's time we embrace it, for God's glory and our joy. Read *The Power of the Cross* to find out how. Christians worldwide have been blessing themselves with the sign of the cross for centuries. But few who use this simple, familiar gesture know its impact as a powerful prayer. Author Bert Ghezzi shows how this potent prayer engages the Holy Spirit and affirms Christian identity. With insights derived from Scripture, church teachings, and personal experience, Ghezzi encourages people to utilize this powerful sign in their daily life. Drawing on the fascinating history of the sign of the cross,

Ghezzi reveals six dynamic truths of the spiritual life that God gives. The Sign of the Cross brings forth an opening to God, renewal of baptism, mark of discipleship, acceptance of suffering, defense against the devil, and victory over self-indulgence. This inspirational book brings to life the blessings of this ancient prayer and guides Christians to a renewed experience of God. "To stand at the foot of the cross is to witness the purpose for which God created the world." The cross is a wonder unfathomable. Time cannot contain its reach. No heart can endure its weight. And yet it is the center of everything. It cannot be passed over. Pastor and author Erwin W. Lutzer believes that the better we grasp what the cross meant to Christ, the better we grasp what it should mean to us. To do this, Lutzer examines Jesus' cries from the cross. Search with him and see how God's love and justice meet. Know the weight of sin and the power of redemption. Look upon Jesus in His weakness, obedience, sorrow, and compassion. Let the

scandal of the cross give you pause. The cross deserves our attention. Journey forth into the heart of Jesus, that your own heart may be shaped to His. Have you ever looked more closely at the Easter story and wondered how Jesus' death on the cross transforms every day of your life? In *The Gift of the Cross*, beloved and trusted pastor Dr. Charles F. Stanley walks us through the Lenten and Easter seasons with biblical teaching on Christ's journey to the cross, the wonder of His divine resurrection, and what it all means for believers today. Discover how this one event forms the absolute foundation for everything Christians believe and will impact not just how you celebrate Lent and Easter but how you can experience joy and hope all year long. Both men and women will be encouraged in their faith walk as they focus on the truths that: you can find rest in the final work of the Cross Jesus lives and reigns and is intimately involved in your life you can start experiencing God's love and the promises of the resurrection today As



Dr. Stanley leads you in this study, you will discover: a more meaningful way to observe and celebrate the Lenten and Easter seasons decades of biblical study and teachings on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection gorgeous photography alongside powerful scriptures and Dr. Stanley's insights Develop a deeper understanding of the Lenten and Easter seasons through The Gift of the Cross. Look for additional inspirational devotionals and biblical teaching from Dr. Charles Stanley: The Gift of Jesus The Gift of Prayer The Gift of Heaven Christmas: A Gift for Every Heart Rejection from other people can distress, wound, and imprison the soul. Equally harmful, the praise of man is also a snare, capable of disqualifying God's servants from their highest inheritance. Bob Sorge reveals in this brief book how the truths that set us free from both extremes are amazingly similar. This book answers some crucial questions which grip virtually every believer: What do I do when others demean or

hurt me? And how should I respond when others honor or compliment me? Rejection and praise are like twin gullies that flank the narrow highway of holiness. Every step counts. For Jesus, man's opinions were meaningless in light of the exuberant affection and passionate approval of His Father. Let God's truth set you free from the power of rejection's woundings and from the entrapment of man's praises. Learn how to hold your heart before God in a way that pleases Him in the midst of both rejection and praise from people. Secrets is a timeless classic, an unparalleled resource for fueling your devotional prayer life. This book is must reading for anyone wanting fresh momentum in their quiet time with Jesus. It defuses common struggles, equips, and inspires fervency for Jesus. 52 short chapters. This Legacy Edition is rewritten and polished for posterity. Even if you have the first edition, get this one! An outstanding book on prayer and the spiritual life written by one of the best spiritual directors of

our time. Dubay synthesizes the teachings on prayer of the two great Doctors of the Church-- St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila--and the teaching of Sacred Scripture. This book reveals the meaning of the most momentous act in human history - the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This epoch event was predetermined by God from before the beginning of time to accomplish His eternal purpose. Although there is no truth of greater importance to God's people than the meaning of Christ's death on the cross, it is astonishing that there is no truth of which there is greater ignorance among professing Christians. Although they know they are saved by faith, very few Christians know how to live by faith. Consequently, they trust Jesus as Savior and hope one day to go to heaven but, in between, they struggle vainly to live in this sin-sick world by the best of their ability and often mistake their self-effort for faith. This is not only tragic, it is alarming because God's people can be ignorant about a lot of things, but if they are

ignorant about the cross, they are in real trouble. As God said in Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." The author clearly explains the glorious mystery of the cross, which is the key to understanding the whole gospel. Salvation is only the beginning and not the end of God's purpose for His people, for the cross of Christ is the door that leads to eternal union and intimate friendship with God. This book also contains an appendix with practical answers to thirty frequently asked questions regarding the meaning and application of the cross of Christ. All proceeds from this book go to support Christian evangelism and provide aid to members of the body of Christ in need. From the young St. Francis de Sales's heroic efforts to bring Calvinists back to the Faith comes this succinct, eloquent defense of the age-old Catholic practice of making the Sign of the Cross, which sixteenth-century Calvinists denounced as a Popish invention and many Protestants scorn even today. Embodying the

zeal of youth and the wisdom of age, this gentle jewel of Catholic apologetics traces the origins of the Sign of the Cross back to the Fathers of the Church, to the Apostles before them, and finally to our Lord Himself. Along with St. Francis's other lucid explanations of our Catholic Faith and his undaunted love even for those who hated him, this modest book helped restore to their native Catholic faith tens of thousands of heretics who not long before were intent on killing him. As they did for the Calvinists in St. Francis's day, so in our day these pages will bring you a better understanding and a renewed love the Sign of the Cross, that brief and lively exterior prayer by which, from time immemorial, God has been invoked by serious Christians before all of their endeavors. Among the other things you'll learn here: Why now is always the right time to make the Sign of the Cross Why God chooses to attach power to the Sign of the Cross Why it is made on the forehead How to convince skeptics to value and pray with it Two

uses of the Sign of the Cross: do you know both of them? How the Sign of the Cross is the antidote to the Mark of the Devil Errors in the claims of those who oppose this practice The theological significance of the motions, vertical and horizontal Two reasons it has particular power against the Enemy Why you should make the Sign of the Cross publicly and often. Outside the Creed itself, there are few topics to which the Fathers testify as universally and unanimously as the pious practice of making, frequently and well, the Sign of the Cross. With the help of these holy pages, the saints love for it will enkindle yours. Soon you'll be saying with St. Jerome, "With every work, with all of my comings and goings, may my hand make the Sign of the Cross!" This best-selling author compellingly illustrates the power of the cross to transform modern-day lives. Christian discipleship depends not on what ideas we believe but rather on a fundamental question: In whom do we place our trust? In Mark's gospel,

we find what this challenge entails when Jesus declares that the primary condition for discipleship is "to take up the cross and follow in my steps" (Mk 8:34). What does it mean to follow Jesus' way of the cross and to place our trust in God for our true security, instead of in nuclear weapons that can destroy all life on earth? How do we find hope and courage to stand for God's reign of love, justice, and nonviolence in a world threatened by nuclear weapons, environmental devastation, warfare, systemic inequality, and other perils? This new edition of *The Risk of the Cross* will inspire Christians seeking answers to these questions today, just as the first edition helped Christians a generation ago. At its core are five small-group sessions focusing on Jesus' call to discipleship in Mark's gospel—all linked to appendices containing information and inspiration to help faith communities embrace the way of gospel nonviolence and to take action to avert nuclear annihilation and create a disarmed world. Book jacket. Place yourself as a

witness of the cross and determine what your own testimony will be! Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing. The story of Jesus's death is not something we just read: we think about it, and we experience it; we hear the taunts of the soldiers, the priests, and the passersby even as we hear the famous "seven last words" from the cross. In *Witness at the Cross*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and

so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today. Each Gospel has its own story to tell, all the witnesses have their own memories, and every reader comes away with a new insight. The witnesses at the Crucifixion watch Jesus die, and we watch with them, and we watch them. And we come away transformed. Additional components are available for a six-week study include a DVD featuring Dr. Levine and a comprehensive Leader Guide. Easily the most popular and best-loved Way of the Cross ever. Each Station includes a beautiful, traditional, and edifying picture, along with the prayer for that station and the Stabat Mater in Latin and English. A must-have for any Catholic who wishes to meditate on the Passion of Christ this Lent! Where do Christians fit in a two-party political system? The partisan divide that is rending the nation is now tearing apart American churches. On one side are Christian Right activists and

other conservatives who believe that a vote for a Democratic presidential candidate is a vote for abortion, sexual immorality, gender confusion, and the loss of religious liberty for Christians. On the other side are politically progressive Christians who are considering leaving the institutional church because of white evangelicalism's alliance with a Republican Party that they believe is racist, hateful toward immigrants, scornful of the poor, and directly opposed to the principles that Jesus taught. Even while sharing the same pew, these two sides often see the views of the other as hopelessly wrongheaded—even evil. Is there a way to transcend this deep-seated division? The Politics of the Cross draws on history, policy analysis, and biblically centered theology to show how Christians can protect the unborn, defend marriage, promote racial justice, care for the poor, and, above all, honor the gospel by adopting a cross-focused ethic instead of the idolatrous politics of power, fear, or

partisanship. As Daniel K. Williams illustrates, both the Republican and Democratic parties are grounded in Christian principles, but both have distorted those principles and mixed them with assumptions that are antithetical to biblical truth. Williams explains how Christians can renounce partisanship and pursue policies that show love for our neighbors to achieve a biblical vision of justice. Nuanced, detailed, and even-handed, *The Politics of the Cross* tackles the thorny issues that divide Christians politically and offers a path forward for innovative, biblically minded political approaches that might surprise Christians on both the left and the right. Since its publication in 2000, *Recovering the Scandal of the Cross* has provoked thought among evangelicals about the nature of the atonement and how it should be expressed in today's various global contexts. In this second edition Green and Baker have clarified and enlarged the text to ensure its ongoing critical relevance. John Stott presents Bible studies

based on his book *The Cross of Christ* on the meaning and purpose of the cross in our lives. These thirteen-session LifeGuide® Bible Study provide the ever-increasing understanding of the cross needed by every believer. Found in *Common Worship: Times and Seasons*, *The Way of the Cross* is a series of scripture-based devotions for personal or group use in Lent and Holy Week. Similar in intent to the traditional Stations of the Cross, it focuses wholly on the biblical narrative of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. This seasonal companion provides the sequence of fifteen meditations appears in full, including opening and concluding prayers. Each is accompanied by three short reflections from different perspectives by three of today's very best spiritual writers: - Paula Gooder offers reflections on the scriptural narratives; - Stephen Cottrell considers the story from the perspective of personal discipleship; - Philip North explores the story's challenge to mission

and witness. Why should the cross—an object of Roman distaste and Jewish disgust—be the emblem of our worship and the axiom of our faith? And what does it mean for us today? In this thoughtful, comprehensive study of Scripture, tradition and the modern world, John R. W. Stott brings you face to face with the

centrality of the cross in God's plan of redemption. Designed for more than simply reading, this book is ideal for Lent use and provides a profound way of enabling the power of Jesus and his crucifixion to touch our lives at any time.