This is, Lord willing the first in a series of booklets providing a resource reading list for Pastors. My hope is to develop others with various topics and categories that will help Pastors become better in their calling to “feed the church of God.”

Pastors need to be fed so they can feed others; and what better way than to study God’s Word with the help of well chosen books? Good books are tools to help us and build us up in the Word so we can minister to others.

I pray this resource list inspires you to be a reader and equips you to be a better Pastor and Preacher of the Word.

In Christ’s Great Love,

John Miller
Senior Pastor
Calvary Chapel San Bernardino
5 Books Every Pastor Should Read

Pastor Tim Anderson
Calvary Chapel Burbank
1. *Tyranny of the Urgent*, Charles Hummel
2. *The Master of Evangelism*, Robert Coleman
3. *The Jesus Style*, Gayle Erwin
4. *Intimacy with The Almighty*, Charles Swindoll
5. *Leading on Empty*, Wayne Cordiero

Pastor Garry Ansdell
Hosanna Christian Fellowship
1. *Coming Prince*, Sir Robert Anderson
2. *1001 Things You Need to Know Before You Die*, Allen & Yvonne Ansdell
3. *More than a Carpenter*, Josh McDowell
4. *A Shepherd Looks at the 23rd Psalm*, Phillip Keller
5. *5000 Year Leap*, N.C.C.S

Pastor Tom Balli
Calvary Chapel Lake Arrowhead
1. *Agape Leadership*, Alexander Strauch & Robert L.Peterson
2. *A Tale of Three Kings*, Gene Edwards
3. *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*, Jim Cymbala
4. *Crazy Love*, Francis Chan
Pastor Brian Bell
Calvary Chapel Murrieta
1. *Preachers and Preaching*, Dr. Martyn Lloyd Jones
2. *Being a Servant*, Warren Wiersbe
3. *Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem
5. *A Hole in the Gospel*, Richard Stearn

Pastor Ray Bentley
Maranatha Chapel
1. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith
2. *Lectures to My Students*, Charles Spurgeon
3. *Footsteps of the Messiah*, Dr. Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum
4. *Augustine’s Confessions*, translated by Shirwood Wirt
5. *The Great Divorce*, C.S. Lewis

Pastor Greg Boyd
Calvary Chapel Merced
1. *Lectures to My Students*, Charles H. Spurgeon
2. *Biblical Preaching*, Haddon Robinson
3. *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders
5. *If*, Amy Carmichael
Pastor Brian Brodersen
Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa
1. *Preaching and Preachers*, D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones
2. *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer
4. *Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem
5. *J. Hudson Taylor*, Roger Steer

Pastor Gerry Brown
Calvary Chapel Romoland
1. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith
2. *Counseling God’s Way*, Bob Hoekstra
3. *Between Two Worlds*, John R. W. Stott

Pastor George Bryson
1. *Spiritual Leadership*, Oswald Sanders
3. *Abolition of Man*, C.S. Lewis
5. *Major Bible Themes*, Chafer and Walvoord
5 Books Every Pastor Should Read

**Pastor Bob Caldwell**

**Calvary Chapel Boise**

1. *Humility*, Andrew Murray
2. *With Christ in the School of Prayer*, Andrew Murray
3. *The Spiritual Secrets of Hudson Taylor*, Howard Taylor
5. *Lectures in Systematic Theology*, Henry Clarence Thiessen

**Pastor Keith Carmody**

**Calvary Chapel Secret Harbor**

1. *The Secret of Happiness*, Billy Graham
2. *Be Series*, Warren Wiersebe
3. *The Upside Down Church*, Greg Laurie

**Pastor Bob Coy**

**Calvary Chapel Ft. Lauderdale**

1. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith
2. *The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict*, Josh McDowell
4. *Preaching & Teaching with Imagination*, Warren Weirsbe
5. *Next Generation Leader*, Andy Stanley
Pastor Dennis Davenport
Calvary Chapel High Desert
1. *The Preacher’s Portrait*, John Stott
2. *Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome*, Kent & Barbara Hughes
3. *Making of a Man of God*, Alan Redpath
4. *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis
5. *Competent to Counsel*, Jay Adams

Pastor Greg Denham
Calvary Chapel Auburn
1. *Lecture to My Students*, Charles Spurgeon
2. *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, R. Kent Hughes
3. *And Some Evangelists*, Roger Carswell
4. *The Reason for God*, Timothy Keller
5. *The Zion Connection*, Elwood McQuiad

Pastor Chris Fraley
Wildwood Calvary Chapel
1. *The Bride*, Charles Swindoll
3. *Spiritual Leadership*, Oswald Sanders
4. *Living Water*, Chuck Smith
5. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith
Pastor Gillett Doggett
Calvary Chapel of the Sierra
1. *Can Man Live Without God?*, Ravi Zacharias
2. *Unshakable Foundations*, Geisler and Bocchino
3. *So Great Salvation*, Charles Ryrie
4. *God Told Me to Tell You*, Robert L. Whitworth
5. *Thy Kingdom Come*, J. Dwight Pentecost

Pastor Richie Furay
Calvary Chapel Broomfield
1. *The Making Of A Man Of God*, Alan Redpath
2. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith
3. *Joy Unspeakable*, Martyn Lloyd-Jones
4. *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders
5. *The Bible*

Pastor Bil Gallatin
Calvary Chapel of Finger Lakes
3. *True Discipleship*, William McDonald
Pastor Jeff Gill

Calvary Chapel Running Springs

1. *Heralds of God*, James S. Stewart
2. *The Invasion of Wales by the Spirit*, Dr. James A. Stewart
5. *The Blessed Life*, William A. Quayle

Pastor Gino Geraci

Calvary South Denver

1. *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis
2. *How to Read a Book*, Mortimer Alder
4. *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer
5. *Evidence that Demands a Verdict*, Josh McDowell

Pastor Bob Grenier

Calvary Chapel Visalia

1. *Lectures to my Students*, Charles Spurgeon
2. *An All-Round Ministry*, Charles Spurgeon
4. *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*, Philip Keller
Pastor Skip Heitzig
Calvary Chapel Alburque
1. *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge*, R.A. Torrey
3. *Lectures to My Students*, C. H. Spurgeon
4. *Great Doctrines of the Bible*, Willam Evans or *Integrative Theology*, Lewis & Demerest
5. *Between Two Worlds*, John RW Stott

Pastor Darryl Henchie
Calvary Chapel Perth, West Austrailia
1. Pastoral Ministry
2. *Liberated from the Success Syndrome*, R. Kent Hughes
5. *A Man After God’s Own Heart*, R.T. Kendall

Pastor Ron Hindt
Calvary Houston
1. *Spiritual Leadership*, Oswald Sanders
2. *The Calvary Road*, Roy Hession
3. *Biblical Sermons*, Haddon Robinson
4. *Humility*, Andrew Murray
5. *Harvest*, Chuck Smith
Pastor Terry Hlebo
Calvary Chapel Rialto
1. *With the Word*, Warren W. Wiersbe
2. *A Minister’s Obstacles*, Ralph G. Turnbull
4. *Pastor to Pastor*, Robert Erwin Lutzer
5. *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders

Pastor Brian Hughes
Calvary Chapel Auckland
2. *Crisis Experiences*, Dr. Raymond Edmond
4. *Between Two Worlds*, John Stott
5. *His Part and Ours*, J. Sidlow Baxter

Pastor Jeff Johnson
Calvary Chapel Downey
1. *Living Water*, Chuck Smith
2. *The Root of the Righteous*, A.W. Tozer
3. *The Measure of a Man*, Gene A. Getz
4. *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders
5. *Victorious Christian Living*, Alan Redpath
Pastor Brad Lambert
Calvary Chapel Living Hope
1. Keswicks Authentic Voice, Herbert F. Stevenson
2. Christ Indwelling and Enthroned, J. Oswald Sanders
3. Holiest of All, Andrew Murray
4. Saving Life of Christ, Major Ian Thomas
5. Counseling God’s Way, Bob Hoekstra

Pastor Greg Laurie
Harvest Christian Fellowship
1. Lectures to My Students, C.H. Spurgeon
2. Trusting God, Jerry Bridges
3. The Case for the Real Christ, Lee Strobel
4. Spiritual Leadership, J. Oswald Sanders
5. On Being a Servant of God, Warren Wiersbe

Pastor Levi Lusko
Fresh Life Church
1. Lectures to My Students, Charles Spurgeon
2. On Being a Servant of God, Warren Wiersbe
3. The Next Generation Leader, Andy Stanley
4. Sticky Church, Larry Osborne
5. Killing Cockroaches, Tony Morgan
Pastor Terry Martens

Calvary Chapel Newcastle

1. *Systematic Theology*, Norman Giesler (for doctrine)
2. *Spiritual Leadership*, Oswald Sanders (church leadership)
3. *Fit for the Master’s Use*, F.B. Meyer (for personal growth)
4. *Calvary Distinctives*, Chuck Smith (for philosophy of ministry)
5. *Fox’s Book of Martyrs*, John Foxe (for perspective, we really don’t have enough of that)

Pastor Mark Martin

Calvary Community Church

2. *Liberating the Ministry from the Success Syndrome*, Kent & Barbara Hughes
5. *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer

Pastor Terry Michaels

Calvary Austin

1. *The Upside Down Church*, Greg Laurie
3. *Forgotten God*, Francis Chan
5. *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*, Jim Cymbala
5 Books Every Pastor Should Read

Pastor Mike Morris
Calvary Chapel Antelope Valley
1. Agape Leadership, Robert Peterson and Alexander Strauch
2. The Integrity Crisis, Warren Wiersbe
3. Fresh Faith, Jim Cymbala
4. The Lost Art of Disciple Making, Leroy Eims
5. The Lord’s Work Done the Lord’s Way, K.P. Yohannan

Pastor Roger Moyer
Calvary Carlsbad
1. Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome, Kent & Barbara Hughes
2. Disciplines of a Godly Man, R. Kent Hughes
3. On Being a Servant of God, Warren Wiersbe
4. The Flaming Tongue, J. Edwin Orr
5. Falling in Love with Prayer, Mike MacIntosh

Pastor Gary Nelson
Calvary Chapel Temecula Valley
1. Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire, Jim Cymbala
2. On Being a Servant of God, Warren Wiersbe
3. The Power of Prayer, R.A. Torrey
4. Preaching to Change Lives, Michael Fabarez
5. Not Ashamed of the Gospel, John MacArthur
5 Books Every Pastor Should Read

Pastor Gene Pensiero
Calvary Chapel of Hanford
1. *Living Water*, Chuck Smith
2. *Chosen but Free*, Norman Geisler
5. *Streams in the Desert*, Mrs. Charles Cowman

Pastor Joseph Prudhomme
Calvary Chapel Solano
1. *The Genesis Record*, Henry Morris
4. *Preaching and Teaching with Imagination*, Warren Wiersbe
5. *Victorious Christians You Should Know*, Warren Wiersbe

Pastor Mike Rodriguez
Calvary Chapel Corona
1. *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis
2. *Bible Knowledge Commentary*, John Walvoord & Roy Zuck
3. *The Treasury of Scripture*, R.A. Torrey
5. *Preaching and Preachers*, Martin Lloyd Jones
Pastor Raul Ries
Calvary Chapel Golden Springs
1. *Awake My Heart*, J. Sidlow Baxter
2. *Paul of Tarsus*, T.R. Glover
3. *Between Two Worlds*, John Stott
4. *How to Pray*, R.A. Torrey
5. *Trusting God*, Jerry Bridges

Pastor Xavier Ries
Calvary Chapel Pasadena
1. *Preaching & Teaching with Imagination*, Warren W. Wiersbe
2. *Interpreting The Bible*, A. Berkeley Mickelsen
3. *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders
4. *Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?*, Roland Allen

Pastor Andrew Russell
Calvary Melbourne
2. *Love, Acceptance and Forgiveness*, Jerry Cook
3. *Living By the Book*, Howard Hendricks
5. *360 Degree Leader*, John Maxwell
Pastor Bill Stonebraker

Calvary Chapel Honolulu

1. *Lectures to My Students*, Charles Spurgeon
2. *Between Two Worlds: The Art of Preaching in the Twentieth Century*, John R. Stott
4. *The Calvary Road*, Roy Hession
5. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith

Pastor Wayne Taylor

Calvary Fellowship of Mountlake Terrace

1. *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders
2. *Calvary Road*, Roy Hession
3. *Humility*, Andrew Murray
4. *Shadow of the Almighty*, Elizabeth Elliott
Thanks to all the pastors who responded by sending your Top 5 Book list. I deeply appreciate your contribution. Thanks also to Stacey James & Lee Coe for your help in putting this together.

Here is my Top 5 List;

**Pastor John Miller**

**Calvary Chapel San Bernardino**

1. *Liberating Ministry from The Success Syndrome*, Kent & Barbara Hughes
2. *The Preacher’s Portrait*, John Stott
5. *The Disciples of Life*, V. Raymond Edman

These are the Top Five most frequently mentioned titles.

1. *Spiritual Leadership*, Oswald Sanders (12)
2. *Lectures to My Students*, Charles Spurgeon (9)
4. *Being a Servant*, Warren Wiersbe (7)
Books on Books

- The Ministers Library, Cyril J. Barber
- A Basic Library for Bible Students, Warren W. Wiersbe
- A Classic Bible study Library for Today, Kregal
- A Treasury of Book’s for Bible Study, Wilbur M. Smith
- Chats from a Ministers Library, Wilbur M. Smith
- Walking with the Giants, Warren W. Wiersbe
- Listening to the Giants, Warren W. Wiersbe