

## Christian Hospitality A Way Of Life Faith

What does it mean for Christians to be hospitable? How, in this age of pressing deadlines and busy schedules, can we keep from sighing with the heaviness of one more Christian duty? Hospitality is often seen as a bland practice of politeness or an invitation to be harmed by a stranger. Biblical hospitality is different. God's call to love the stranger is neither boring nor dangerous. Instead, it is an invitation to experience God in a new way. Not in a way that depletes our energy, but always in a way where two become three, as God joins us at the table. People usually don't expect surprises. Yet biblical hospitality, the call to love the stranger, guarantees that a surprise is just around the corner. The guest becomes the host. Givers receive more than they give. God is seen in the most unlikely people. In the process, we become guests of the most gracious Host of all.

How to grow in love for your church. God calls us to be "devoted to one another in love" (Romans 12:10). What does this look like for us today? How can we be the kind of church member who makes a real difference? This engaging book by Tony Merida explores what church is, why being part of it is exciting, and why it's worthy of our love and commitment. He sets out eight privileges and

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responsibilities of a church member: to belong, to welcome, to gather, to care, to serve, to honour, to witness and to send. As we see how wonderful it is to belong to God's family and be a part of his amazing witness to both the earthly and the heavenly realms, we'll grow in our love for and commitment to our local church. This is a great book for every churchgoer to read, whether they're new or have been attending for some time but need re-energising with God's vision for the local church. With a discussion guide at the end of the book, *Love Your Church* is also a great resource for small groups.

Prepare your heart and home to serve not only family and friends, but neighbors and strangers too! Make any space a haven of discipleship, connection, and comfort. As Christians, we sometimes forget the power of an open door to a lost world. Using our homes to live out our faith in the true model of the Great Commission is challenging in our busy, over-scheduled lives. But having a home that is always open and available is key to living in community with others and being missional in our thinking. In this beautiful and inspiring book, wife, mom, and interior design enthusiast Victoria Duerstock offers simple and inspiring ways to prepare our hearts and homes to be open to friends, neighbors, and strangers. You don't need an immaculate or professionally decorated home to be hospitable. In fact, there is beauty in being honest with others about our lived-in

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spaces, and great value in being humble enough to live life together in the midst of imperfection. But it'll be a blessing to you and to your guests to create a space that reflects the beauty, peace, and joy of life in Christ. Whether you have a tiny apartment or a big old farmhouse, you can learn how to: Declutter common areas Bring hygge to your guest room (or even just to your couch, if that's all you've got!) Create a peaceful, welcoming atmosphere Schedule in regular housecleaning Prepare freezer meals for no-stress last minute dinners More importantly, be encouraged to have your heart in the right place, to engage in meaningful discussion with guests, and to take time to be a "Mary" in our works-driven "Martha" culture. Allow the Holy Spirit to overflow from your heart into your homes and community as you let your guard down and invite people into your lives.

Most church members don't see their churches clearly. In almost all of Thom S. Rainer's consultations, church members perceive their church to be friendly. But as he surveyed guests, he found that the guests typically saw church members as unfriendly. The perception chasm existed because the members were indeed friendly . . . to one another. The guests felt like they crashed a private party. Bestselling author Thom Rainer (I Am a Church Member, Autopsy of a Deceased Church) has a game plan for churches to become more hospitable. In a format

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that is suitable for church members to read individually or study together, Rainer guides readers toward a practical framework for making a difference for those who visit their church. Churches may use *Becoming a Welcoming Church* to assess and audit where they are on a spectrum between welcoming and wanting. Additionally, churches can use the companion book *We Want You Here* to send guests home with a compelling vision for what pastors want every guest to know when they visit.

Life at the end of the twentieth century presents us with a disturbing reality. Otherness, the simple fact of being different in some way, has come to be defined as in and of itself evil. Miroslav Volf contends that if the healing word of the gospel is to be heard today, Christian theology must find ways of speaking that address the hatred of the other. Reaching back to the New Testament metaphor of salvation as reconciliation, Volf proposes the idea of embrace as a theological response to the problem of exclusion. Increasingly we see that exclusion has become the primary sin, skewing our perceptions of reality and causing us to react out of fear and anger to all those who are not within our (ever-narrowing) circle. In light of this, Christians must learn that salvation comes, not only as we are reconciled to God, and not only as we "learn to live with one another", but as we take the dangerous and costly step of opening ourselves to

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the other, of enfolding him or her in the same embrace with which we have been enfolded by God.

Common Prayer helps today's diverse church pray together across traditions and denominations. With an ear to the particulars of how various liturgical traditions pray, and using an advisory team of liturgy experts, the authors have created a tapestry of prayer that celebrates the best of each tradition. The book also includes a unique songbook composed of music and classic lyrics to over fifty songs from various traditions, including African spirituals, traditional hymns, Mennonite gathering songs, and Taize chants. Tools for prayer are scattered throughout to aid those who are unfamiliar with liturgy and to deepen the prayer life of those who are familiar with liturgical prayer. Ultimately, Common Prayer makes liturgy dance, taking the best of the old and bringing new life to it with a fresh fingerprint for the contemporary renewal of the church. Churches and individuals who desire a deeper prayer life and those familiar with Shane Claiborne and New Monasticism will enjoy the tools offered in this book as a fresh take on liturgy.

In a world that's moving so fast, it's easy to lose your sense of purpose. Clarkson journeys with you to explore what it means to live meaningfully, follow God truly, and bring much-needed order to your chaos. Discover what it means to own your

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life, and dare to trust God's hands as He richly shapes your character, family, work, and soul.

How to offer Christian hospitality without becoming exhausted and overburdened. Generous hospitality is a significant way in which God works through our lives to bring life to others, yet many of us feel ill-equipped and overwhelmed at the prospect, especially if we don't have big houses and we are not wonderful cooks! Carolyn Lacey encourages us to focus on the goal of hospitality, which is to reflect God's welcoming heart, and shows us how we can all do that, regardless of our bank balance or living situation. She explores seven ways in which we can reflect God's character in the way we welcome others into our homes and into our lives, and so point people ultimately to Christ. This practical and realistic book explores how to make generous hospitality part of everyday life without becoming exhausted and overburdened.

Too few Christians today, says Joshua Jipp, understand hospitality to strangers and the marginalized as an essential part of the church's identity. In this book Jipp argues that God's relationship to his people is fundamentally an act of hospitality to strangers, and that divine and human hospitality together are thus at the very heart of Christian faith. Jipp first provides a thorough interpretation of the major biblical texts related to the practice of hospitality to strangers, considering especially how these texts portray Christ

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as the divine host who extends God's welcome to all people. Jipp then invites readers to consider how God's hospitality sets the pattern for human hospitality, offering suggestions on how the practice of welcoming strangers can guide the church in its engagement with current social challenges--immigration, incarceration, racism, and more.

Hospitality plays crucial roles in encouraging unity, evangelism, and many spiritual gifts in the local church. Strauch shows the Scripture's teaching along with practical hints that he and his wife have learned over the years.

The Simplest Way to Change the World Biblical Hospitality as a Way of Life Moody Publishers

What if the path toward an extraordinary life is becoming more ordinary? Ordinary is not a call to be more radical. If anything, it is a call to the contrary. The kingdom of God isn't coming with light shows, and shock and awe, but with lowly acts of service. Tony Merida wants to push back against sensationalism and "rock star Christianity," and help people understand that they can make a powerful impact by practicing ordinary Christianity. Through things such as humble acts of service, neighbor love, and hospitality, Christians can shake the foundations of the culture. In order to see things happen that have never happened before, Christians must do what Christians have always done. Christians need to become more ordinary. Let's think together about how we, ordinary people, doing ordinary things, might turn the world upside down.

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This practical book by pastor and writer Henry G. Brinton studies the biblical basis for Christian hospitality and how it is practiced in congregations today.

For most of church history, hospitality was central to Christian identity. Yet our generation knows little about this rich, life-giving practice.

Every church, every organization, has experienced them: betrayal, deception, grumbling, envy, exclusion. They make life together difficult and prevent congregations from developing the skills, virtues, and practices they need to nurture sturdy, life-giving communities. In *Living into Community* Christine Pohl explores four specific Christian practices -- gratitude, promise-keeping, truth-telling, and hospitality -- that can counteract those destructive forces and help churches and individuals build and sustain vibrant communities. Drawing on a wealth of personal and professional experience and interacting with the biblical, historical, and moral traditions, Pohl thoughtfully discusses each practice, including its possible complications and deformations, and points to how these essential practices can be better cultivated within communities and families.

What did God use to draw a radical, committed unbeliever to himself? Did God take her to an evangelistic rally? Or, since she had her doctorate in literature, did he use something in print? No, God used an invitation to dinner in a modest home, from a humble couple who lived out the gospel daily, simply, and authentically. With this story of her conversion as a backdrop, Rosaria Butterfield invites us into her home to show us how God can use this same “radical, ordinary hospitality” to bring the gospel to our

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lost friends and neighbors. Such hospitality sees our homes as not our own, but as God's tools for the furtherance of his kingdom as we welcome those who look, think, believe, and act differently from us into our everyday, sometimes messy lives—helping them see what true Christian faith really looks like.

Does the thought of hosting a dinner send you into spasms of delight or spirals of dismay? Do you love opening your home to others? Or do you dread even the planning it takes to get a group of friends to arrive at the same restaurant at the same time? We each have our own unique hospitality personality. And when you tap into yours, you'll find a lot more blessing with a lot less stressing. With personal assessments, encouraging stories, and plenty of practical ideas, Morgan Tyree shows you how to identify and embrace your hospitality personality so you can stop worrying and start enjoying yourself and your guests. She helps you understand your hospitality habits, hurdles, and hang-ups, then offers real-life solutions that fit you.

How to make disciples using hospitality Deep down, every Christian wants to make a difference. But for many of us, the years come and go and we never do. The good news is: change can be as simple as opening your front door. The Simplest Way to Change the World is about biblical hospitality and its power for the gospel. Since people will sooner enter a living room than a church, hospitality is a natural and effective way to build relationships for Christ. You'll learn: How the home can be a hub for community How hospitality leads to joy, purpose, and belonging How it grows families to love the things of God How it's not about being the perfect host How to be hospitable regardless of your living space Hospitality is a beautiful legacy of the church, and a great way to make disciples. As you open your life up to others,

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you share in the very character of God and experience His joy. And you get to witness lives change—including your own. Includes 20+ creative ideas for hospitality, plus questions for small groups

Begin to live this radical vision for a kinder world . . . There is no need to be afraid as we walk through life—afraid of the unknown, the unexpected, even other people. Deep within the heart of Christian spirituality lies a remedy to fear, anger, and suspicion: hospitality. Sharing monastic wisdom as well as stories from her own life, Pratt encourages us to embrace the true meaning of love for the other, by welcoming the stranger—into both our homes and hearts. This new edition of a contemporary classic has been updated thoroughly, including two new chapters, a new introduction, and more ancient and contemporary monastic insight. Praise for the first edition: “A quietly dazzling book, overflowing with small stories, teaching by illustration how to attempt to live the Benedictine Rule.” --John McQuiston, II, author of *Always We Begin Again: The Benedictine Way of Living* “A bountiful feast. The way of Benedict is food for the soul. I hope you savor it as I did.” --Philip Gulley, bestselling author of the *Harmony* series. An alternative, uniquely Christian response to the growing global challenges of deep religious difference In the last fifty years, millions of Muslims have migrated to Europe and North America. Their arrival has ignited a series of fierce public debates on both sides of the Atlantic about religious freedom and tolerance, terrorism and security, gender and race, and much more. How can Christians best respond to this situation? In this book theologian and ethicist Matthew Kaemingk offers a thought-provoking Christian perspective on the growing debates over Muslim presence in the West. Rejecting both fearful nationalism and romantic multiculturalism, Kaemingk makes the case for a third way—a Christian pluralism that is

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committed to both the historic Christian faith and the public rights, dignity, and freedom of Islam.

Christine D. Pohl's book *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition* has helped foster renewal of the central but long-neglected practice of Christian hospitality. This new study guide for *Making Room* provides a variety of ways in which people can learn more about the practice. Designed for use by small groups -- though individuals will also profit from it -- the study guide is divided into nine lessons corresponding to the chapters of *Making Room*. Each lesson begins with an introduction briefly highlighting the main points of the book, followed by sections on group building, Scripture, discussion, reflection, and personal application. Each lesson also provides aids for group leaders and suggested activities to help participants begin to make the practice of hospitality part of their daily life.

Change a generation with something as simple as an invitation. For many of us, inviting people into our lives and homes feels more like inviting judgment on our entertaining skills and stress on our already maxed-out schedules. But what if you knew that opening your front door had the power to radically change the world? To make an impact and leave a legacy with everyday invitations? Jen Schmidt has set out to reframe how we think about hospitality and to equip us to walk a road of welcome in our daily lives. Jen knows that every time we choose open-door living—whether in our homes or by taking hospitality on the road just like Jesus—those we invite in get to experience the lived-out Gospel, our kids grow up in a life-lab of generosity, and we trade insecurity for connection. *Just Open the Door* is a personal yes-you-can guide to offering the life-changing gift of invitation. Whether you're a seasoned host looking for renewed inspiration or a nervous newbie not sure where to begin, these personal stories, practical

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ideas, and poignant insights will give you the confidence you need to see your home as the most likely location for changing the world around you, one open door at a time.

God is a missionary God. God is also hospitable in his nature. He makes his enemies friends and invites them to intimate communion. The mission of God in Scripture often occurs through hospitality when God's people encounter the not-yet people of God at table or in hospitable environments and invite them to believe. This motif of mission as hospitality plays out through the Old and New Testament Scriptures, and through the Eucharist. It can also be observed through the witness of monks and contemporary missionaries who embraced a hospitable approach to mission. For the church to participate in God's mission today, a vision to win, conquer, or change the world should be exchanged for a conviction to welcome the stranger and make room for others while proclaiming the gospel—that is, to imitate the hospitable God in mission.

In this book, Yong shows what happens when the revolutionary practices of Jesus and the early church are applied to Christian relations with people of other faiths. He shows that the religious 'other' is not a mere object for conversion, but a neighbour to whom hospitality must be extended.

In this delightful collection of 52 devotions, Evelyn Bence reflects on gatherings at her table that have brought together friends, family, and neighbors. The anecdotal meditations ease the door ajar, gently inviting you to welcome others to your table. You see her planning a gathering, choosing recipes, thinking about how to make guests feel at ease. For seasoned hosts, Bence provides encouragement and camaraderie. For

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novices, she offers gentle instruction laced with humor, realistic expectations, and recipes to try. Many readers will remember Evelyn Bence as a frequent contributor to Daily Guideposts. Known for her warm, personal writing, she offers devotional gems and recipes in *Room at My Table* that will appeal to a wide range of Christian women. The book makes a thoughtful hostess gift. Come along, Bence gracefully urges—you, too, can make room at your table for others to share a meal or even just a cup of coffee and dessert. Whether your table is humble or grand, you can reach out to others and enjoy offering hospitality.

This volume provides an anthology of about 40 primary source documents that describe the work of religious communities that took care of pilgrims and the sick in the late antique and early medieval world. The project identifies letters, diary accounts, instructions, sermons, travelogues, and community records and rules that give us a window into a world of early communities that saw it as their duty and their privilege to care for the sick, to safeguard the pilgrim, and to host the stranger. Each document is placed in historical, geographical, and social context as it contributes to an emerging picture of these communities. The volume addresses the motivations and practices of communities that risked extending hospitality. Why did these communities take great risks for the socially vulnerable? What stake did they have in pilgrims and the sick? What communal experiences supported and sustained both the communities and their audiences? How was hospitality cultivated?

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Explore the deeper concepts of Christian hospitality--the biblical way to use your home and an open heart to care for others.

Incarceration has become commonplace in American family life. Families are confronted with unprecedented pain and hardships that separate children from parents, husbands from wives, and subject those who served their time to ostracism and discrimination as they seek a new start in life. This project focuses on transforming the way the leadership at the FBC sees, feels, and acts about those with criminal histories by reclaiming the ancient practice of Christian hospitality as a means by which the church can effectively address the phenomenon of mass incarceration. Christian hospitality as a means of addressing mass incarceration goes beyond the contemporary trends in church ministry, which emphasizes the establishment of individual ministries to participate in the work of salvation charged to the church (Matthew 28:18-20). Examples of individual ministries include marriage ministry, prayer posse, prison ministry, etc. Such individual ministries are important, but also suggest that participants require specialization or a "call" to a specific ministry in order to serve. The practice of Christian hospitality, however, as the underlying ethos of a church goes beyond specialized ministry, geared to individual talents, and involves the community of believers in the work of salvation in meeting the needs of a congregation and its community. First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens (FBC), located in Somerset, New Jersey has experienced the impact that mass incarceration inflicts upon its

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membership. To gauge its member's attitudes towards the issue of incarceration surveys were utilized to describe the congregation and explore the membership's perceptions toward those impacted by the criminal justice system. The survey results indicate that church members are willing to change their attitudes toward those affected by the criminal justice system. A strategy is proposed whereby the church leadership can minister to the incarcerated, formerly incarcerated, and their families by utilizing Christian hospitality. The hospitality modeled by church leaders would then trickle down to the wider congregation. However, to effectively engage the leadership of the church and thereby change the congregational ethos, their attitudes must be transformed through a three-step process that involves seeing the issues faced by the incarcerated and their families, feeling or empathizing with their hurt, and then acting. Moreover, to move the membership toward the practice of Christian hospitality there must be present biblical theology that serves as an organizing principle for practice, which must be incorporated into the senior pastor's strategic plan for the church. Christian hospitality as a strategy for addressing issues of incarceration at FBC can be replicated in other faith based institutions and non-profit organizations. To be sure, Christian hospitality is not limited to addressing issues of mass incarceration, but can be utilized to address various social ills that impact the Christian church.

In face of unprecedented awareness of religious diversity, as well as the dangers of conflict, interreligious dialogue has become vital. Yet, these authors maintain, it is the

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commitment to think together about religious faith and our inherited traditions that genuinely moves mutual understanding to new levels. Here is such a religious experiment, an interreligious theological quest, framed in the interests of peacemaking. Fadi Daou and Nayla Tabbara, a Maronite priest and a Muslim Sunni, respectively, share one objective: to show what the Christian and Muslim faiths teach with regard to religious "otherness" and to indicate the relationship which may link the believer of another religion to God. It is this honest attempt to find divine hospitality that opens each religion to spiritual solidarity and to the reality, presence, and gift of the other. \*\*\*

"This is truly an exceptional book. Fadi Daou and Nayla Tabbara have shown that the teaching of theology is not enough, and that . . . it is necessary to promote spiritual communion between believers from different religions and to translate theological questions into terms of daily life." --Jean-Marc Aveline, Institut Catholique de la Mediterranee[Subject: Religious Studies, Muslim Studies, Christian Studies]

Includes Scripture passages at the beginning of each chapter and discussion questions at the end of each chapter.

What makes a person or a home hospitable? Does hospitality call for a beautifully decorated home and a menu filled with gourmet foods, or can it be as simple as offering a friend a cup of tea? In *Practicing Hospitality* two longtime professors (and practitioners!) of home economics provide both the theological base and the practical knowledge to understand and implement God's plan for hospitality. They provide a

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blend of theologically sound content, real-life illustrations, and practical application. They focus on developing both the Christian character and practical skills so the act of hospitality is a joy for the host and hostess and a source of encouragement for the guest. Each chapter concludes with recipes and projects that provide readers with an opportunity to personally apply the book's content. Anyone seeking to grow in their knowledge of biblical hospitality will be richly rewarded by the biblical teaching and practical suggestions in this book.

Mothering is messy. Our joy and hope in raising children doesn't change the reality that being a mom can be frustrating, stressful, and tiring. But just as God is using us to shape our children, God is using our children and motherhood to shape us. In *The Better Mom*, author Ruth Schwenk, herself a mother of four children, encourages us with the good news that there is more to being a mom than the extremes of striving for perfection or simply embracing the mess. We don't need to settle for surviving our kids' childhood. We can grow through it. With refreshing and heartfelt honesty Ruth emboldens moms to:

- Find freedom and walk confidently in purpose
- Create a God-honoring home environment
- Overcome unhealthy and destructive emotions such as anger, anxiety, and more
- Avoid glorifying the mess of mom-ing or idolizing perfection
- Cultivate life-giving friendships

At the heart of *The Better Mom* is the message that Jesus calls us to live not a weary life, but a worthy life. We don't have to settle for either being apathetic or struggling to be perfect. Both visions of motherhood go too far.

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Ruth offers a better option. She says, "It's okay to come as we are, but what we're called to do and be is far too important to stay there! The way to becoming a better mom starts not with what we are doing, but with who God is inviting us to become." Offers guidance in living in the spirit of Jesus Christ seeking to contact the personal self, fellow human beings, and God

Practicing hospitality is central to building a civil society, not to mention living a Christian life. It can be enriching and joy-filled, but it can also be profoundly demanding and sometimes even dangerous. In *The Limits of Hospitality*, Jessica Wroblewski explores the ethical questions surrounding the practice of hospitality, particularly hospitality that is informed by Christian theological commitments. While there is no algorithm that distinguishes between ethically 'legitimate' and 'illegitimate' boundaries, the variety of circumstances in which hospitality is relevant and the nature of hospitality itself make advocating firm and fixed boundaries difficult. How much more so for Christians, for whom the practice of hospitality should be a manifestation of agape, a participation in God's eschatological welcome extended to all people through Jesus Christ! Are limits to hospitality, then, merely a regrettable concession to our finite and fallen condition? Wroblewski offers a rich theological reflection that will interest anyone who has a role in the practice of hospitality in community? Whether such communities are families, households, churches, educational institutions, or nation-states.

The Jesus Way series helps readers encounter big questions about the reign of God in

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the world. Concise and practical books deeply rooted in Anabaptist theology. Start small.

Untamed Hospitality digs into the important biblical theme of hospitality, providing a profound initiation into this important but often misunderstood practice.

What is a preacher? What is preaching? Pastor Tony Merida asks these foundational questions to arrive at this overview of his widely anticipated book, Faithful Preaching: "Faithful preaching is the responsible, passionate, and authentic declaration of the Christ-exalting Scriptures, by the power of the Spirit, for the glory of the Triune God. Expository preaching is the best approach for accurately explaining and applying God's Word, and for maintaining a God-centered focus in preaching. It also offers wonderful spiritual benefits to both the preacher and congregation. To be faithful expositors today, we must avoid the common problems associated with expository preaching such as boredom, irrelevancy, and Christless messages. Faithful preachers will usher the people through the text passionately and authentically, pointing them to Christ." Offers a new model for understanding the atonement, sensitive to both the Christian tradition and its postmodern critics.

In Offering Hospitality: Questioning Christian Approaches to War, Caron E. Gentry reflects on the predominant strands of American political theology--Christian realism, pacifism, and the just war tradition--and argues that Christian political theologies on war remain, for the most part, inward-looking and resistant to criticism from opposing

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viewpoints. In light of the new problems that require choices about the use of force--genocide, terrorism, and failed states, to name just a few--a rethinking of the conventional arguments about just war and pacifism is timely and important. Gentry's insightful perspective marries contemporary feminist and critical thought to prevailing theories, such as Christian realism represented in the work of Reinhold Niebuhr and the pacifist tradition of Stanley Hauerwas. She draws out the connection between hospitality in postmodern literature and hospitality as derived from the Christian conception of agape, and relates the literature on hospitality to the Christian ethics of war. She contends that the practice of hospitality, incorporated into the jus ad bellum criterion of last resort, would lead to a "better peace." Gentry's critique of Christian realism, pacifism, and the just war tradition through an engagement with feminism is unique, and her treatment of failed states as a concrete security issue is practical. By asking multiple audiences--theologians, feminists, postmodern scholars, and International Relations experts--to grant legitimacy and credibility to each other's perspectives, she contributes to a reinvigorated dialogue. "This is a bold and brave book that tackles weighty matters pertaining to violence and community with a deft touch. Caron Gentry's perspective, which marries contemporary feminist and critical thought to Christian realist, just war, and pacifist concerns, is fresh and insightful. She succeeds wonderfully in carving out a space that relates the literature on hospitality to the contemporary ethics of war. This book will be of major interest to scholars working

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in theology, international relations, political theory, and religious ethics." --Cian O'Driscoll, University of Glasgow "Caron Gentry offers a daring constructive moral proposal here calling for a reconstruction of the just war ethic's criterion of last resort as a platform for embodying a deep form of Christian hospitality in international affairs. Along the way she analyzes the work of Reinhold Niebuhr, Stanley Hauerwas, and Jean Bethke Elshtain. A must read for students of political theology, international relations, and feminist theory." --Shaun Casey, Wesley Theological Seminary Invites readers to an authentic vision of selfhood, calling us to be proactive in our interactions with others.

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