



**Particularly Helpful for Self-Work  
or Continuing in the Themes of Intimacy/Sexuality**

Anthony DeMello, *The Way to Love*

jesuit priest's last reflections on how open ourselves to living fully, very easy/profound read

Rob Bell, *Sex God*

wonderful discussion and context for our Song of Songs series

Richard Rohr, *Falling Upward; Immortal Diamond*

how do we begin seeing past our false selves and embrace our true self

Henry Cloud, *Integrity; How People Grow*

reflections from a clinician's perspective on how growth occurs and what stops it

Brene Brown, *The Gifts of Imperfection*

beautifully practical reflections on walking through shame with vulnerability

Donald Miller, *Scary Close; A Million Miles in a Thousand Years*

*scary close* – beginning to take off masks and engage intimacy now

*a million miles* – opening up possibility as we see our lives through a narrative lens

Peter Scazzerro, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*

reflections on a spirituality that when engaged leaves more alive than dry

Ruth Haley Barton, *Sacred Rhythms*

reflections on engaging our natural rhythms in a purposeful way

Barbara Brown Taylor, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*

engaging doubt and despair honestly as a deeply spiritual act

Peter Rollins, *How (Not) to Speak of God*

more philosophical, rollins systematically confronts many long held christian assumptions

Carl Medearis, *Speaking of Jesus*

extremely practical, many stories, reflections on how jesus breaks down walls that religion cannot

**Classics and New Classics**

CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity; The Weight of Glory*

*mere christianity* – a very thorough thought from why we say “should” to the need for Jesus

*the weight of glory* – reflections of what it would mean if we believed what God says we are

George MacDonald, *Lilith; At the Back of the North Wind*

beautiful stories intertwined with deeply spiritual themes and language that awaken wonder

Desmond Tutu, *God Has a Dream*

reflections on the christ-vision that rebuilt post-apartheid south africa

NT Wright, *After You Believe; Simply Jesus*

*after you believe* – compelling discussions about why morality matters and why it doesn't

*simply jesus* – helping to understand jesus' place in the scriptures and history and why we care

Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy; Spirit of the Disciplines*

*divine conspiracy* – rethinking the "whys" of the christian faith as something larger than morals

*spirit...* – christian moral and principles discussed practically instead of dogmatically

### **Books of Poetry and Prayers**

Ted Loder, *Guerrillas of Grace*

John Philip Newell, *Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter, Morning and Night Prayers*

*Celtic Daily Prayer*

*The Paraclete Psalter*