

IRISH WOMEN'S CONVENTION 2020

Growing in Love for God

Guest Speaker:
Sharon James



The videos are not long (about 20mins each) we would encourage you to spend time after each talk in prayer, praising our triune God – Irish Women's Convention Committee

Growing in Love for the Triune God

*May the **grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the **love** of God, and the **fellowship** of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor. 13:14)*

Enjoying the Love of God the Father

Matthew 6:7-14, 25-34; Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:4-7

The Love of the Father

1. His love is a fatherly love
2. The Father's love seeks us out
3. Our Father wants the best for us

How to grow in enjoyment of the Father's love

1. Pray to him
2. Obey him
3. Trust him

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Enjoying the Grace of God the Son

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor. 13:14)

The Grace of Christ

John 15:1-17

1. The grace of the *person* and *work* of Jesus Christ – who he is and what he does

2. ‘Abiding in Christ’ – enjoying union with Christ

How to grow in enjoyment of this grace

1. Spend time with him

2. Tell others of his grace, don't keep it to yourself

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Enjoying the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor. 13:14)

John 14:15-26; 15:26-27; 16:5-15

Romans 8:18-27

The Holy Spirit

1. Convicts us of our need of salvation
2. Assures us of salvation
3. Teaches us
4. Helps us to pray
5. Transforms us

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Helpful resources from Sharon James

John Owen, *Communion with God*, abridged by R.J.K. Law, (Banner of Truth)

Erroll Hulse, *Fellowship with the Trinity*, free online at:

<http://www.chapellibrary.org/files/archive/pdf-english/fwtt.pdf>

Malcolm Maclean, *Royal Company* (Commentary on Song of Solomon; Christian Focus)

Frances Ridley Havergal, *Kept for the Master's Use*, free online at:

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/31647/31647-h/31647-h.htm>

Sharon James, *Elizabeth Prentiss: More Love to Thee*, Banner of Truth Trust

Sharon James, *Ann Judson: A Missionary Life for Burma*, Evangelical Press

Other books by Sharon James

Gentle Rain on Tender Grass: Daily devotions in the Pentateuch, Evangelical Press

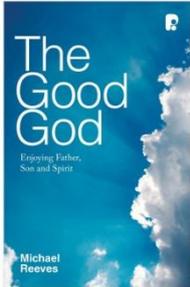
The Dawn of Heaven Breaks, Evangelical Press

God's Design for Women in an Age of Gender Confusion, Evangelical Press

Gender Ideology: What do Christians Need to Know? Christian Focus

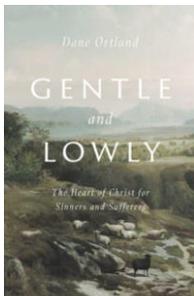
For resources from the Christian Institute: www.christian.org.uk You can sign up to receive free regular updates for news and prayer items via the website. Christian Institute Belfast office phone number, 028 9094 1667 from NI; 048 9094 1667 from ROI.

IWC 2020 Resource Recommendations



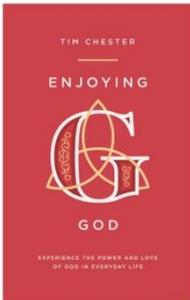
***The Good God* – by Mike Reeves**

In this book, Mike Reeves expands our understanding of God as triune, loving and relational. His book is searchingly deep and theologically profound but at the same time is witty and accessible in its presentation. It is a short book – only 112 pages!



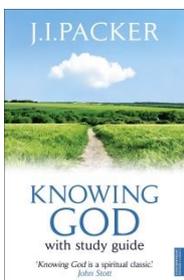
***Gentle and Lowly* – by Dane Ortlund**

Gentle and Lowly has been described as the best book of the 21st century – it really is balm for the soul as Dane carefully and tenderly displays Christ's heart for the sinner and sufferer.



***Enjoying God* – by Tim Chester**

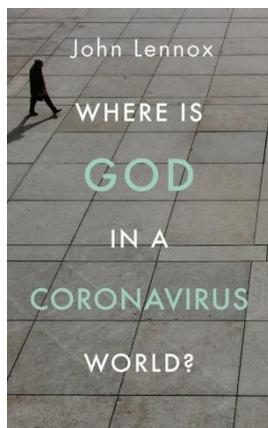
Tim Chester describes how the Father, the Son and the Spirit relate to us in everyday life and how we can respond. He shows us that we can enjoy God in every moment of every day whether we are experiencing good times or hard times.



***Knowing God* – by J I Packer**

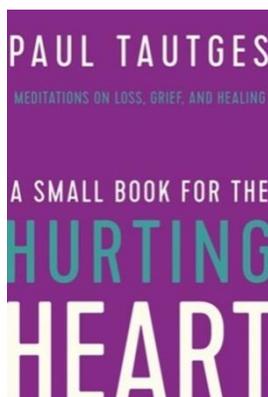
John Stott described this book as a “spiritual classic” which should adorn everyone’s book shelf. It has been one of the most significant and popular books of our time – I remember reading it when I was at university (a long time ago!) the content is both heart-warming and mind-stretching.

Some additional resources in the current health crisis:



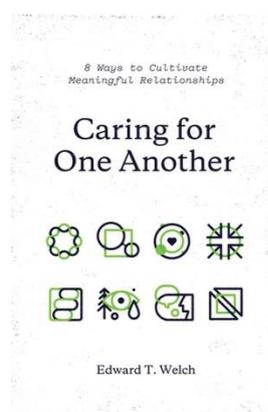
Where is God in a Coronavirus World? – by Dr John Lennox

This is a wonderful little evangelistic booklet which you could easily pass on to anyone who has questions about God's sovereignty in the midst of this pandemic. John Lennox succinctly reminds us that God is in control of all things and His plans and purposes for His world are often hidden from His people but known by Him.



A Small Book for the Hurting Heart – by Paul Tautges

This devotional guide has 51 daily readings which offer Biblical counsel and comfort to those who are suffering. It offers deep and meaningful truths which can reorientate us when we are going through difficult times.



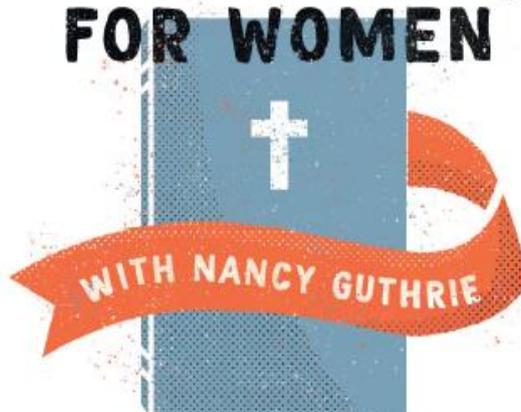
Caring For One Another - 8 ways to cultivate meaningful relationships by Dr Ed Welch

Ed Welch, a CCEF Counsellor, reminds us what it means to really care for one another. This is a very useful and practical guide to establishing a caring community within our churches and could be used in small groups or in a 1:1 Bible study.

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