



## *Recommended Reads From Jennifer Perez*

### ***Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*** **(Eric Metaxas)**

One of the best-written biographies on Bonhoeffer's life. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the detailed history of this Christian martyr and was struck in realizing that the tragedies surrounding his life didn't happen that long ago.

### ***Brokenness, Surrender & Holiness*** **(Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth)**

Many of Nancy's books would be on my list, but this series was most personally impacting. She discusses three important themes of the Christian life that are important to God and asks you to apply godly attitudes that will greatly impact your relationship with God and with others.

### ***The Cost of Discipleship*** (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

The first time I heard about Bonhoeffer was in high school when my youth pastor encouraged us to read this book. It's a classic, timeless piece that led me to a deeper understanding of the riches of God's grace which comes with a cost, at least it should.

### ***The Faith*** (Chuck Colson)

A great resource to help Christians understand what they believe and also be able to live out and defend their faith. This book helped remind me that the Christian life is full of joy and excitement — that there is nothing that brings hope and true transformation like Christ in a person's life!

### ***The Giver*** (Lois Lowry)

One of my favorite novels. You'll just have to read it!

### ***How Now Shall We Live?*** **(Chuck Colson & Nancy Pearcey)**

The classic Christian Worldview book that outlines how a Christian should think and live. If someone asked me for a book that describes and defends a biblical worldview, this is the book that I would point them to.

### ***Not the Way It's Supposed to Be:*** ***A Breviary of Sin*** (Neil Plantinga, Jr.)

A study of the theology of sin; how it corrupts what is good, how it spreads, and its parasitic quality. A difficult read, but helpful in that it provides a thorough definition of sin and the understanding of broken covenant. Sin hurts other people, it grieves God, and it corrodes us.

### ***Sacred Marriage*** (Gary Thomas)

Probably the best book I've ever read on the topic of marriage and the first time I realized that God intended marriage to make us holy, not happy.

### ***Same Kind of Different As Me*** **(Ron Hall & Denver Moore)**

This book is based on a true story about a friendship that forms between two men from very different walks of life, and how faith and unconditional love transformed their lives forever. It moved me to tears.

### ***Shepherding a Child's Heart*** (Tedd Tripp)

When raising our kids, I read through this book a handful of times. It proved to be a helpful resource for raising children and disciplining them from an understanding of God's authority.

