

My Most Formative Theological Books

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- [Galatians for You - Tim Keller](#)
 - This is an expository devotional/small group commentary that is small yet incredibly deep and rich. Gave me a personal understanding of the gospel that I had never received before.
- [Romans for You - Tim Keller](#)
 - Similar to the prior book, but this one covers the book of Romans. So good!
- [Letters to the Church, Francis Chan](#)
 - This specifically helped shape the way that I think about what the local church is and challenged me to rethink how we “do church” and rather how to “be the church”
- [This is Our Time - Trevin Wax](#)
 - This is a comparison of the current culture’s philosophy of living compared to biblical Christianity. I think every believer should read this as a way to better understand how to discern the world that we live in
- [Gay Girl, Good God - Jackie Hill Perry](#)
 - JHP is an incredible poet and author. This is her autobiography of coming to Christ out of the LGBTQ community. I found myself crying a number of times when listening to this book. Highly recommend that you rent/buy the audiobook since Jackie herself reads it, and she is a poet after all! She kills it!
- [Meaning of Marriage - Tim & Kathy Keller](#)
 - Best book on marriage by far that I’ve ever read. I really respect Tim & Kathy and how they approach God’s design of marriage
- [Gentle and Lowly - Dane Ortlund](#)
 - Dane uses the book to exegete the passage in Matthew where Jesus calls all who are weary and burdened to come and find rest in him. This book is both incredibly comforting and theologically rich as it openly addresses how God’s love and wrath can not only co-exist but display God’s beauty.