

ENDORSEMENTS

Those from Reformed circles are sometimes critiqued for being “brains on a stick,” making faith all about head knowledge and insulating hearts from the warm embrace of the gospel. That’s just one reason to celebrate this devotional founded on the core standards of our faith that unites deep understanding of doctrinal essentials with profound reflections on the personal implications of those truths.

Bryan Chapell, senior pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Illinois

I’m thankful for Pastor Bob Flayhart and his team at Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church for providing this devotional on the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*. The shorter catechism ought to be more widely used and appreciated than it is in our circles, and this tool aims to make it accessible for use in personal and family settings by supplying accompanying memory verses, Scripture readings, stories, and short reflections. In addition, preachers and teachers may benefit from reading the personal stories included. There is good material for sermon/lesson illustrations to be gleaned from them.

J. Ligon Duncan, John E. Richards professor of Systematic and Historical Theology, chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary

For me, two trustworthy and well-anchored voices merge together in this volume. The first is *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, the abbreviated, memorable version of the rich, historic *Confession* by the same name, which so many of us lean upon as a theological compass. The second voice is that of Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church, led by my good friend Bob Flayhart. This combination of voices results in a refreshing dance between two essentials that must undergird every mention of the person and work of Jesus Christ, namely, *grace* and *truth*. Take this resource up, use it, and by all means share it. Both you and your faith community will be much the richer if you do.

Scott Sauls, senior pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and author of *Befriend* and *Irresistible Faith*

A big thank you to Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church for utilizing the framework of the Westminster Shorter Catechism and the gifts of their own congregation to give us *A Good Confession*. This devotional plan will be a great adventure for individuals, families, and churches who want to pass the richness and relevance of the Reformed faith to the next generation. I plan to give a copy to our children and grandchildren so we can journey through it together.

Susan Hunt, author of *Spiritual Mothering* and former coordinator of women's ministries for the Presbyterian Church in America

As the mother of three young children, a realistic plan can make or break whether or not I carry out my heartfelt desires. Through catechism questions and answers, relevant quotations, and relatable storytelling, this weekly devotional points our family toward the foundational doctrines of the Christian faith in an accessible way. It is an invaluable resource for parents, pastors, and teachers who desire to both teach and grow in their theology.

Hunter Beless, founder of Journeywomen and host of The Journeywomen Podcast

Does the image of a kaleidoscope of grace, a fountain of encouragement, and a tapestry of truth sound inviting to you? Then, by all means, grab this new devotional by my dear friends at Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church. With the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* as the heartbeat, Bob Flayhart and his staff have woven scriptures, quotes, and stories together to reveal the beauty of Jesus and the riches of the gospel. What a gift!

Scotty Smith, pastor emeritus of Christ Community Church and teacher in residence at West End Community Church, Nashville, Tennessee

A Good Confession is a much needed resource for Christians today. With warmth, wit, and wisdom, the authors give insight that will encourage, strengthen, and edify. The book offers Scripture verses to memorize, questions and answers from the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, and short reflections with Scripture readings. If you are looking for a book to help you learn old truths in new ways, connect the dots between what you know and how you live, and fall more deeply in love with your Savior, this is the book for you!

Courtney Doctor, coordinator of Women's Training and Content,
The Gospel Coalition speaker, Bible teacher, and author of
From Garden to Glory: A Bible Study on the Bible's Story

I picked up this devotional guide and before I blinked, it had swept me through weeks of readings. What treasure is this book: Scripture readings and delightful quotations that guide the reader through the central doctrines of the faith and the practices of the faithful, in one year. The stories and quotations bring joy, even delight, in God's truths and ways, day after day. Whether you have read morning devotionals for decades, you will enjoy this book like no other. And if you are giving devotionals a first thought, start here.

Dr. Dan Doriani, professor and vice president, Covenant Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

A Good Confession brings head and heart together around theological substance and engaging stories. This accessible devotional encourages the church to live out the content of what they believe in the context of community.

Karen Hodge, women's ministry coordinator, Presbyterian Church in America,
and author of *Transformed: Life-taker to Life-giver* and *Life-giving Leadership*.

With its theologically rich stories, practical devotional format, and integrated Bible reading and memorization plans, *A Good Confession* brings the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* to life. This resource is a gift for both the individual and the family who wants to regularly and systematically set their hearts and minds on the elemental and critical truths of God's Word.

Katie Orr, author and Bible teacher

Practicing a plan for daily communion with God is one of the most frequent challenges I and my congregation face. The Oak Mountain Presbyterian staff team has done the church a tremendous service by compiling scriptures, catechisms, prayers, quotes, and stories—access to which would normally require a small library—into one, easy-to-use devotional. The material is theologically rich, enjoyable to read, and focused on growing in the gospel. I'm looking forward to recommending this to others and seeing the fruit that is produced in their lives as a result.

Ray Cortese, pastor, Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church, Lecanto, Florida

A Good Confession is an excellent devotional book that brings to life timeless truths from the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*. I so appreciate this work, which feeds the soul and equips the saints for kingdom service.

Lloyd Kim, coordinator, Mission to the World

Through prayers, Scripture readings, quotes, and stories, *A Good Confession* ignites the heart and challenges the mind so we can all do what we were created to do: glorify God and enjoy him forever.

Christina Fox, speaker, writer, and author of *A Heart Set Free*,
Closer Than a Sister, and *Idols of a Mother's Heart*