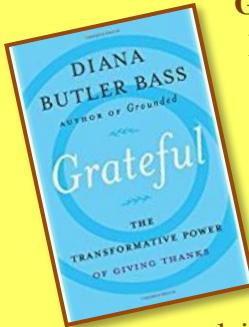


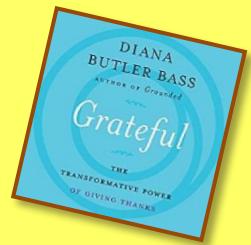
New Resources at Your Presbytery Resource Center



Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks by Diana Butler Bass (Brazos Press)

“We know that gratitude is good and we want to be grateful, or feel gratitude, or be seen as thankful people. We might experience gratitude in a given moment. But inwardly, we know how difficult it is to practice and sustain thanksgiving – to live a truly grateful life.” (From **GRATEFUL** by Diana Butler Bass) Using examples from her own life, Bass “reclaims gratitude as a path to greater connection with God, with others, with the world, and even with our own souls.” (from book jacket) The author claims that gratitude as a spiritual practice is a virtue that heals us and helps us thrive.

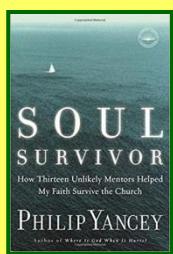
We also have a seven-day study guide for this resource.



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No, you are not seeing double. This post is to let you know that not only do we have Diana Butler Bass’ new book, **Grateful**, but that the Resource Center also has the audio CD version available. So now, if you don’t have time to sit and read, you can take a trip in your car and listen.

Soul Survivor: How Thirteen Unlikely Mentors Helped My Faith Survive the Church



by Philip Yancey (WaterBrook Press 2001)

Surprisingly, the book begins with a powerful eyewitness account from a limosine driver to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on The World Trade Center. I had to stop several times as I read the rest of the preface, which ended with Yancey asking himself the questions, “Who am I?” and “Who do I want to be?” When the attack occurred, Philip Yancey had just finished writing this exploration of who he was and who the people were who led him there. During his visit to Ground Zero less than two weeks after the attack, Yancey realized what a luxury it was to have been able to take his time thinking about the answer to these questions.

We are invited along with Yancey as he searches back through his own life, defining and celebrating 13 individuals who had transformed and enhanced his life and work. Like Leo Tolstoy or Martin Luther King, most of the 13 are well known, but Yancy takes a deeper look at each of these individuals as he encourages us to think about who has transformed or influenced our own lives and whose lives we might influence. While the preface brought me to tears, the book is informative and uplifting.



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