

## Great Stocking Stuffer Books for Women of Faith Book List

1. [7 Women and The Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas](#)- This book is full of so much great history and inspiration. It's a must read!
2. "Writing in his trademark conversational and engaging style, Eric Metaxas reveals how the extraordinary women profiled here achieved their greatness, inspiring readers to lives guided by a call beyond themselves."
3. [The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer](#)- I used this book throughout college and my early years of marriage with anyone who wanted to be mentored. Tozer's writing makes you salivate and long for a deeper connection with our Savior.
4. "This thirst for an intimate relationship with God, claims A.W. Tozer, is not for a select few, but should be the experience of every follower of Christ."
5. [Redeeming Love Francine Rivers](#)- This book is inspired by the story of Hosea in the Bible. If you've never read Francine Rivers you'll quickly find yourself immersed in the story wanting to know more.
6. [Fervent: A woman's battle plan to serious, strategic and specific prayer by Priscilla Shirer](#)- This is one I keep coming back to for reminders and inspiration. "You have an enemy . . . and he's dead set on destroying all you hold dear and keeping you from experiencing abundant life in Christ. What's more, his approach to disrupting your life and discrediting your faith isn't general or generic, not a one-size-fits-all. It's specific. Personalized. Targeted."
7. [Hope Heals: A true story of overwhelming loss and overcoming love by Katherine and Jay Wolf](#)- I listened to this story while traveling with my husband and pretty much cried for most of the story. It's a beautiful story of commitment and love.
8. "Defying every prognosis, with grit and grace, Katherine and Jay, side by side, struggled to regain a life for Katherine as she re-learned to talk and eat and walk. Returning home with a severely disabled body but a completely renewed purpose, they committed to celebrate this gift of a second chance by embracing life fully, even though that life looked very different than they could have ever imagined."
9. [The Insanity of God: A true story of faith resurrected by Nip Ripken](#)- Another book that I keep coming back to. It turned my world around and made it spin as I pondered my faith, the church and His word.
10. "*The Insanity of God* is the personal and lifelong journey of an ordinary couple from rural Kentucky who thought they were going on just your ordinary missionary pilgrimage, but discovered it would be anything but. After spending over six hard years doing relief work in Somalia, and experiencing life where it looked like God had turned away completely and He was clueless about the tragedies of life, the couple had a crisis of faith and left Africa asking God, "Does the gospel work anywhere when it is really a hard place? It sure didn't work in Somalia."
11. [Sacred Rhythms: Arranging our lives for spiritual transformation by Ruth Haley Barton](#)- This book started as an audio book but it was full of so many nuggets of truth that I had to buy it in order to thoroughly enjoy writing inside of it. "Spiritual disciplines

are activities that open us to God's transforming love and the changes that only God can bring about in our lives. Picking up on the monastic tradition of creating a "rule of life" that allows for regular space for the practice of the spiritual disciplines, this book takes you more deeply into understanding seven key disciplines along with practical ideas for weaving them into everyday life. Each chapter includes exercises to help you begin the practices--individually and in a group context. The final chapter puts it all together in a way that will help you arrange your life for spiritual transformation."

12. [\*\*The God-Shaped Brain: How Changing Your View of God transforms your life by Timothy Jennings\*\*](#)- I truly enjoy learning about the brain. It's absolutely fascinating. This biblical perspective on the brain is rare so I was excited when I first saw it. "Psychiatrist Tim Jennings unveils how our brains and bodies thrive when we have a healthy understanding of who God is. He dispels common misconceptions about God and shows how different God concepts affect the brain differently. Our brains can adapt, change and rewire with redeemed thinking that frees us from unnecessary pain and suffering. Discover how neuroscience and Scripture come together to bring healing and transformation to our lives."
13. [\*\*Same Kind of Different As Me- Ron Hall and Denver Moore\*\*](#)This is a true story of a homeless man who finds truth, love and redemption because one woman seeks him out. It was made into a movie but you have to read the book to get all the faith-filled story. This is a great book club book.
14. [\*\*The Gospel Centered Mom by Brooke McGlothlin\*\*](#)- This book made it into my audio book library without me even knowing. One day I was looking for something to listen to on my run and there it was unopened. It's not a parenting book but a book about who we are as women and mothers in light of God's truth. It's an easy read but full of so many gems of truth. This is another book I had to purchase so I can highlight it. "In *Gospel-Centered Mom* Brooke McGlothlin reveals how our entire approach to motherhood shifts when we stop chasing our vision of a perfect family and start full-out pursuing God."
15. [\*\*Meeting God in Scripture by Jan Johnson\*\*](#)- This book is a must have if you want to dive into scripture beyond just reading a verse a day and calling it good. "Jesus is speaking to us here and now. Lectio divina is a practice of Scripture reading that treats the Bible not only as a text to be examined, but also as the living Word of God spoken anew *to us*. Experienced Bible teacher Jan Johnson gives us forty Scripture meditations, organized topically, giving us the tools we need to practice lectio divina on our own.reats the Bible not only as a text to be examined, but also as the living Word of God spoken anew *to us*. Experienced Bible teacher Jan Johnson gives us forty Scripture meditations, organized topically, giving us the tools we need to practice lectio divina on our own."
16. [\*\*God's Smuggler by Brother Andrew\*\*](#)is the true story of a man changed by God and ready to serve His Savior despite the danger. A Dutch factory worker who goes undercover to transport Bibles across closed borders.
17. [\*\*The Life-Giving Home by Sally Clarkson\*\*](#)- Such a wonderful inspiring book reminding us on the joy and honor we have to make our home a place of rest, love and laughter for our loved ones.

18. [\*\*The Furious Longing of God by Brennan Manning\*\*](#) and [\*\*Abba's Child\*\*](#) are some of my favorite books written by this author. They are wonderful reminders of His never-ending, holy love. "We've bought into the lie that we are worthy of God's love only when our lives are going well. If our families are happy or our jobs are meaningful, life is a success. But when life begins to fall through the cracks and embarrassing sins threaten to reveal our less-than-perfect identity, we scramble to keep up a good front to present to the world—and to God."
19. [\*\*Keeping Place: Reflections on the Meaning of Home- by Jen Pollock Michel\*\*](#) "This book connects that desire and disappointment with the story of the Bible, helping us to see that there is a homemaking God with wide arms of welcome—and a church commissioned with this same work."
20. [\*\*Hiding in the Light: Why I risked Everything to leave Islam and follow Jesus by Rifqa Bary\*\*](#) I love true stories of men and women finding Jesus. I particularly enjoyed reading her Islamic perspective on her new found faith in Jesus. "Rifqa Bary grew up in a devout Muslim home, obediently following her parents' orders to practice the rituals of Islam. But God was calling her to freedom and love. He was calling her to true faith. He was calling her to give up everything."
21. [\*\*Let Your Life Speak by Parker J. Palmer\*\*](#)- With wisdom, compassion, and gentle humor, Parker J. Palmer invites us to listen to the inner teacher and follow its leadings toward a sense of meaning and purpose.
22. [\*\*Women of the Word by Jen Wilkins\*\*](#) "Offering a clear and concise plan to help women go deeper in their study of Scripture, this book will equip you to engage God's Word in a way that trains your mind and transforms your heart."
23. [\*\*Gay Girl, Good God by Jackie Hill Perry\*\*](#)- I highly recommend this book for anyone and everyone whether you know someone who lives this lifestyle or if it's your own struggle. "At age nineteen, Jackie came face-to-face with what it meant to be made new. And not in a church, or through contact with Christians. God broke in and turned her heart toward Him right in her own bedroom in light of His gospel."
24. [\*\*40 Days of Decrease and The Sacred Slow by Alice Britt Chole\*\*](#)- "Every day offers a meaningful consideration of Jesus' journey and then invites readers into a daily fast of heart-clutter, the stuff that sticks to our souls and weighs us down. You can begin your forty-day journey any time of the year, but you may find it especially meaningful as a Lenten preparation to live in awe of Jesus' resurrection."
25. [\*\*Soul Friends by Dr. Leslie Parrot\*\*](#)- "Leslie reveals how every woman traverses four stages of spiritual growth—quest, calling, crisis, and communion – again and again. And whatever stage you find yourself traveling right now, you need soul friends to help you move forward. When we seize the initiative to connect, together we will form a part of the deep communion that is the sisterhood of the traveling saints, journeying together in our desire to know God, serve him, and love him more deeply."
26. [\*\*Your Life without Limbs by Nick Vujicic\*\*](#)- "Nick Vujicic knows there is no greater hope than trusting in God's plan for your life. Born without arms or legs, Nick has experienced both the peak of hope and the depth of despair. But he has overcome his circumstances

and physical limitations by clinging to his faith and understanding the limitless love and power God has for every person"

27. [\*\*The Broken Way by Ann Voskamp\*\*](#)- "This one's for the lovers and the sufferers. For those whose hopes and dreams and love grew so large it broke their willing hearts. This one's for the busted ones who are ready to bust free, the ones ready to break molds, break chains, break measuring sticks, and break all this bad brokenness with an unlikely good brokenness. You could be one of the Beloved who is broken—and still lets yourself be loved."
28. [\*\*Running for My Life by Lopez Lamong\*\*](#)- We read this book out loud as a family several years ago and loved it so much. *Running for My Life* is not a story about Africa or track and field athletics. It is about outrunning the devil and achieving the impossible faith, diligence, and the desire to give back. It is the American dream come true and a stark reminder that saving one can help to save thousands more.
29. [\*\*Breaking Free by Beth Moore\*\*](#)- I read this book and did the Bible study in college with a mentor, then I taught it at my church with my mentor to the ladies. It's a book about hope! "Moore teaches readers to remove obstacles that hinder freedom by identifying spiritual strongholds in their lives and overcoming them through the truth of God's Word--truth that will set us free."