



## *What's the staff at FRC Reading?*

### **Pastor Mark:**

1. Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
A classic understanding of what it means to intentionally live in a Christian community.
2. Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved  
By Kate Bowler  
An honest, vulnerable, and at times crass memoir of how we understand pain, suffering, and cancer in the light of the ever-popular prosperity gospel.
3. Wonder by R.J. Palacio  
A heartwarming and at times heartbreaking story of friendship, kindness, and pain of growing up as a child with a facial deformity.
4. Long Way Gone by Charles Martin  
A modernized version of the parable of the prodigal son involves talented musician Cooper O' Conner making his way back home and attempting to reconcile the pain he caused.
5. Duel In The Sun by John Brant  
Two American runners, Alberto Salazar and Dick Beardsley, come from opposite backgrounds to face off in the 1982 Boston Marathon,

## Josh:

1. I Am Second by Doug Bender and Dave Sterrett  
Read the stories of people who have discovered the life-changing power in putting God first and proclaiming, “I am second”.
2. Lincoln’s Virtues by William Lee Miller  
Not your normal, everyday book about Abraham Lincoln. This book explores the ethical side of Abraham Lincoln and gave me new interest into the life of Lincoln.
3. Romans: The Greatest Letter ever written by John Piper  
This is an audiobook and includes all of John Piper’s sermons on Romans. Take a deep look into the book of Romans as John Piper brings out what Paul is telling the Roman Christian and applies it to our daily life.
4. Emotional Health Spirituality by Peter Scazzero  
This is a book that talks about how important it is to have both an emotional life and a spiritual life. It has helped me remember that all aspects of life are important, and I shouldn’t focus on just one.
5. Finding God in the Waves by Mike McHargue  
This book is about a man who grew up in the church and started to doubt. He felt he was unable to talk to anyone about it because he felt they would turn on him. He eventually lost his faith, but through his love of science and a deep spiritual encounter with God comes back to God.

## Sandy:

1. Shepherding a Child’s Heart by Tedd Tripp:  
This book is full of wisdom on how to “train up a child in the way he/she should go”. It walks you through how to discipline not just the action, but the heart issue.
2. Mark of the Lion Series by Francine Rivers  
This historical fiction trilogy is set around 70 AD and chronicles the life of Hadasseh. Your faith will be challenged and strengthened as you go on this journey with her.
3. The Magnolia Story by Chip and Joanna Gaines  
If you love HGTV and the show “Fixer Upper”, you will love this book. This book had me laughing out loud many times, but was also very encouraging as Chip and Joanna’s faith was highlighted.
4. The Last Jihad by Joel C. Rosenberg  
The first page puts readers in the cockpit of a hijacked jet on a kamikaze mission into an American city—but it was written nine months before 9/11/01. U.S. goes to war with Iraq over weapons of mass destruction—but *The Last Jihad* was published four months before the actual Iraq war began.
5. Parenting with Scripture by Kara Durbin  
This book lists specific behaviors and walks parents through a Biblical model of how to deal with the behavior.
6. Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand  
In this book, set in World War 2, you will follow the story of redemption, forgiveness, and survival of Louis Zamperini. It is an extremely moving and powerful true story.