

# JAMES CRUISE MINISTRIES

*“God chooses what we go through. We choose how we go through it.”*

## RECOMMENDED READING LIST

▪ Try to read at least 1 book every three months – that’s only 3 pages a day—about 10 minutes a day ▪

Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled “This could change your life.” Helen Exley

### Single Parents

Become a Super Single Parent—Parent’s Workbook by James Cruise  
Dating and the Single Parent by Ron L. Deal  
The Switching Hour: Kids of Divorce Say Good-Bye Again by Evon O. Flesberg  
The New Rules for Love, Sex & Dating by Andy Stanley  
Kickin’ Butt as a Single Parent by Bill McLeod  
Overwhelmed—The Life of a Single Mom by Jennifer Barnes Maggio  
My Single Mom Life by Angela Thomas  
Single Parenting for Dummies by Marion Peterson and Diane Warner  
Hope & Help for the Single Mom—The 21 Principles of a Healthy Single Mom by Lori Little  
The Single Parent Resource by Brook Noel with Art Klein  
Chicken Soup for the Single Parent’s Soul by Jack Canfield & Mark Victor Hansen  
Part Time Dad Full Time Heart by Keith M. Jowers  
When “I Do” Becomes “I Don’t”: Practical Steps for Healing During Separation & Divorce by Laura Petherbridge  
Formerly a Wife by Welby O’Brien  
7 Pitfalls of Single Parenting by Carolyn B. Ellis  
Surviving Single Parenting by Dawn Isenhardt  
The Five Love Languages—Singles Edition by Dr. Gary Chapman  
Joint Custody With a Jerk by Julie A. Ross, M.A. & Judy Corcoran  
Peace & the Single Mom by Jennifer Maggio

### Parenting

Parenting by The Book by John Rosemond  
Bringing Out The Winner In Your Child by John Croyle with Ken Abraham  
The Five Love Languages of Children by Dr. Gary Chapman  
Kids and the Single Mom by Jennifer Barnes Maggio  
1-2-3 Magic for Christian Parents by Thomas W. Phelan PH.D. & Chris Webb M.S.,M.A.  
Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters by Meg Meeker  
52 Things Kids Need From a Mom by Angela Thomas  
52 Things Kids Need From a Dad by Jay Payleitner  
The 7 Secrets of Effective Fathers by Ken R. Canfield, PH.D.  
The One Minute Father by Spencer Johnson, M.D.  
The One Minute Mother by Spencer Johnson, M.D.

### Step / Blended / Blending Families

The Smart Step-Family by Ron L. Deal  
The Smart Stepmom by Ron L. Deal & Laura Petherbridge  
The Smart Stepdad by Ron L. Deal  
Life In a Blender: Living In a Stepfamily—A Guide For Kids by Ron L. Deal  
Saving Your Second Marriage Before It Starts by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott  
Loving Your Stepfamily: The Art of Making Your Blending Family Work by Dr. Donald Partridge  
Willing to Try Again by Dick Dunn  
Making Your Second Marriage A First-Class Success by Doug and Naomi Moseley  
Living In a Step-Family Without Getting Stepped On by Dr. Kevin Leman  
When Your Parent Remarries Late in Life by Terri P. Smith with James M. Harper, PH.D.

### Spiritual / Faith

The Bible

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## Cohabitation

Living Together—Myths, Risks & Answers by Mike & Harriet McManus  
Before You Live Together: Will Living Together Bring You Closer or Drive You Apart? By David Gudgel  
The Sacred Search—What If It's Not About Who You Marry, But Why? by Gary Thomas

## Marriage

The Sacred Search—What If It's Not About Who You Marry, But Why? by Gary Thomas  
Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas  
The 4 Seasons of Marriage by Dr. Gary Chapman  
For Women Only by Shaunti Feldhahn  
For Men Only by Shaunti and Jeff Feldhahn  
Marriage Savers: Helping Your Friends and Family Avoid Divorce by Mike & Harriet McManus  
Insuring Marriage: 25 Proven Ways to Prevent Divorce by Mike & Harriet McManus

## Separation

Hope For The Separated: Wounded Marriage Can Be Healed by Dr. Gary Chapman

## Divorce

The Divorce Remedy: The Proven 7-Step Program for Saving Your Marriage by Michele Weiner-Davis  
Getting Through to the Man You Love: The No-Nonsense, No Nagging Guide for Women by Michele Weiner-Davis  
Insuring Marriage: 25 Proven Ways to Prevent Divorce by Mike & Harriet McManus  
Staying Together: When an Affair Pulls You Apart by Dr. Stephen Judah  
A Case for Marriage by Dr. Linda Waite  
The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce by Dr. Judith Wallerstein  
Marriage Savers: Helping Your Friends and Family Avoid Divorce by Mike & Harriet McManus  
Rebuilding—When Your Relationship Ends by Dr. Bruce Fisher & Dr. Robert Alberti  
Generation EX: Adult Children of Divorce and the Healing of Our Pain by Jen Abbas

## Adoption

Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adopting Parents Knew by Sherrie Eldridge

## Family

Family Driven Faith - Doing What It Takes to Raise Sons & Daughters Who Walk With God by Voddie Baucham Jr.

## Grief

How to Survive the Loss of a Love by Harold Bloomfield, Melba Colgrove & Peter McWilliams  
Experiencing Grief by H. Norman Wright  
Shattered Dreams by Larry Crabb  
Chicken Soup for the Grieving Soul by Jack Canfield  
Chicken Soup for the Soul—Grieving and Recovery by Jack Canfield  
When Bad Things Happen to Good People by Harold S. Kushner  
Melissa—A Father's Lessons from a Daughter's Suicide by Frank Page with Lawrence Kimbrough  
What Do You Do On the Worst Day of Your Life by Brian Zahnd  
The Grace of God by Andy Stanley

## Financial

Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey  
The Complete Financial Guide for Single Parents by Larry Burkett  
Smart Money Smart Kids: Raising the Next Generation to Win With Money by Dave Ramsey & Rachel Cruz

## General

Boundaries by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend  
The Best Question Ever by Andy Stanley  
The Principle of the Path by Andy Stanley  
Who Moved My Cheese by Spencer Johnson, M.D.