There is a powerful synergy that comes from sharing great resources with someone who is seeking—whether we are reflecting about a great book we have read, discussing a powerful movie we have just seen, listening to a beautiful song with a friend, or introducing someone to a website we find important. Giving someone a treasured gift can help us appreciate it more.

With this synergy in mind, we have started building this list of additional resources. Some of the materials have served as resources for the books of the Apprentice Series, while others are items that pointed us toward the Kingdom of God. Let us know about resources that have shaped your apprenticeship to Jesus.

**BOOKS**

**Understanding Apprenticeship to Jesus Christ**

**Spiritual Practices**
Brother Lawrence. *Practicing the Presence of God*. Grand Rapids, MI: Spire, 1967. A simple monk was so deeply connected with God’s love that he came to see all of his actions as an expression of his love for God—what a beautiful image.


**God**

**The Kingdom of God**
Claiborne, Shane. *The Irresistible Revolution*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2006. Shane’s story is both inspiring and challenging, but above all it is a flesh-and-blood example of living in the Kingdom of God.


Santos, Jason Brian. *A Community Called Taizé*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2008. This book tells the story and current life of the Taizé community in France. It is a good illustration of living in the Kingdom, even when that isn’t necessarily the vocabulary used.


**Generally Great Books**


**MOVIES**


Darabont, Frank. *The Shawshank Redemption*. Columbia Pictures, 1994. DVD. Starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. There are many amazing aspects to this movie, but if nothing else it shows us what it is like when a person comes into our world and shows us what beauty is.

Cunningham, David. *To End All Wars*. Argyll Film Partners, 2002. DVD. A graphic depiction of the story of prisoners of war during World War II and how their living of the gospel transformed the prison camp.

**MUSIC**


**WEBSITES**

www.kiva.org—A place for making global microloans of $25.00 or so. The loans are often used to purchase basic things like animals to run a business. After a loan is made, you get regular updates and the money is actually paid back, but it is more fun to just keep putting the money back into circulation.

www.renovare.us—A partner in the Apprentice Series ministry. Renovare has a long history of bringing renewal to the church. Their lineup of authors is excellent, and their conferences are well worth the time, energy, and money.

www.rprogress.org—Redefining Progress looks at the shortcomings of the Gross Domestic Product and explores a different system for measuring growth called the Genuine Progress Indicator.

www.thestoryofstuff.com—This website is packed with amazing information about global production of goods, consumerism, marketing, and our impact on the world. Everything is presented in a cool, 20-minute presentation.