

Summoned to Lead

by Leonard Sweet (Zondervan, 192 pages, hardcover, \$14.99)

"Leaders are neither born nor made. Leaders are summoned," says the author. They are called into existence by circumstances, and those who rise to the occasion are LEADERS." Such statements will come as no surprise to those familiar with the writings of Leonard Sweet, who has been described as an extraordinary visionary, a brilliant scholar and theologian, a gifted writer, and as a man "who sees things the rest of us do not see, and dreams possibilities that are beyond most of our imaginings."

In this book, Sweet, the author of many books, including the best-selling trilogy, *SoulTsunami*, *AquaChurch* and *Soul Salsa*, takes a different view of leadership. He writes: "In leadership, hearing a vision is more important than casting one. Leadership is a 'calling' – a call you respond to, not a position you assume or a role you train for. The summons could come when you least expect it. Are you listening?"

A Resilient Life: You Can Move Ahead No Matter What

by Gordon MacDonald (Thomas Nelson, Inc., 244 pages, hardcover, \$19.99)

Veteran pastor and best-selling author Gordon MacDonald draws on his lessons and experiences as a champion high-school runner to describe the need to develop resilience in your Christian walk – the courage and ability to get up when you fall, to keep running when you're bone-weary, and to keep your eyes on the goal, even in the darkest moments.

The author, who will be a keynote speaker at CMA Palm Springs 2007, has run many long punishing laps in the tough race of life and is uniquely qualified to coach and encourage you in developing that resilient spirit – to weather adversity, to finish what you start, and to never be satisfied with anything short of God's best for you.

The Leadership Secrets of Billy Graham

by Harold Myra and Marshall Shelley (Zondervan, 348 pages, hardcover, \$34.99)

Long recognized not only as the foremost evangelist of his generation, Billy Graham is also well known as a leader among leaders. An innovative CEO for more than a half-century and a visionary with entrepreneurial force, he has helped found and build strong and vital institutions.

In this book, the authors identify 21 vital principles that define extraordinary leadership and help you as a leader apply these visionary practices to your personal circumstances. Learn about the forces which come together to ignite the spirit of leadership. Discover how to launch a vision, create and multiply momentum, and sustain the work through the inevitable changes and difficulties that will come.

Learn from the life of a great leader, apply his wisdom to the leadership challenges you face today, and leave footsteps of your own for others to follow.

