



PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

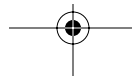
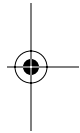
C*alled to Care: A Theology of Christian Nursing* celebrated its fifth birthday in 2004. According to the standards of nursing literature, that means it is past time for a new edition. Although the original material reflects the timeless Christian message, nursing has changed, though not dramatically. However, we see a growing unease in our profession. Nurses are increasingly looking for meaning and purpose in the midst of a deepening health care crisis. Those who find their grounding in Christian faith show a general trend toward satisfaction with nursing and strong motivation to keep going in difficult situations.¹

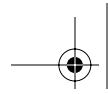
In the past five years we have taught graduate and undergraduate courses based on the book, as well as continuing education offerings in the United States and abroad. It has been fun to see eyes light up as students grasped the content and applied it. We have also been delighted to hear from nursing graduate students around the world who are seriously trying to develop the concepts of this theology of nursing into a workable nursing theory.

This revision builds on the first edition. Most of the original content stands; however, in response to feedback from readers, we have added a great deal of new material to make this volume more user-friendly and flexible. We've tried to answer some of the most frequently asked questions:

- What are the purposes and objectives of each chapter?
- What are the keywords and the most important points?
- How does this *theology* of nursing compare with commonly used nursing *theories*?
- How does it apply in practical ways to clinical nursing?

¹Judith Allen Shelly, "Measuring the Spirit of Nursing," *Journal of Christian Nursing*, summer 2003, pp. 14-17.





- How can I use this book for a discussion group of students or colleagues?
- How can I further explore the biblical concepts in this book?

You will find a wealth of resources here. Each chapter now includes questions for further thinking, points for theological reflection and a case study with discussion questions. You will find the main points and important definitions highlighted. Keywords, purposes and objectives are identified. Charts outline healing accounts in the New Testament and compare the worldviews in nursing theories, and the final chapter on the future of nursing has been expanded.

We hope that these additions will make *Called to Care* more accessible and easier for you to use. Most of all, we pray that the Lord will awaken the compassionate heart of nursing within you and enable you to develop your personal theology of nursing based on God's Word and his calling for you.

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