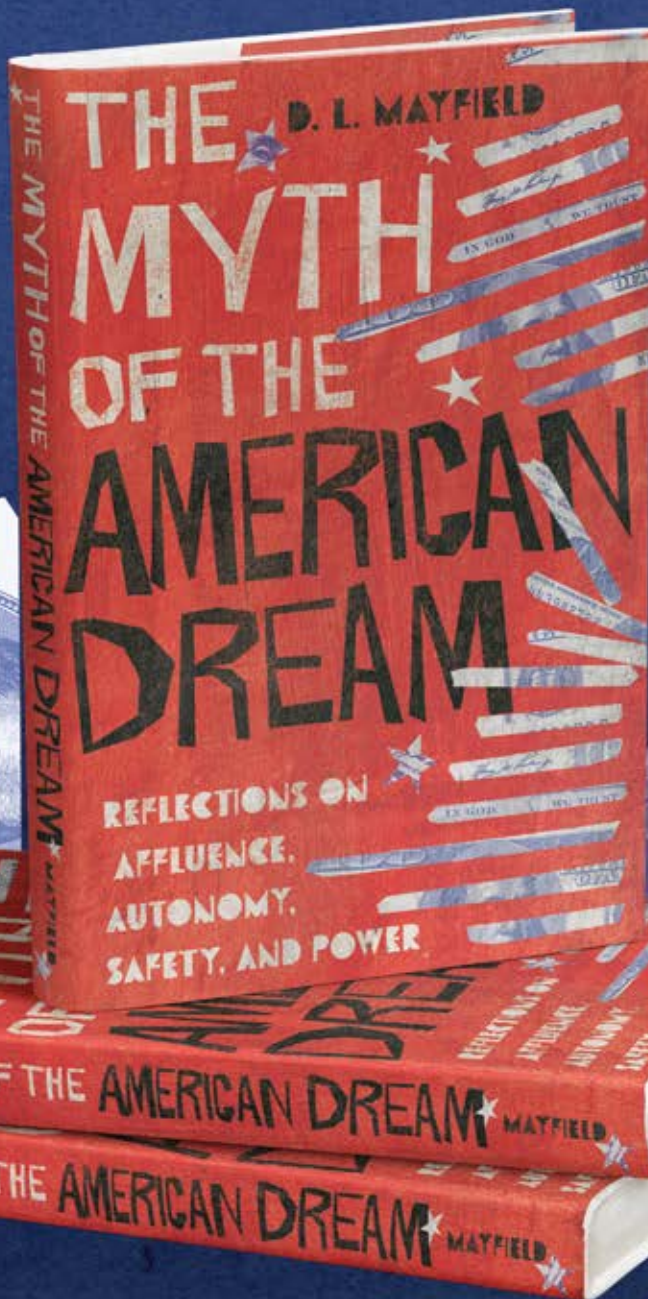


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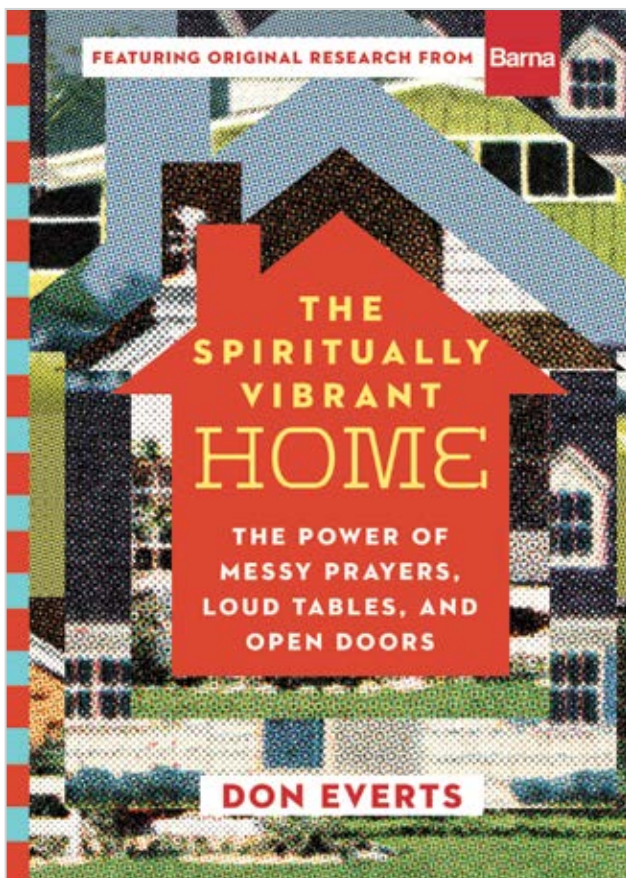
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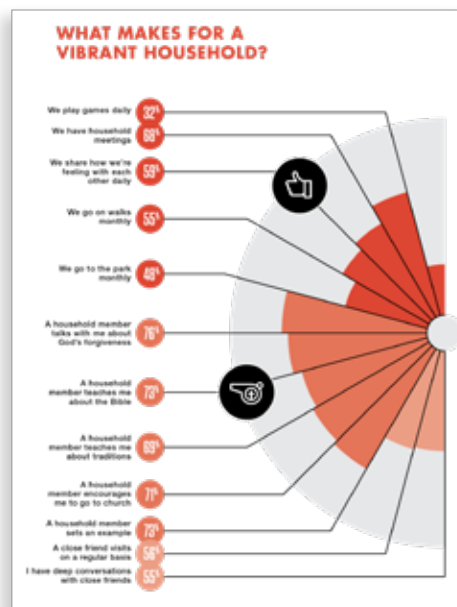
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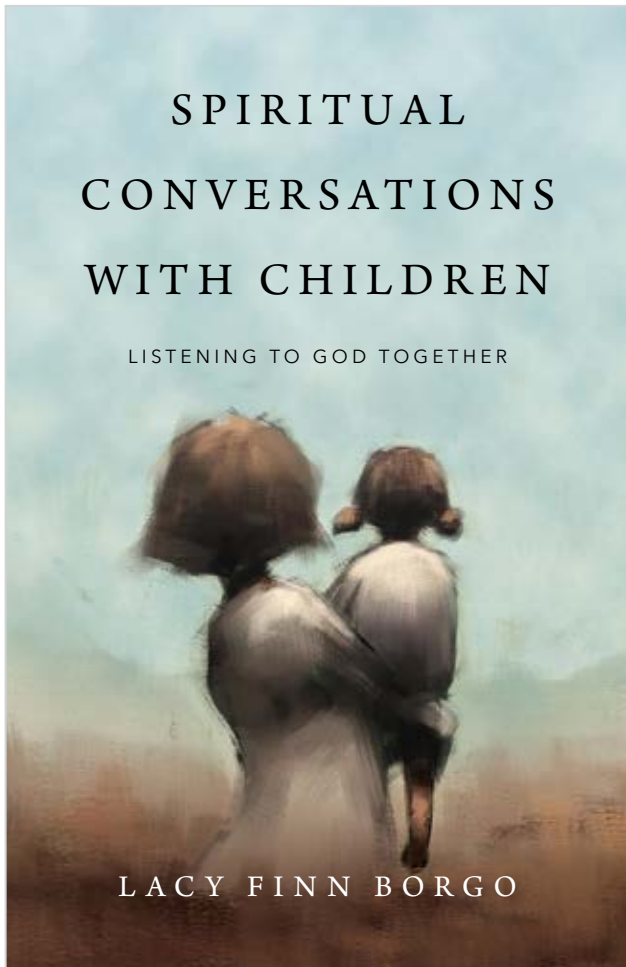
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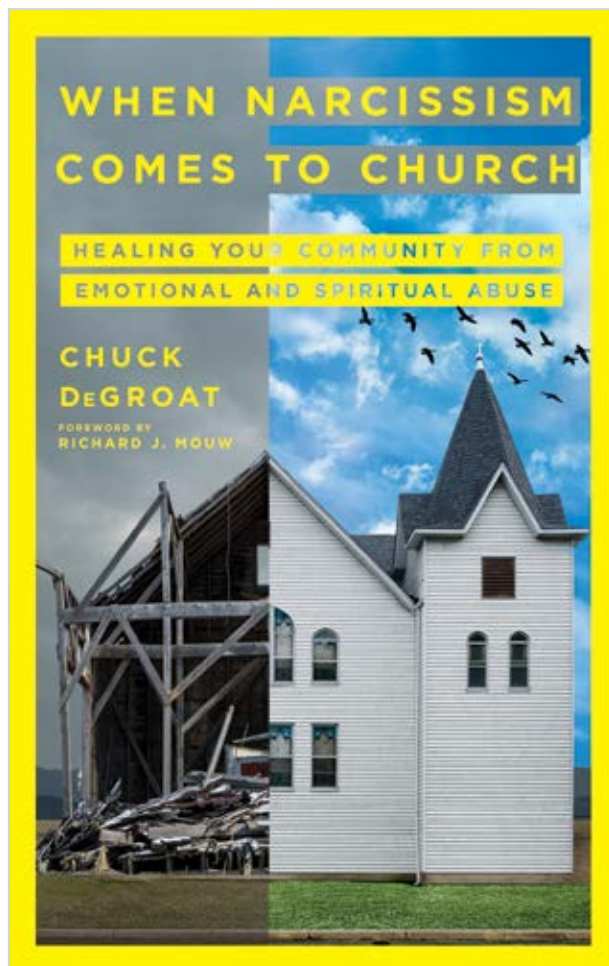
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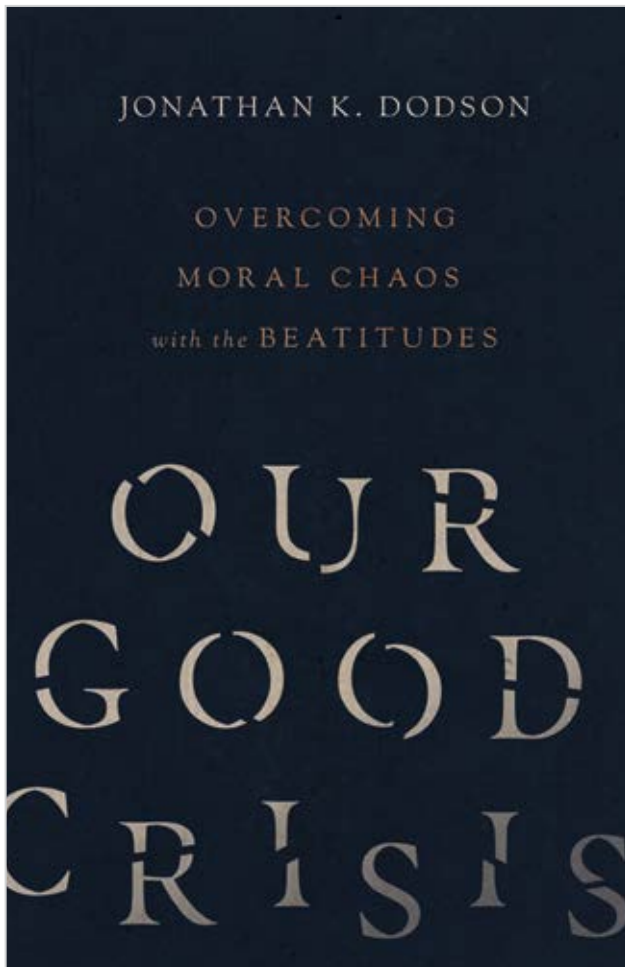
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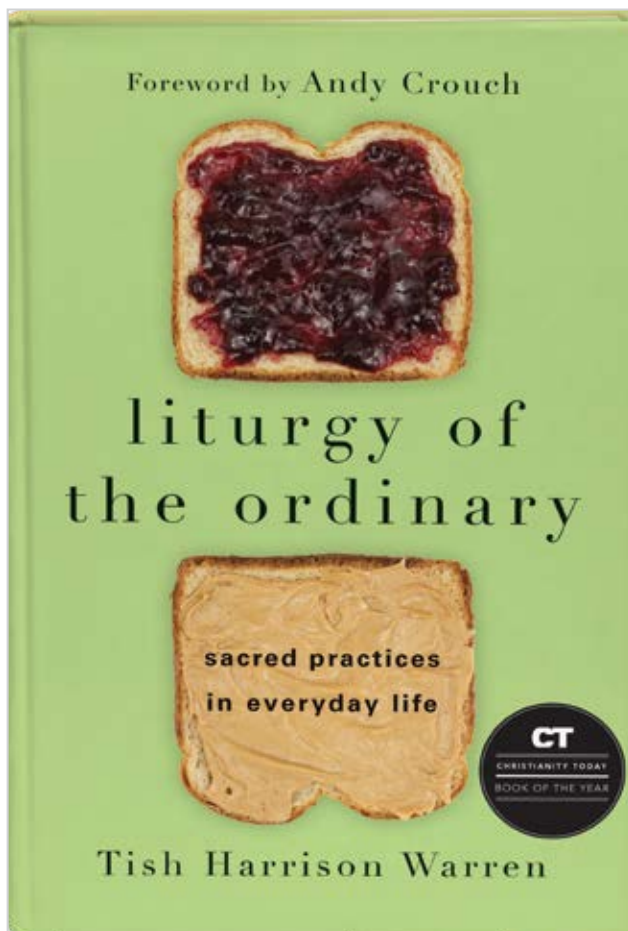
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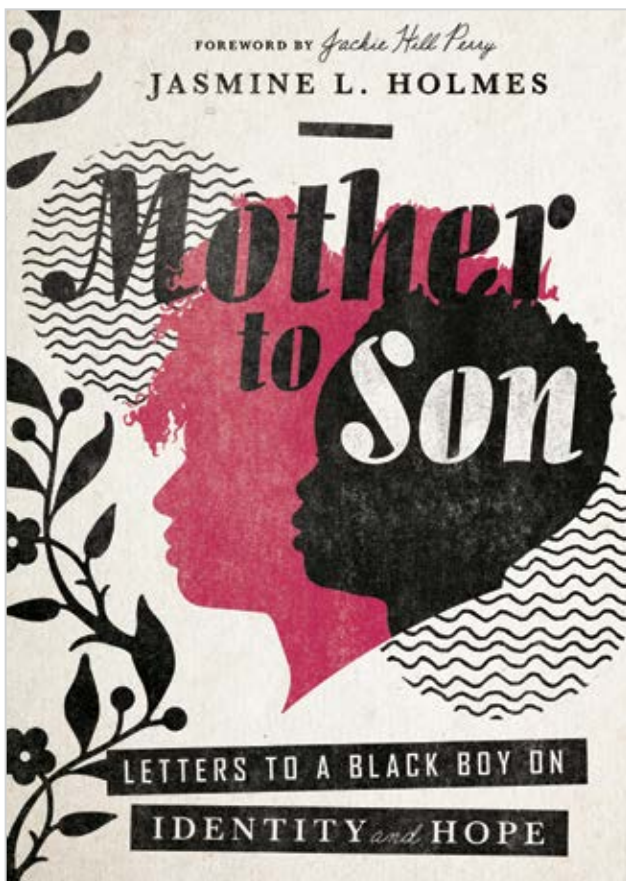
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“We may not all understand what it is to be her, a black mother with a brown boy, but we all understand what it is like to love, to care so deeply for someone that affection becomes words.”

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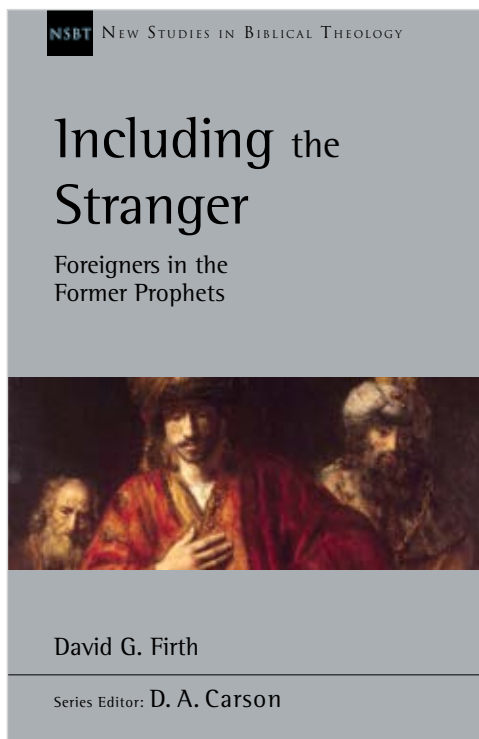
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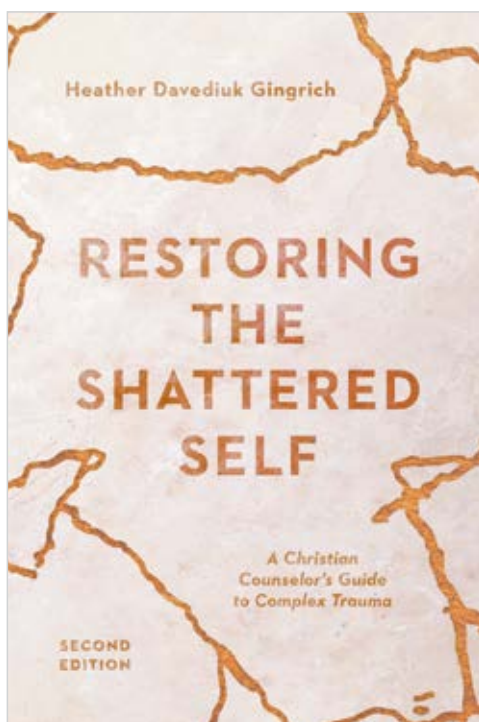
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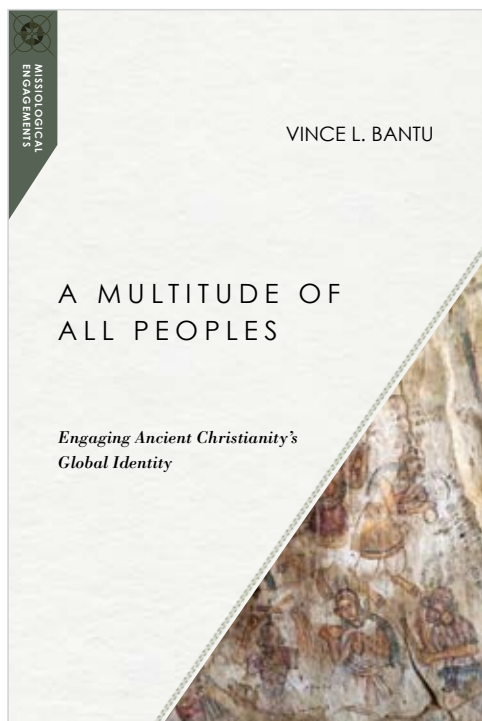
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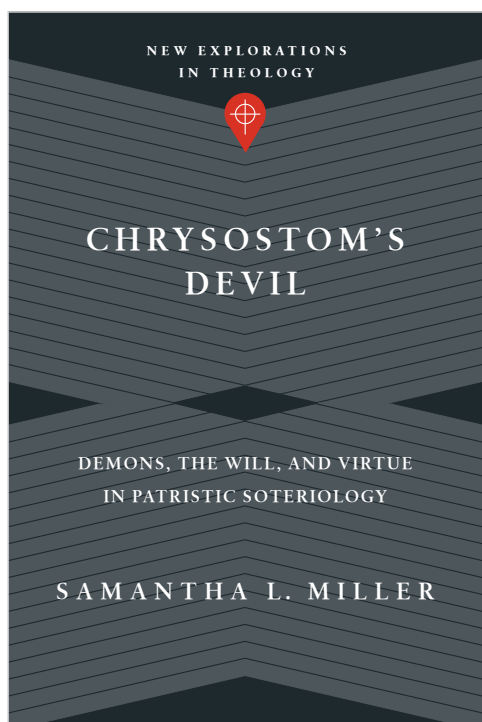
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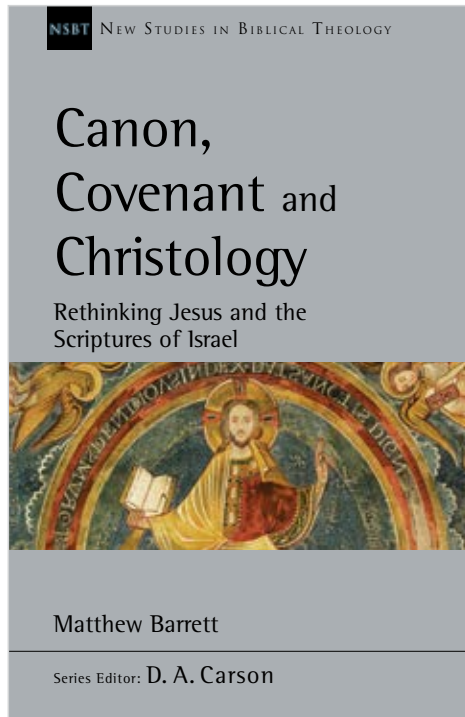
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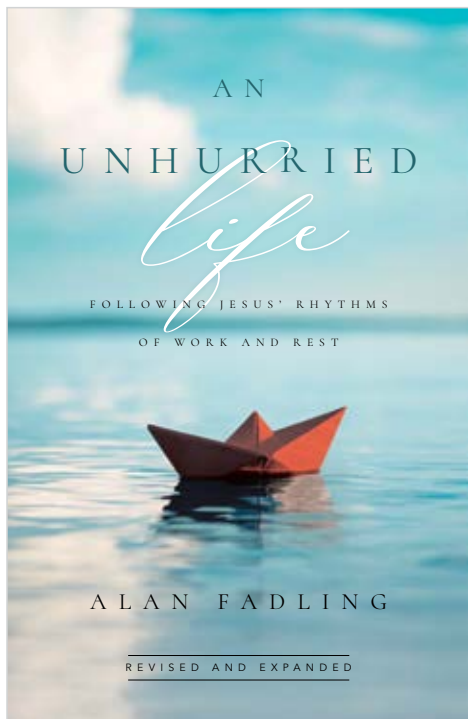


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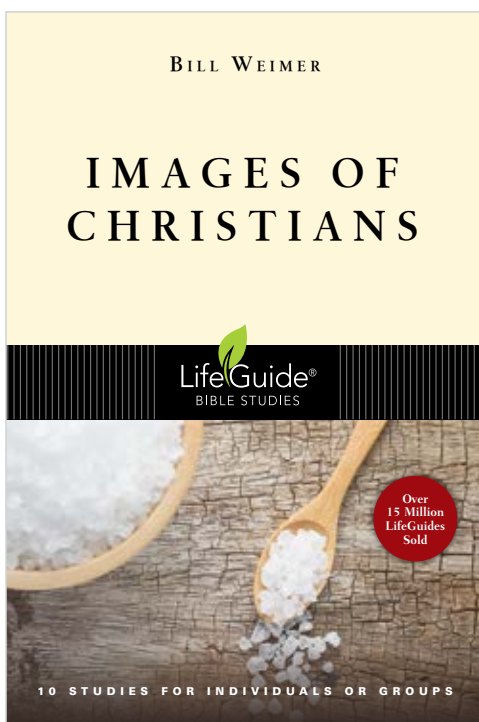
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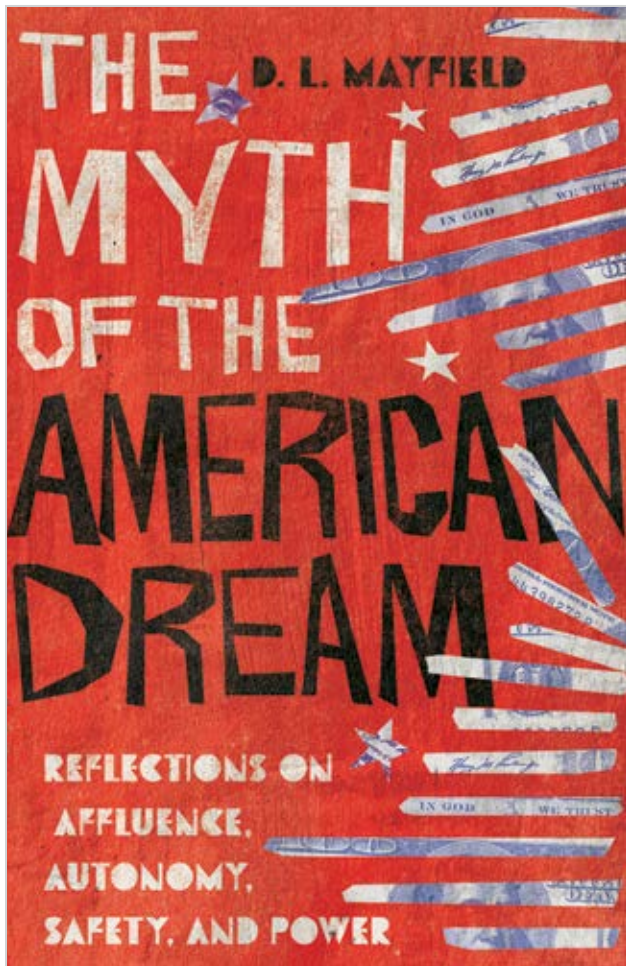
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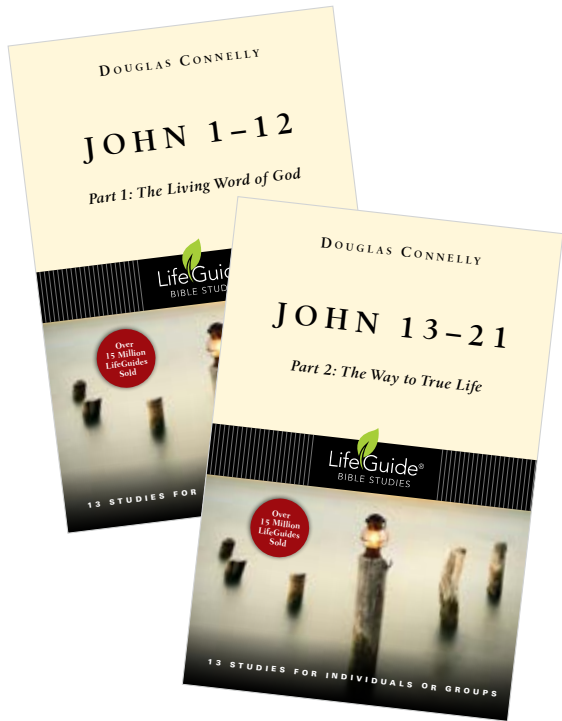
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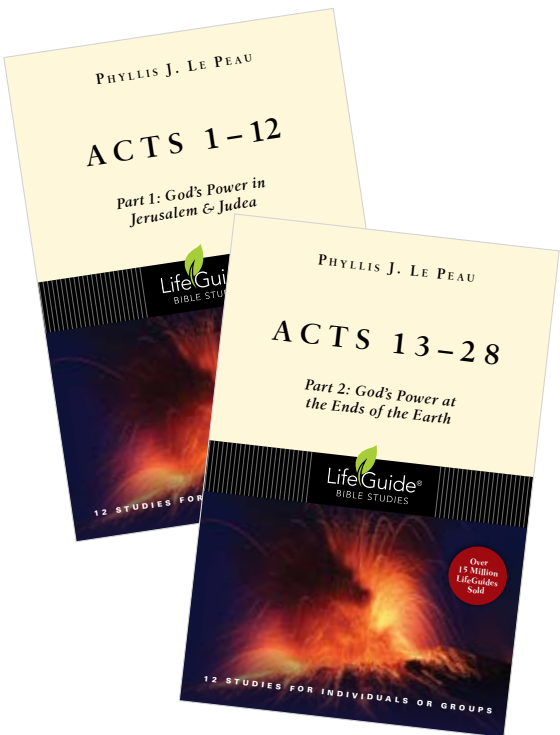


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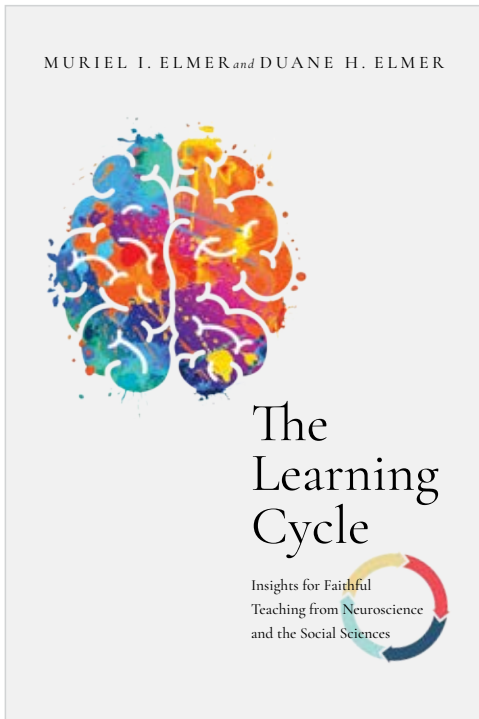
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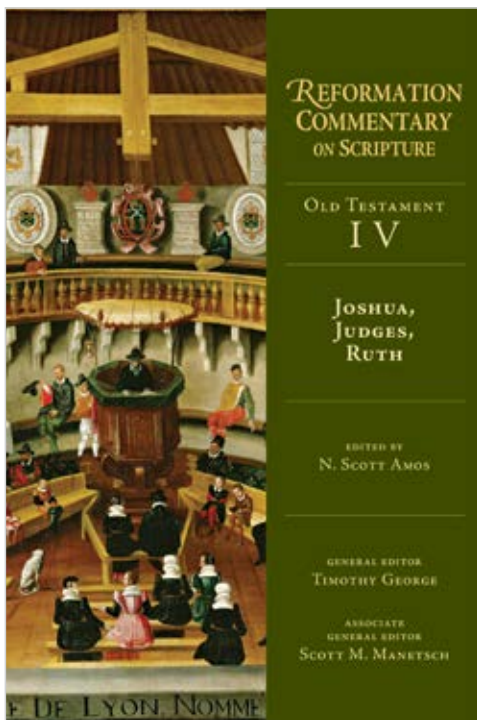
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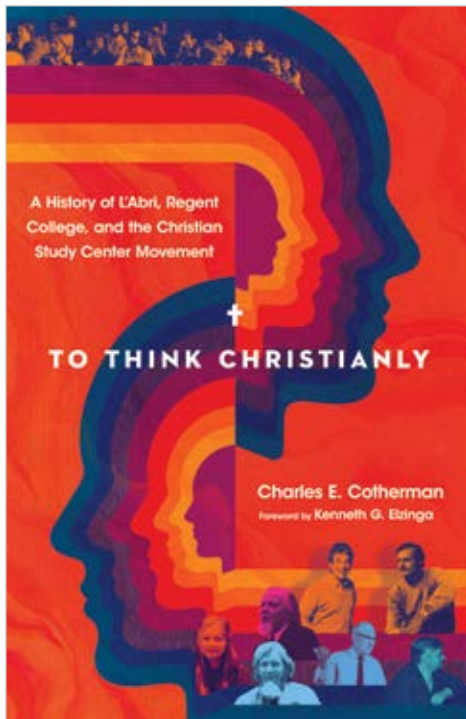
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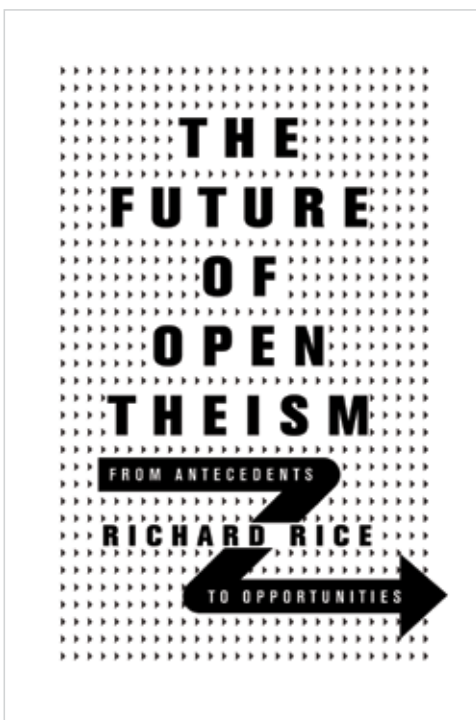
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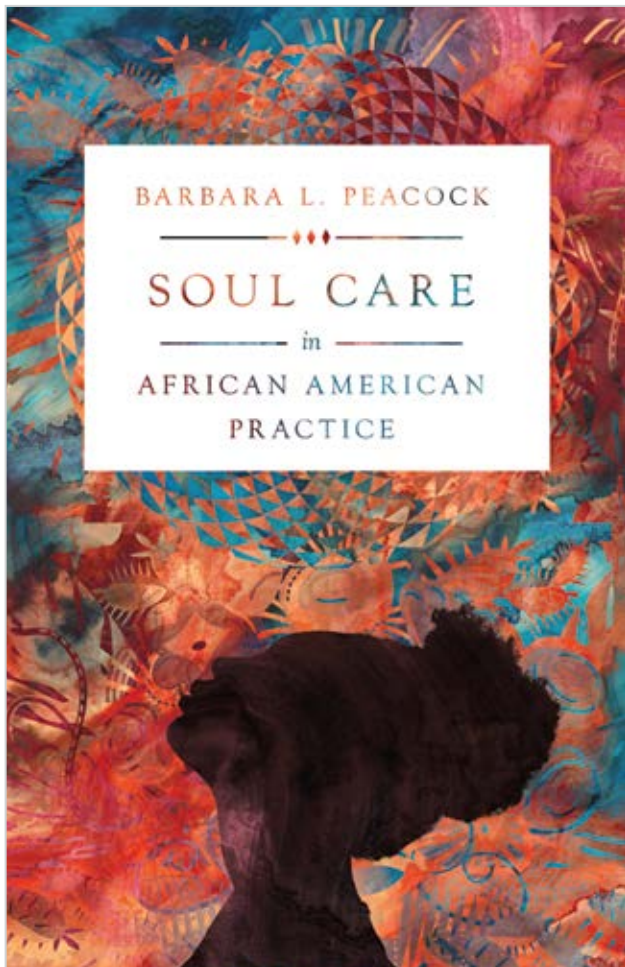
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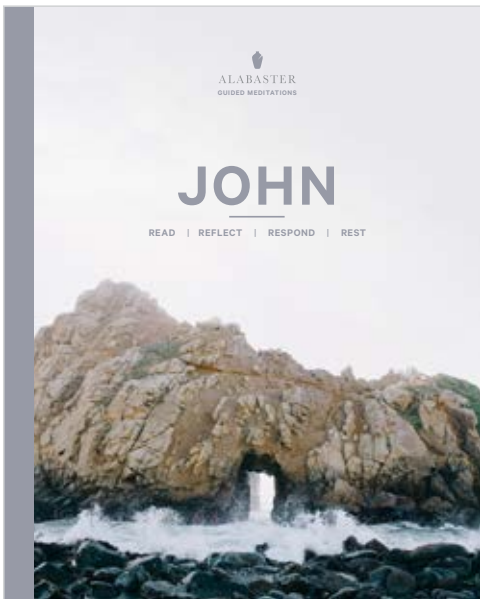
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READ

Read Matthew 3:13-18 slowly (aloud, if it's not intrusive to others).

Look at the photo and notice the details.

Pause.

REFLECT

How does the photo picture the text?

What do you make of the crown in the midst of the water? Of the rushing, rough-and-tumble cascades of water—not still at all?

What, if anything, does this image suggest to you about Jesus or about baptism?

Read the passage again, slowly, and consider what it would have been like to have been present when this happened. You would watch the cousins Jesus and John the Baptist interact, perhaps feel the splash of the water and hear a sound that could be identified as a "voice from heaven." Would you have stood up close or stayed in the back?

What about this scene would have stood out to you?

How would you have felt about the words "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy"?

Read the passage again and notice what words or phrase resonate with you.

Ask God why that might be. If nothing comes, simply stay with the words or phrase.

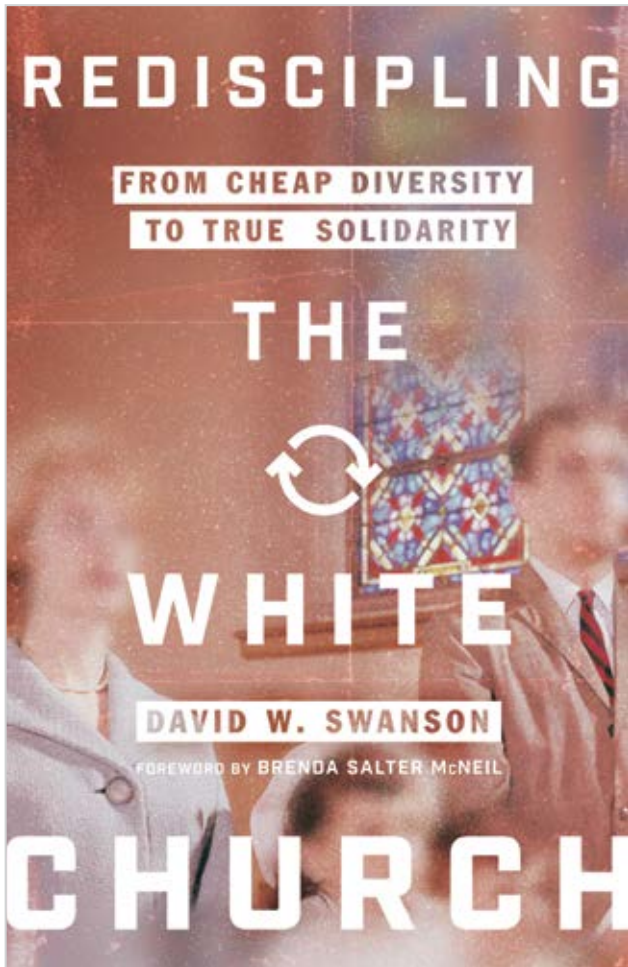
What, if anything, do you sense God inviting you to consider? To feel? To do?

RESPOND

Consider writing your response to God, beginning with "Dear God." Then tell God about what stood out to you, anything you want to know, or anything you may be invited to consider.

REST

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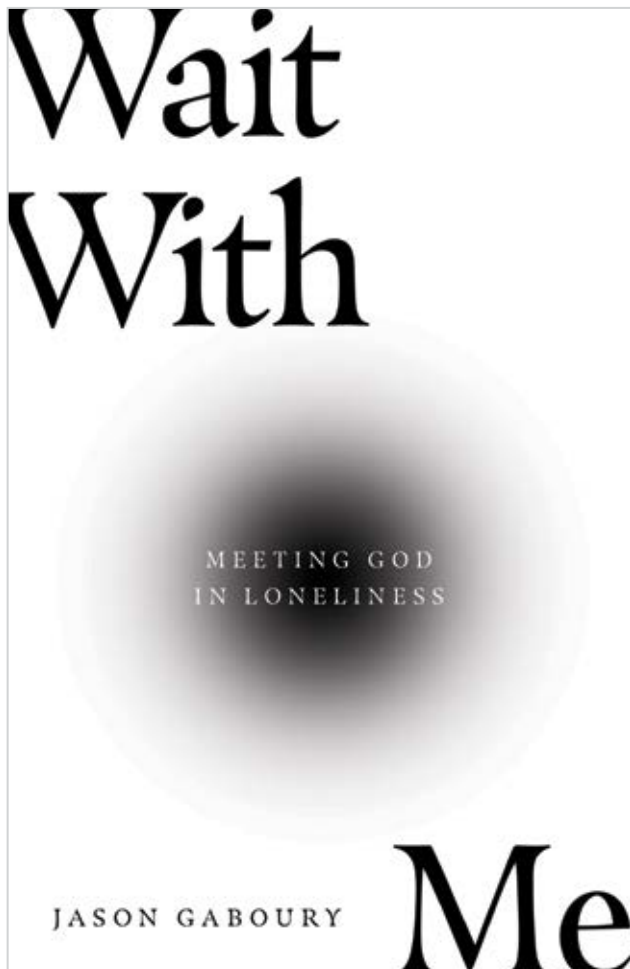
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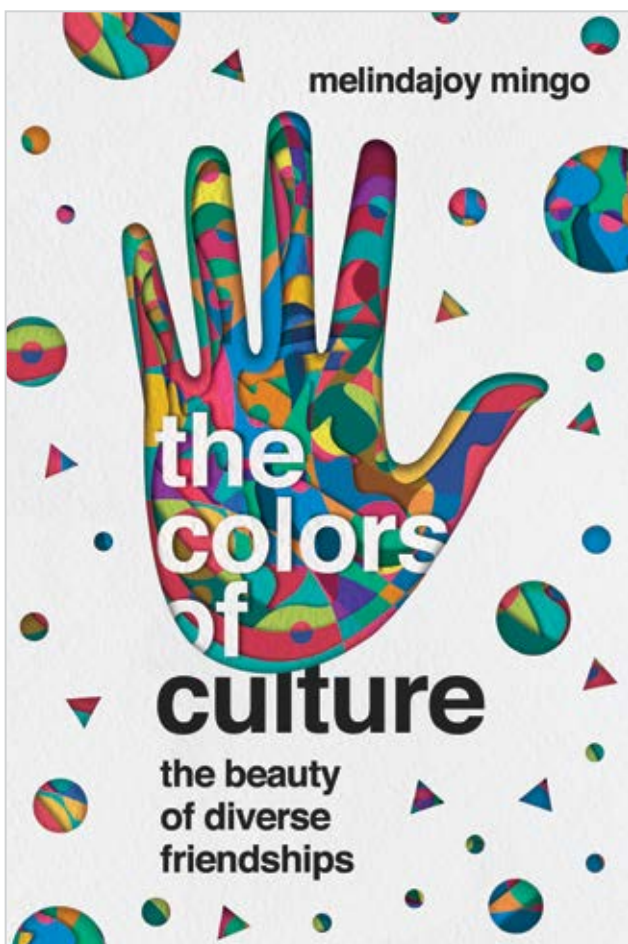
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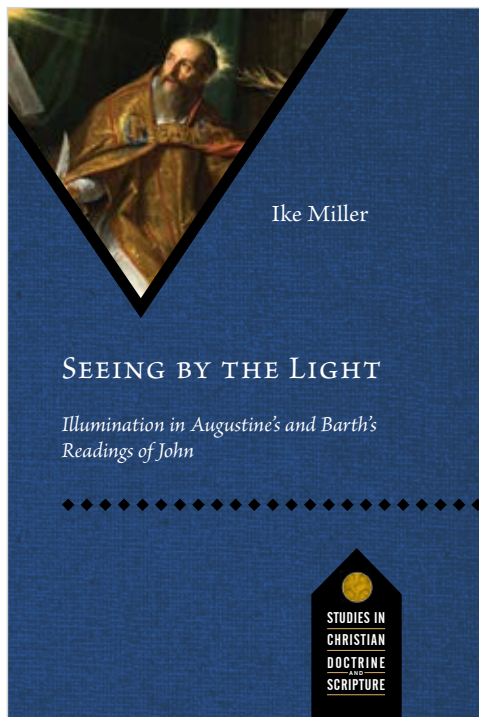
A LOOK INSIDE

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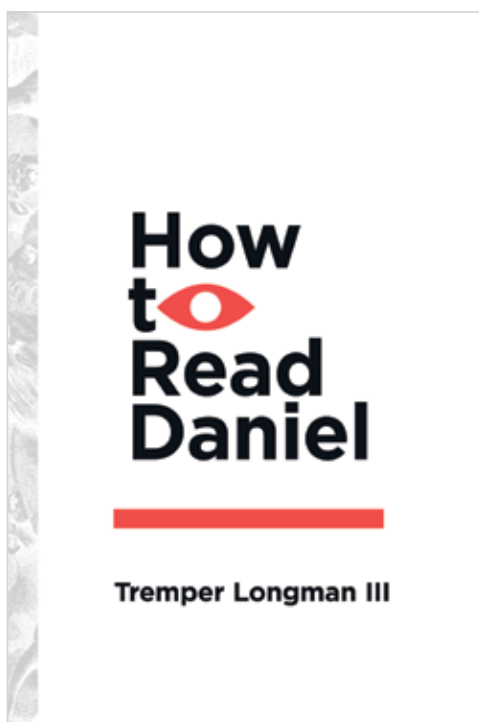
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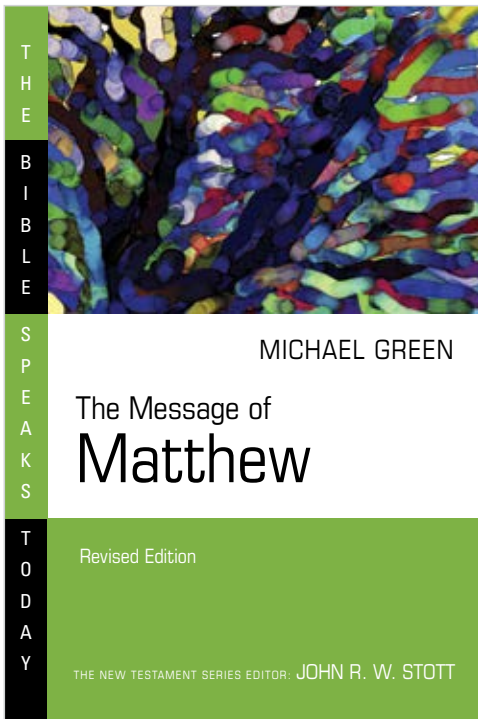
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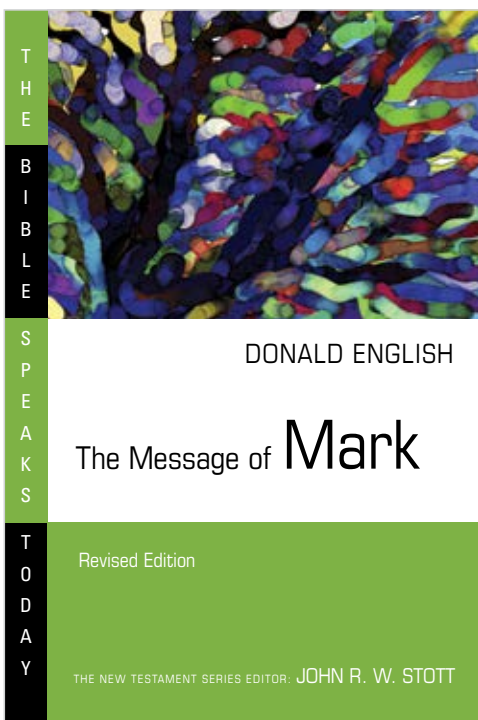
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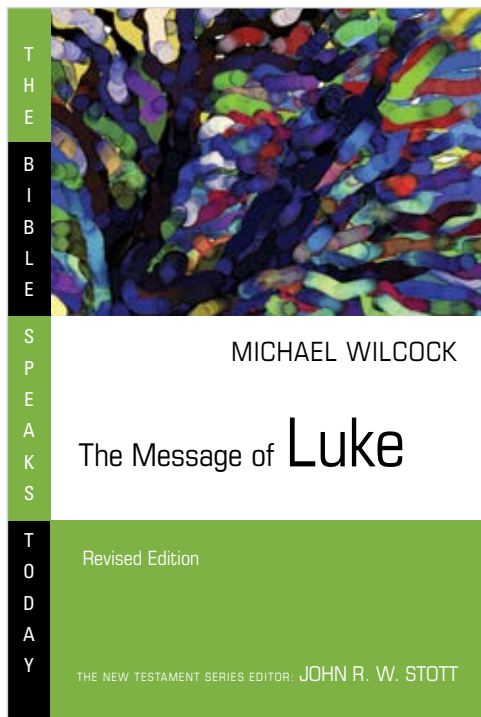
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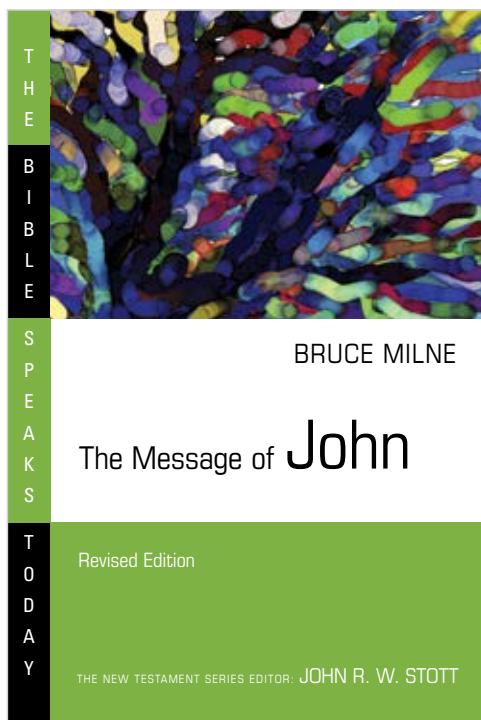
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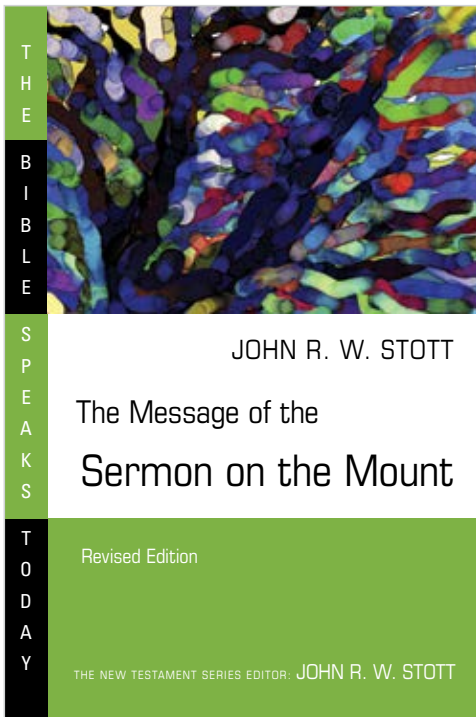
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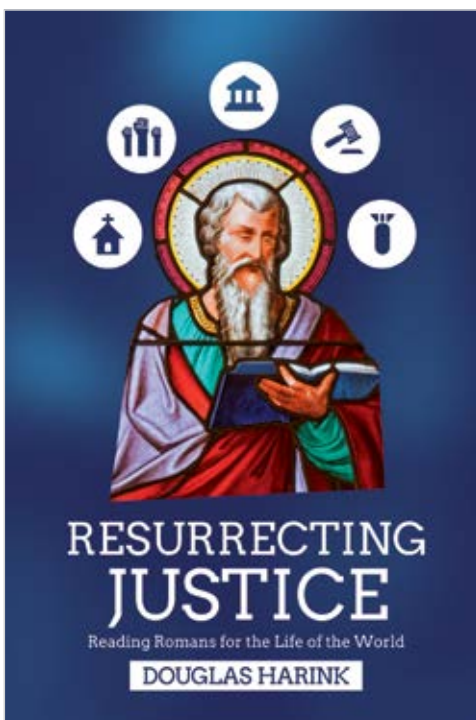
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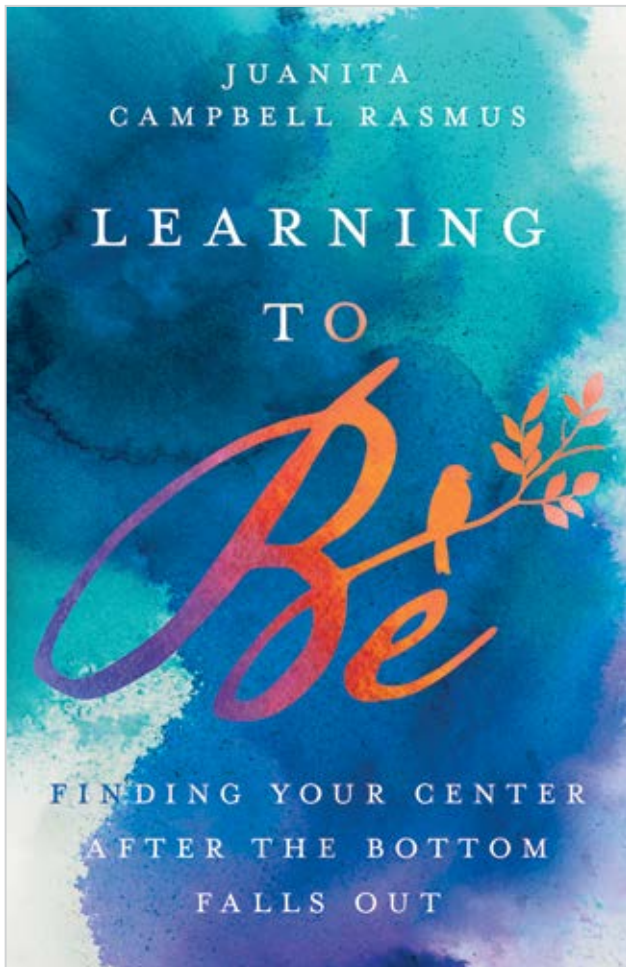
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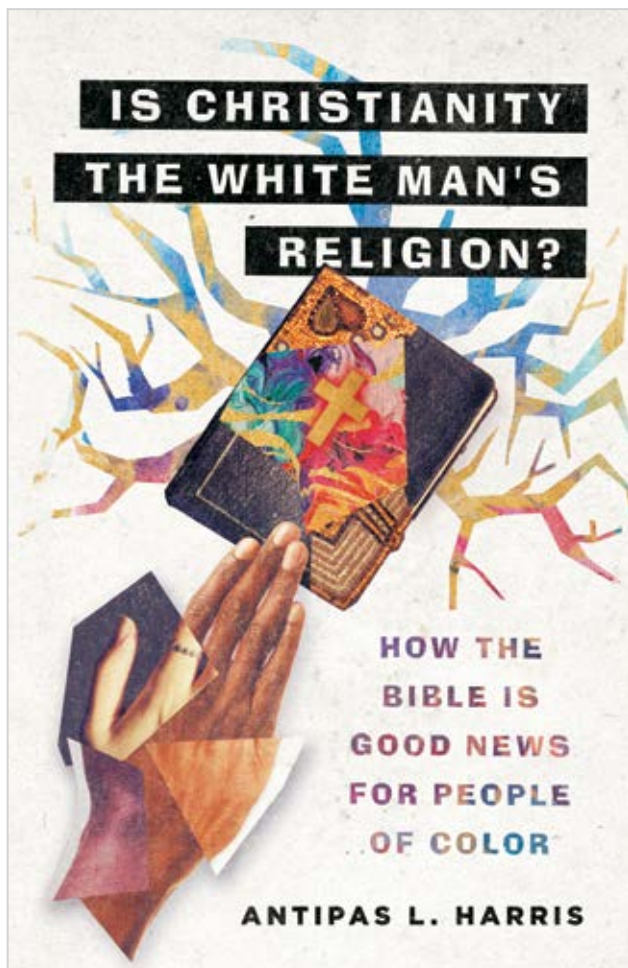
I would have laughed had I been in my normal mind; yet, the question was so poignant, it pierced through me like a hot knife cutting through butter. . . .

God was present in the question; I was sure of that. Who am I? There is the story I have been telling myself of my identity, the story my parents have told me, the story my grandparents have told me, the story I learned of myself while I was in elementary school, and the story the neighborhood kids told me. It’s amazing that I haven’t combusted before now from all the internal contradictions. I have way too many accounts of the Juanita story, so there is no wonder why I was clueless as to how to answer the question. . . .

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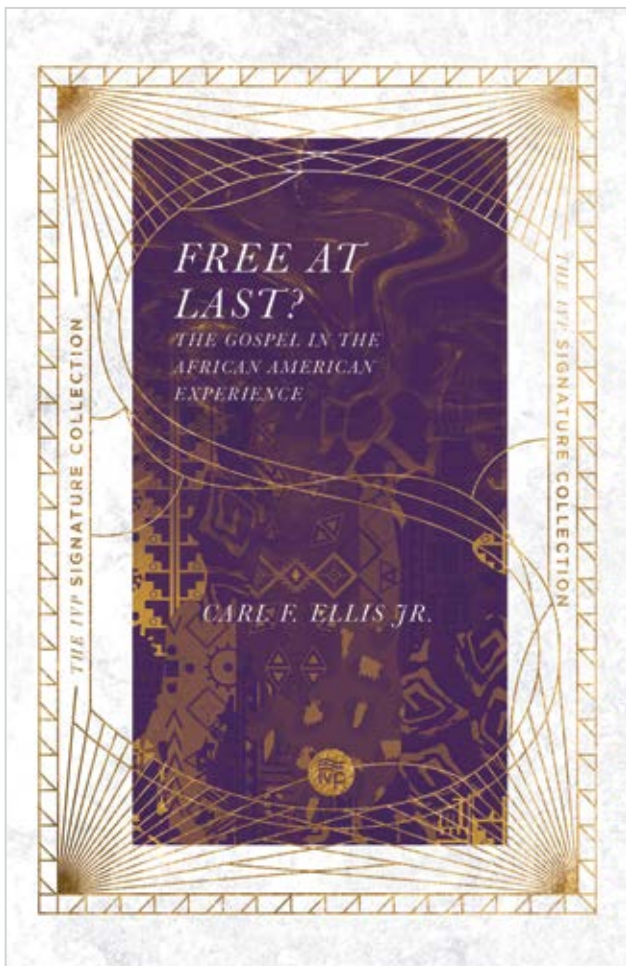
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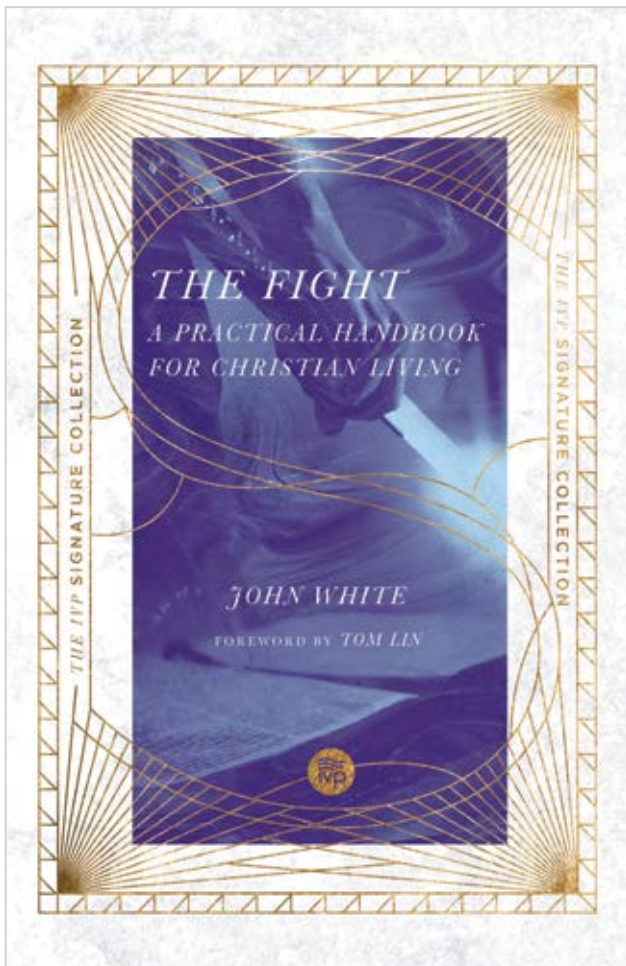
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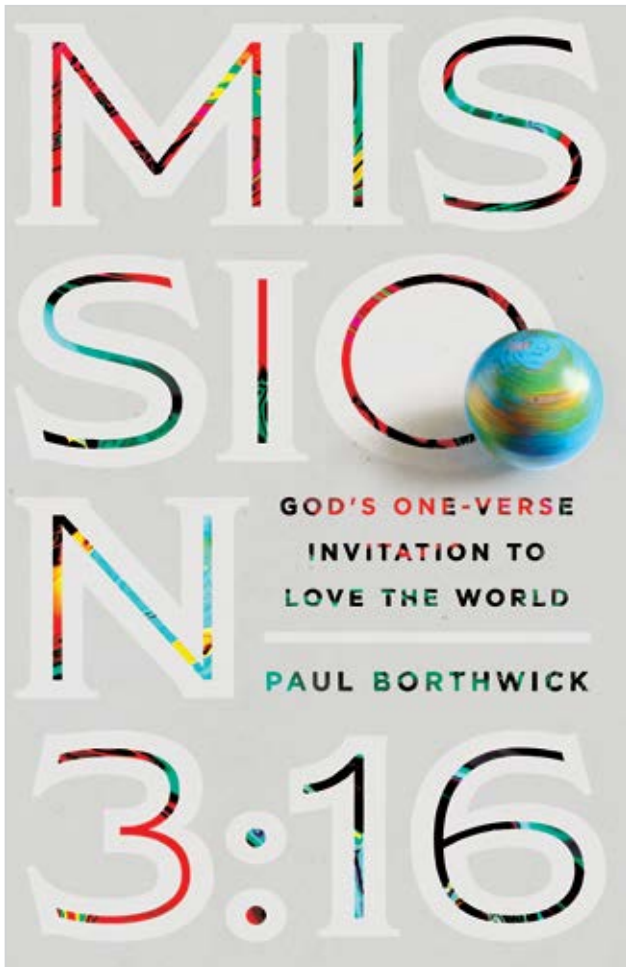
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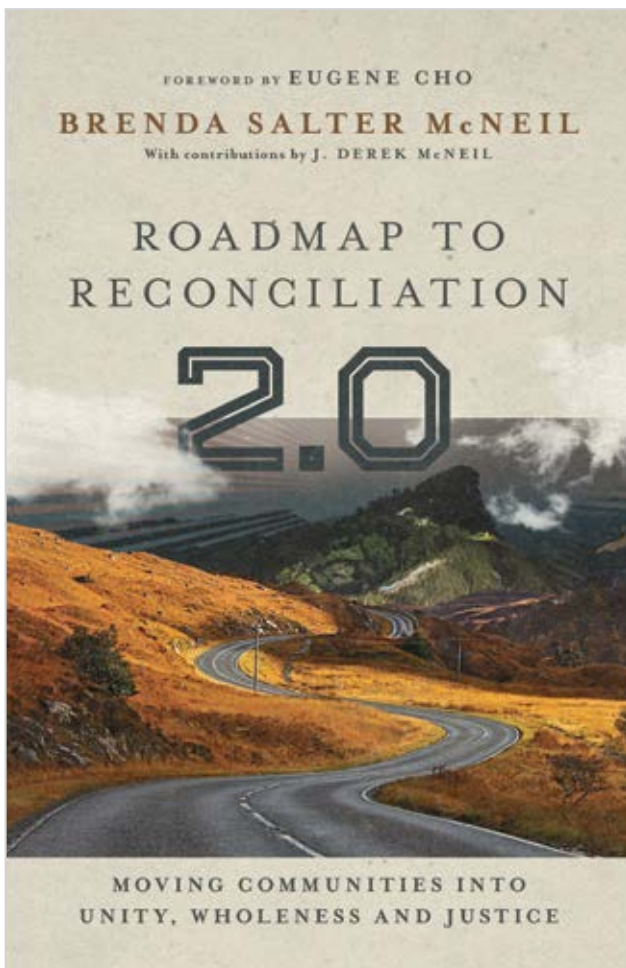
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God's mission in the world includes you. Uniquely you. Specifically you. Think through those statements for a moment. God—the Lord of the universe, sovereign over all nations, creator of all humankind, all-powerful, all-knowing, everywhere present—has a mission that includes you! You—created in God's image but rebellious, given the gift of life but still a sinner—are given the invitation to do the mission of God in the world. For some reason beyond our comprehension, God has decided to do his work through us. . . .

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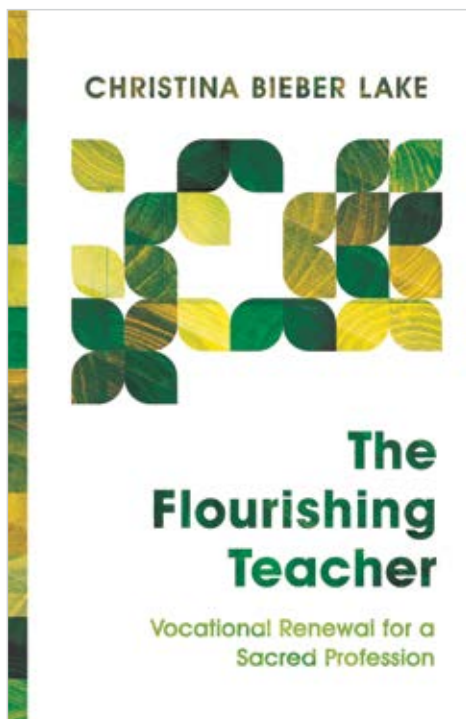
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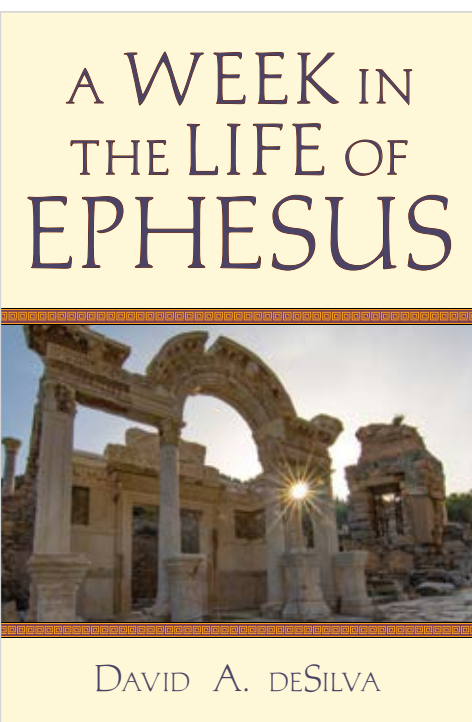
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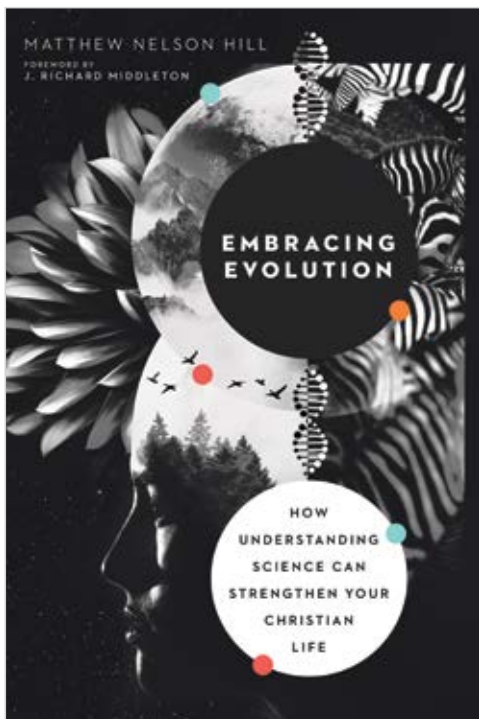
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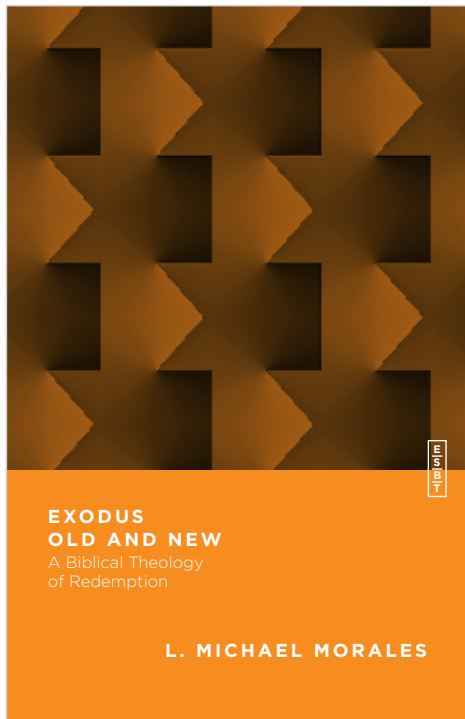
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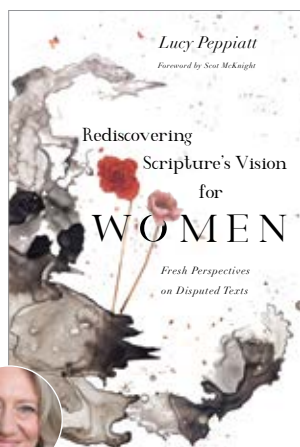


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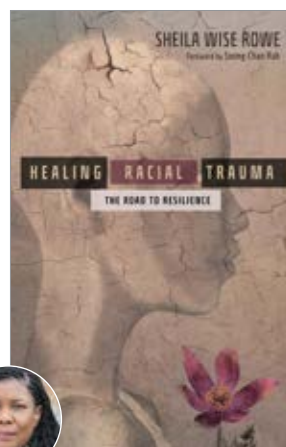
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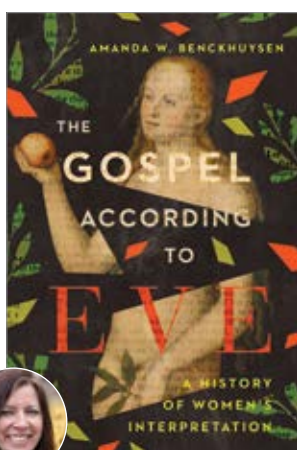
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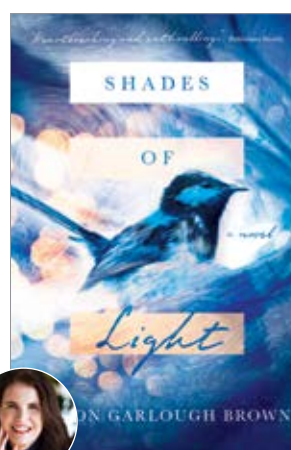
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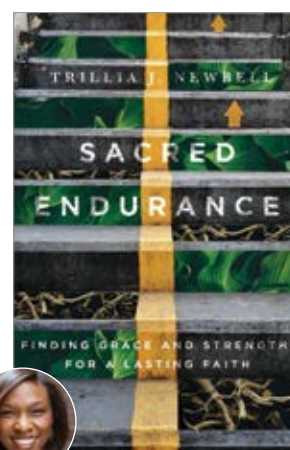
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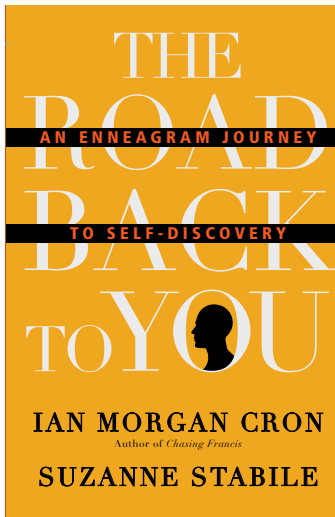
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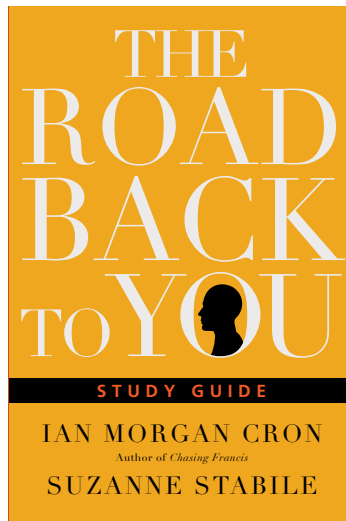
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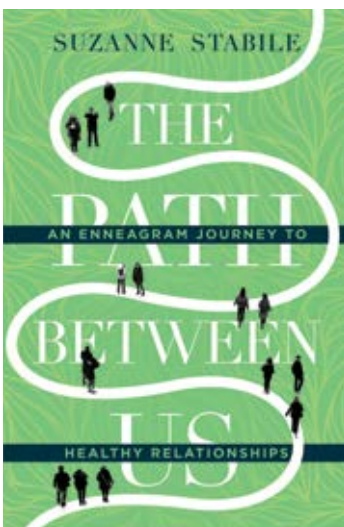
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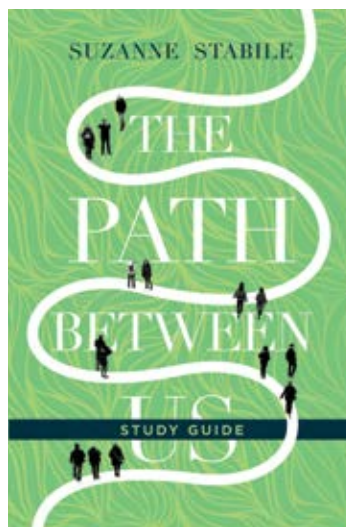
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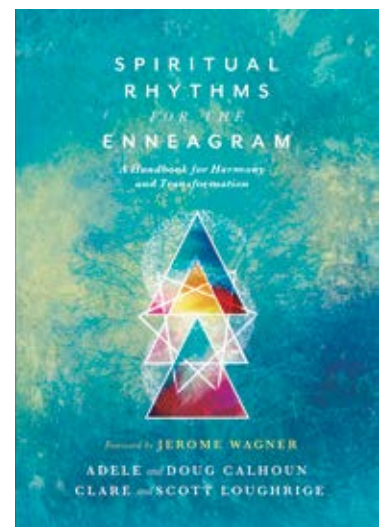
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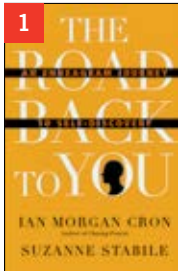


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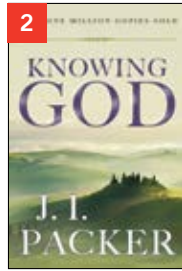


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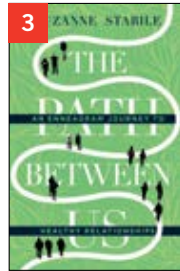
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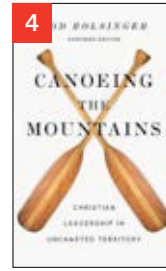
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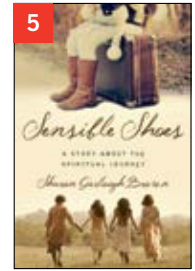
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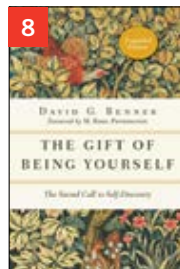
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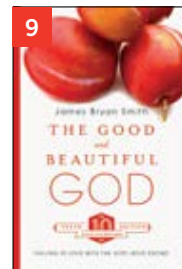
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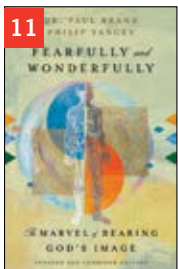
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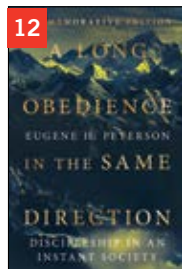
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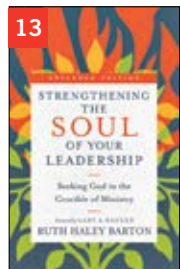
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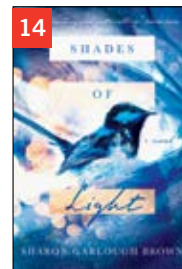
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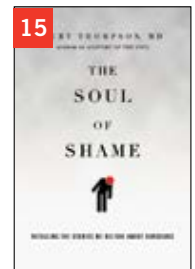
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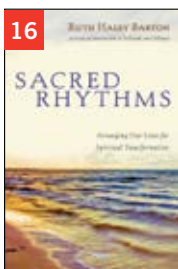
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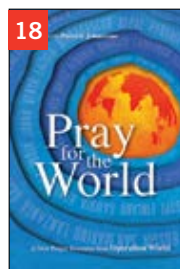
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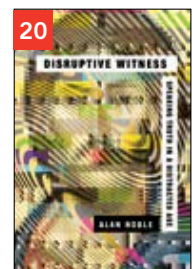
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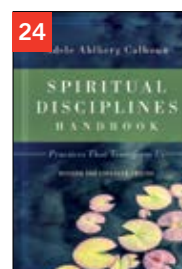
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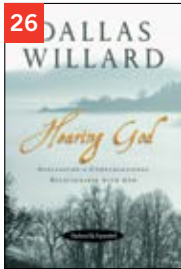


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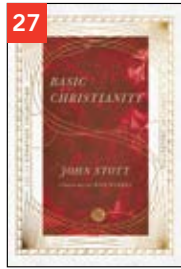


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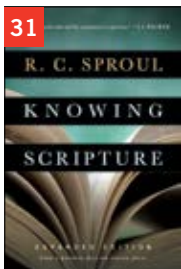
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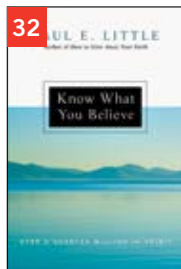
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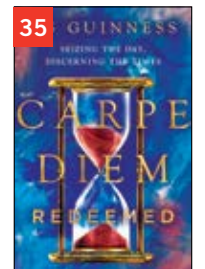
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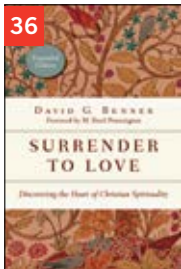
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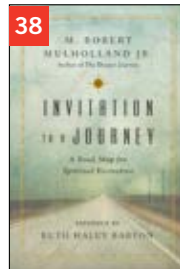
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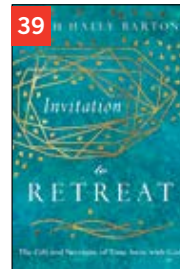
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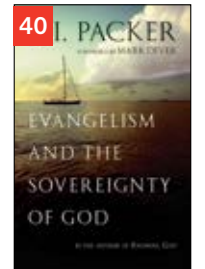
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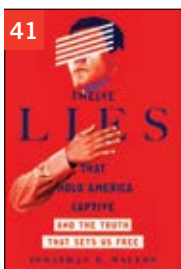
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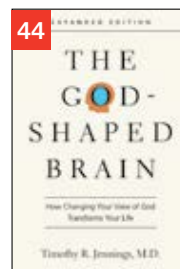
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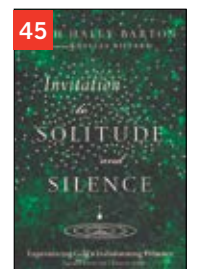
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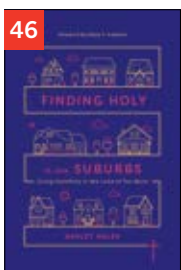
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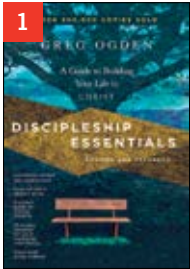


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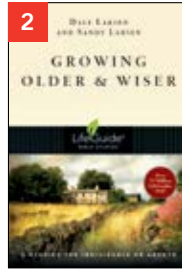


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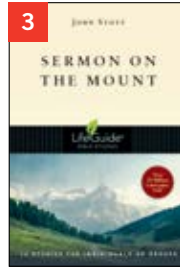
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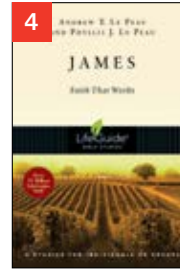
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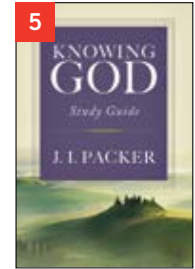
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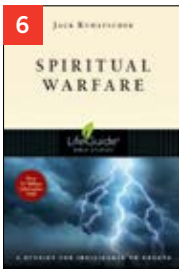
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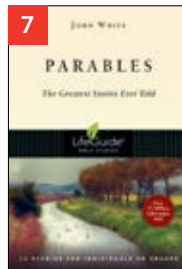
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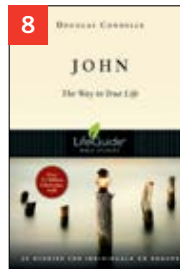
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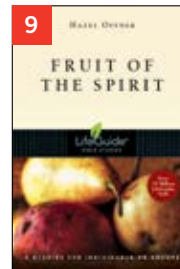
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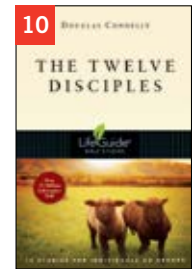
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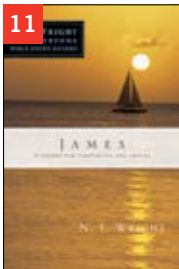
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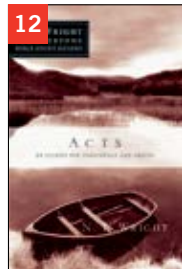
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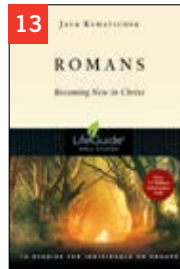
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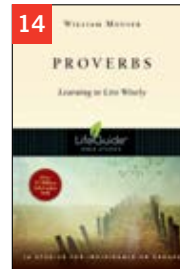
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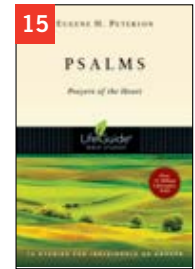
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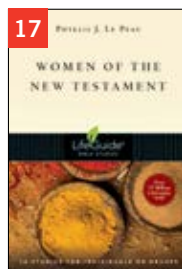
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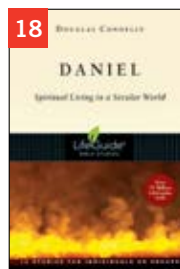
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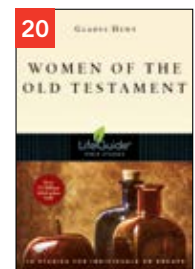
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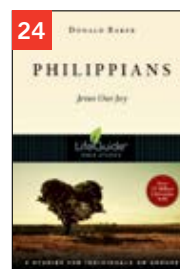
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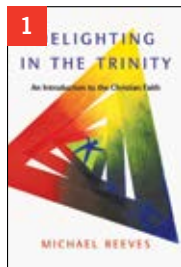


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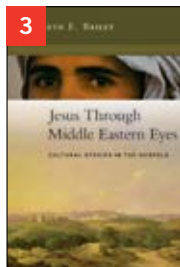
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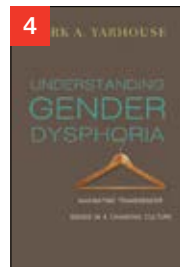
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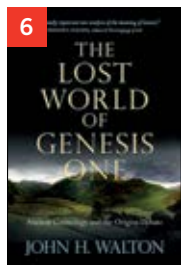
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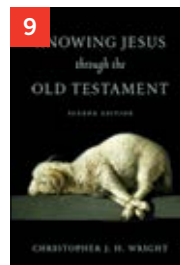
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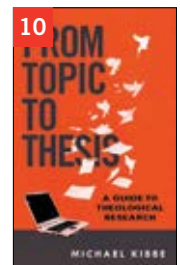
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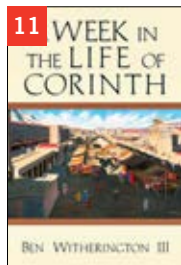
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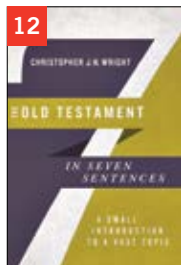
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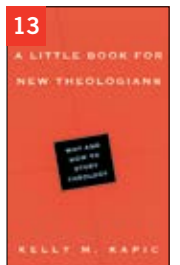
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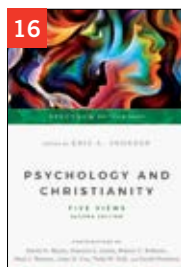
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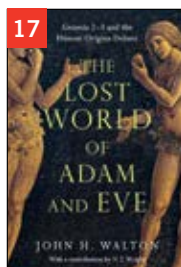
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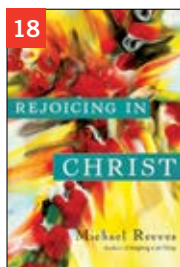
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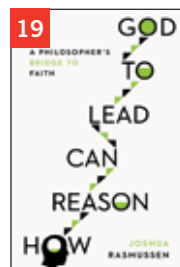
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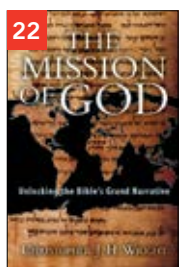
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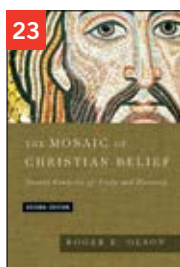
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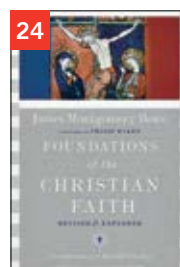
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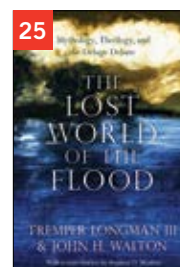
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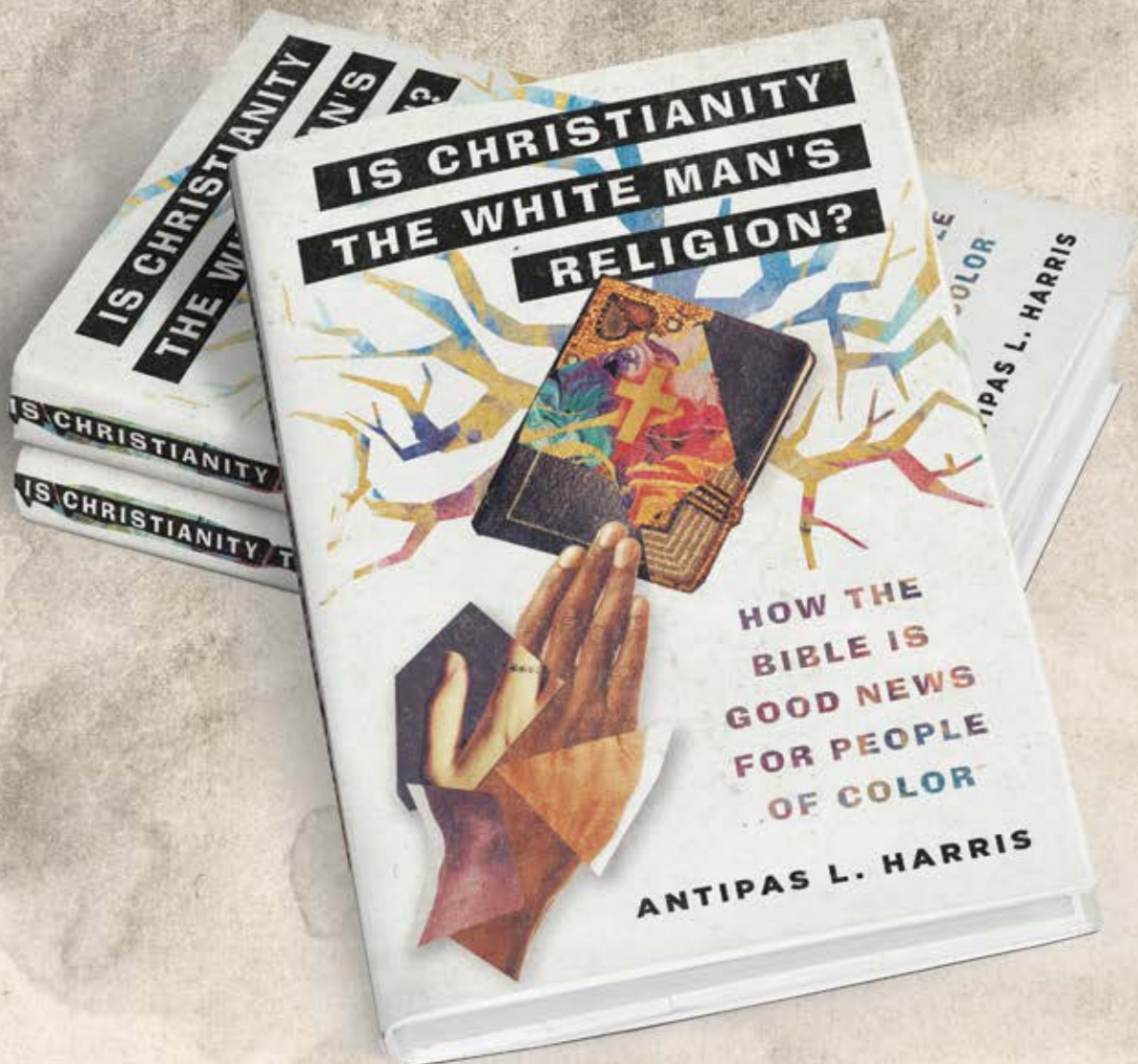


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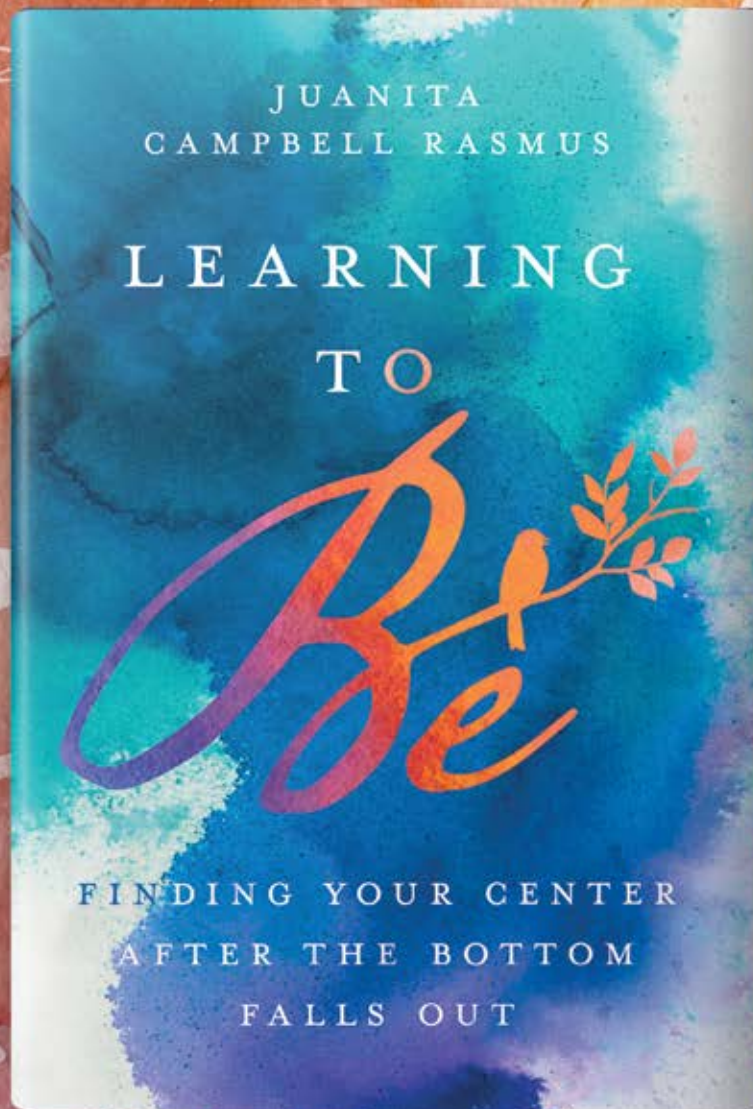
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