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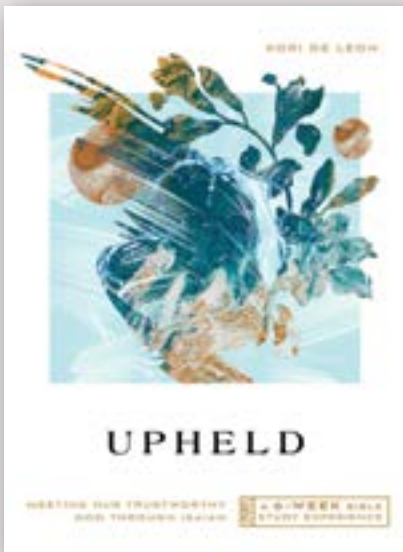


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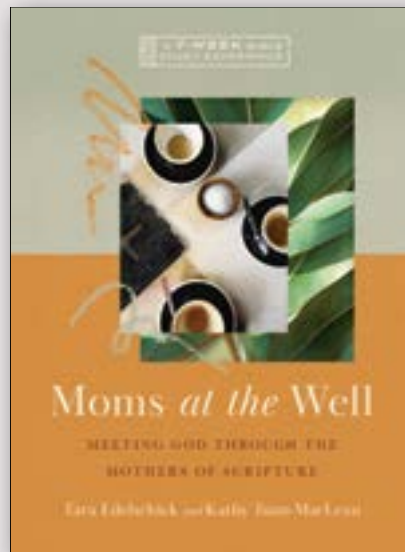
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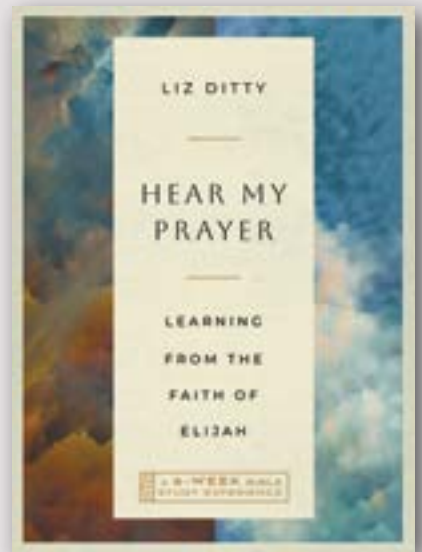
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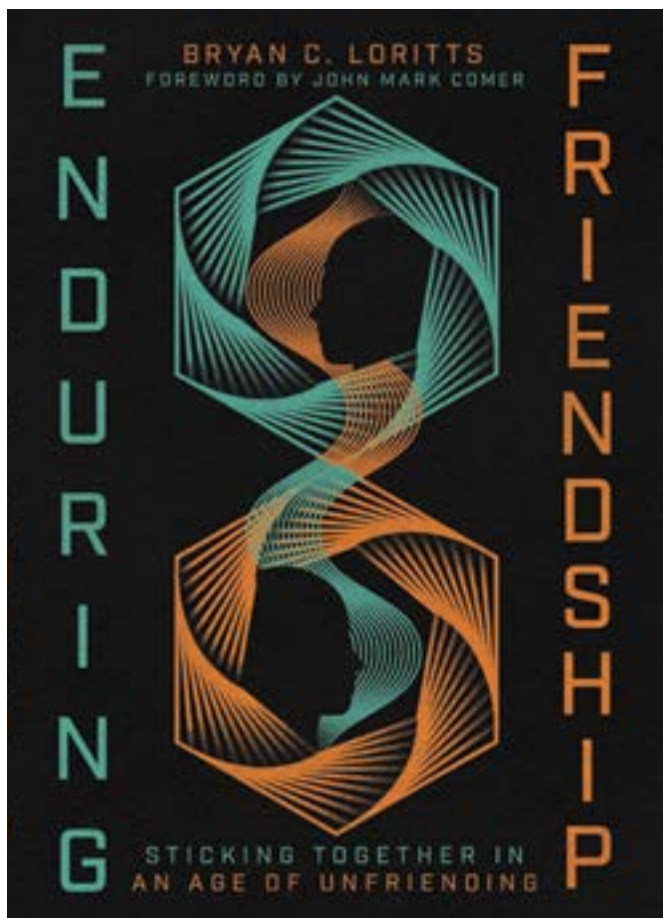
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ENDURING FRIENDSHIP

STICKING TOGETHER IN AN AGE OF UNFRIENDING

Friendships are difficult.

Sometimes it can seem as if friends are more work and pain than they're worth, with friendship challenges that we have to endure and struggle through. In today's cancel culture, it's easy to give up on people and just walk away, leaving us all more isolated than before. How can we build real relationships that are life giving and pass the test of time?

Bryan Loritts mines one of the Bible's least-known books for insights into how friendships can flourish even in the midst of sin and brokenness. With careful exposition and insight, he unpacks how the apostle Paul helped Philemon and Onesimus reconcile a most unlikely relationship with truth, repentance, and grace. With God's work and steadfast love, even the most painful relationships that have ruptured are not beyond the reach of forgiveness and reconciliation. Discover how friendships that are hard can be transformed into friendships that endure.

"Bryan is painfully honest about the challenge of long-term friendships. Yet you read this book and come away burning with desire to bare your soul to another in love. . . . I walked away from reading Enduring Friendship not only recaptured by the beauty of the gospel, but also deeply moved by the power of grace."

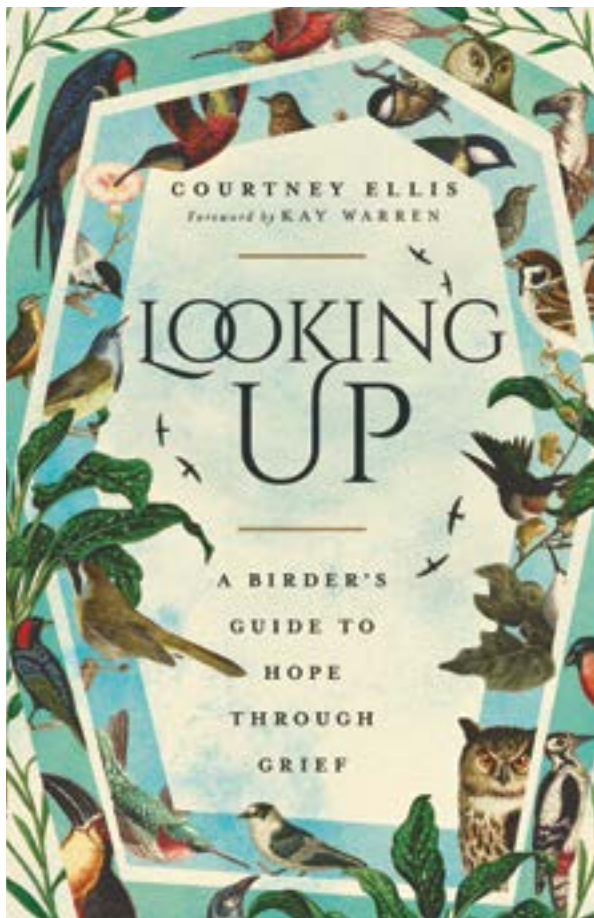
John Mark Comer, author of *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*, from the foreword

"Let's face it, the statistics are not good about grownups, especially men, and their ability to maintain close friendships outside their family. Bryan Loritts confronts this reality with a book-length antidote to a growing culture of friendless lives. His blunt honesty, practical remedy, biblical fidelity, and heart of charity will leave you hopeful that indeed, friendships new and old can endure."

Barry H. Corey, president of Biola University and author of *Love Kindness: Discovering the Power of a Forgotten Christian Virtue*

"Friendships are difficult to navigate; friendships among believers in Christ are no less difficult. They may even be more difficult as there is a level of accountability built into that friendship based on a mutual desire to live out the mandate to be like Christ. Dr. Loritts masterfully and lovingly leads us by way of careful exegesis through the powerful letter of Paul to Philemon. I highly recommend this book for anyone who wants to strengthen a friendship or repair a ruptured one."

Jody Moore, lead pastor of Transformation Church IE in Chino, California



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LOOKING UP

A BIRDER'S GUIDE TO HOPE THROUGH GRIEF

"Look at the birds"

Through the painful days of the pandemic stuck in her home, Courtney Ellis found herself looking down in despair. Soon after, her beloved grandfather died unexpectedly.

It was around this same time that Ellis took up watching birds. "Took up" might not be exactly right—as she puts it, "the switch flipped," and she's been borderline obsessed with birds ever since.

Looking Up is a meditation on birding as a practice of hope. Weaving together stories from her own life, including the death of her grandfather, with reflections on birds of many kinds, Ellis invites us to open our eyes to the goodness of God both in the natural world and in our own lives. By "looking up" to the birds, Ellis found the beauty and wonder of these creatures calling her out of her darkness into the light and hope of God's promises.

"Ever wish you could fly? Me too! Yet no matter how fast I flap, truth is, I flop. Next best thing to catching a wind shear is airlifting our hearts with Courtney Ellis's offering Looking Up. Two things we know: in this life we will all suffer loss and we will all long for hope. Courtney shares her flight plan from her own aerial story to her crash into grief and her recovery via the wings of hope. Need a new song? Lean in with me to Courtney's Looking Up, and let's feel our wings grow stronger, our minds gain perspective, and our spirits begin to soar."

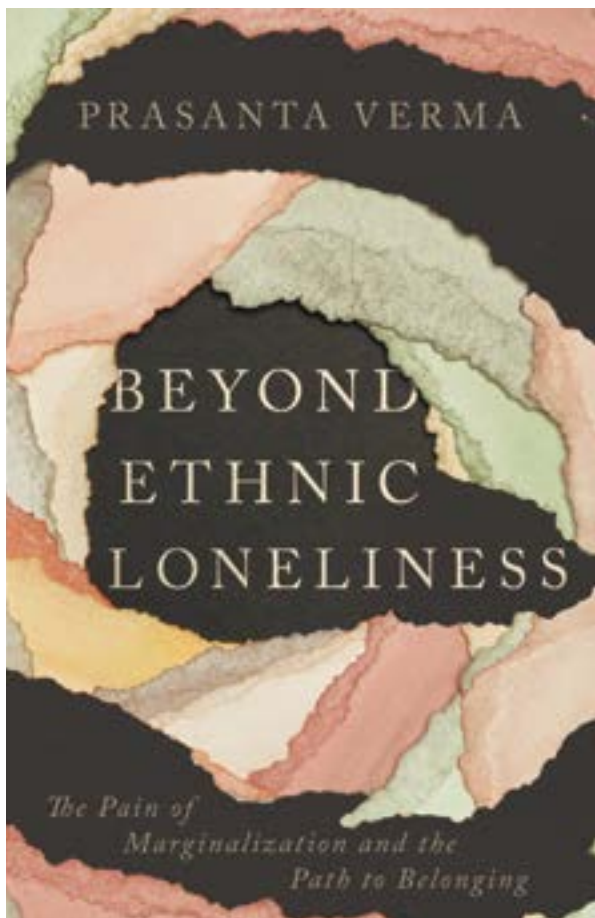
Patsy Clairmont, author of *You Are More Than You Know* and cohost of the *Bridges* podcast

"Like an oriole stitching together its magnificent nest, Courtney Ellis skillfully weaves together theology, poetry, psychology, history, and ecology to take you on a marvelous journey. Whether you are an expert birder or a total novice, you will alternately laugh out loud and hold back tears on Courtney's bird's-eye tour through the whole gamut of human emotion—love and grief, joy and fear, anxiety and wonder—until she brings you home at last to hope. An inspiring and heartwarming read!"

Keith Gregoire, physician, author, and birder

"Courtney Ellis's wise, beautiful meditation on birds is deeply human. She gently nudges us toward the human experiences that can feel like too much—grief, loss, mortality, even overwhelming awe—and helps us to keep breathing, keep watching. In Looking Up, Courtney is a loving and patient guide through the unexpected turns in life, filling us with hope and pointing us toward the divine."

Dorcac Cheng-Tozun, author of *Social Justice for the Sensitive Soul: How to Change the World in Quiet Ways*



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BEYOND ETHNIC LONELINESS

THE PAIN OF MARGINALIZATION AND THE PATH TO BELONGING

“So what are you? Go back where you belong!”

Majority white American culture has historically marginalized people of color, who at times feel invisible and alienated and at other times are traumatized by oppression and public discrimination. This reality leads to a particular kind of aloneness: ethnic and racial loneliness.

An Indian American immigrant who grew up in white Southern culture, Prasanta Verma names and sheds light on the realities of ethnic loneliness. She unpacks the exhausting effects of cultural isolation, the dynamics of marginalization, and the weight of being other. In the midst of disconnection and erasure, she points to the longing to belong, the need to share our stories, and the hope of finding safe friendships and community. Our places of exile can become places where we find belonging—to ourselves, to others, and to God.

“Beyond Ethnic Loneliness is a revelation. Prasanta Verma beautifully illuminates the joys and struggles of ethnic immigrants and BIPOC in America. Although ethnic loneliness is found inconsistently in other literature on ethnicity, racism, or racial trauma, Prasanta centers it. She skillfully shares this through stories about her family, India, American history, Scripture, research, and poetry. Prasanta invites us on a journey from ethnic loneliness toward embracing who we are and how we belong to God, ourselves, and one another.”

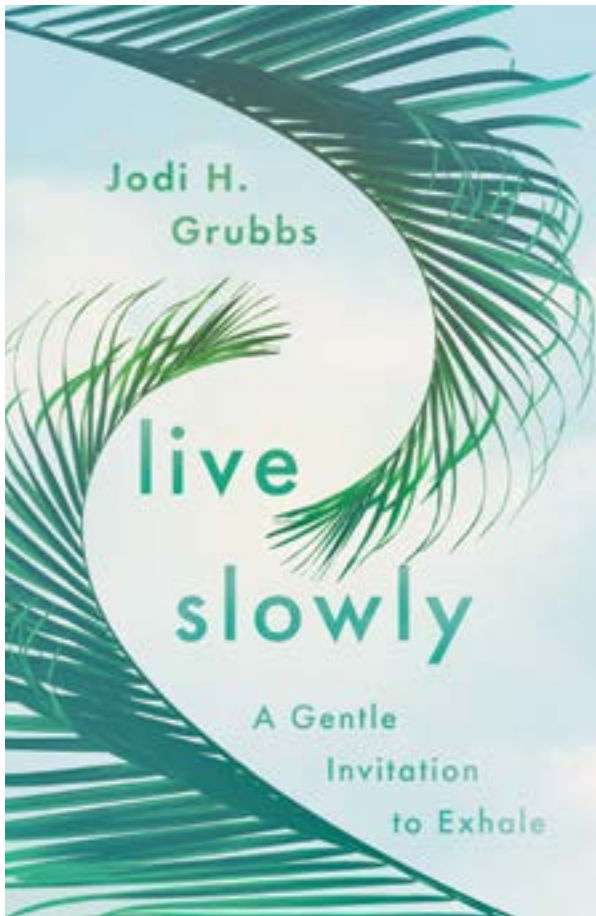
Sheila Wise Rowe, author of *Healing Racial Trauma* and *Young, Gifted, and Black*

“Beyond Ethnic Loneliness is a moving read for any person of color who has silently carried the burden of isolation, invisibility, and marginalization in a society that has ‘devalued, attacked, beaten, shot, lynched, enslaved, exiled, killed’ those who do not conform to a ‘white-majority culture.’ Prasanta Verma’s words provided the embrace I never received in spaces where I felt unseen and unheard when discrimination and racism disregarded my racial identity. If you work with persons of color and seek to comprehend these struggles, read this book now.”

Terence Lester, founder of Love Beyond Walls and author of *All God’s Children*

“Before reading this book, I had never thought to give myself permission to connect my ethnicity with loneliness—even though I experienced it in palpable amounts. Prasanta not only gives readers permission for this and so much more in her offering, but she also holds their hands and walks alongside them as she illuminates a path forward. Belonging is deeply personal and spiritual, and it embodies the gift of community given to us by a relational Savior. I am excited that others will get to explore these topics in Beyond Ethnic Loneliness and be reminded of their place in this world and the world to come.”

Quantrilla Ard, author, speaker, and grief coach at The PhD Mamma



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LIVE SLOWLY

A GENTLE INVITATION TO EXHALE

Give yourself permission to slow down.

Jodi Grubbs did not give herself permission for too long, falling headlong into the endless rush and exhaustion of hustle culture. After leaving her childhood home on the island of Bonaire in the Caribbean, she assumed the rapid pace and stress of city living in the States. Soon she realized God was bidding her to a return to the “island time” of her past.

In time Jodi found sanctuary and ways to care for her soul by making space for God, others, and herself. Evoking the contentment she once had in the gentle rhythms of Bonaire, she learned of another path: a path away from burnout and toward restoration. And she invites you, too, to grasp a sustainable approach to life anchored by the forced pauses of spiritual practices and an openhandedness before God. Each chapter offers slow-living shifts to help you put the concepts into practice. Begin to rest and let go of the need to keep up, as you learn to live slowly.

“If you need a slow-living guide—a guide out of the crush of noise and the exhausting speed of life—Jodi Grubbs is a gentle sage who has faced suffering and heartbreak. She shows us the road less traveled—into a far more meaningful life.”

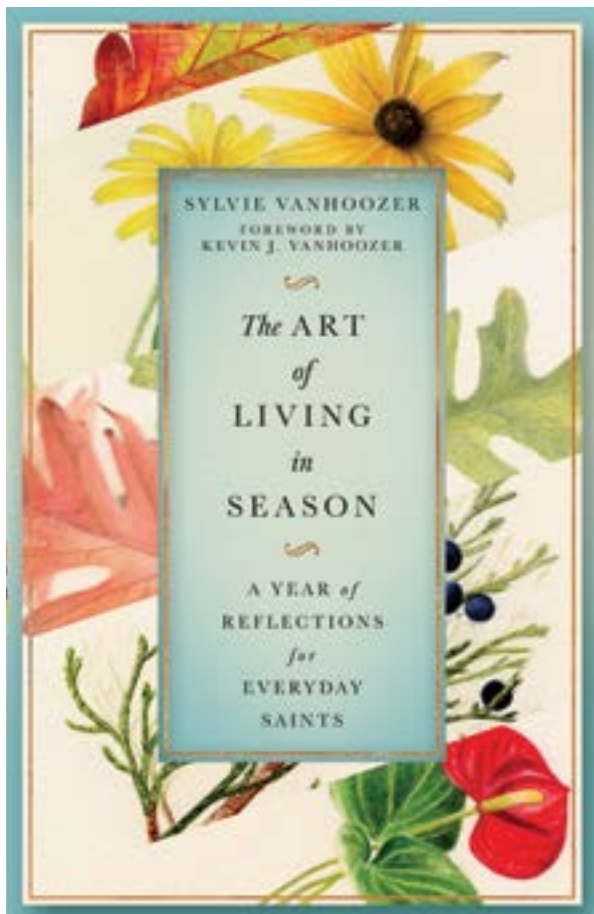
Ann Voskamp, author of *One Thousand Gifts* and *The Broken Way*

“In a culture that overvalues hustle and undervalues wholeness, finding spaces that honor our God-given humanity can be a challenge. Yet in Live Slowly, Jodi Grubbs compassionately and authentically invites us to a way of being that roots us in our truest identity as God’s beloved. This book is a love letter to anyone feeling overwhelmed, out of alignment, and tired of pushing beyond their limits. I’m deeply grateful for Jodi’s words.”

Aundi Kolber, licensed professional counselor and author of *Try Softer*

“Jodi Grubbs brings a unique perspective on the challenge of hurry that we face. Growing up in a less hurried culture and living as an adult in our more hurried one has borne the fruit of practical insight and wise guidance. I encourage you to read this book if you’re seeking to follow the less hurried way of Jesus. You’ll find a lot of help here!”

Alan Fadling, president of Unhurried Living Inc. and author of *A Non-Anxious Life*



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THE ART OF LIVING IN SEASON

A YEAR OF REFLECTIONS FOR EVERYDAY SAINTS

Growing up in her native Provence, in southern France, Sylvie Vanhoozer learned about the traditional Provençal crèche. These nativity scenes were peopled by santons—“little saints”—each bringing their unique gifts to the baby Jesus. As her own life took her around the world, to England, Scotland, and the United States, she kept up the tradition of her native crèche in her own home, adding to it souvenirs from each new place where she found herself.

Join this communion of little saints and follow them not only at Christmas but throughout the whole year. Each chapter introduces a new santon and opens up another aspect of our annual pilgrimage toward Christ. Structured as weekly reflections and illustrated with Vanhoozer’s own botanical illustrations, this book invites us to follow Christ in our own places and seasons of life, beginning by keeping in step with the rhythms of nature and the church calendar.

The Art of Living in Season is a companion for everyday saints who wonder how they can follow Jesus wherever, whenever, and whoever they are.

“This wonderful book is artistic in every way. Sylvie Vanhoozer’s study is a powerful reminder that we need to honor seasons in our lives, just as Scripture and the church calendar require, artfully punctuating life’s significant moments. . . . This book is not just to be picked up each morning but to be savored all year. As Kevin, Sylvie’s husband, puts it in his foreword, it is ‘life changing.’”

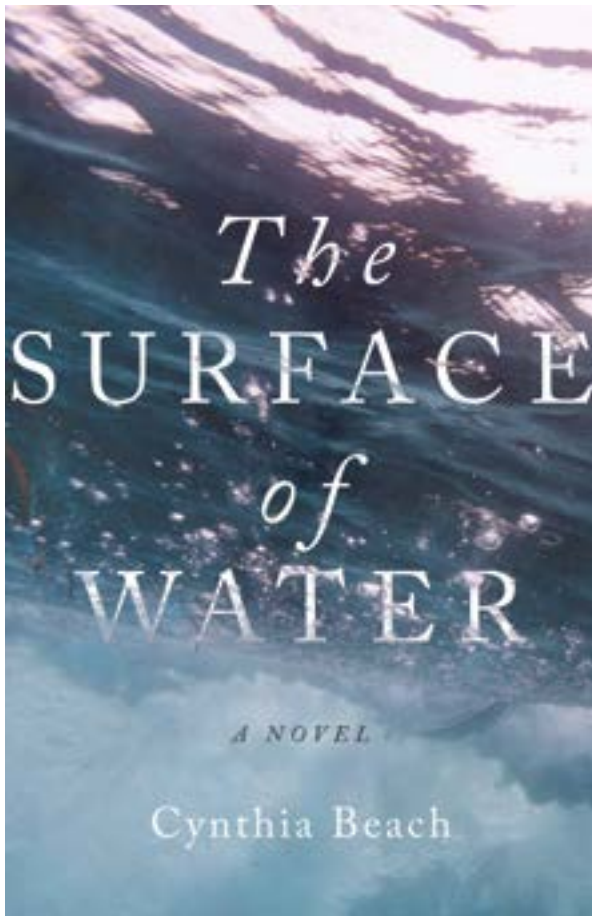
William Edgar, author of *A Supreme Love: The Music of Jazz and the Hope of the Gospel* and professor emeritus of apologetics, Westminster Theological Seminary

“What then are we to do with this book so unlike any other? Shelve it all alone and give it pride of place? It is a work of art. Or might we slip it in a pocket to carry through the afternoon? Or better, allow ourselves to be carried by it through a calendar of seasons, instructed in the folkways of each one, in unexpected beauty and surprise? Might we allow this book to ask us questions, make us wonder, tell us new and ancient stories of other places, other times? And surely, if we listen, if we pay attention, we will see and learn. We will be charmed; we will be changed. For yes, this lovely book is just that fine.”

Linda McCullough Moore, author of *The Book of Not So Common Prayer*

“Here you will find something for body, mind, and spirit to cluster round Christ’s earthy throne of grace. This book will make your soul grow.”

Samuel Wells, vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London



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THE SURFACE OF WATER

A NOVEL

The only person who can uncover his secret has arrived.

Matthew Goodman is tired, and his one wish is something he can't have. Instead he focuses on the demands of his work as pastor of Chicagoland's Calvary Community, including bringing a new administrative assistant onboard. New hire 25-year-old Trish Card watches him with somber, lake-clear eyes. What he doesn't know about Trish and her real reason for appearing will dismantle his world.

The Surface of Water is about a megachurch pastor, a famous evangelist's son, living in a world beyond his control. It's also a story about a young woman trying to understand her complicated life. In the #ChurchToo era, this novel invites readers to see life's shadowed edges— isolation, power, and abuse—illuminated by the light of truth.

"A timely examination of the human heart, The Surface of Water explores the complexities of frail faith and fractured family, proving that sometimes even the truth can become watery. Readers won't be disappointed as Beach delivers an emotional story through beautifully lyrical language, presenting characters who stick with us long after the last page is turned."

Julie Cantrell, author of *Perennials*

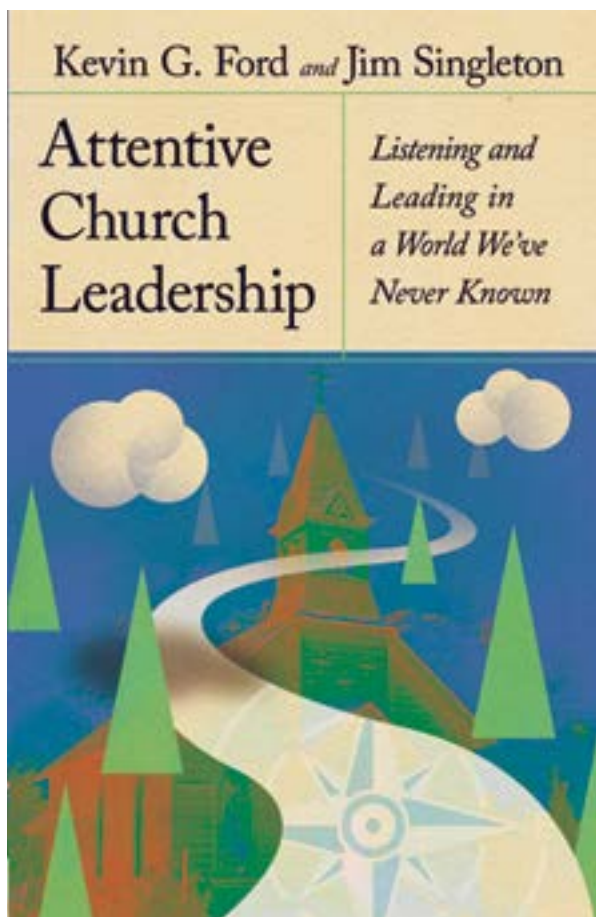
"I have one complaint about The Surface of Water. Cynthia Beach's novel needs a warning label: Caution: Contents Are Compulsively Addictive. Though I had little time to spare, I could not turn my eyes away from this gaze behind the veil of a megachurch pastor and the affiliated human machinery. But don't think you know what the gaze reveals. Beach surprises at every turn, bringing us a fresh, sweeping, deeply wise exploration of success, fame, and faith."

Leslie Leyland Fields, author of *Your Story Matters: Finding, Writing, and Living the Truth of Your Life*

"The Surface of Water presents a sensitive and nuanced portrayal of Matthew Goodman, pastor of a Chicago megachurch, whose public life is marked by power, adulation, and wealth, while the surface of his inner life is roiled by a troubled relationship with his late father and by a former indiscretion Goodman has kept hidden. With suspense and skill, but also compassion, Beach's novel reveals the damaging consequences when faith is overruled by ego, and desire for justice comes close to revenge.

This timely novel deserves a wide reading."

Hugh Cook, author of *Heron River* and winner of the Leslie K. Tarr Award from the Word Guild, Canada



ATTENTIVE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LISTENING AND LEADING IN A WORLD WE'VE NEVER KNOWN

The world has changed. The changes around us present daunting challenges to the church, but there are no one-size-fits-all solutions. We need to listen for not only what to do but also what not to do. In a world screaming in a thousand directions for our focus, it's essential for us to become attentive to God, our congregation, and our community.

Kevin Ford and Jim Singleton call for attentive churches with attentive leaders who can discern cultural and organizational change and pivot accordingly. We need to see what God is already doing in our midst: in our own soul, in our people, and in the communities and culture around us. Chapters explore key questions that attentive leaders ask and offer case studies of attentive churches that have navigated the issues and transitions facing them. As we practice habits of attention, God leads us through the highs and lows of change into the exciting adventure of being on mission with him.

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"The world today is a strange place indeed. In this book, Kevin Graham Ford and Jim Singleton describe our reality and then provide a wealth of wisdom for listening and leading in a fresh, Christ-centered way. Full of real-life pastoral experiences and proven insights, this one book can serve as a reliable guide for both the ministry leader and the church to faithfully make a difference and thrive as a community in this rapidly changing world. It should be read by every pastor and elder."

MaryKate Morse, author, leadership mentor, and professor at Portland Seminary

"With insight (and lots of stories!) borne of their own work consulting, leading, coaching, and teaching leaders across the country, Kevin Graham Ford and Jim Singleton offer us Attentive Church Leadership, which exhorts church leaders to discern and truly pay attention to what matters most in a deeply disrupted, often anxious, and rapidly changing world."

Tod Bolsinger, cofounder of AE Sloan Leadership and author of *Tempered Resilience: How Leaders Are Formed in the Crucible of Change*

"We live in a fast-changing world. The leadership principles I used when I was a church planter are no longer relevant in today's world. Technology has advanced rapidly, and the Covid-19 pandemic changed the scorecard of leadership. Churches and leaders must be attentive not only to the changing reality of the world but also to the ways they respond, adapt, and lead in the midst of those changes. In their new book, Attentive Church Leadership, Kevin Ford and Jim Singleton provide a great resource for church leaders of the twenty-first century, providing essential insights to help them navigate the rough waters of church leadership in this generation."

Eddy Aleman, general secretary of the Reformed Church in America



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KATHY TUAN-MACLEAN is the national faculty ministry director for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. At InterVarsity, she has led numerous students and faculty in Bible study, spiritual formation, and leadership development. She is also a spiritual director.

MOMS AT THE WELL

MEETING GOD THROUGH THE MOTHERS OF SCRIPTURE—A 7-WEEK BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE

Motherhood is hard. Really hard. Tara Edelschick and Kathy Tuan-MacLean know this personally. As moms who have spent decades working with and encouraging other moms, they know that moms experience worry, anger, comparison, escapism, a desire for control, and even heartbreak while raising children.

That's why we need a well. For centuries, women met daily at neighborhood wells to draw water for their families. But these wells were also gathering spaces, providing much-needed community and relationships.

This seven-week Bible study offers a modern-day "well" for mothers—a gathering place to encourage one another and experience the God who invites us into spiritual transformation. With this Bible study, you'll get access to videos and discussion questions to use on your own or with your group. Meet with moms, meet with God, and find much-needed refreshment at the well.

"To more fully know God, we need community. To be better mothers to our children, we need community. My friends Tara Edelschick and Kathy Tuan-MacLean get that, and they want you to get that too. Their new insights into well-known Bible stories beautifully point us to God and encourage our hearts as we walk out being faithful, loving moms. Collect a group of moms you know—whatever their stage of life—and do this study. You will be grateful you did."

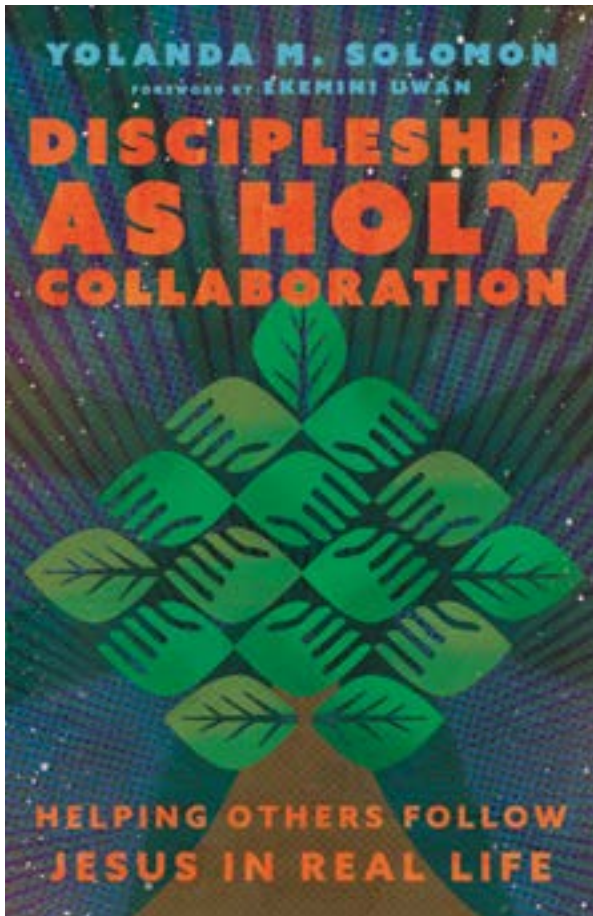
Shaunti Feldhahn, author of *For Women Only* and *Find Rest*

"I have had the privilege of learning from Tara Edelschick and Kathy Tuan-MacLean firsthand, witnessing how their tremendous wisdom flows out of more than two decades of deep community and rich spiritual practices. Moms at the Well is a rare gem that combines profound biblical insight, practical tools, and emotional depth. Best of all, it shows you how to engage the hard, holy work of parenting in community with others."

Alison Cook, therapist and author of *Boundaries for Your Soul: How to Turn Your Overwhelming Thoughts and Feelings into Your Greatest Allies*

"This wise and creative study offers a lifeline for less-than-perfect moms, for those who don't have it all together and struggle with self-doubt, anger, competition, invisibility, need for control, and the like. Tara Edelschick and Kathy Tuan-MacLean are vulnerable and transparent, courageously sharing their own failures, heartaches, and fears regarding motherhood. Their study invites us to walk with biblical women who lived with circumstances they did not choose and with wounds they could not heal. Their lives become lenses that open our eyes to ourselves and to the God who comes to be with us. You will be thankful for Moms at the Well."

Adele Ahlberg Calhoun, author of the *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook* and *Spiritual Rhythms for the Enneagram*



DISCIPLESHIP AS HOLY COLLABORATION

HELPING OTHERS FOLLOW JESUS IN REAL LIFE

Many Christians don't disciple others because they think it's the church leaders' responsibility. If we're honest, many of us hesitate to disciple others because we don't feel qualified, fear we'll do more harm than good, and think we don't have time for it. Yolanda Solomon provides a practical guide to help us become disciples who are empowered by Jesus to make disciples.

Through biblical exposition and personal narrative, Solomon describes the beauty of discipleship in a way that will (re)ignite your passion to disciple others. *Discipleship as Holy Collaboration* describes the traits of a disciple and examines how disciples are made. She walks us through the life of Jesus, pointing out examples of embodied discipleship that we can implement in our own context. Solomon describes Jesus' call to make disciples as an invitation to collaborate with God in a sacred group project. The book also includes a discussion guide and multiple step-by-step praxis activities to encourage and equip you to answer the call.

"It's no secret that there is a dearth of discipleship resources written by Black women, which makes this book critically important. . . . Yolanda demystifies discipleship through her exegesis of Scripture and culture, which empowers the reader to disciple others or to seek out someone to disciple them."

Ekemini Uwan, public theologian and coauthor of *Truth's Table: Black Women's Musings on Life, Love, and Liberation*, from the foreword

"Yolanda Solomon has been a beacon of light and wisdom for years. Her godly insight and reflections are collected here to help us all continue our own transformative journey with Jesus and others."

Lecrae, recording artist and author of *I Am Restored: How I Lost My Religion but Found My Faith*

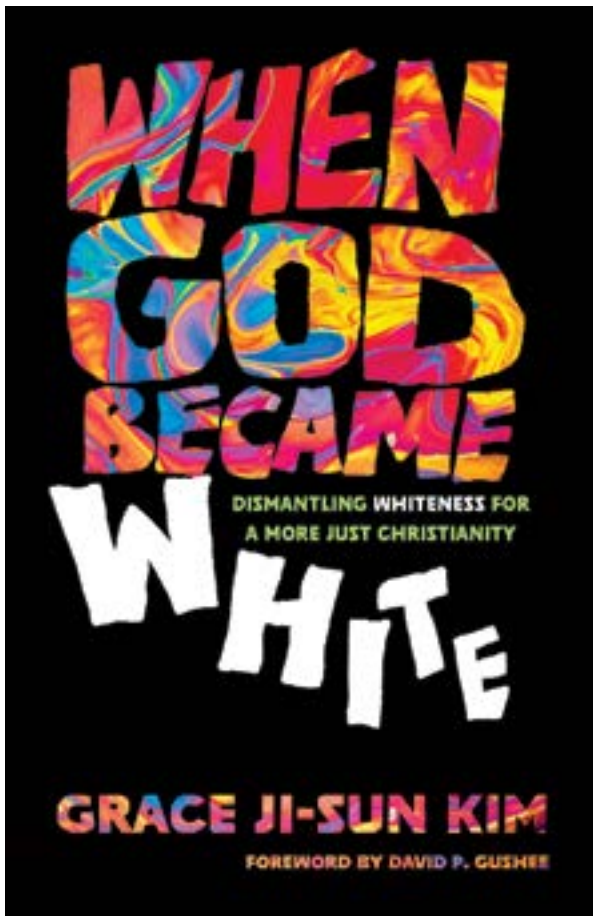
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WHEN GOD BECAME WHITE

DISMANTLING WHITENESS FOR A MORE JUST CHRISTIANITY

When Western Christians think about God, the default image that comes to mind is usually white and male. How did that happen?

Christianity is rooted in the ancient Near East among people of darker skin. But over time, European Christians cast Jesus in their own image, with art that imagined a fair-skinned Savior in the style of imperial rulers. Grace Ji-Sun Kim explores the historical origins and theological implications of how Jesus became white and God became a white male. The myth of the white male God has had a devastating effect as it enabled Christianity to have a profoundly colonialist posture across the globe. Kim examines the roots of the distortion, its harmful impact on the world, and shows what it looks like to recover the biblical reality of a nonwhite, nongendered God. Rediscovering God as Spirit leads us to a more just faith and a better church and world.

"This book makes a significant contribution to contemporary Christian theology and has substantial implications for ethics as well. I urge even—especially!—those who may not feel ready for the strength of the critique Grace Ji-Sun Kim offers to ask God to help you lay down any spirit of defensiveness and instead to be open to the breath of inspiration and new life."

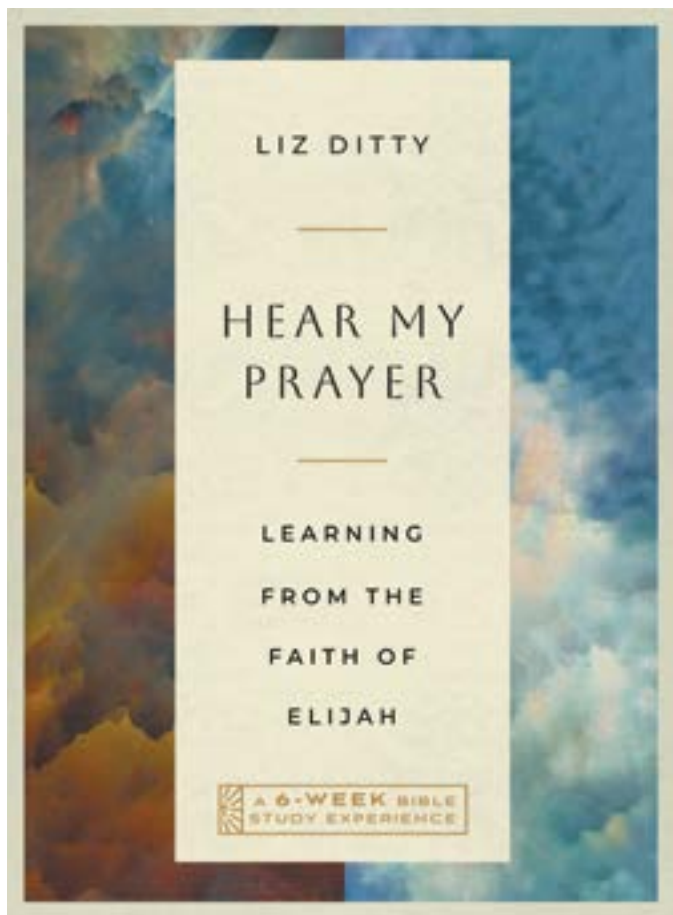
David P. Gushee, distinguished university professor of Christian ethics at Mercer University, from the foreword

"I read everything I can by Grace Ji-Sun Kim, but I especially needed this book. As a white man who inherited a white male God, I am grateful for this Korean-born theologian who gently, clearly, and firmly guides readers like me into a bigger, deeper, more awesome and just understanding of the Holy One."

Brian D. McLaren, author of *Do I Stay Christian?*

"White male ideologies have colonized Christian theologies and practices. The colonizer-subjugator-enslaver-dominator white male god oppresses women, marginalized peoples, people of color, First Nations peoples, and others. Grace Ji-Sun Kim offers a profound road map for a post-white-male-god church and world. This book is essential reading for a more whole and just future."

Graham Joseph Hill, coauthor with Grace Ji-Sun Kim of *Healing Our Broken Humanity*



LIZ DITTY

HEAR MY PRAYER

LEARNING FROM THE FAITH OF ELIJAH

A 6-WEEK BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE

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LIZ DITTY is a spiritual director, author, preacher, and teacher currently guiding transformative prayer retreats at Mount Hermon Conference Center, nestled in the coastal redwoods of California. A Silicon Valley native and Western Seminary graduate, Liz’s central purpose in all she writes and teaches is to gently draw attention to God’s presence in our actual—often challenging—lives. Alongside her supportive husband, two children, and spirited dog, Liz finds joy in sparking connection and community with all her people.

HEAR MY PRAYER

LEARNING FROM THE FAITH OF ELIJAH—A 6-WEEK BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE

What we believe about prayer reflects what we believe about God. Maybe you believe God is all-powerful and wise, but not attentive to your little corner of the world? Fortunately, the Bible tells us a different story. God welcomes all our prayers and invites us to pray about everything—to entrust him with all things both big and small, joyful and enraging, and to pray fervently.

Whether you consider yourself a prayer warrior or prayer newbie (or even a prayer skeptic), you are invited to join this six-week Bible study experience. Liz Ditty, an experienced spiritual director and retreat leader, invites groups and individuals to experience dozens of ways to pray alone and together. With videos and discussion questions, she engages the story of Elijah and his encounters with God and guides us toward less awkward, more authentic prayer.

“Someone once said that faith is not a personal possession until you have suffered. Faith requires the grit and courage to pray in the dark, the determination to become someone who can see it, lead in, and lean into the dark.”

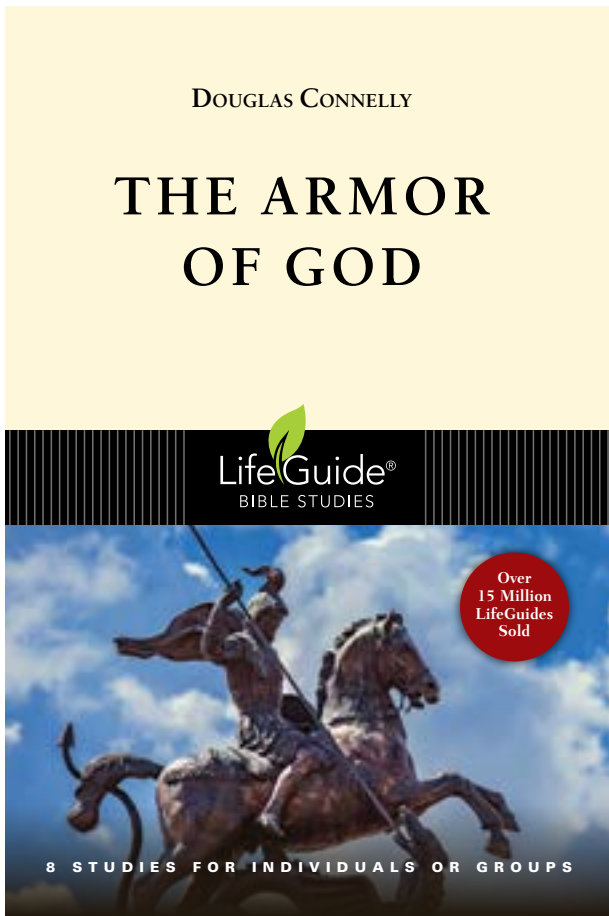
Nancy Ortberg, CEO of Transforming the Bay with Christ

“In so many ways prayer is ground zero for our faith, the center of gravity where all we hope, fear, and believe are intertwined deep within ourselves. In Hear Our Prayer, Liz Ditty gets it. She guides the reader into this sacred space with wisdom and gentleness. Friend, whatever your current relationship to prayer, I invite you to bring your whole self to this Bible study and find God’s presence here.”

Catherine McNeil, author of *Fearing Bravely: Risking Love for Our Neighbors, Strangers, and Enemies*

“With her distinct mix of depth, warmth, and pastoral sensitivity, Liz Ditty once again helps us draw closer to the God who so longs for nearness with us. This journey through Elijah’s story and the Lord’s Prayer will inspire and equip you to experience God more deeply through the ups, downs, and in-betweens of life.”

Jay Y. Kim, pastor and author of *Analog Christian*



THE ARMOR OF GOD

LIFEGUIDE BIBLE STUDIES

Every day, an unseen battle is going on around us in the spiritual realm. God has provided everything we need to stand firm and resist evil, but we are called to be actively aware of both the struggle and the resources available.

In Ephesians 6 the apostle Paul gives us the clearest description anywhere in Scripture of believers' resources for the spiritual battle. He vividly describes them as armor, which we must repeatedly take up in prayerful reliance on God.

In this eight-session LifeGuide® Bible Study, Douglas Connelly unpacks each element of the armor of God, from the belt of truth to the sword of the Spirit. Readers will explore the context of the Ephesians 6 passage along with additional texts that help them dig deeper into each theme. This guide features questions for starting group discussions and for meeting God in personal reflection, plus leader's notes to help facilitate discussion.

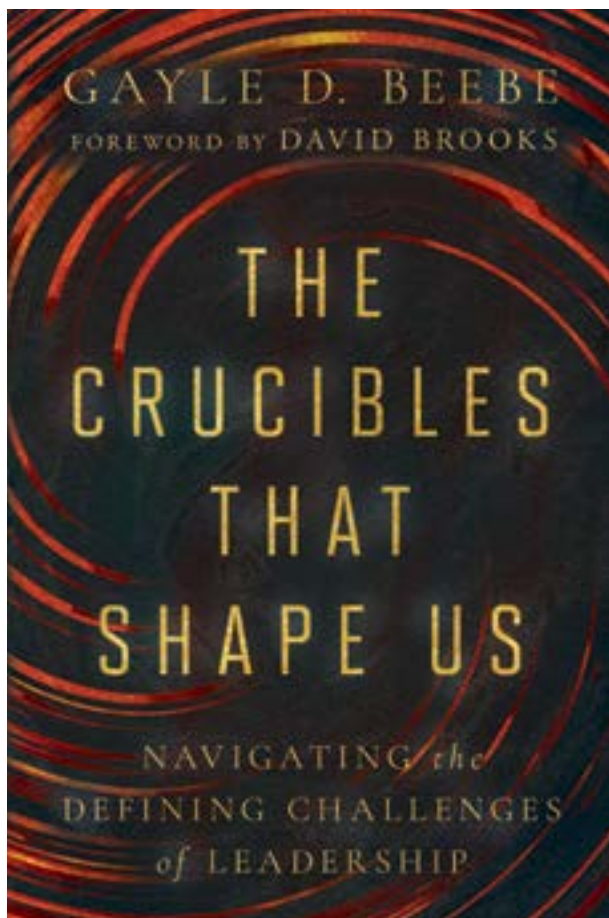
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THE CRUCIBLES THAT SHAPE US

NAVIGATING THE DEFINING CHALLENGES
OF LEADERSHIP

We often see setbacks and disasters as events that keep us from our best life. But they're really opportunities to grow in leadership.

The problem of suffering is a spiritual hurdle for many that disorients us and those we lead. Gayle D. Beebe tackles the existential crisis head-on, revealing that, although we are bewildered at first, these situations ultimately prepare us. Previously viewing these challenges as insurmountable, he has come to recognize them as essential passageways in our relationship with God.

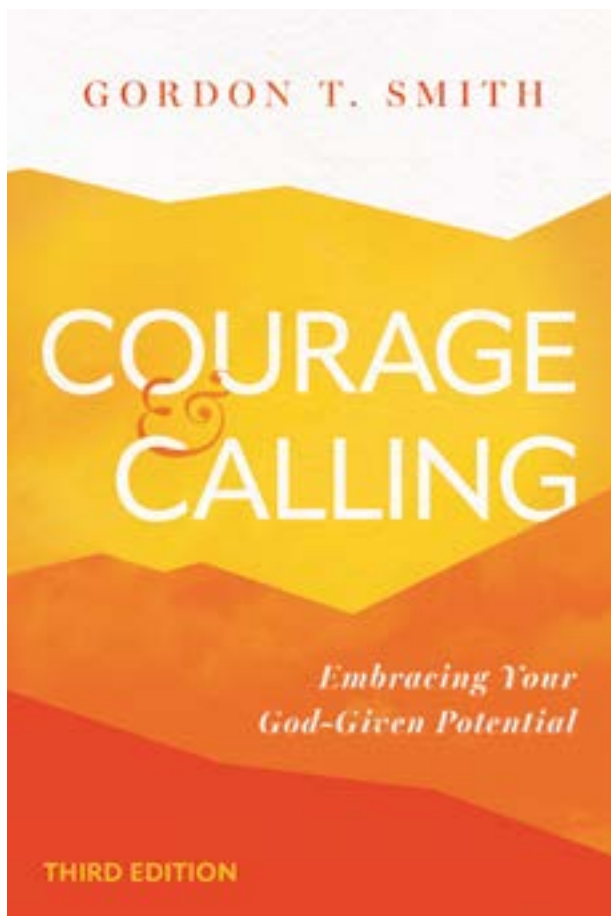
Beebe identifies seven crucibles—powerful catalysts for transformation—that, when embraced, shape us on this profound journey. Each chapter of this book delves into one of the crucibles, which Beebe intimately understands and has personally faced. Amid the realities of life's suffering, use this illuminating guidebook and find how colossal setbacks become a bedrock for a better, richer faith.

"The Crucibles That Shape Us combines extraordinarily wide multidisciplinary learning with intense leadership experience and profound interior reflection to guide any interested reader into a deeper and more fruitful life. The seven fiery trials Gayle Beebe describes, through which each of us shall inevitably pass, will surely either shape, scar, or sear us. There's only one person I know who could have written this book, but there are multitudes of us who need to read it."

John Ortberg, pastor and author of *Eternity Is Now in Session*

"As a former faculty member and a present trustee at Westmont College, I have witnessed Gayle Beebe's outstanding leadership firsthand. He has skillfully led the college through good times as well as moments of crisis. In The Crucibles That Shape Us he draws on his extensive experience to share his profound wisdom about leadership in a way that will enhance his readers' leadership abilities. This book is a must-read for all who want to grow in their capacity to lead with effectiveness, skill, and compassion."

Tremper Longman III, distinguished scholar and professor emeritus of biblical studies at Westmont College



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Third Edition



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COURAGE AND CALLING

EMBRACING YOUR GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL

In this classic book on vocation, Gordon Smith invites you to discover your calling by listening to God and becoming a coworker with him. *Courage and Calling* has helped thousands of readers explore questions such as: What is my calling? How do I live it out in the midst of difficult relationships or moral challenges? With competing needs and demands, how can I craft a balanced way of living?

Smith explores how to pursue excellence in all kinds of work and how to continue growing throughout a lifetime. He also considers four examples of particular callings: business, the arts, education, and religious leadership.

This third edition includes a new chapter that explores how a church community can be a dynamic venue for discerning vocation. Church leaders can help sustain a conversation about vocation, work, and career, and celebrate the diverse ways in which God is calling people. From students exploring careers to elders leaving a legacy, this book provides rich insight for all who long to courageously follow God's call.

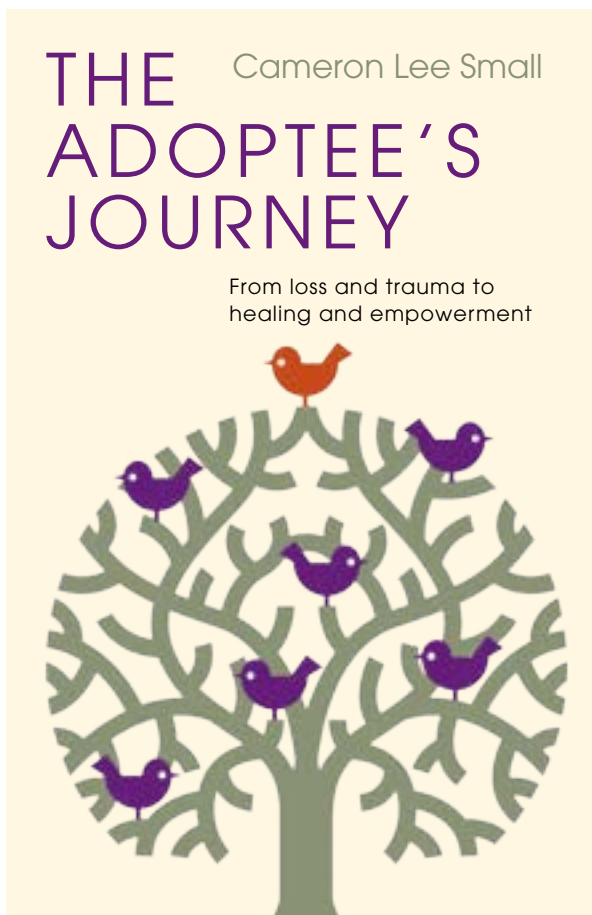
"This book is the best resource for thinking about your calling as a leader and contributor to kingdom work. Gordon Smith raises all the important considerations and questions about how to serve and how long to serve.

This book changed my life. It could change yours."

Shirley V. Hoogstra, president of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities

"I have used Courage and Calling as the core of our summer young adult internship for years. I am delighted to see an updated edition to serve the next generation of people considering questions of Christian calling and vocation."

Bob Wriedt, senior pastor of Grace Community Church of Seal Beach



THE ADOPTEE'S JOURNEY

FROM LOSS AND TRAUMA TO HEALING AND EMPOWERMENT

Adoption is often framed by happy narratives, but the reality is that many adoptees struggle with unaddressed trauma and issues of identity and belonging. Adoptees often spend the majority of their youth without the language to explore the grief related to adoption or the permission to legitimize their conflicting emotions.

Adoptee and counselor Cameron Lee Small names the realities of the adoptee's journey, narrating his own and other adoptees' stories in all their complexity. He unpacks the history of how adoption has worked and names how the church influenced adoption practices with unintended negative impacts on adoptees' faith. Small's own tumultuous search for and reunion with his mother in Korea inspired him to help other adoptees navigate what it means to carry multiple stories. His adoptee-centered advocacy helps adoptees regain their agency and identity on a journey of integration and healing, with meaningful relationships in all their family systems.

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CAMERON LEE SMALL, MS, LPCC, is a licensed clinical counselor, transracial adoptee, and mental health advocate based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was born in Korea and relinquished into foster care at age three. He was then adopted in 1984 to a family in the United States. His private practice, Therapy Redeemed, specializes in the mental health needs of adoptees and their families wherever they may be in their own adoption journey. His work has been featured in *Christianity Today*, the National Council for Adoption, and the Center for Adoption Support and Education.

"What an incredible resource for adoptees and other members of the constellation to understand the complex emotions many adoptees endure over time. We're all on a journey together, and thanks to Cameron Lee Small for being such a powerful voice in this space."

Michelle Li, journalist and cofounder of the Very Asian Foundation

"This is a deeply reflective and honest book that plunges you into the realities and research around adoptee experiences. Factoring in complex social dynamics in a deeply personal manner, Cameron Lee Small invites you to journey through a tapestry of experiences beautifully woven together that illuminates adoptee experiences."

Raymond Chang, president of Asian American Christian Collaborative and executive director of TENx10 Collaboration

"A heartfelt and refreshing examination of what adoptees truly experience because of adoption. The church has worked hard to sugarcoat the adoption experience, and normally we only get the adoptive parents' lens; this book is the nurturing table-overturning we need from an adoptee."

Haley Radke, creator and host of the Adoptees On podcast

"Cameron Small creates an honest and straightforward dialogue with transracial and transnational adoptees to consider their abandonment trauma from adoption and how those truths interrogate and challenge one's Christian beliefs. Using his expertise as an adopted person, a therapist working in the adoption space, a son, and a father, Small addresses complex feelings in a way that is both accessible and academic. This book will become a must-read for any adoptee trying to process their feelings."

Kaomi Lee, creator of the Adapted Podcast



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THE WAY OF BELONGING

REIMAGINING WHO WE ARE AND HOW WE RELATE

The loneliness epidemic is real. Despite how connected we are via text, chat, and notifications, we all feel isolation in one way or another. We all want someone else to really see us and really choose us, and we want a place to finally fit in. But what if that's not the answer?

After years contemplating how she fit in, Sarah E. Westfall realized "belonging is not something to attain, but someone to become." In this book, she teaches a posture of hospitality in the spirit of the Father, who extends his arms to those returning and those who don't yet know they've resisted his love.

Whether you understand well the perspective of the outsider or you're eager to include, the barriers to belonging can come down as Sarah gently guides us toward deep connection that draws us closer to people and envelops us in the heart of God. Embark with Sarah on this challenge that will awaken your empathy and affirm you with the truth of these words: "You are welcome." Includes a three-week group guide.

"Sarah Westfall's words in The Way of Belonging are poetic and pierce the heart. She reminds us that true belonging and connection cannot be manufactured, checked off a list, faked, or forced. True belonging and connection emerge from finding home with God and others. Home transcends walls, roofs, and lines; it's the place where unconditional love, acceptance, and worthiness are found."

Terence Lester, founder of Love Beyond Walls and author of *All God's Children*

"Maybe you, like me, are homesick for Eden. And maybe your longing to belong is an invitation to a better story, one in which your heartache is honored, your questions are held, and your deepest desires are given space to be spoken. Sarah Westfall's exquisite book reawakened my own heart, opening me to currents streaming within that I'd been ignoring of late. It will thaw your heart too, awakening a hunger and a thirst for the Edenic inheritance of belonging tucked deep within your heart."

Chuck DeGroat, author of *When Narcissism Comes to Church* and professor of pastoral care at Western Theological Seminary

"In this kind and relatable debut work, Sarah Westfall offers a spiritually formative resource for anyone who questions their place with people, with God, or with themselves. While reading The Way of Belonging, I found myself nodding my head and sighing with relief. I'm grateful for this honest book."

Emily P. Freeman, author of *The Next Right Thing* and *How to Walk into a Room*



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OWNERSHIP

THE EVANGELICAL LEGACY OF SLAVERY IN EDWARDS, WESLEY, AND WHITEFIELD

Jonathan Edwards, John Wesley, and George Whitefield were the three most prominent early evangelicals—and all three were deeply compromised on the issue of slavery. Edwards and Whitefield both kept slaves themselves, and Wesley failed to speak out against slavery until near the end of his life.

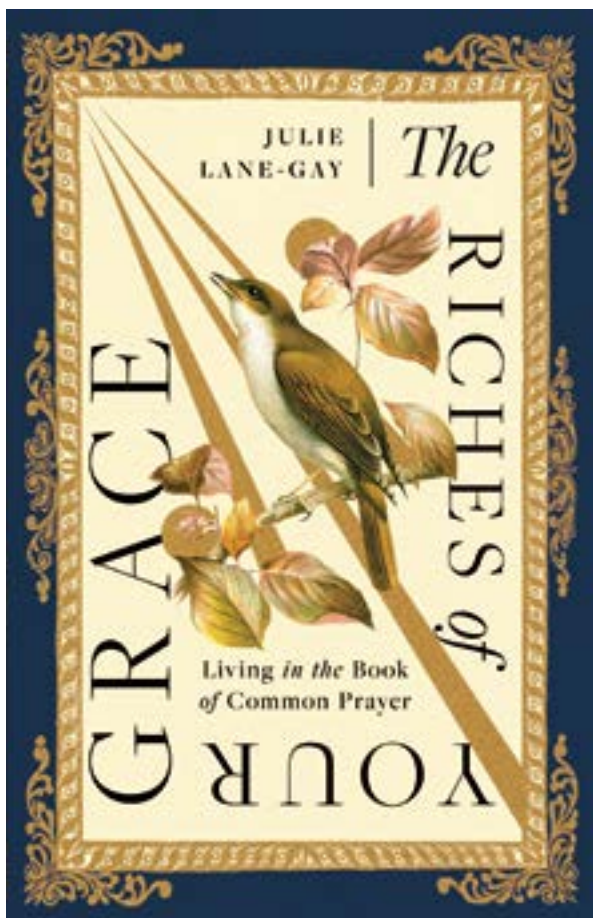
In *Ownership*, Sean McGever tells the true story of these men's relationships to slavery: a story that has too often been passed over or buried in scholarly literature. Laying out the dominant attitudes among Christians toward slavery at the time, McGever sets these "men of their times" in their own context, inviting us to learn how these shapers of American evangelicalism contributed to the tragic history of racism in America. *Ownership* is more than a book of history. It's an invitation to examine our own legacies and to understand—and take ownership of—both our heritage and our own part in the story.

"This book is a gem! Sean McGever addresses an issue of continuing vital importance based on broad-ranging research and engaged in an evenhanded manner with pastoral sensitivity. He models the all-too-uncommon stance in our times of humbly 'owning' the traditions within which each of us is shaped—while calling our communities toward ever-greater faithfulness to the God whose mercy is over all God's works."

Randy L. Maddox, William Kellon Quick Emeritus Professor of Wesley and Methodist Studies at Duke Divinity School

"Among the tragic inheritances of the English Dissenters in America are the oppressive inequities they built and perpetuated around race and ethnicity, the dispossession of Indigenous peoples, and the condoning and expansion of enslavement. If Whitefield, Wesley, and Edwards were not 'founding fathers' of the United States, they were spiritual founders of America's evangelical tradition. These figures' involvement in, support for, or silence about the sin of slavery need to be confronted and owned without attempts to make excuses for them. McGever's work is part of the critical work of reassessing claims about our origins as a 'Christian nation.'"

Kenneth P. Minkema, Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale University



THE RICHES OF YOUR GRACE

LIVING IN THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

An Invitation into God's Grace

As we race to work in the morning, have coffee with a friend, or fall into bed exhausted, we want to feel God's presence, to sink into his grace. Yet too often he feels aloof, absent. Our prayers feel trivial. But as Julie Lane-Gay discovered, the Book of Common Prayer is designed for just this purpose: to root Christians in the riches of God's grace.

Lane-Gay has written this book to share the treasures she has found in the Book of Common Prayer. It's not a history of the prayer book nor a guide (though it will certainly help readers get their bearings). Instead, using stories from her own life, Lane-Gay shows what it means to live in the prayer book: to allow its prayers and patterns to shape an ordinary Christian life. Discover how the Book of Common Prayer can anchor us—our prayers, our daily lives, our hearts—in Christ.

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"In The Riches of Your Grace, Julie Lane-Gay models for us how Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, along with the Anglican divines, intended Anglicans across the centuries to use the Book of Common Prayer. This work will encourage those who are struggling spiritually, emotionally, and relationally in their walk with Jesus; it will help frazzled believers find their spiritual footing in our frenetic world. I highly recommend this book to the church and to those who are seeking to find their way back to God."

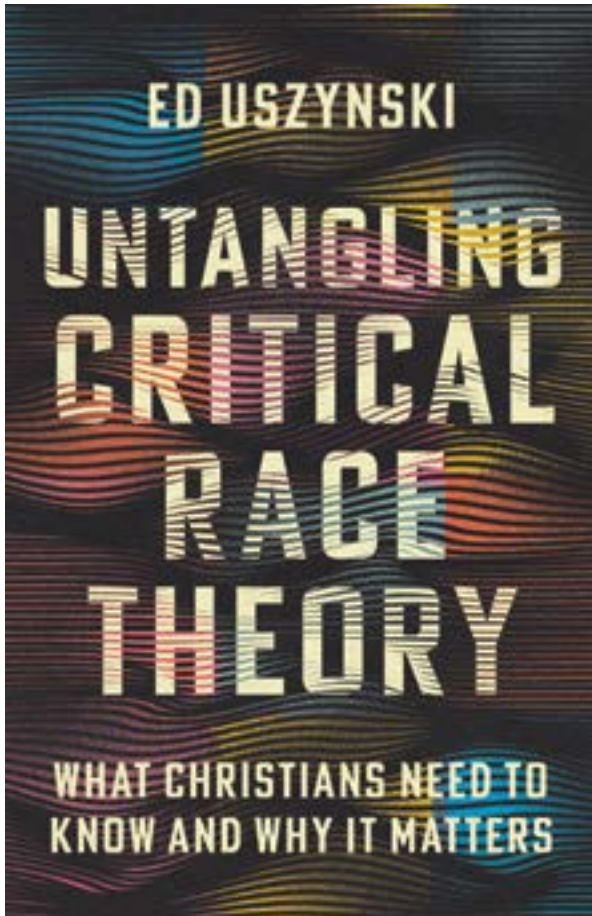
Felix Orji, bishop of the Anglican Diocese of All Nations, Anglican Church in North America

"Something deep and sturdy' is how Julie Lane-Gay characterized the power resident in the Anglican Book of Common Prayer when she was first invited to make it a part of her daily life. As a mother of children and editor at Regent College, her times of devotional reading and prayer were limited. But in this glowing new book she details how the seminal ancient prayers and responses of the prayer book began to sink into her spirit, becoming as warm and powerful as glowing coals as they fed her burgeoning spiritual life."

Luci Shaw, author of *Reversing Entropy* and *The O in Hope*

"Something utterly unexpected is happening to many North American Christians. They are discovering that a book nearly five hundred years old is having a deep, rich, and strengthening impact on them and their relationship with almighty God. Julie Lane-Gay's book is a gem. In it she describes her journey with the Book of Common Prayer and how God used it to teach her deeper truths about herself and ourselves. This book will become a treasure to countless people who are finding their way along the Anglican path in God's kingdom. It should be given to all new members in our churches."

John W Yates II, rector of The Falls Church Anglican, retired



UNTANGLING CRITICAL RACE THEORY

WHAT CHRISTIANS NEED TO KNOW AND WHY IT MATTERS

What is critical race theory? It may be one of the most widely referenced issues of the day, but it's also one of the least understood. In its translation from the academic world to the general public, critical race theory has inaccurately become a catch-all term for anything related to race. But what does it actually mean, and how should Christians engage it?

Ed Uszynski is uniquely positioned to address the dynamics of critical race theory. He earned his PhD in American culture studies in the university world and navigated the realities of Marxist critical theory and critical race theory—while still a white male conservative Christian ministering in traditional contexts. In this enlightening guidebook, he unpacks what critical race theory really is and how Christians can make sense of it. Uszynski carefully explores CRT's roots and tenets, revealing what it aims to do and also how some portrayals of CRT misrepresent its purposes. With responsible answers to legitimate concerns, Uszynski goes beyond the surface to provide a reliable path of just discernment and cultural engagement.

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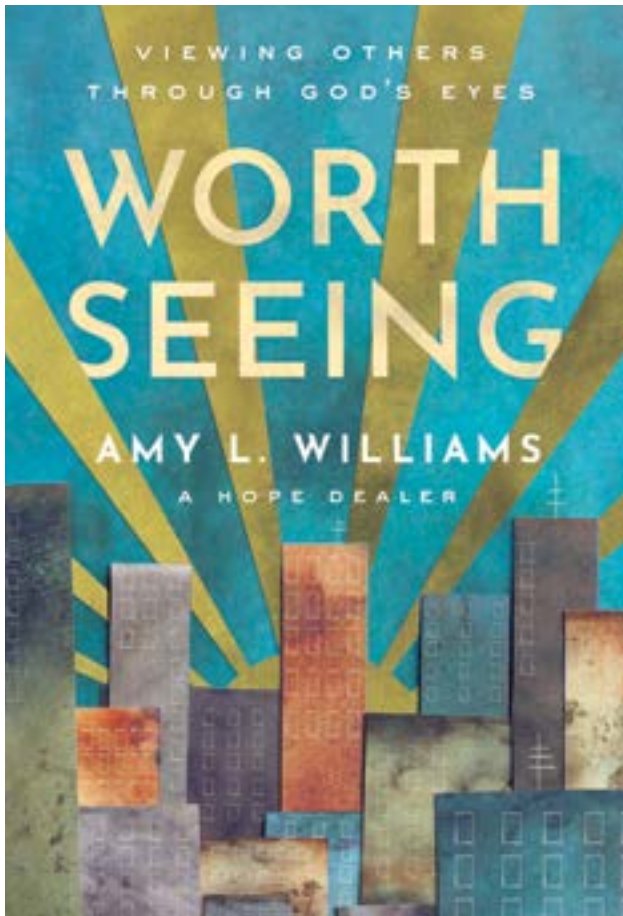
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"Ed's book is not only a responsible, fair, and honest evaluation of CRT and its Marxist roots, but it is also a model of what evangelical scholarship should look like. If you want an intellectually lazy approach to CRT that takes a binary—'CRT is evil!' or 'CRT is 100 percent true!'—then stick to your favorite partisan pundit to spoon feed you the 'truth.' But if you want an honest and responsible guide to help you think through the complexities of CRT and how it contributes to our understanding of race relations, then I cannot more highly recommend this book."

Preston Sprinkle from the foreword, author and host of *Theology in the Raw* podcast

"This is one of the most important books I have read in recent years. . . . Understanding what gave rise to Critical Race Theory should put the spotlight on compassion and motivate followers of Christ to do what should have been done. Thank you, Ed, for calling us to be portraits of the solution."

Crawford Loritts from the foreword, founder and president of Beyond Our Generation



WORTH SEEING

VIEWING OTHERS THROUGH GOD'S EYES

"We are in the business of seeing others, seeing them the way God sees them, and letting them know they have value."

Amy Williams has spent three decades doing ministry with youth in gangs and prisons. While most of society sees high-risk youth through lenses of fear or disregard, she has come to see them through God's eyes as having tremendous value and potential. *Worth Seeing* provides an up-close look at her work—successes, losses, and embarrassing mistakes. Through personal narrative, Amy reveals the lives of youth who are often pushed to the margins of society. Her storytelling both challenges perceptions and increases compassion and understanding. Practical tips equip you to take action.

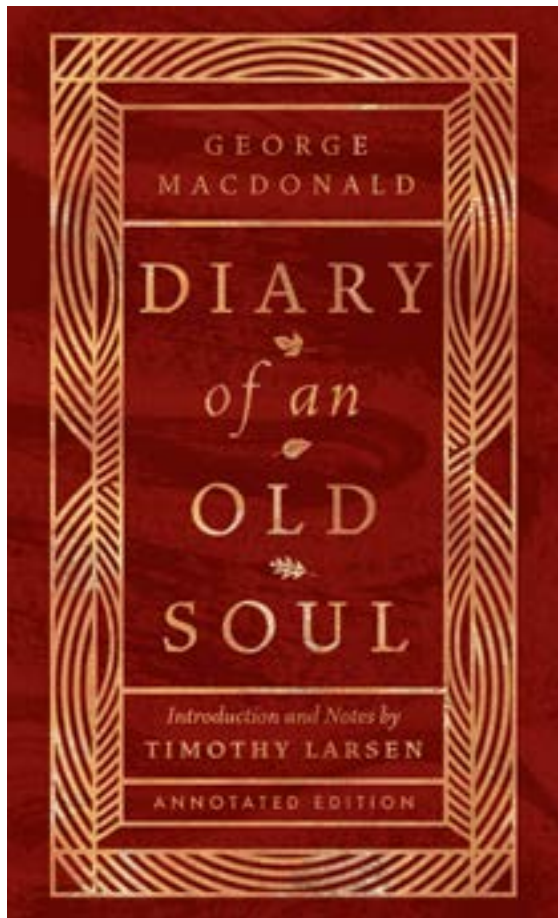
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Youth ministry veteran **AMY WILLIAMS** ministers to teens involved in gangs and those lost in the criminal justice system. Amy is project coordinator at New Life Centers, bringing in restorative justice programming to youth at juvenile prisons. Amy has been a youth pastor, a reentry coordinator, and a youth mentor and advocate. She is a graduate of both University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and National Louis University.



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GEORGE MACDONALD (1824–1905) was a Scottish author, poet, and preacher. He published some fifty volumes of novels, poetry, short stories, fantasy, sermons, and essays.

DIARY OF AN OLD SOUL

ANNOTATED EDITION

In 1880, the prolific author George MacDonald self-published a long poem in book form as a gift for his friends. He called it, in full, *A Book of Strife in the Form of the Diary of an Old Soul*. It contained a new seven-line stanza for each day of the calendar year, written as prayers expressing MacDonald's longings, struggles, and joys in everyday life.

The *Diary* was originally printed with a blank page facing every page of poetry so that readers could supplement MacDonald's diary with their own. This feature in particular, along with the spiritual wisdom and literary artistry of the text itself, was beloved by C. S. Lewis, who gave a copy of the book to his future wife, Joy Davidman, as a Christmas gift in 1952.

Now in this deluxe edition, MacDonald's classic devotional resource is again available with the blank pages he envisioned alongside the complete text. With a new introduction and explanatory notes by historian Timothy Larsen, the beloved writer's prayers find new life for enthusiasts and first-time readers alike.

"This beautifully edited and annotated edition of George MacDonald's Diary of an Old Soul is not only a gift to MacDonald scholars and enthusiasts but also a gift to the world and to the church. Diary of an Old Soul can sit on your bedside reading table as an old friend and companion, something to dip in and out of, to look up the poem for the particular day you take up the book: you will always be challenged, inspired, and ultimately nourished. But Larsen shows that this book offers so much more."

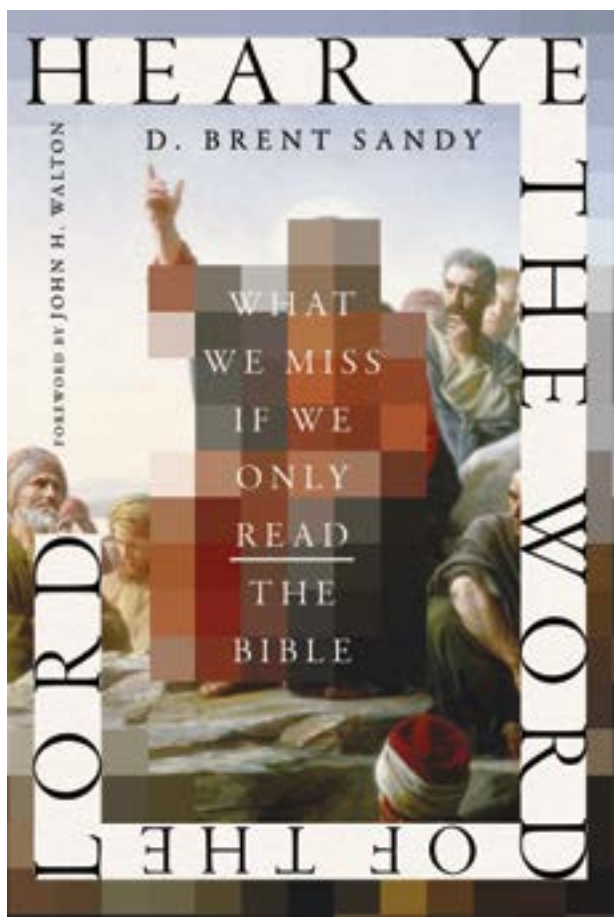
Malcolm Guite, president of the George MacDonald Society

"Through verses that aim to purge readers' selfishness, illuminate life's struggles through the light of Christ, and unite the soul to the sometimes-puzzling will of God, George MacDonald's daily poems in Diary of an Old Soul cultivate a posture of surrender. In the introduction to this annotated IVP edition, Timothy Larsen is a masterful teacher and storyteller, orienting readers to both poetry and the devotional practices of Victorians."

Jessica Ann Hughes, associate professor of English at George Fox University and author of *Jesus in the Victorian Novel*

"Diary of an Old Soul is a gift to Christians seeking solace, enlightenment, and a closer walk with God. George MacDonald's devotional poetry brims with biblical wisdom and profound insight, and the blank pages in this reprinting open up space for readers to join him in spiritual reflection. This edition helps me look forward to spending more time with MacDonald."

Noah Toly, provost of Calvin University



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D. BRENT SANDY (PhD, Duke University) taught New Testament and Greek at Wheaton College and chaired the Department of Religious Studies at Grace College. He is coauthor (with John Walton) of *The Lost World of Scripture: Ancient Literary Culture and Biblical Authority* and author of *Plowshares and Pruning Hooks: Rethinking the Language of Biblical Prophecy and Apocalyptic*.

HEAR YE THE WORD OF THE LORD

WHAT WE MISS IF WE ONLY READ THE BIBLE

Long before the words of the Bible were written, God's communication through the spoken word rang out loud and clear. And yet today we are a reading culture. It is easy for modern Christians to take for granted that the Bible was handed down in written form, but the way we receive God's message is far different from how the original hearers would have heard it. These differences not only shape the way that we hear God's message to his people, but they put us at risk of misunderstanding his revelation.

In *Hear Ye the Word of the Lord*, biblical scholar D. Brent Sandy explores how oral communication shaped the ways that biblical writers received God's message—and even more importantly, how the ancient and modern faithful receive it through hearing. Filled with helpful biblical insights related to oral communication and constructive ways for modern readers to become better hearers and performers of Scripture, *Hear Ye the Word of the Lord* provides a constructive way forward for readers interested in exploring how we can better hear God's Word.

"To read well, we have to listen well. This book shows how God communicated for the ear, not primarily for the eye. Realizing this can help us hear, heed, treasure, and rightly handle the Word of life."

Jeffrey D. Arthurs, Robinson Chair of Preaching and Communication at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and author of *Devote Yourself to the Public Reading of Scripture*

"Long overdue, Sandy's latest contribution reminds digital natives around the globe of the 'big forgot' in relation to canon construction, interpretation, and communication—its original oral nature. The Bible's relational, experiential-based text, Sandy correctly concludes, requires an oral hermeneutic. Such will offer 'hearers' a richer, more robust understanding of Scripture without devaluing the inspired text. Timely, thorough, trustworthy."

Tom Steffen, professor emeritus of intercultural studies at Cook School of Intercultural Studies, Biola University, and coauthor of *The Return of Oral Hermeneutics: As Good Today as It Was for the Hebrew Bible and First-Century Christianity*

"Brent Sandy's work on the orality of the gospel for the first two centuries has tremendous implications for the relation between church and Bible, and even the relationship between salvation and justification. I recommend this book for all those interested in these profound subjects."

Gerald McDermott, author of *A New History of Redemption: The Work of Jesus the Messiah Through the Millennia*



THE RETURN OF THE KINGDOM

A Biblical Theology of God's Reign

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THE RETURN OF THE KINGDOM

A BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF GOD'S REIGN

The biblical story begins and ends with God as king. Human beings rebelled, however, rather than fulfilling their royal calling to rule creation on behalf of their Sovereign—and the world became enslaved to the rule of a dark, serpentine lord.

In this volume of IVP Academic's Essential Studies in Biblical Theology, Stephen Dempster traces the themes of kingship and kingdom throughout Scripture, illuminating the challenges, pain, and ultimate hope that the Bible offers. The story of God's kingship is ultimately the fulfillment of a promise, a promise to restore the rightful rule of humanity over creation by defeating sin and death and to establish a world of peace and justice.

"This succinct volume brims with fresh textual observations and insightful canonical connections. Drawing from a deep well of thoughtful study, Dempster skillfully shows that the reign and return of the king is not only a central theme in redemptive history but also a strategic summary of a gift."

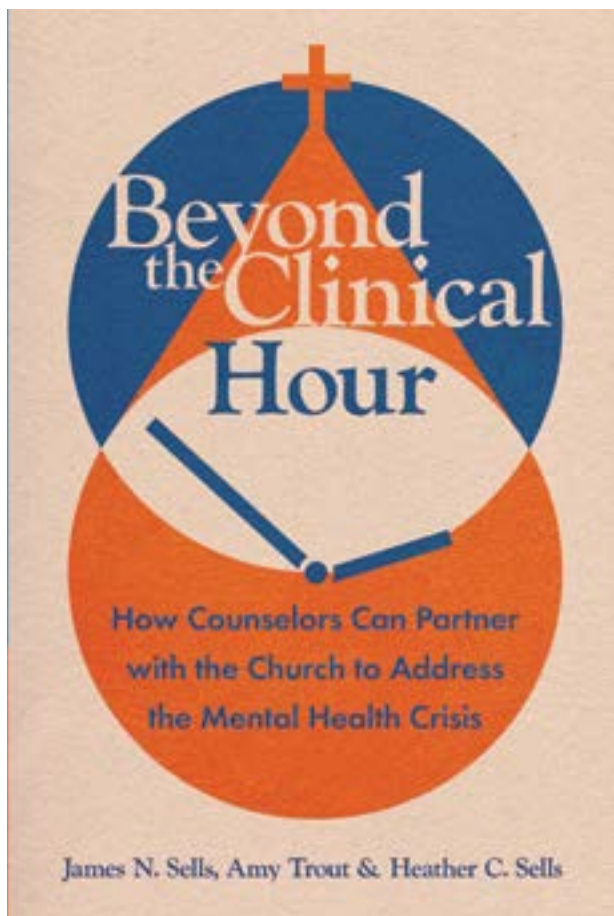
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Peter J. Gentry, distinguished visiting professor of Old Testament and senior research fellow of the Text and Canon Institute at Phoenix Seminary



BEYOND THE CLINICAL HOUR

HOW COUNSELORS CAN PARTNER WITH THE CHURCH TO ADDRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

The global mental health crisis is growing faster than our existing mental health care system can address, and we need new models of care. The good news is that there is an institution uniquely positioned to help: the church. Psychologists James Sells and Amy Trout and journalist Heather Sells have witnessed creative partnerships between churches and mental health professionals springing up across the United States. In this book, they call clinicians, students, and educators to collaborate with churches and lay leaders to envision and then create innovative solutions in their own communities.

Challenging the dominance of the traditional “clinical hour” as a one-size-has-to-fit-all model, Sells, Trout, and Sells give concrete guidance on how mental health professionals can work with churches to provide an expanded continuum of care. Both a call to action and an encouraging road map, this book charts the way forward for combining the science of the mental health discipline with the service of Christian ministry.

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HEATHER C. SELLS (MA, University of Illinois-Springfield) is managing editor for CBN News.

“The stories are poignant, the writing is effective, the reflection questions are wise and challenging, and the authors are leaders in the field. This is a fantastic book. Be inspired to imagine the possibilities Beyond the Clinical Hour.”

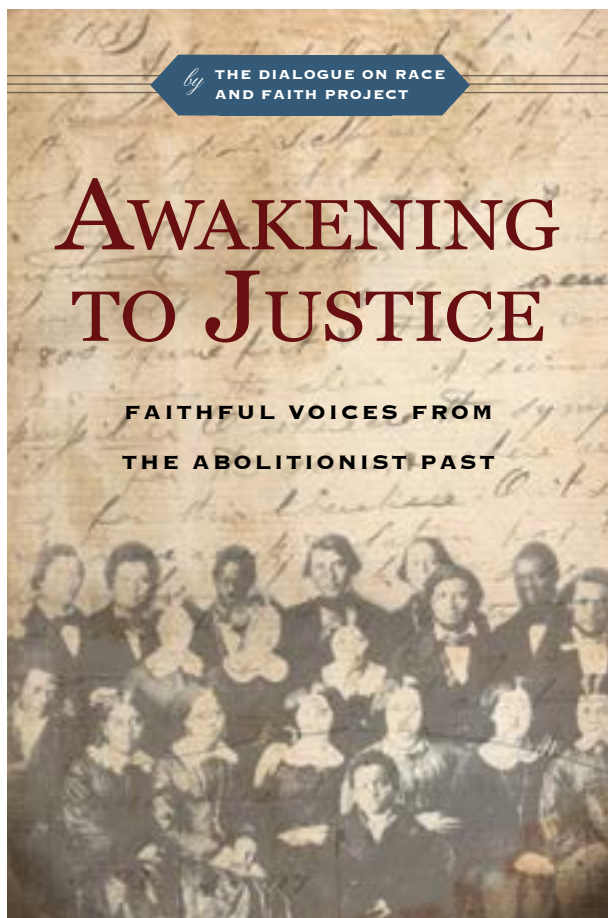
Mark R. McMinn, author of *Sin and Grace in Christian Counseling* and professor emeritus at George Fox University

“Beyond the Clinical Hour by Sells, Trout, and Sells is a comprehensive and very helpful guide to how Christian mental health professionals can partner with churches to deal with the mental health crisis before us. Highly recommended!”

Siang-Yang Tan, senior professor of clinical psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary and author of *Counseling and Psychotherapy: A Christian Perspective*

“This is one of the most unique, timely, and long-overdue resources for those committed to meeting the pressing needs of the men and women in today’s world. The authors give us a fresh and much-needed biblically based, socially informed, clinically sound, and comprehensive model of providing meaningful Christian care. In some ways it provides an invaluable paradigm shift for understanding the essential role of the counselor and the church working together. This encouraging, empowering, and vision-casting resource is a book that you’ll be reading more than once and wanting to share with your friends.”

Gary J. Oliver, executive director of the Center for Healthy Relationships and professor emeritus of psychology and practical theology at John Brown University



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THE DIALOGUE ON RACE AND FAITH PROJECT brings together a multicultural team of Christian scholars to study a newly discovered abolitionist journal and to discuss how issues of faith and race among abolitionists may provide a usable history for addressing the struggle for racial justice today. Project members and contributors include: Jemar Tisby, Christopher P. Momany, Sègbégnon Mathieu Gnonhossou, David D. Daniels III, R. Matthew Sigler, Douglas M. Strong, Diane Leclerc, Esther Chung-Kim, Albert G. Miller, and Estrelida Y. Alexander.

AWAKENING TO JUSTICE

FAITHFUL VOICES FROM THE ABOLITIONIST PAST

Presenting the groundbreaking scholarship of Chris Momany, Doug Strong, and their multiracial team of fourteen scholars, *Awakening to Justice* reflects on the long-forgotten journal of David Ingraham, a nineteenth-century abolitionist and missionary. In addition to reflecting on Ingraham's journal, chapters explore the life and writings of two of Ingraham's Black colleagues, James Bradley and Nancy Prince, and consider connections between Christian movements, the experiences of enslaved and freed people, and more. Appendixes feature writings by all three abolitionists so readers can engage the primary sources directly.

Christians have all too often compromised with racism throughout history, but that's not the whole story. Hearing the prophetic witness of revivalist social justice efforts in the nineteenth century can provide a fresh approach to today's conversations about race and faith in the church.

"Combating racism and strengthening the beloved community are urgent tasks for all Christians, especially those of us in the United States. The authors of Awakening to Justice have rendered us a great service by revisiting and analyzing key voices from our past. Working with the newly discovered journal of abolitionist David Ingraham and accounts written by his African American colleagues James Bradley and Nancy Prince, these scholars have provided us with a helpful resource for addressing issues of race and faith in our time. It is well worth reading."

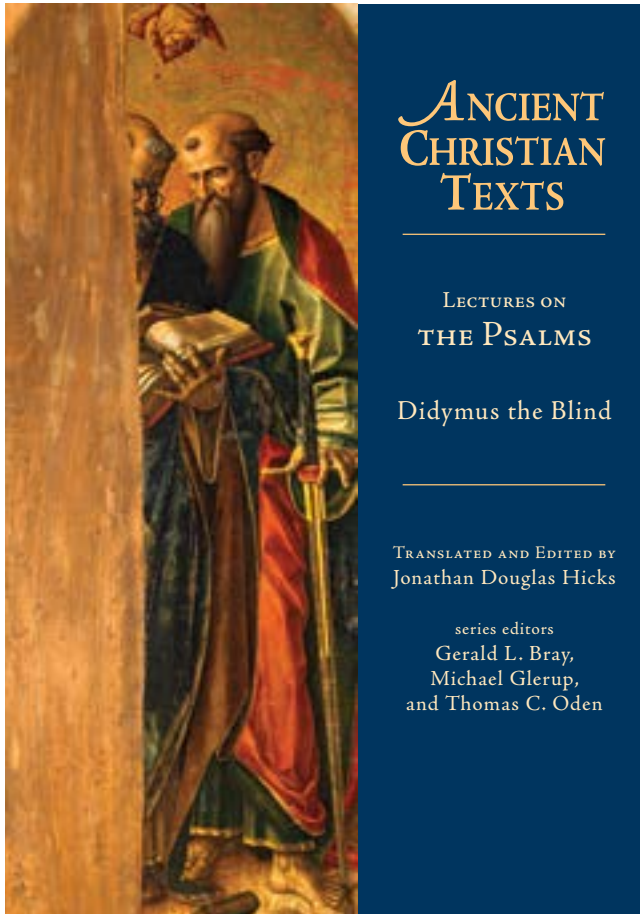
Scott J. Jones, bishop in the Global Methodist Church

"Awakening to Justice offers profound insights and issues a compelling call to the church, urging active participation in the work of racial justice. This invitation encompasses the entirety of humanity, transcending White and Black perspectives, making it a relevant message for every church community. Together, your congregation will embark on a journey of meaningful engagement with all individuals, fostering unity and a love for neighbors that will radiate Christ's transformative power in our world today."

David Chang, lead pastor of Open Door Presbyterian Church

"In the tumultuous present of race in America, these distinguished scholars provide a welcome window on the past stories of known and little-known abolitionists. These riveting accounts showing the deep connection of Christian faith and racial justice are sure to find a wide audience."

Ronald C. White, author of *A. Lincoln: A Biography* and *American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant*



LECTURES ON THE PSALMS BY DIDYMUS THE BLIND

In his reading of Psalm 23, early Christian theologian Didymus the Blind perceived the comfort that is provided only by Christ, the good shepherd: "The disciples of Christ who have become perfect in his instruction . . . do not simply hear a voice, but they are familiar with the teacher himself."

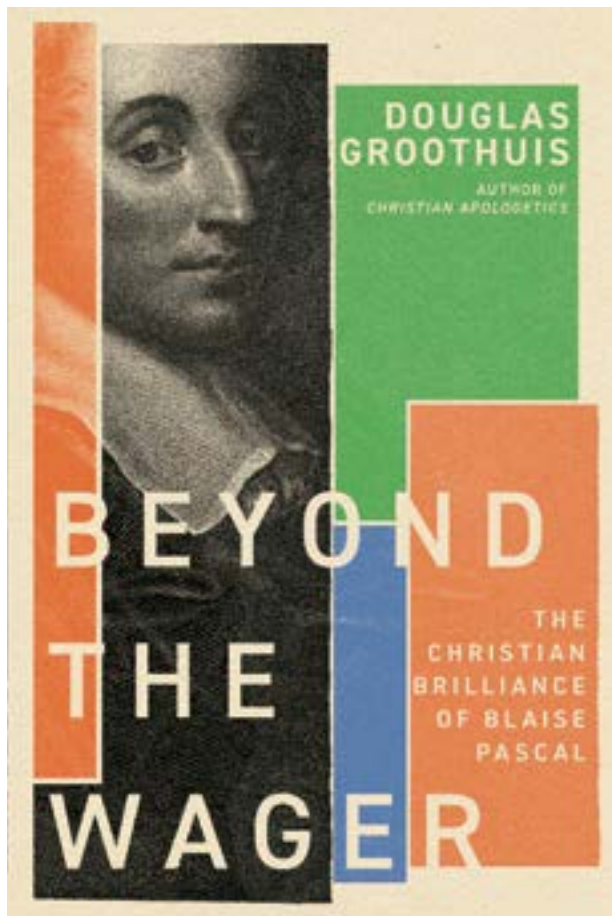
Born around the year when the Edict of Milan legalized Christianity, Didymus the Blind (ca. 313–398) lost his sight due to an illness at a young age. He nevertheless excelled at learning and became a defender of Nicene orthodoxy against Arianism. Though some of his theological speculations would later earn the ire of the Second Council of Constantinople, Didymus was also a careful exegete of Scripture.

This Ancient Christian Texts volume presents Didymus's lectures on portions of the Psalms as they were originally presented to his students. Here readers can learn at the feet of this early Christian teacher and find comfort in the Word of God.

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BEYOND THE WAGER

THE CHRISTIAN BRILLIANCE OF BLAISE PASCAL

Blaise Pascal, the seventeenth-century French philosopher and scientist, is perhaps best known for his “wager,” an argument about the existence of God. But there was much more to Pascal and his brilliance. In this accessible and well-documented study, philosopher Douglas Groothuis introduces readers to Blaise Pascal’s life as well as the breadth of his intellectual pursuits, including his contributions to mathematics, science, ethics, and theology. Groothuis overviews the key points of Pascal’s *Pensées*, which captures his thoughts about God, humanity, and Jesus Christ. Readers will also explore Pascal’s views on a range of topics, including culture, politics, Islam, and miracles.

Often quoted and often misunderstood, Pascal is a complex figure whose writings have charmed, puzzled, and inspired readers across the centuries. With guidance from a leading Christian thinker and longtime student of Pascal, *Beyond the Wager* takes you on a journey to discover the riches Pascal has to offer today.

“I have been reading Blaise Pascal’s writings as well as other contemporary writers and apologists who have discussed Pascal and his ideas for at least three decades. Beyond the Wager: The Christian Brilliance of Blaise Pascal is one of the finest introductions to this amazing Christian thinker available. Douglas Groothuis’s fine book is both substantive and accessible—a must-read for all of us contemporary Pascalians.”

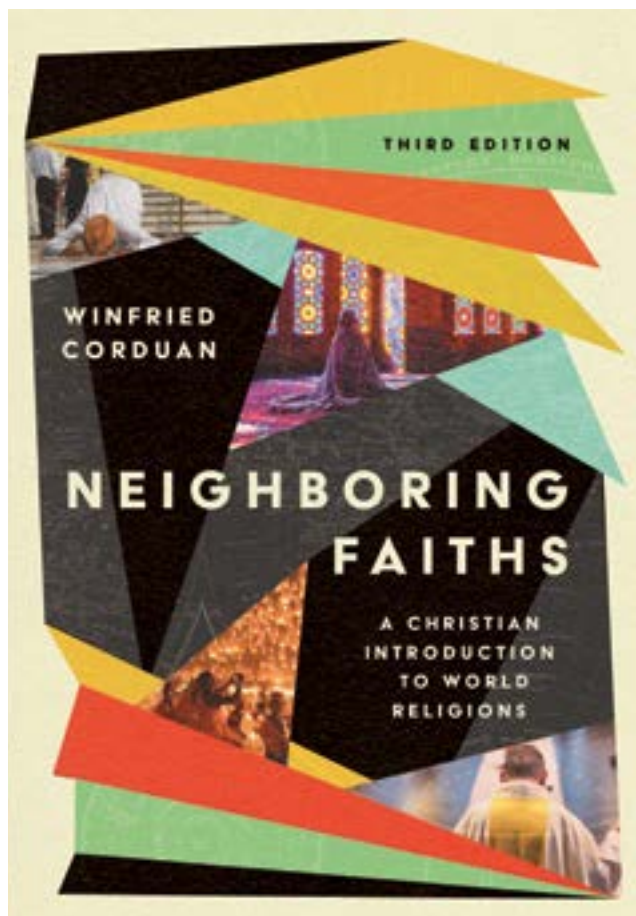
Kenneth Samples, senior scholar with Reasons to Believe

“This is a stunningly good and meticulously researched yet lively look at the work of the pioneering Christian thinker Blaise Pascal. Groothuis masterfully does for a new generation what needs to be done over and over, introducing this creative mind anew to show the importance of his tremendous insights for our time, and all times.”

Tom Morris, author of *Philosophy for Dummies* and *Making Sense of It All*

“Philosopher Douglas Groothuis has devoted decades to studying, teaching, and writing about Blaise Pascal, and it shows. Groothuis skillfully addresses Pascal’s fascinating life, scientific achievements, theological controversies, apologetic efforts, and more. His adept presentation of Pascal’s unique anthropological argument for Christianity is particularly superb. Beyond the Wager is an excellent resource for seasoned Pascal readers and those new to the compelling insights gleaned from the works of the French polymath.”

Robert Velarde, author of *A Visual Defense: The Case For and Against Christianity*



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NEIGHBORING FAITHS

A CHRISTIAN INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS

For all who want to understand the religious faiths of their neighbors, this classic text covers major as well as lesser-known religions, including Judaism, Islam, Zoroastrianism, African traditional religions, Native American religion, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Baha'i, Chinese popular religion, and Shinto and Japanese religions.

Neighboring Faiths emphasizes both formal religious teachings and how each religion is practiced in daily life. Corduan offers specific insights into what to expect from encounters with adherents of each religion and suggestions for how to engage in constructive dialogue. Each chapter offers lists of key points, ideas for term papers, and recommended resources to help students, instructors, and small groups go deeper.

This third edition has been updated and revised throughout. The chapter on militant Islam is significantly revised to address more recent events and issues, and questions for reflection and discussion have been added to each chapter.

"Neighboring Faiths is the best Christian introduction to the world's religions available today. And given that the Western world is now a truly global society with all the religions present, it is imperative that Christians have a basic knowledge of the religions of the world. While Winfried Corduan is deeply committed to the unique truth of historic Christianity and evaluates the different religions from a Christian perspective, he nevertheless treats each religion with fairness, respect, and empathy. There is no better book to read and study on this critical topic than Corduan's work. Every school, church, and personal library should have this book."

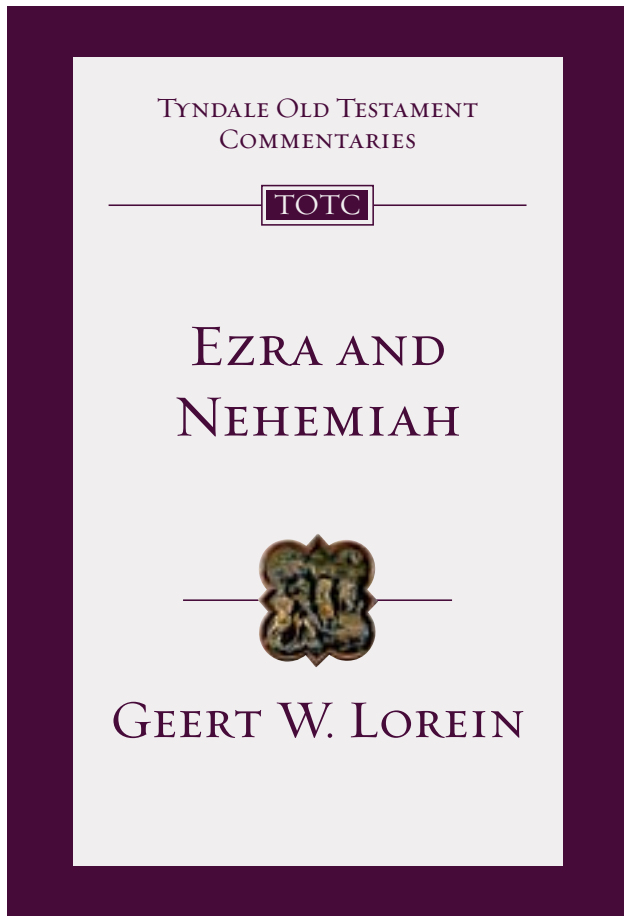
Kenneth Samples, senior scholar with Reasons to Believe

"I commend Winfried Corduan for bringing out a third edition of this clear, thorough, and fair textbook on world religions. I have used the previous two editions for graduate courses and would use this one as well, given its multidimensional analysis of world religions from a Christian perspective. Bravo!"

Douglas Groothuis, professor of philosophy at Denver Seminary and author of *Christian Apologetics: A Comprehensive Case for Biblical Faith*

"Win Corduan is a master of gracious interaction and intellectual honesty, both of which combine to form Neighboring Faiths. I am grateful for the richness of this book's insights, and even more for the neighborliness it models."

Daniel McCoy, editorial director of RENEW.org and general editor of the *Popular Handbook of World Religions*



EZRA AND NEHEMIAH

AN INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTARY

The checkered story of the kings, lasting nearly five centuries, ended disastrously in 587 BC with the sack of Jerusalem, the fall of the monarchy, and the removal to Babylonia of all that made Judah politically viable. It was a death to make way for a rebirth. The closely related books of Ezra and Nehemiah chart the Jews' return from exile to Jerusalem and the beginnings of that rebirth. As the drama unfolds, Geert Lorein explains, we see the good hand of God at work through it all.

Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries are designed to help the reader of the Bible understand what the text says and what it means. The Introduction to each book gives a concise treatment of its authorship, date, original setting, and purpose. Following a structural analysis, the commentary takes the book section by section, drawing out its main themes, and also comments on individual verses and problems of interpretation.

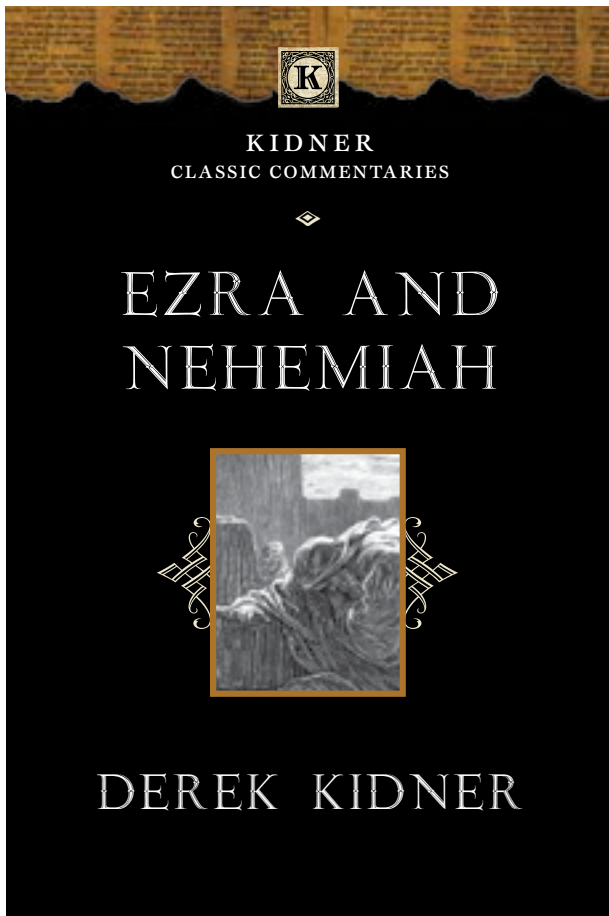
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EZRA AND NEHEMIAH

KIDNER CLASSIC COMMENTARIES

"The chequered story of the Kings, a matter of nearly five centuries, had ended disastrously in 587 BC with the sack of Jerusalem, the fall of the monarchy and the removal to Babylonia of all that made Judah politically viable. It was a death to make way for a rebirth." So begins Derek Kidner in this introduction and commentary to the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, which chart the Jews' return from exile to Jerusalem and the beginnings of a new start.

As the drama unfolds, we see how international politics, nationalist pride, wise leadership, political intrigue and opportunism, internal dissension and compromise all shape events. But above all we see the hand of God at work. In this volume, formerly part of the Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries series, Kidner's clear prose and theological insight will help readers understand the complex literary and historical issues surrounding these two books and their chief characters.

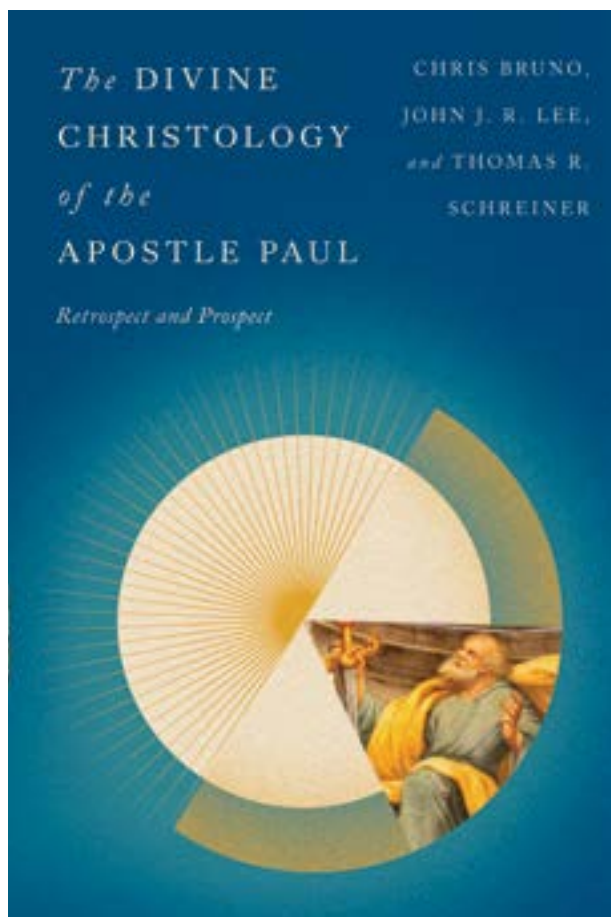
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THE DIVINE CHRISTOLOGY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

The last fifty years of Pauline scholarship have provided numerous insights to both the academy and the church. Some of those most important discussions have related to the question of Paul's view of Christ with respect to his divinity. In *The Divine Christology of the Apostle Paul*, biblical scholars Chris Bruno, John Lee, and Thomas Schreiner explore the more detailed and often perplexing conversations concerning the divinity of Christ, bringing helpful guidance and clarity to scholars' various articulations, including those of Richard Bauckham, Larry Hurtado, Chris Tilling, N. T. Wright, and others.

After offering a cohesive and constructive understanding of such landmark studies, they then provide their own insights through the exegetical study of key New Testament passages related to Paul's Christology.

Filled with helpful charts, appendixes, and study aids, *The Divine Christology of the Apostle Paul* is an essential guide for any student, pastor, or scholar looking for an insightful distillation of this key dimension of Pauline studies.

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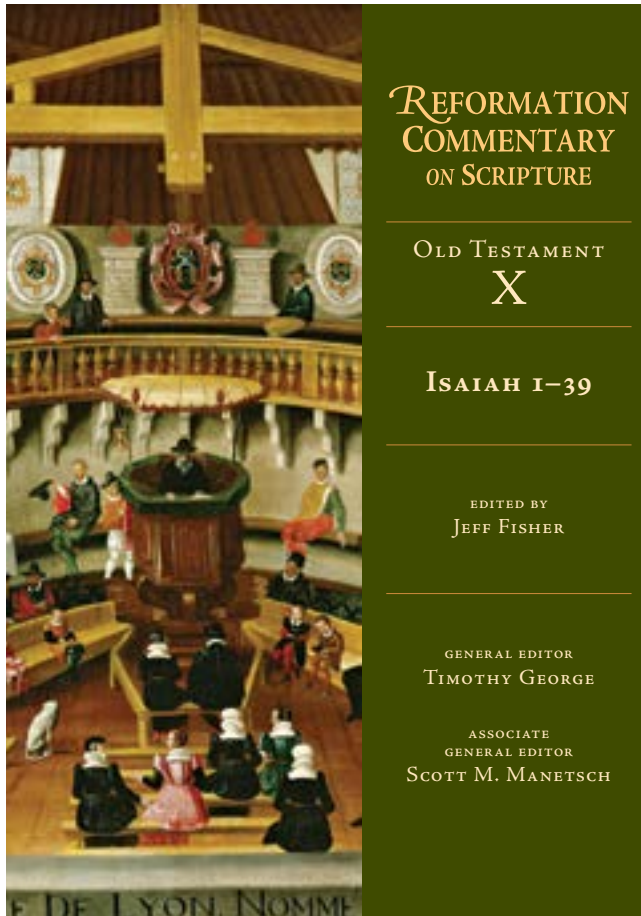
"Chris Bruno, John J. R. Lee, and Thomas R. Schreiner offer an insightful overview of recent scholarship on the apostle Paul's Christology while also engaging in their own detailed examination of the key texts in Paul's letters to show that Paul does indeed have a divine Christology. In particular, they demonstrate with clarity and attention to detail that Paul's Jesus shares in the lordship of Israel's God; he is the pre-existent agent of creation who is worthy of worship because of his incarnate life and atoning death. A useful book to begin the study of Paul's Christology."

Michael F. Bird, deputy principal of Ridley College in Melbourne, Australia, and author of *A Bird's Eye View of Luke and Acts*

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ISAIAH 1-39

REFORMATION COMMENTARY ON SCRIPTURE

“And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’

Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me.’”

In his interpretation of Isaiah’s vision of God and subsequent sending, the Anabaptist reformer Menno Simons perceived a pattern for all prophets, apostles, ministers, and preachers who are called and then sent out to spread the good news: “They did not assume the honor to themselves, as do the preachers of this world; but like Aaron, they were called by God. . . . They were brought by the Spirit of God, with pious hearts, into his service; they had always esteemed themselves unfit to serve the people of God or to stand forth in such a high and responsible station. . . . No one can serve in this high and holy office, conformably to God’s will, except those whom the Lord of the vineyard has made worthy and fit by the spirit of his grace.”

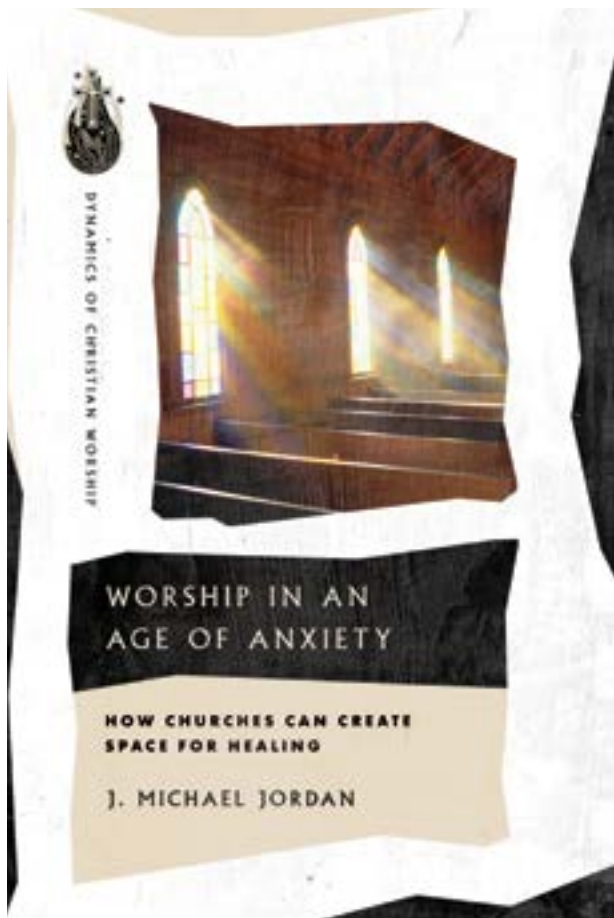
In this volume of the Reformation Commentary on Scripture, Reformation scholar Jeff Fisher guides readers through a wealth of early-modern commentary on the first thirty-nine chapters of Isaiah. Readers will hear familiar voices and discover lesser-known figures from a diversity of theological traditions, including Lutherans, Reformed, Radicals, Anglicans, and Roman Catholics. Drawing on a variety of resources—including commentaries, sermons, treatises, and confessions—much of which appears here for the first time in English, this volume provides resources for contemporary preachers, enables scholars to better understand the depth and breadth of Reformation commentary, and seeks to help those who have been called to this task and those whom they serve.

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WORSHIP IN AN AGE OF ANXIETY

HOW CHURCHES CAN CREATE SPACE FOR HEALING

The history of the theology of worship is riddled with examples of clergy and worship leaders who have sought to manipulate their parishioners' anxiety in order to spur repentance and turn people toward God. Even if such ends may be desirable—at what cost?

In *Worship in an Age of Anxiety*, Jordan challenges this utilitarian approach, offering a critical assessment of contemporary as well as historical evangelical figures such as D. L. Moody and Billy Graham who have deployed anxiety as a tool for conversion. Proposing a completely different model, Jordan takes up various elements of worship, including liturgy, space, music, preaching, and the sacraments. In doing so, he develops a practical theology of worship that also turns people toward God but within a healing framework.

While worship alone cannot heal anxiety, it can be a time and place where, rather than being manipulated, anxiety can be acknowledged, accepted, and offered to God.

"J. Michael Jordan is a beautiful soul, and this book is a beautiful book. Worship in an Age of Anxiety—about the intersection of worship, church, and our internal lives—is a jarring invitation to God's people to find their trust in the love of the Trinity. This is an excellent book, and one you need to pick up."

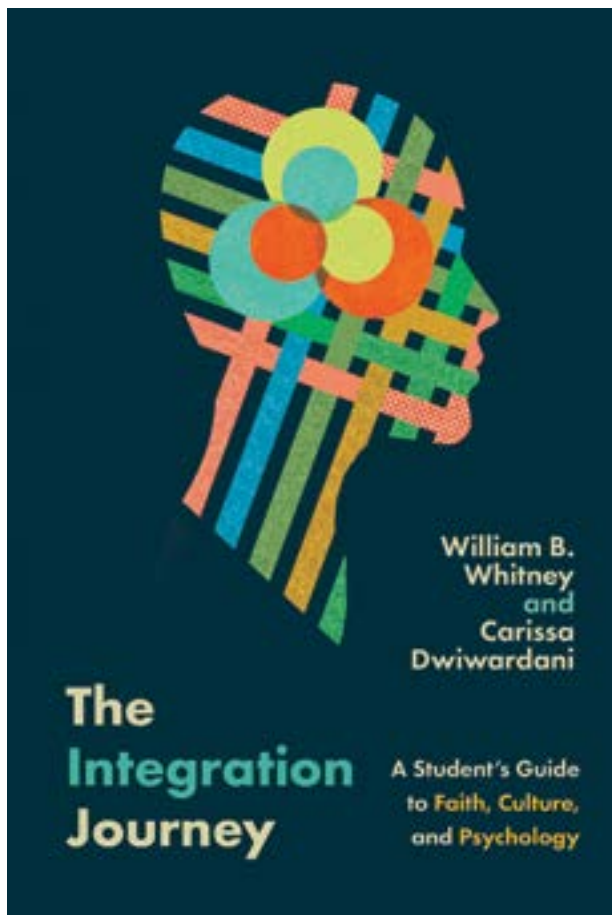
A. J. Swoboda, associate professor of Bible and theology at Bushnell University and author of *After Doubt*

"The church desperately needs new resources to reframe our reaction to the anxiety epidemic. Our response cannot just be sequestered off in pastoral counseling or outsourcing to secular mental health. Jordan's book helpfully points out that our response must take place at the heart of the church's collective life—in our very practices of worship."

Curtis Chang, author of *The Anxiety Opportunity: How Worry Is the Doorway to Your Best Self*

"Michael Jordan describes a troubling reality: 'Many evangelical churches operate with an implicit theology of anxiety which works against the strategies for flourishing that people with anxiety learn in their mental health journeys.' We've become accustomed to these dynamics, so Jordan's book is a gift to the church, both unpacking the history of how we got here and offering healing ways forward through an appreciation of time and space, music, preaching, and sacraments. This work evokes a prayer: May our worship, in all life's uncertainty, once more remind us, 'You are a beloved child of God.'"

Mandy Smith, pastor and author of *The Vulnerable Pastor*



THE INTEGRATION JOURNEY

A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO FAITH, CULTURE, AND PSYCHOLOGY

There are numerous models, theories, and resources on integrating psychology and the Christian faith. But practicing integration in the real world is something else entirely.

William B. Whitney and Carissa Dwiwardani offer a fresh approach to integration as embodied, lived, and practical. These two seasoned teachers guide students through the process of theological reflection on psychology as part of their spiritual formation and vocation, requiring each person to incorporate their own stories, culture, and experiences. True integration, the authors contend, should work for justice in our churches, communities, and wider society, with particular attention to the marginalized and oppressed.

Using guided exercises and prompts for reflection and discussion, *The Integration Journey* invites students to make their own contributions to constructing a culturally informed, organic model of integration that works for them and toward God's kingdom here on earth.

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"Whitney and Dwiwardani offer a unique and timely contribution to the integration literature. The emphasis on culture is an important corrective to a task that is often portrayed as an objective and rational project—a perspective that is undermined by the abundant evidence of the culturally embedded and relational nature of knowledge. The emphasis on love as the goal of integration vocationally ties the integrative task into our common calling as followers of Jesus. Through thoughtful questions at the end of each chapter, the authors facilitate the development of an integrative identity, which is foundational for engaging in the task of integration."

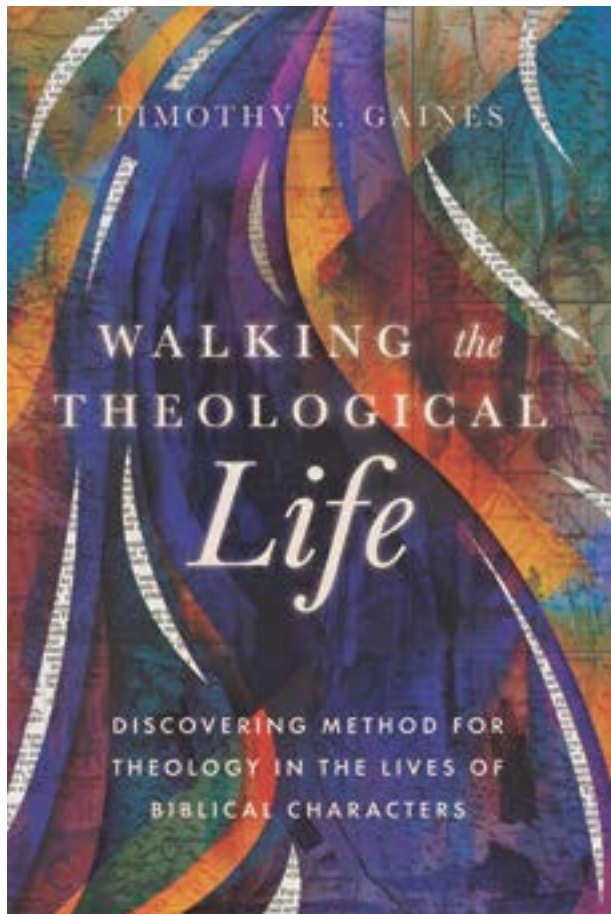
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WALKING THE THEOLOGICAL LIFE

DISCOVERING METHOD FOR THEOLOGY IN THE LIVES OF BIBLICAL CHARACTERS

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Emily Hunter McGowin, associate professor of theology at Wheaton College and author of *Christmas in the Fullness of Time* Series



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JOHN R. W. STOTT (1921–2011) fue conocido como un predicador, evangelista y comunicador de las Escrituras por todo el mundo. Él sirvió como rector de All Souls Church en Londres y fue un participante principal en la importantísima Lausanne Covenant (1974). Sus muchos libros, incluyendo *Basic Christianity*, *The Cross of Christ*, y *Christian Mission in the Modern World*, han vendido millones de copias.



CHRISTOPHER J. H. WRIGHT es director de ministerios internacionales de la Langham Partnership. Él ha escrito muchos libros. Él fue el presidente de la Lausanne Theology Working Group del 2005 al 2011 y el arquitecto principal de The Cape Town Commitment de la Third Lausanne Congress, 2010.

LA MISIÓN CRISTIANA EN EL MUNDO MODERNO

Jesús nos envía al mundo de la misma manera que el Padre lo envió a él. Sin embargo, aun miles de años después, muchos cristianos todavía no se ponen de acuerdo que incluye esto. Algunos creen que el enfoque de la misión cristiana es evangelizar y «salvar almas». Otros enfatizan asuntos de justicia global o la labor de alivio y desarrollo. ¿Acaso solo una de estas dos opiniones está en lo correcto por si sola?

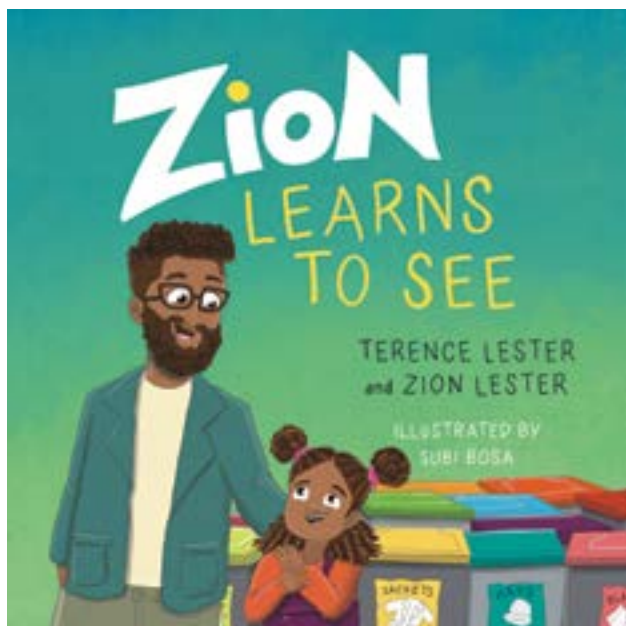
El libro clásico de John Stott presenta una perspectiva duradera e integral de la misión cristiana que se necesita aun hoy. Actualizada y ampliada por Christopher J. H. Wright, *Misión cristiana en el mundo moderno* provee un enfoque bíblico a la misión que toca las necesidades espirituales y físicas. Con su claridad y convicción especial e inigualable, Stott ilustra como la misma Gran Comisión no solo asume la proclamación que produce discípulos, sino que también enseña obediencia a la Gran Comisión de amor y servicio.

CHRISTIAN MISSION IN THE MODERN WORLD

Jesus sends us into the world just as the Father sent him. And yet thousands of years later Christians continue to disagree on what this involves. Some believe that the focus of Christian mission is evangelizing and “saving souls.” Others emphasize global justice issues or relief and development work. Is either view correct on its own?

John Stott’s classic book presents an enduring and holistic view of Christian mission that is just as needed today. Newly updated and expanded by Christopher J. H. Wright, *Christian Mission in the Modern World* provides a biblically based approach to mission that addresses both spiritual and physical needs.

With his trademark and unparalleled clarity and conviction, Stott illuminates how the Great Commission itself not only assumes the proclamation that makes disciples, but also teaches obedience to the Great Commandment of love and service.



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ZION LESTER became interested in her dad's work on a Saturday morning when she was seven years old. Since then, she has grown to become a community leader, writer, and speaker. She has also continued to regularly serve with Love Beyond Walls and encourages others her age and younger to volunteer too.

SUBI BOSA is an illustrator of picture books, comics, and graphic novels. Growing up in South Africa, Subi drew all the time and in every room of his house—sometimes even on the walls! Today, he lives in Cape Town, South Africa, where he produces a podcast for creatives and continues his passion for illustration.

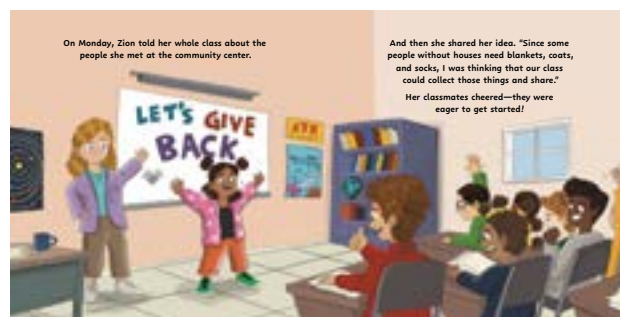
ZION LEARNS TO SEE OPENING OUR EYES TO HOMELESSNESS

Every person matters to God. And that means every person should matter to us.

Zion has no idea what she's getting into when she decides to join her dad at his work on Saturday. But she quickly discovers that a day at the community center brings new and wonderful people into her life. Join Zion as she learns about people experiencing homelessness, and see how she is moved to respond as she recognizes that all people matter to God.

Inspired by real-life events, this story written by Terence Lester and Zion Lester, and illustrated by Subi Bosa, will be enjoyed by children and the adults who read with them. Also included is a note from the author to encourage further conversation about the content.

Discover IVP Kids and share with children the things that matter to God!



"Zion Learns to See is a delightful read and a necessary nudge. In the Gospels, Jesus was filled with compassion when he saw people who were marginalized by society and religion. This book gives us an opportunity to be like Jesus and motivates readers to join Zion in seeing and loving our neighbors as fellow image bearers. Let's be that generation empowered with a fresh vision of neighborly love, building a better world where everyone flourishes!"

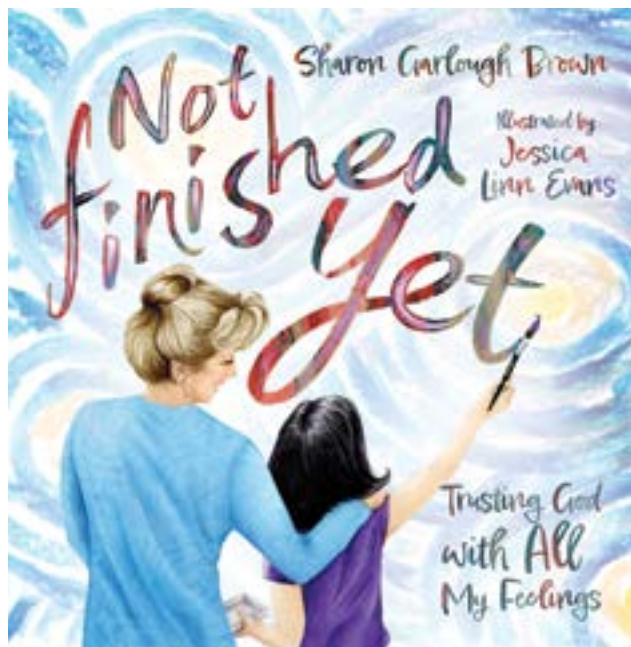
Dorena Williamson, bridge builder and author of *The Celebration Place*

"With beautiful illustrations and powerful storytelling, Zion Learns to See shows readers that living a life of love depends on both our words and our actions, and we each have a unique role in being God's hands and feet. Through Zion's eyes, we are reminded of timeless, invaluable truths: dignity is for everyone, generosity is contagious, and no one is invisible."

Danielle Coke Balfour, artist and author of *A Heart on Fire*

"I wholeheartedly recommend reading my daughter's inspiring book, where a young girl's compassion and kindness shine as she befriends and supports a person experiencing homelessness. This touching story beautifully captures the importance of empathy and the impact of small acts of kindness. I'm incredibly proud of her for creating a narrative that fosters understanding and compassion in readers of all ages."

Cecilia Lester, co-starter, organizer, and board member for Love Beyond Walls



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NOT FINISHED YET

TRUSTING GOD WITH ALL MY FEELINGS

Sometimes, you see, Wren and Gran didn’t paint flowers or clouds or birds or trees.

Sometimes they painted their feelings.

She and Gran called it “painting prayers.”

Gran’s art studio is one of Wren’s favorite places in the world. Not only is it where Wren and Gran paint, but it’s also where they talk about all the good and hard stuff of life—to each other, and to God. Join young Wren as she explores her feelings and discovers that God welcomes our honest prayers.

This gentle story by bestselling Christian novelist Sharon Garlough Brown, paired with exquisite illustrations from Jessica Linn Evans, will be enjoyed by children as well as the adults who read with them. Also included is a note from the author to encourage further conversation about the content.



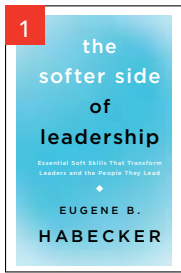
“A book about opening our hearts to God—something all God’s children need to learn. In this story, see through the eyes of a child how our emotional life can be prayer, offered with the holy simplicity and trusting faith of one who learns to rest in the Father’s love. Readers of Sharon Garlough Brown’s other books will recognize the gifts she is offering here.”

Konyndyk DeYoung, author of *Glittering Vices*

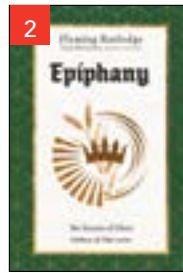
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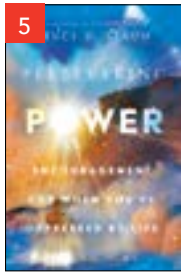
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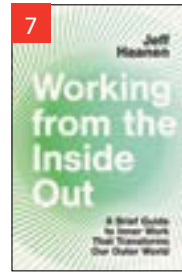
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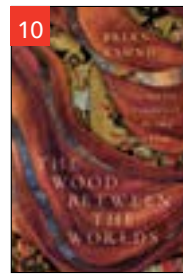
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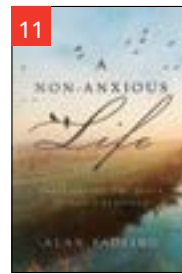
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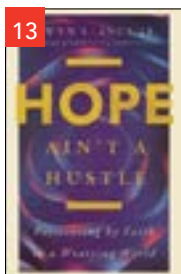
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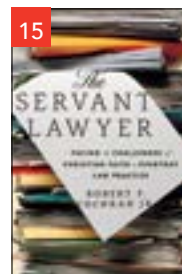
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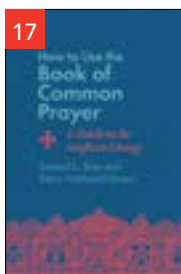
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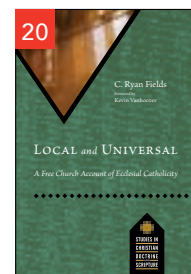
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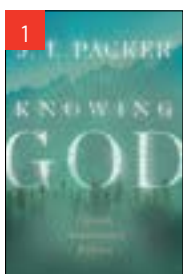


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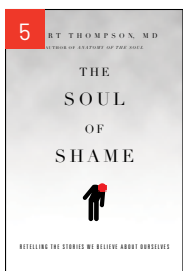
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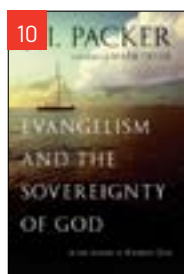
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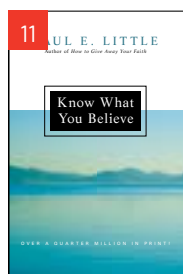
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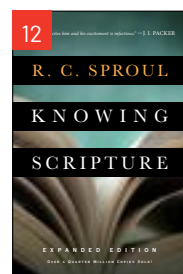
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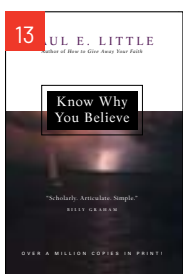
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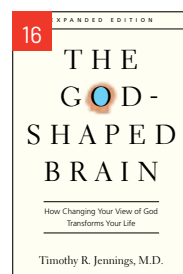
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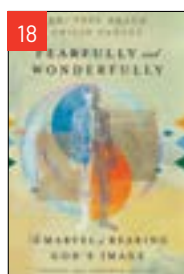
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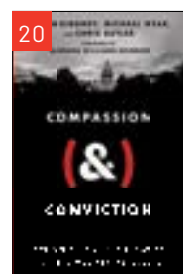
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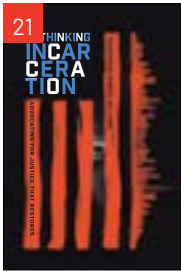


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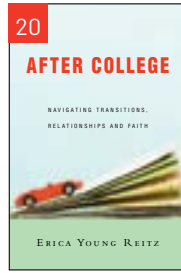


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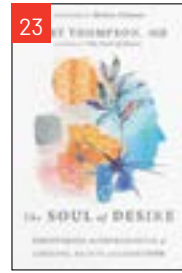
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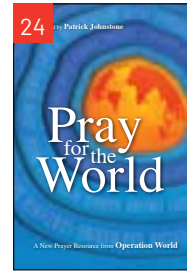
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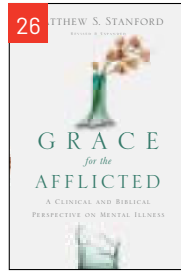
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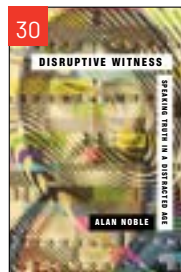
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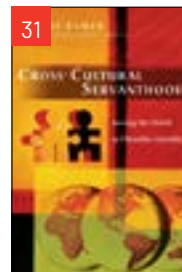
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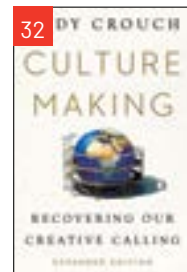
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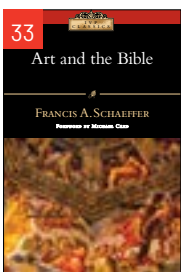
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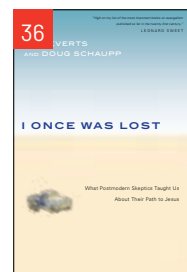
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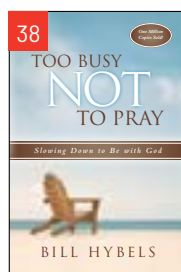
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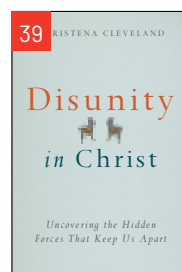
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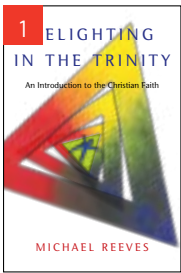


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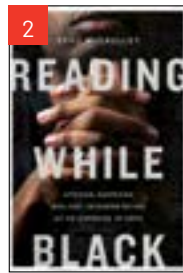


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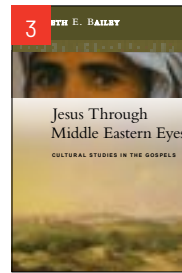
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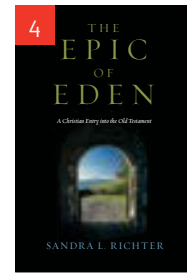
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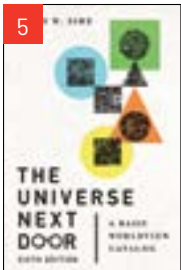
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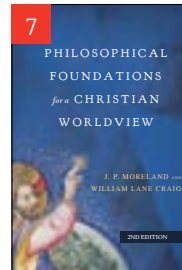
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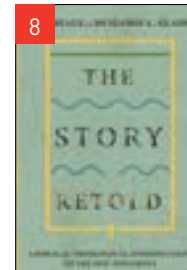
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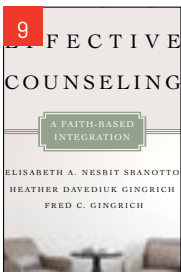
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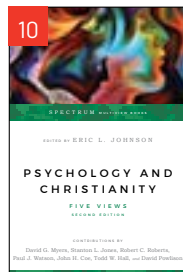
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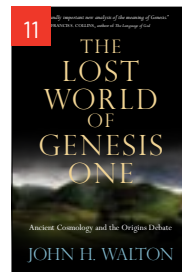
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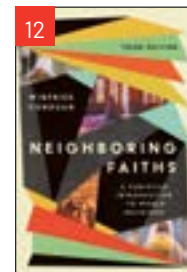
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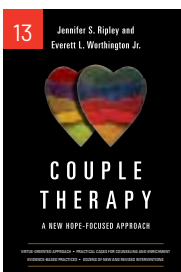
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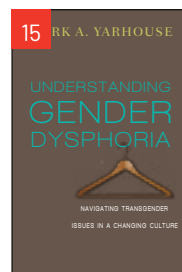
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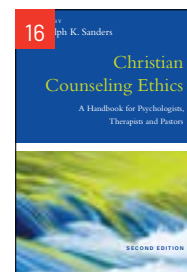
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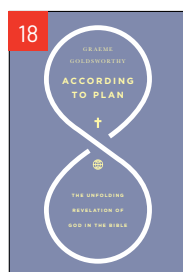
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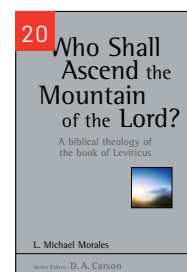
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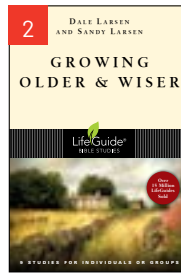


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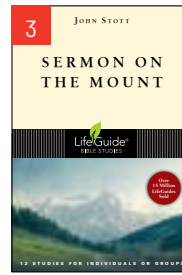
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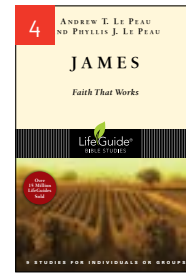
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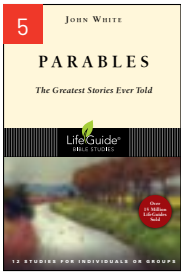
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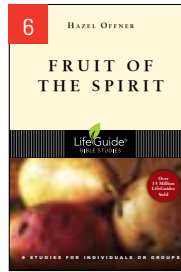
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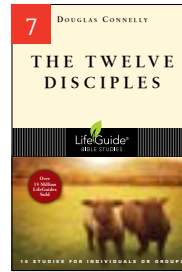
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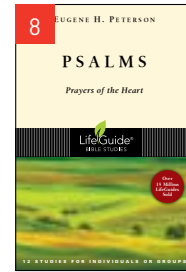
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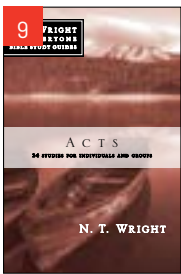
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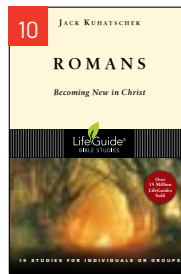
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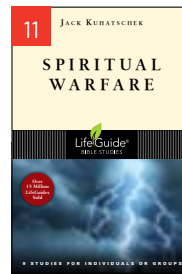
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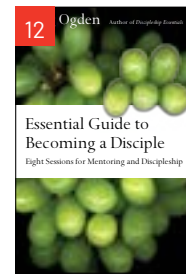
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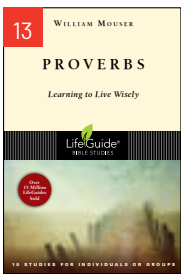
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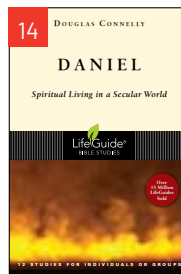
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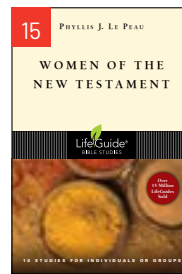
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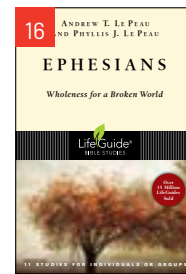
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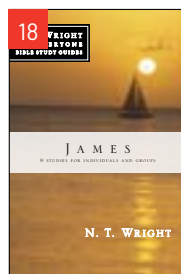
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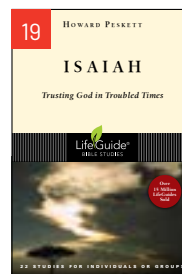
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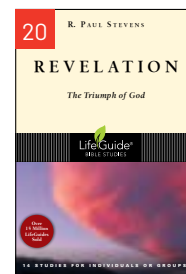
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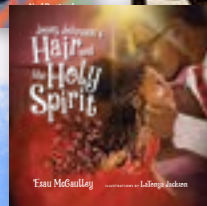
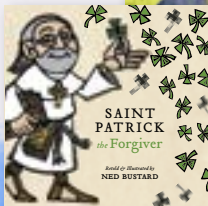
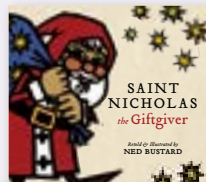
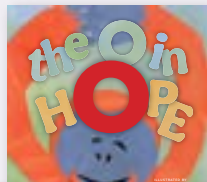
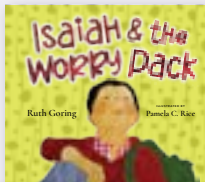
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