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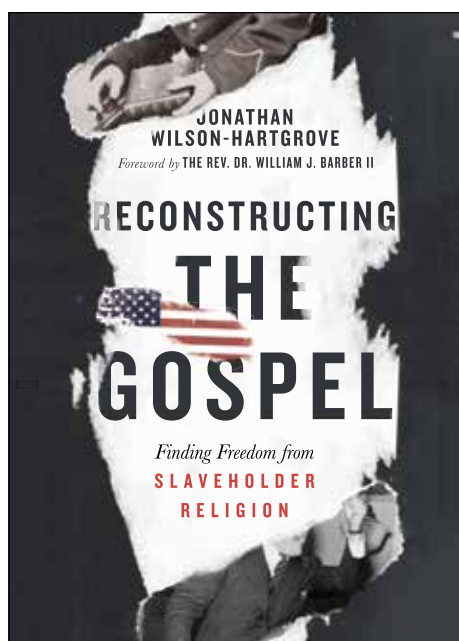
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*Reconstructing the Gospel: Finding Freedom from
Slaveholder Religion*

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Is Our God Greater Than America's Racism?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In his latest book, *Reconstructing the Gospel*, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove tackles the important topic of how to remain faithful Christians when the Christianity we live with looks like racial injustice and white supremacy. It's a topic close to his heart. Wilson-Hartgrove has spent years working with communities in the Bible Belt and serving as an associate minister at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church. Throughout the book, he shows how recent events such as Black Lives Matter and Donald Trump's campaign have brought the ghosts of American Christianity out of the past. Framing this interruption as an opportunity for healing, Wilson-Hartgrove reads Christian faith not as one among many religions but as an antidote to bad religion and America's original sin of racism.

- What do you mean by "slaveholder religion," and how does it help us make sense of the contemporary political climate?
- What does it look like for faith communities to interrupt racial habits?
- How has your experience as a pastor in the South influenced your writing?
- What have you learned about the role white people can and should play in movements for racial justice today?

Author Biography



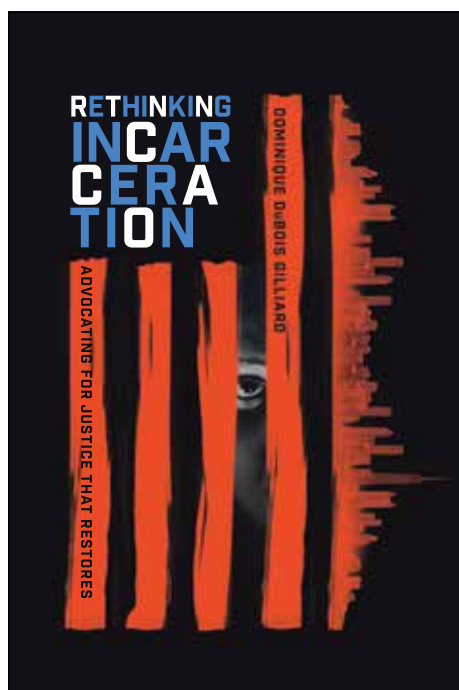
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"A must-read for Christians interested in how race-infused politics and religion undermine the American democratic dream."

—*Publishers Weekly* starred review, January 8, 2018



Rethinking Incarceration: Advocating for Justice That Restores

February 6, 2018

\$17, 240 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4529-3

From Mass Incarceration to Restorative Justice

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Dominique Gilliard explores the history and foundation of mass incarceration, examining Christianity's role in its evolution and expansion. He says, "Our criminal justice system is riddled with racial and class bias. Prisons, jails, and detention centers have become places where the least of these—the poor, cognitively impaired, and society's most vulnerable—are warehoused. Mass incarceration is a distortion of justice, it is a system of retributive punishment that dehumanizes, exploits, and disenfranchises. Scripture illuminates that biblical justice is restorative in nature. This book illustrates how restorative justice is a philosophical practice that enables Christians to practically embrace mercy as we pursue justice that reflects God's heart." This text also explores four additional pipelines feeding the prison-industrial complex:

- the war on immigration
- mental health
- private prisons
- the school-to-prison pipeline

Author Biography



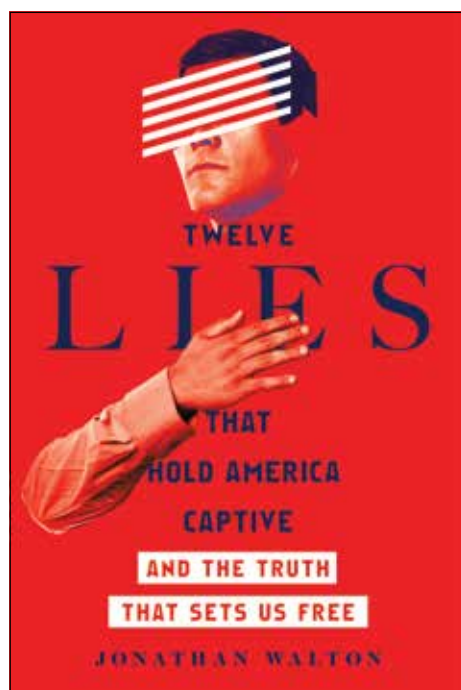
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"Dominique gives a thorough, honest look at the history of mass incarceration, blending advocacy and theology and driving us to respond as a community of faith. This is a must-read from a leader whose passion inspires hope."

—LEROY BARBER, Voices Project, board chair of Missio Alliance, author of *Embrace*



Twelve Lies That Hold America Captive: And the Truth That Sets Us Free

January 8, 2019

\$16, 224 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4558-3

All Men Are Created Equal?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Jonathan Walton, in his new, groundbreaking book, *Twelve Lies That Hold America Captive*, exposes the cultural myths and misconceptions about America's identity and instead redirects us to the true promises found in the gospel of Jesus. Walton identifies how American ideology has become a false religion and posits that orienting our lives around American nationalism is idolatry. Our cultural notions of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are at odds with the call to take up our cross and follow Jesus.

Commonly held ideas break down in the light of hard realities and Christian faith. The president is not the Messiah, the Constitution is not the Bible, and the United States is not a city on a hill or the hope for the world. Here are some other core beliefs he addresses:

- America is a Christian nation.
- All men are created equal.
- We are the land of the free and the home of the brave.
- We are a melting pot.

Author Biography



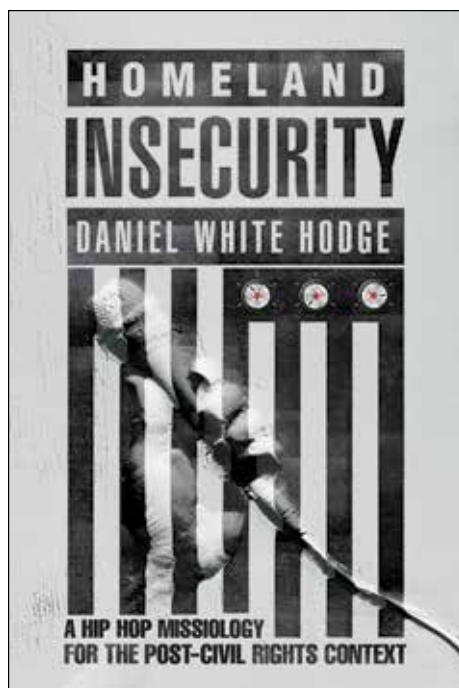
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"I believed the lie. Instead of abiding in Christ as instructed in John 15 and finding my abundance, growth, discipline and very identity in Jesus, I chose to build my identity around the American dream. The dream so profoundly called for by Martin Luther King was not the American dream but a contextualized longing for the kingdom of God. Clouded by my longing for inclusion and significance, I believed the lie and bought into the 'American brand' and I, a child of its slaves, thought I had a shot."

—JONATHAN WALTON, from the introduction to *Twelve Lies That Hold America Captive*



Homeland Insecurity: A Hip Hop Missiology for the Post-Civil Rights Context

July 31, 2018

\$27, 304 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-5181-2

A Trainer in Ethnicity Calls Christians to Engage Racial Injustice in America

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In his latest book, *Homeland Insecurity*, missiologist Daniel White Hodge explores the contours of post-civil rights contexts and focuses on Hip Hop theology as a framework for radical engagement of emerging adult populations. He critiques the impaired missiology of imperialist and white supremacist approaches to modern, urban short-term missions. With keen cultural exegesis of the wild, he explores the contours of a more contextualized Hip Hop Jesus. Reexamining the importance of race and ethnicity in mission, Hodge offers theological space for protest and social disruption and suggests conceptual models for domestic missions within a growing multiethnic demographic.

- What is “Hip Hop theology”?
- Where and how is white supremacy still a problem within theology?
- Why is it important to note that we are in a post-civil rights context?
- How does missiology come into play in *Homeland Insecurity*?
- Why are dissent and disruption important to progress?

Author Biography



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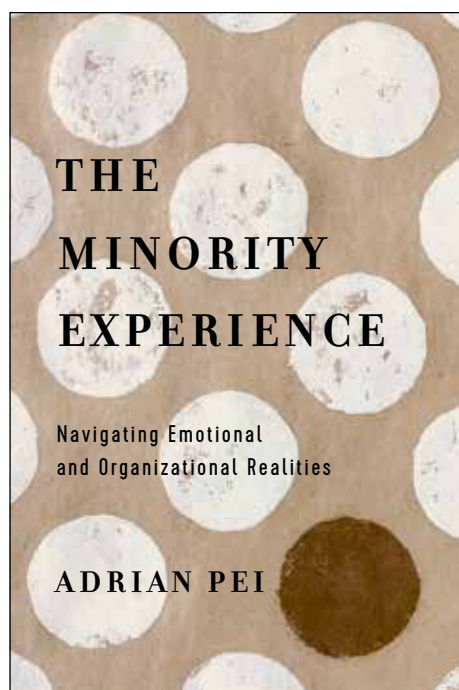
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“Daniel White Hodge is a dynamic voice who has found the intersection of black liberation, Hip Hop, and reconciliation theology. He bridges the profane and prophetic for purposes of holistic transformation. Once again, he delivers a powerful resource.”

—EFREM SMITH, copastor of Bayside Church Midtown, author of *The Post-Black and Post-White Church*

“Daniel White Hodge is the preeminent Hip Hop theologian of our generation. Homeland Insecurity only adds to his legacy as he speaks directly to contemporary missiology through the political lenses of rap, racism, and white privilege. . . . Homeland Insecurity is a text I will be using in my courses for years to come.”

—ANDREW MARIN, research associate at the Centre for the Study of Religion and Politics, University of St. Andrews



The Minority Experience: Navigating Emotional and Organizational Realities

September 4, 2018

\$17, 208 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4548-4

It's Hard to Be in the Minority

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Organizational consultant Adrian Pei says, “The United States is becoming increasingly diverse, racial tensions and violence are prominent in the news, and many organizations are recognizing the need to focus on race and diversity. However, it seems many efforts and conversations end up in the realm of cultural education, crosscultural competency, and pragmatic diversification. What’s lost in the process are the emotional and psychological realities of what it means to be a minority, and the heart and soul behind the stories of minorities who have wrestled for centuries for dignity and a place in this country. I wanted to write a book that gave language and categories for these emotional realities that minorities could relate to, to see that they were not alone—that there were heroes and prophets among ethnic minority leaders of the past and present, and in the Bible.”

Pei describes key challenges ethnic minorities face in majority-culture organizations. He unpacks how historical forces shape contemporary realities and what both minority and majority cultures need to know in order to work together fruitfully.

- The minority experience is predominantly shaped by forces of pain, power, and the past.
- Being a minority is not about cultural knowledge but about emotional realities of pain.
- Being a minority is not about demographic numbers but about who holds sociological power.
- Being a minority is not about current race-related events but about how events of the past have shaped peoples’ reactions to these events.

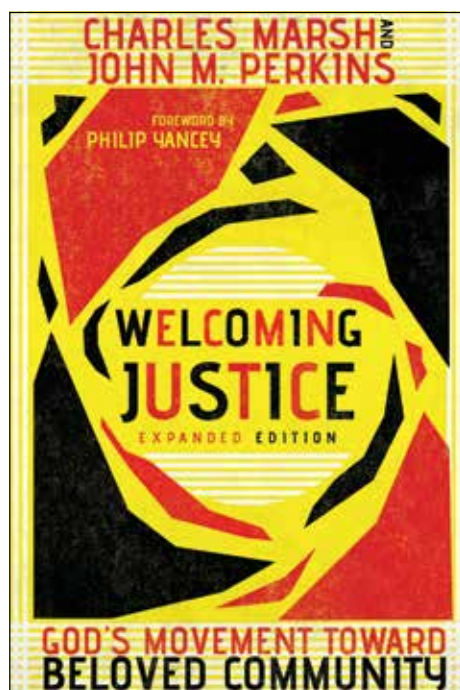
Author Biography



ADRIAN PEI is an organizational development consultant and leadership trainer who has worked in two of the largest corporate and ministry organizations in the world. He specializes in speaking and writing about crosscultural dynamics and ethnicity-related topics, and his books include *What Really Matters in Leadership?* and *Facing the Demands of Leadership*. Pei served as associate national director of leadership development of Epic Movement, the Asian American ministry of Cru. He and his family live in southern California.

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Welcoming Justice: God's Movement Toward Beloved Community

Expanded Edition

November 20, 2018

\$17, 144 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-3479-2

Pursuing a Just World

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Historian and theologian Charles Marsh partners with veteran activist John Perkins to chronicle God's vision for a more equitable and just world. They show how the civil rights movement was one important episode in God's larger movement throughout human history of pursuing justice and beloved community.

- A call to welcome justice and build reconciled communities in the post-civil rights era.
- Reflections from Perkins on his long ministry and key themes and lessons he has learned.
- Includes examples, insights, and principles for doing social justice today.

Author Biographies



CHARLES MARSH (PhD, University of Virginia) is director of the Project on Lived Theology and professor of religious and theological studies at the University of Virginia. He is the author of several books, including *God's Long Summer*, *The Last Days*, and *The Beloved Community*.

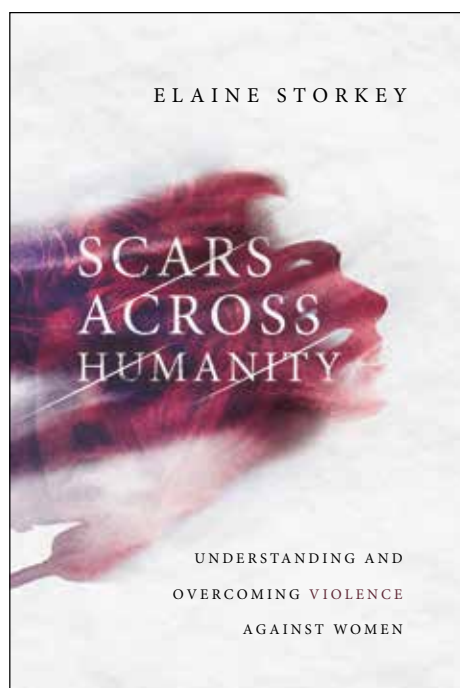


JOHN PERKINS, the son of a sharecropper, grew up in Mississippi amid dire poverty and rampant racism. Though he had fled to California after his older brother was murdered by a town marshal, he returned after his conversion to Christ in 1960 to share the gospel with his community. His leadership of civil rights demonstrations earned him repeated harassment, beatings, and imprisonment. However, in recent years Perkins has received recognition for his work with seven honorary doctorates from Wheaton College, Gordon College, Huntington College, Geneva College, Spring Arbor College, North Park College, and Belhaven College. He continues to speak and teach around the world on issues of racial reconciliation, leadership, and community development. Perkins is the founder of Voice of Calvary Ministries in Mendenhall, Mississippi, Harambee Ministries in Pasadena, California, and the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA). His books include *Let Justice Roll Down*, *With Justice for All*, *A Quiet Revolution*, and *Linking Arms, Linking Lives*.

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"I know of no better time to attempt such a project and no team better equipped to accomplish it."

—PHILIP YANCEY, from the foreword



Scars Across Humanity: Understanding and Overcoming Violence Against Women

February 20, 2018

\$24, 288 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-5204-8

Gendercide: “The Largest Ongoing Carnage in History”

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In her new book, Elaine Storkey offers a rigorously researched overview of the global pandemic of violence against women. From female infanticide and child brides to domestic abuse, rape, and honor killings, violence against women occurs everywhere. Violence on such a scale could not exist were it not structured in some way into the very fabric of societies and cultures themselves. It could not continue if it were not somehow supported by deep assumptions about the value of women, or some justification of the abuse of power. This book helps to unveil the truths about violence against women and provides points for the church to help combat the problem.

- Why has violence against women continued, and even grown, in the twenty-first century?
- Why is poverty and wealth a factor in the statistics?
- Is violence against women truly global?
- Why does the Christian church need to address this pandemic?
- Where does patriarchy become a factor?

Author Biography

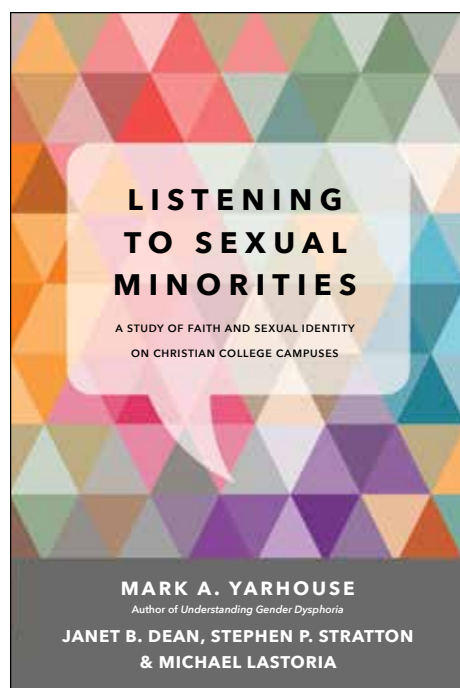
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“Scars Across Humanity fearlessly and meticulously documents the largest ongoing carnage in history: gendercide and violence against women. Elaine Storkey demonstrates that this global violence against girls and women is rooted in male supremacy and dominance, which is fueled by religious traditions, including Christianity. Exposing patriarchy as a sin that devastates the entire human family, the book also unmask how the church has distorted Scripture throughout history to devalue and marginalize girls and women, placing them at risk for abuse. Scars Across Humanity is crucial for everyone who is passionate about the gospel, gender justice, and reconciliation within the church and beyond.”

—MIMI HADDAD, president of Christians for Biblical Equality International



Listening to Sexual Minorities: A Study of Faith and Sexual Identity on Christian College Campuses

April 24, 2018

\$25, 326 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-2862-3

New, Groundbreaking Research on Sexual Minorities at Christian Colleges

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Yarhouse, Dean, Stratton, and Lastoria draw on their decades of experience both in the psychology of sexual identity and campus counseling to bring readers the results of an original longitudinal study evaluating what sexual minorities experience, hope for, and benefit from. Their work looks at the students who arrive on campus with boxes of belongings to unpack. For many students, two of these boxes could be labeled "my faith" and "my sexuality"—and these can be among the most cumbersome to handle.

Questions the authors looked at regarding faith and sexuality:

- How do you balance the two without having to set one down?
- How do you hold them both closely and securely, but still move forward to settle in with new friends in a new environment?
- How do you keep from dropping one or the other, spilling its embarrassing contents for all to see?

Author Biographies

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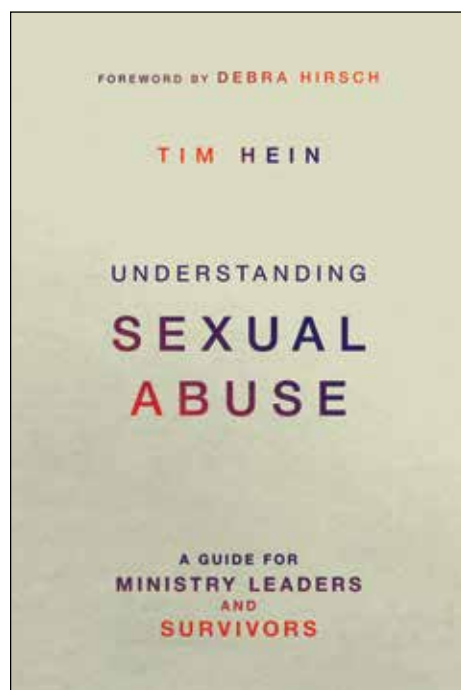
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"This book allows us to listen in to the actual voices and stories of students on Christian college campuses. . . . And this book is an essential guidebook for the men and women who guide and mentor students."

—SHIRLEY HOOGSTRA, president of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities



Understanding Sexual Abuse: A Guide for Ministry Leaders and Survivors

February 27, 2018

\$16, 192 pages, paperback

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Survivor and Christian Leader Sheds Light on the Impact of Sexual Abuse

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Drawing on both his own experience and his wife's experience as survivors of childhood sexual abuse, minister and lecturer Tim Hein offers his expertise, practical guidance, and empathy—both for ministry leaders and for survivors themselves. Hein presents clinical data and resources alongside pastoral wisdom and care, addressing both psychological and spiritual aspects of sexual abuse. Hein says, “The book is about the impact of child sexual abuse, focused on helping assist Christian leaders and survivors be better equipped, educated, and empowered. It is distinctive in that it is written by me, as both a survivor and Christian leader.” *Understanding Sexual Abuse* offers:

- A clear, introductory understanding of the unique nature of trauma from child abuse.
- A deeper understanding of forgiveness in light of a God of justice.
- An overview “map” of what recovery can look like, plus some practical skills to assist survivors to feel more empowered.

Author Biography



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“Drawing courageously from his own experiences as both a survivor and a long-term church leader, Tim’s careful research is complemented by an empathy derived from his own personal experience. . . . This is a constructive book, navigating the issue with clarity . . . a courageous book that unpacks the elements of complex trauma and is bold enough to tackle the question of suffering. And—despite the difficult subject—it is a safe book, an essential pastoral resource.”

—DEBRA HIRSCH, from the foreword



Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate

Revised and Expanded

July 3, 2018

\$17, 284 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4539-2

A Fresh Look at the Immigration Debate

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

World Relief immigration experts Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang move beyond the rhetoric to offer a Christian response to immigration. With careful historical understanding and thoughtful policy analysis, they debunk myths and misconceptions about immigration and show the limitations of the current immigration system. This revised edition includes new material on refugees and updates in light of changes in political realities.

Author Biographies



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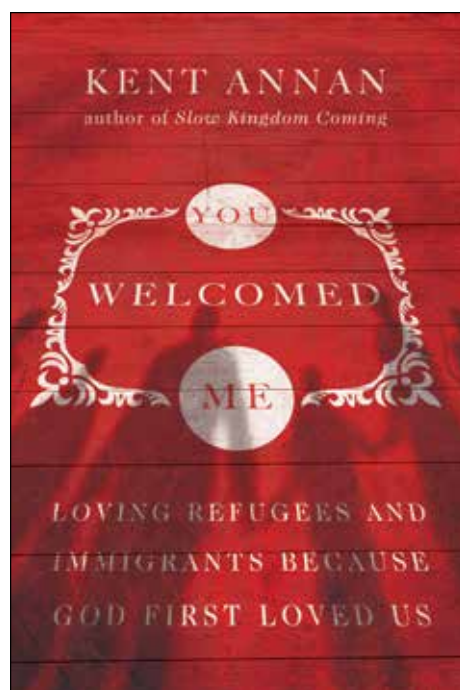


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“Justice, compassion, and truth are too often missing from the immigration debate in this country. Welcoming the Stranger provides all three with comprehensive information on every aspect of the current problem, its roots, and commonsense solutions. Every Christian seeking an informed response to this critical issue should read this book.”

—JIM WALLIS, president, *Sojourners*



You Welcomed Me: Loving Refugees and Immigrants Because God First Loved Us

November 27, 2018

\$15, 128 pages, paperback

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What Kind of Family, Community, or Country Do We Want to Be?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In *You Welcomed Me*, Kent Annan, author of the award-winning *Slow Kingdom Coming*, explores how fear and misunderstanding can motivate our responses to people in need. Addressing a question about refugees posed by his son—“Are we for them or against them?”—he invites us into stories of welcome that lead us to see the current refugee and immigrant crisis in a new light. He also lays out simple practices for a way forward:

- Confessing what separates us
- Listening well
- Partnering with (not patronizing) those in need

His stories draw us in, and the practices send us out prepared to cross social and cultural divides.

Author Biographies



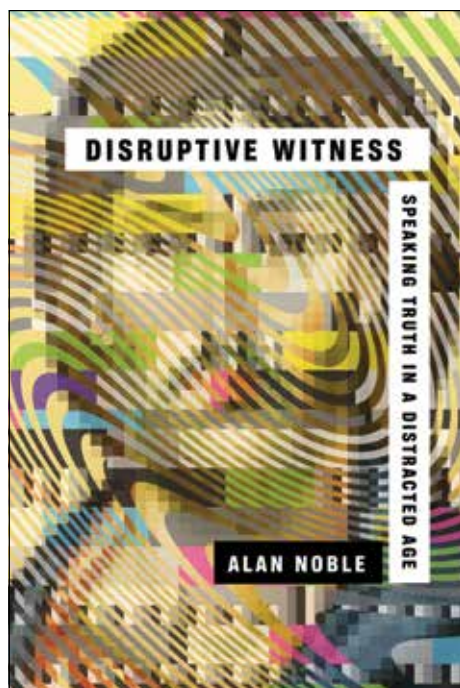
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*“Fear is the enemy of love. When fear rather than love is the driving force behind our life choices and public policies, we end up contributing to the suffering of the world rather than alleviating it. Kent’s new book *You Welcomed Me* stands firmly on the biblical promise that perfect love casts out fear. He reminds us that when we welcome the stranger we welcome Christ . . . and when we do not welcome the stranger, we do not welcome Christ. Quite simply, this is an invitation to love like Jesus loves—with arms wide open—and to be as hospitable to others as God has been to us.”*

—SHANE CLAIBORNE, director of Red Letter Christians, founder of The Simple Way, author of *Beating Guns*



Disruptive Witness: Speaking Truth in a Distracted Age

July 17, 2018

\$16, 192 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4483-8

From Distraction to Disruption: The Church in the Twenty-First Century

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Distraction and secularism define life in Western society today. We are increasingly addicted to habits—and devices—that distract and buffer us from substantive reflection and deep engagement with the world. And we live in what Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor calls “a secular age”—an age in which all beliefs are equally viable and real transcendence is less and less plausible. Drawing on Taylor’s work, Alan Noble describes how these realities shape our thinking and affect our daily lives. *Disruptive Witness* casts a new vision for the evangelical imagination, calling us away from abstraction and cliché to a more faithful embodiment of the gospel for our day.

- Is *Disruptive Witness* antitechnology?
- What does the term *buffered self* mean?
- How have your interactions on social media played into the development of this book?
- You write about how the church adds to the problem of disruptive witness by emphasizing marketing and branding. How has that played into millennials seeming disenchanted with the church?

Author Biography



ALAN NOBLE (PhD, Baylor University) is assistant professor of English at Oklahoma Baptist University and cofounder and editor in chief of Christ and Pop Culture. He has written for the *Atlantic*, *Vox*, *BuzzFeed*, the Gospel Coalition, *Christianity Today*, and *First Things*.

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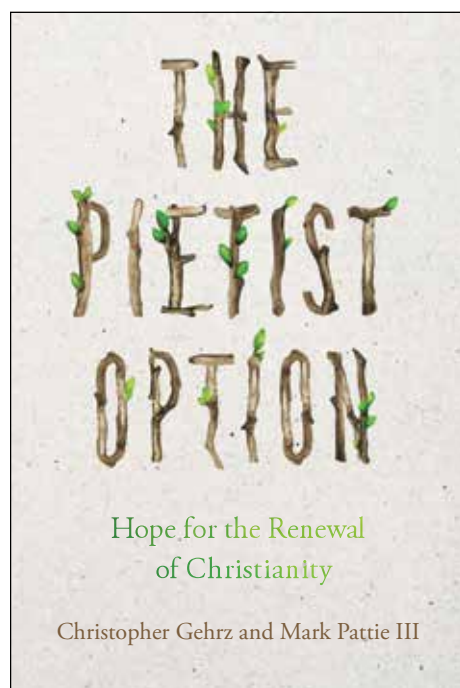
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“Alan Noble has written a concise and timely meditation on the conditions under which Christian witness may be pursued in our age and place. This book is real food for real thought.”

—ALAN JACOBS, Baylor University, author of *How to Think*

“If you want to know what the next generation of evangelicalism could and should look like, look to Alan Noble. Grounded, faithful, and circumspect, he is asking all the right questions and leading us to better answers.”

—KAREN SWALLOW PRIOR, author of *Booked: Literature in the Soul of Me*



The Pietist Option: Hope for the Renewal of Christianity

October 3, 2017

\$23, 144 pages, hardcover

978-0-8308-5194-2

Pietism: A Hopeful, Practical Way Forward

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Historian Mark Noll has written that historic Pietism “breathed a badly needed vitality” into post-Reformation Europe. Now the time has come for Pietism to revitalize Christianity in post-Christendom America. In *The Pietist Option*, Christopher Gehrz, a historian of Pietism, and Mark Pattie, a pastor in the Pietist tradition, show how Pietism holds great promise for the church—and the world—today. Modeled after Philipp Spener’s 1675 classic, *Pia Desideria*, this timely book makes a case for the vitality of Pietism in our day.

- Why Pietism now?
- What does Pietism offer to the world of evangelicalism?
- What does the *Pietist option* mean?
- How do the ideas in *The Pietist Option* counter much of the current political and religious rhetoric?

Author Biographies



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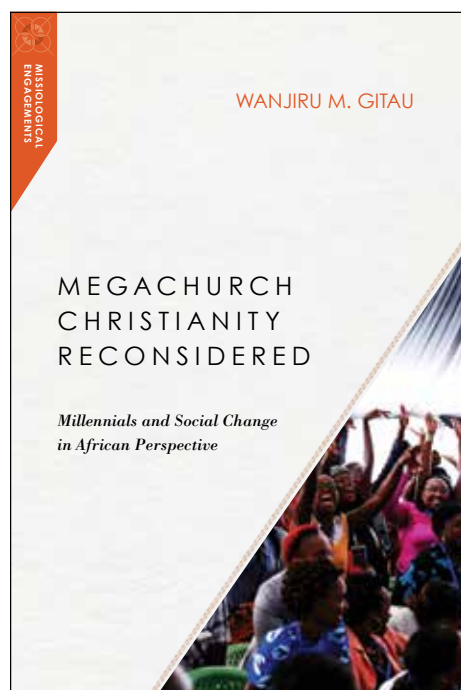
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*“One of my mentors used to describe himself as ‘a Pietist with a PhD.’ After reading *The Pietist Option*, I know more deeply what he meant, and I realize more clearly why his winsome spirit won my heart. This book invites us all into a more just and generous way of following Christ in today’s world.”*

—BRIAN D. McLAREN, author of *The Great Spiritual Migration*



Megachurch Christianity Reconsidered: Millennials and Social Change in African Perspective
 Missiological Engagements
 October 16, 2018
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 978-0-8308-5103-4

A Case Study in Millennial Megachurch Success

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Building from a behind-the-scenes case study of Kenya's Nairobi Chapel and its "daughter" Mavuno Church, Wanjiru M. Gitau expands their story into a narrative that offers analysis of the rise, growth, and place of megachurches worldwide in the new millennium. In contexts experienced as deeply volatile, and in Africa reeling from the structural incoherence imposed by colonial times, megachurches provide a map of reality to navigate by, with the gospel as their primary compass. Gitau shows that recognizing the psychological, spiritual, and social destabilization of modernizing societies is the first step to valuing the place of megachurches in contemporary Christianity.

- Why does the concept of megachurches need to be redeemed?
- Why are megachurches important to the current state of world Christianity?
- What lessons does a relatively young megachurch in Africa provide for the broader church?

Author Biography

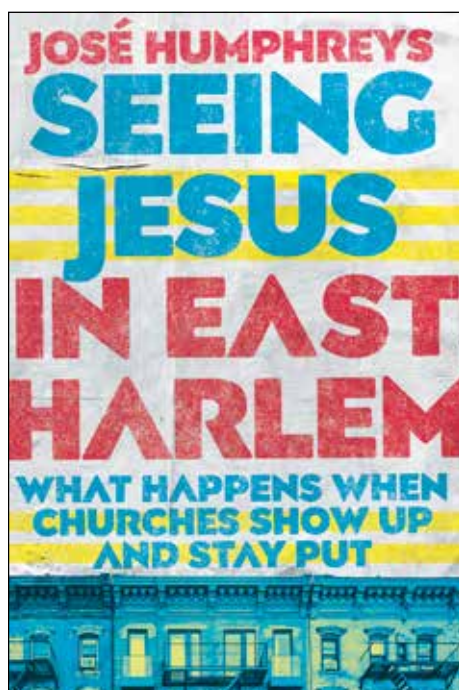


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"I wrote this book to respond to what I perceived as a gap between the 'spirit' of megachurches versus how existing literature and popular opinion misconstrues them. This compelling narrative is an opportunity to demonstrate the sociohistorical logic for megachurch rise, growth, and popularity; thus, all the background detail of the Kenyan and African social and ecclesial conditions, personal stories of key actors, and historical detail of the broader tradition of evangelicalism. The hoped-for outcome is that more than just affirming megachurch existence, this book may generate theological discourses to shape the pragmatism of megachurches, hence help equip them to make further impact in their worlds."

—WANJIRU GITAU, on why she wrote *Megachurch Christianity Reconsidered*



Seeing Jesus in East Harlem: What Happens When Churches Show Up and Stay Put

October 9, 2018

\$16, 224 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4149-3

Context Matters for Discipleship

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Pastor José Humphreys recognizes how deeply our faith is tied to our particular stories in our particular places. Grounded in his own deep faith and wisdom, he writes out of his experiences as a Puerto Rican pastor who has planted a multiethnic church in East Harlem. In his new book, *Seeing Jesus in East Harlem*, he offers a framework to help church leaders take discipleship seriously in their places, calling them to show up, stay put, and see what God is doing in their midst. Combining spiritual formation with activism, vivid narrative with exhortation, and realism with hopefulness, Humphreys offers pastors and church planters a thoughtful look at discipleship in a complex world.

Author Biography



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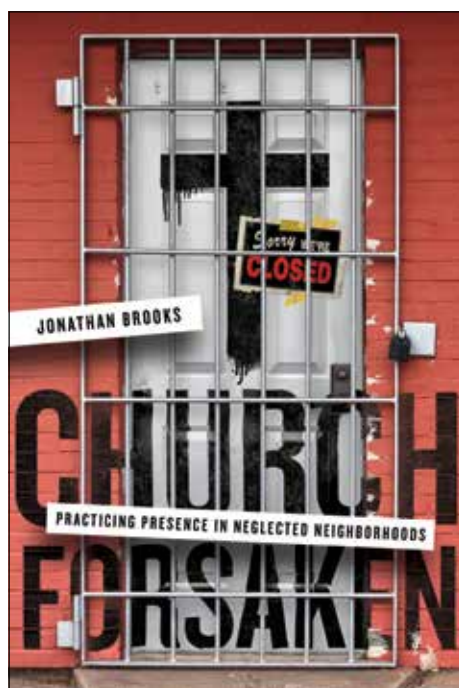
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“Attention all hipster pastors who want to reshape the church and world in your image—you do not want this book, but you really need this book. Pastor José Humphreys offers an authentic narrative not based on an unrealistic, romanticized view of urban church life (centered on coffee shops and organic grocery stores). This text provides a biblically and theologically robust vision of an embodied church that should provide a guidepost for the next generation of churches.”

—SOONG-CHAN RAH, Milton B. Engebretson Professor of Church Growth and Evangelism, author of *The Next Evangelicalism* and *Prophetic Lament*

*“José Humphreys’s new book, *Seeing Jesus in East Harlem*, is an important contribution to the church at this particular time in our nation’s history. With the continual growth of poor residents in our large cities, it is a necessity to be equipped with a contextual theology that speaks to the needs of people’s hearts and to the social realities in places like East Harlem and beyond. Thank you José for sharing your wisdom, your challenges, and your love for Jesus in East Harlem.”*

—NOEL CASTELLANOS, president of CCDA



Church Forsaken: Practicing Presence in Neglected Neighborhoods

November 6, 2018

\$16, 220 pages, paperback

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Local Pastor Moves into Church–Forsaken Places

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Jonathan Brooks was raised in the Englewood neighborhood on the south side of Chicago. As soon as he was able, he left the community and moved as far away as he could. But through a remarkable turn of events, he reluctantly returned and found himself not only back in Englewood but also serving as a pastor (“Pastah J”) and community leader. In *Church Forsaken* Brooks challenges local churches to rediscover that loving our neighbors means loving our neighborhoods. Unpacking the themes of Jeremiah 29, he shows how Christians can be fully present in local communities, building homes and planting gardens for the common good. In the book he leads readers through:

- the church-forsaken process
- the church-forsaken plan
- the church-forsaken place
- the church-forsaken people
- the church-forsaken purpose
- the church-forsaken perspective

Author Biography



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“I was once a young man who was itching to get as far away as possible from my neighborhood. I traveled to Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama, for college hoping to get as far as I could with hope of never returning to Chicago. If I did return, it would definitely not be to the same economic situation or neighborhood. I studied architecture rather than art or music because I needed to be confident that I could move the economic class needle forward for my family. Where I ended up economically and geographically at the end of this journey was paramount to my understanding of success. Now twenty years later, as an unplanned return resident, I love Englewood passionately and couldn’t imagine living anywhere else.”

—JONATHAN BROOKS, from the introduction to *Church Forsaken*



Kingdom Collaborators: Eight Signature Practices of Leaders Who Turn the World Upside Down

March 13, 2018

\$16, 192 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4143-1

Casting a Fresh Vision on Kingdom-Centric Mission

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

“For several decades I have worked with church leaders to help them be more effective in their ministry efforts,” writes Reggie McNeal, author of *Kingdom Collaborators*. “Increasingly, I am convinced that the church as institution is missionally misaligned, and that only a recovery of church as movement can reposition the church as relevant and connected to God’s kingdom agenda.” In his book, Reggie offers eight signature practices for leaders who want to partner with God and others for kingdom growth.

- Who are “kingdom collaborators”?
- How have churches become “missionally misaligned”?
- What does it mean to have a “kingdom-centric” agenda?

Author Biography



REGGIE McNEAL enjoys helping leaders pursue more kingdom-focused lives. He currently serves as a senior fellow for Leadership Network and city coach for GoodCities. In his consulting and speaking, Reggie draws on his experience as a pastor, denominational leader, seminary teacher, and leadership development coach for thousands of church leaders across North America and the world. His books include *The Present Future*, *Missional Renaissance*, *A Work of Heart*, and *Kingdom Come*.

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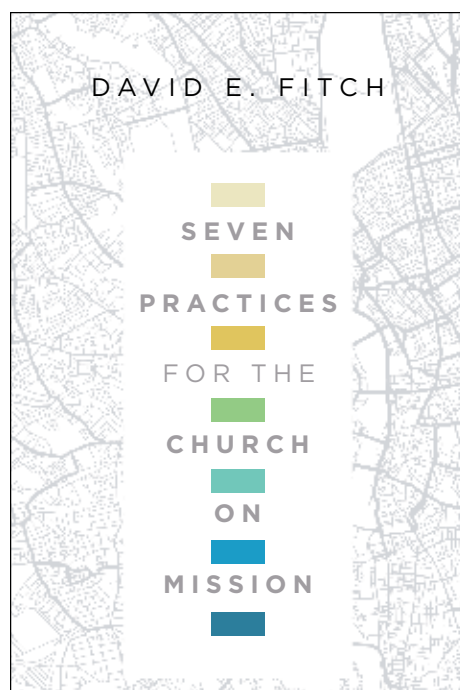
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“Jesus began his ministry with slowly deconstructing what religion had become by painting a compelling picture of the reality of God’s kingdom. With this as a starting point, Reggie deftly shows us who we need to be in order to reclaim that power and purpose that God had in mind for his world.”

—NANCY ORTBERG, CEO, Transforming the Bay with Christ

“Reggie is an extraordinary friend and leader. He has the incredible ability to cast fresh vision on the work of the church in the world today, challenging Christian leaders to see collaboration as essential to being what Christ has called us to be. This book inspires all of us toward greater unity and commitment to Christ’s transforming work.”

—KEVIN PALAU, president of Luis Palau Association; author of *Unlikely: Setting Aside our Differences to Live Out the Gospel*



Seven Practices for the Church on Mission

March 6, 2018

\$12, 144 pages, paperback

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Practices for Changing the Church's Presence in the World

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Pastor and professor David Fitch shows how these seven practices can revolutionize the church's presence in our neighborhoods, transform our way of life in the world, and advance the kingdom:

- The Lord's Supper
- Reconciliation
- Proclaiming the gospel
- Being with the "least of these"
- Being with children
- Fivefold ministry gifting
- Kingdom prayer

Author Biography



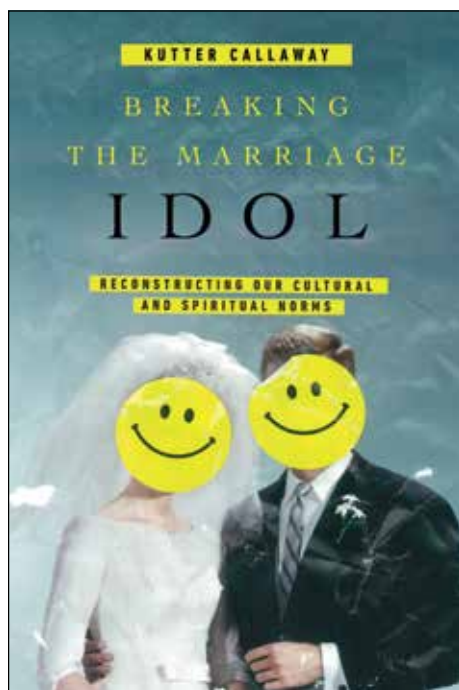
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"The American church needs to demonstrate its commitment to Jesus with actions. Despite efforts to gain influence through politics or through entertaining weekend services, the church has lost credibility, particularly among younger people. David Fitch has offered biblical and practical guidance for how churches can regain some credibility by being agents of transformation in their neighborhoods. This book has helped our church to see the Lord's Table as more than a ritual, to live more fully in our calling to be reconcilers, and has generally motivated us in our witness for Christ."

—DENNIS R. EDWARDS, senior pastor of Sanctuary Covenant Church, Minneapolis



Breaking the Marriage Idol: Reconstructing Our Cultural and Spiritual Norms

June 26, 2018

\$18, 278 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4542-2

Redefining Idols of the Heart

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Should all Christians be married? Although we might quickly respond no, our cultural stories and norms—including those in the church—often communicate yes. Theologian and husband Kutter Callaway considers why marriage, which is a blessing from God, shouldn't be expected or required of all Christians. Through an examination of Scripture, cultural analysis, and personal accounts, he reflects on how our narratives have limited our understanding of marriage and obscured our view of the life-giving and kingdom-serving roles of single people in the church. In doing so, Callaway helps the church craft a new story that transforms the way we look at marriage and affirms the contributions of all to the body of Christ.

- Why did you want to turn the paradigm of marriage on its head? Why is rethinking the importance of marriage critical now?
- Why is the language of “just say no” or “true love waits” problematic?
- Why would this book work in both a pastoral setting and an academic setting?
- You write that the evangelical church idolizes marriage. How is that a problem?
- Why is it important for the church to view marriage as non-normative?
- Why is married/single segregation in churches and ministries a concern in your book?
- What about the assumption that “everyone wants to be married” are you trying to counter?

Author Biography

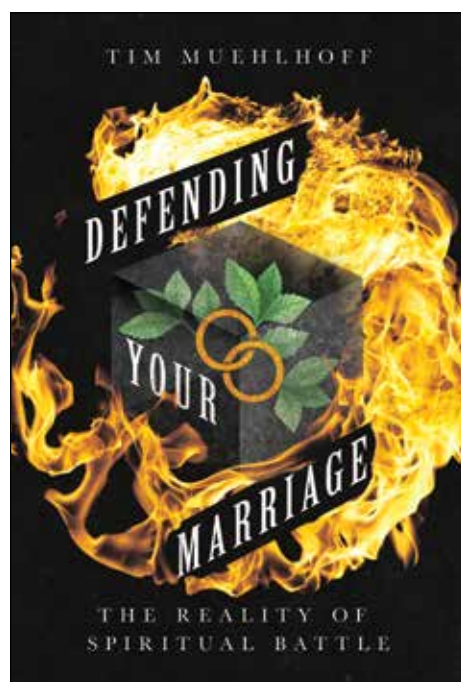


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“Kutter Callaway has written and assembled a rich tool for reflection on marriage and relationships in today's milieu. Its honest, provocative, and savvy engagement, combined with biblical and theological considerations, makes it a strong resource. Some of the additional voices—especially Joshua Beckett's—make it that much richer.”

—MARK LABBERTON, president of Fuller Theological Seminary



Defending Your Marriage: The Reality of Spiritual Battle

November 13, 2018

\$16, 176 pages, paperback

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Marriages Under Attack

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

What would our marriages look like on a day-to-day basis if we sought productive ways to approach conflict, reclaimed our hectic schedules, carved out date nights, managed our finances better, sought to instill biblical values in our children, be Christian witnesses to our neighbors, and embraced the reality that we do all of these things while living in a spiritual war zone? Tim Muehlhoff writes, “As followers of Christ who seek to have thriving marriages, we must resist attributing every marital disagreement to demonic inducement, and likewise resist neglecting a spiritual reality embraced by Jesus and New Testament writers.”

- Each chapter introduces readers to what Jesus and biblical authors have to say about Satan and spiritual forces at play today. Jesus did not merely talk abstractly about the reality of the devil; Satan personally tempted him for forty days in a wilderness outside of Jerusalem.
- *Defending Your Marriage* helps readers understand why their marriages may invite spiritual opposition. By understanding God’s design for marriage, readers will gain a better understanding of what Satan is so upset about and would want to target.
- Couples are introduced to practical criteria that can be used to detect if spiritual oppression is at play. What are the most common indicators that Satan may be trying to derail your marriage?
- *Defending Your Marriage* isn’t merely a book about Satan. Rather, it’s about how to protect our marriages by utilizing biblical tools such as prayer, meditating on God’s Word, and mobilizing fellow believers.

Author Biography

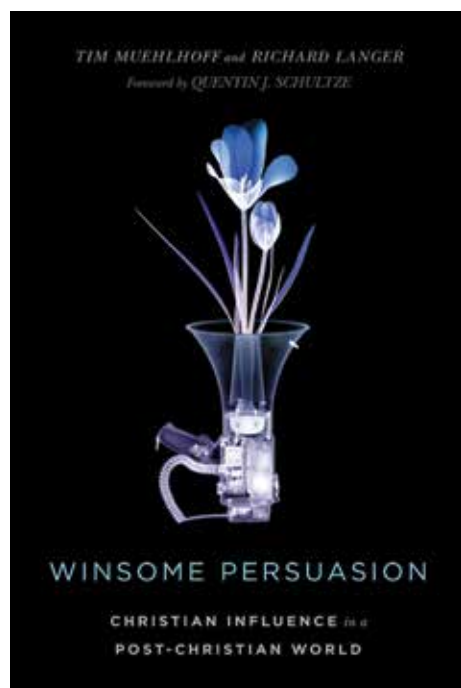


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Winsome Persuasion: Christian Influence in a Post-Christian World

June 13, 2017

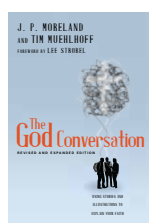
\$22, xvi + 192 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-5177-5

More Titles from Communication Expert Tim Muehlhoff

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In *Winsome Persuasion* Tim Muehlhoff and Richard Langer ask what our interactions with the dominant cultural ethos should look like. This timely book presents a model for cultural engagement that integrates communication theory, theology, and Scripture.



The God Conversation: Using Stories and Illustrations to Explain Your Faith

Veteran apologists and communicators J. P. Moreland and Tim Muehlhoff say that the best way to win over others is with a good story. Here is sound, empathetic coaching for those of us who long to communicate our faith more effectively.



I Beg to Differ: Navigating Difficult Conversations with Truth and Love

Communications expert Tim Muehlhoff provides a strategy for having difficult conversations, helping us move from contentious debate to constructive dialogue. Insights from Scripture and communication theory provide practical ways to manage disagreements and resolve conflicts.



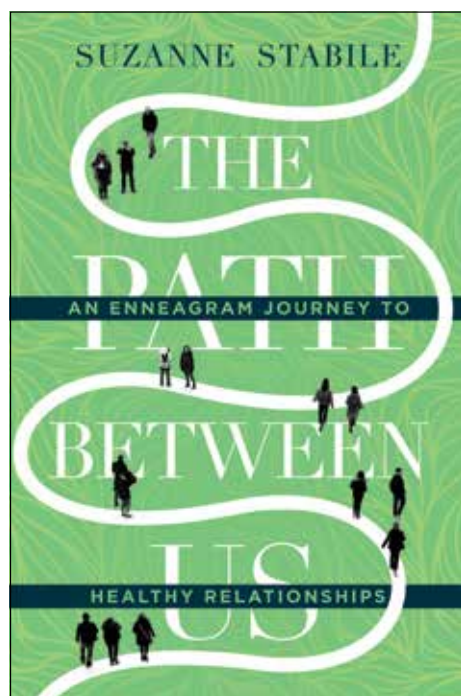
Authentic Communication: Christian Speech Engaging Culture

Tim Muehlhoff and Todd Lewis are guides in understanding the broad field of human communication in Christian perspective. Special attention is focused on the place of Christians as counterpublics—those who offer alternative perspectives to the dominant voices in society.



Marriage Forecasting: Changing the Climate of Your Relationship One Conversation at a Time

Tim Muehlhoff shows how to take an accurate climate reading of a relationship and explains what causes climates of poor communication. With current research on marital communication, listening skills, empathy, and conflict resolution, *Marriage Forecasting* provides practical ways for couples to rebuild a warm relational climate.



The Path Between Us: An Enneagram Journey to Healthy Relationships

April 10, 2018

\$24, 208 pages, hardcover

978-0-8308-4642-9

Suzanne Stabile Takes the Next Step on the Enneagram Journey

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Most of us have no idea how others see or process their experiences. And that can make relationships hard, whether with intimate partners, family or friends, or in our professional lives. The Enneagram can help us understand the motivations and dynamics of these different personality types, unlocking the sometimes mystifying behavior in others—and in ourselves. Suzanne Stabile's generous, sometimes humorous, and always insightful approach to relationships using the Enneagram reveals why all the types behave as they do. *The Path Between Us* offers help in fostering more loving, mature, and compassionate relationships with everyone in our lives.

- How does the Enneagram help us navigate marriage, parenting, workplace, and other relational dynamics?
- Why do Eights carry so much aggression?
- Which person is the most stubborn on the Enneagram?
- How does the One's inner critic play out in relationships with children or spouses?
- Why do Threes have a hard time accessing their feelings?
- Why is authenticity so important to a Four?
- What does the need for predictability mean for the people in a Five's life?
- What's the difference between a phobic and counterphobic Six?
- Why do Sevens often feel trapped?
- Which Enneagram number can come across as too personal or too much for others?

Author Biography



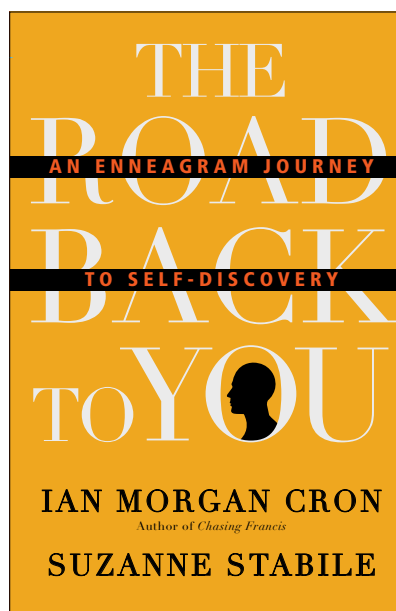
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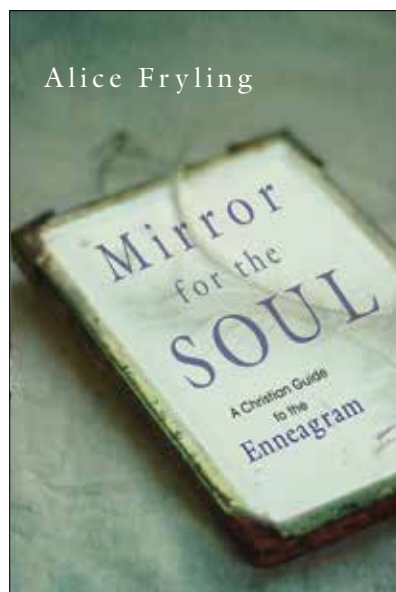
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"Few people can teach you the Enneagram with the genuine insight, humor, and potential for real growth and change better than Suzanne Stabile! Savor every page. You, your friends and family, and the universe will all benefit!"

—RICHARD ROHR, Center for Action and Contemplation



The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery
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Mirror for the Soul: A Christian Guide to the Enneagram
 July 14, 2017
 \$16, 192 pages, paperback
 978-0-8308-4632-0

What's Your Number? Enneagram Interest Continues

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

What you don't know about yourself can hurt you and your relationships. To lead us out of the spiritual and relational shallows, Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile partner in their bestselling book, *The Road Back to You*, breaking the complex spirituality of the Enneagram down for new learners.

- As a society, how have we lost the desire and ability to be self-aware?
- How much does our upbringing affect our Enneagram?

Author Biographies

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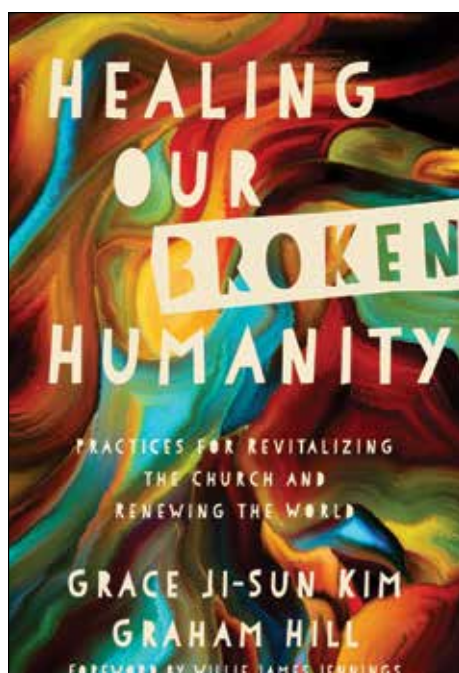
ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In *Mirror for the Soul*, spiritual director and Enneagram expert Alice Fryling takes readers on a journey of spiritual growth through the ancient tool of the Enneagram.

- How does the Enneagram give us words for self-awareness?
- What is the difference between “false self” and “true self”?
- How are our gifts both positive and also potentially detrimental?

Author Biography

ALICE FRYLING is a spiritual director and the author of nine books, including *Seeking God Together: An Introduction to Group Spiritual Direction*. She has been giving Enneagram workshops for fifteen years, teaching participants how to use the Enneagram to know God and themselves more deeply.



Healing Our Broken World: Practices for Revitalizing the Church and Renewing the World

August 28, 2018

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978-0-8308-4541-5

Change for a Dehumanized World

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Based on their work with diverse churches, colleges, and other organizations, Grace Ji-Sun Kim and Graham Hill offer Christian practices that can bring healing and hope to a broken world. They provide nine ways to transform society, from lament and repentance to relinquishing power, reinforcing agency, and more.

- Reimagine church
- Renew lament
- Repent together
- Relinquish power
- Restore justice
- Reactivate hospitality
- Reinforce agency
- Reconcile relationships
- Recover life together

Author Biographies



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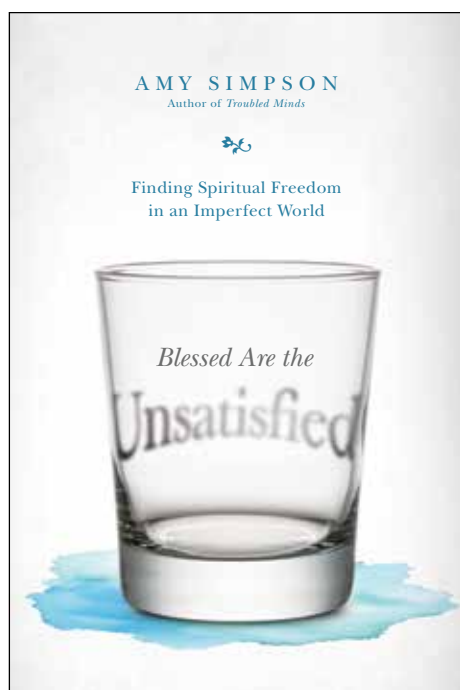
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"Kim and Hill in this courageous book are not simply offering us another account of Christian practices, but Christian practices that necessitate diverse communities for their performance. . . . If through our practices we follow Jesus into the depths of the world, then we will learn that the healing we all seek for ourselves and our world is offered to us not in our own strength but in God's power, if only we would seek it together."

—WILLIE JAMES JENNINGS, Yale Divinity School, from the foreword



Blessed Are the Unsatisfied: Finding Spiritual Freedom in an Imperfect World

February 13, 2018

\$16, 192 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4497-5

“It’s Normal, and Good, to Be Unsatisfied”

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Christians often hear the idea that following Jesus means that we should be living a life of full satisfaction. How many of us actually experience that kind of life?

Amy Simpson wants to debunk this satisfaction myth in the church. After forty years of walking with Jesus, she writes, “I am deeply unsatisfied not only with my ability to reflect Jesus, but also with the very quality of my intimacy with him. I strongly suspect that the abyss of my nature has not been entirely satisfied by Jesus.”

- What does God want for us, if not satisfaction on earth?
- Why is it important for us to be up front about our dissatisfaction?
- What kind of research does *Blessed Are the Unsatisfied* tap into?
- What does “sustainable faith” mean?

Author Biography



AMY SIMPSON is an award-winning writer and the author of numerous books, including *Troubled Minds: Mental Illness and the Church’s Mission* and *Anxious: Choosing Faith in a World of Worry*. She is a former publishing executive who has worked for Tyndale House Publishers, Group Publishing, Gospel Light, Standard Publishing, LifeWay, Focus on the Family, and *Christianity Today*. She is also a life and leadership coach. Simpson has published articles with *Christianity Today*, *Leadership Journal*, *Today’s Christian Woman*, *Christian Singles*, *Group* magazine, *Relevant*, *Her.meneutics*, and others. She holds an English degree from Trinity International University and an MBA from the University of Colorado.

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“In Blessed Are the Unsatisfied, Amy Simpson puts a positive spin on what is usually perceived as a negative state of mind. She avoids making unrealistic promises of full and perfect satisfaction in this fallen world, as some are inclined to do. Instead, she shows how ‘unsatisfaction’ can motivate us to pursue a deeper relationship with God and with others, to learn, grow, and change ourselves, and to invest our energies in making this world a better place for others. Seems we could all use a little more unsatisfaction.”

—CAROLYN CUSTIS JAMES, author of *Half the Church* and *Malestrom*



The Advent of the Lamb of God
 July 10, 2018
 \$16, 192 pages, paperback
 978-0-8308-4398-5

A Fresh Look at Advent and Lent

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Pastor Russ Ramsey narrates anew the greatest story ever told—the true tall tale of the coming of the Christ. It's more than the story of a baby born in Bethlehem; the story encompasses the whole of the Old Testament and all of human history, unveiling God's longsuffering, loving pursuit of his people. Rediscover how the purposes of God culminated in the coming of Jesus, in twenty-five readings ideal for Christmas or any season of meeting the Savior.

"What better way to prepare our hearts for Christmas than to do what Russ has done so well in The Advent of the Lamb of God—rehearse the magnificent story that begins centuries before, the magnificent story woven through all of the Bible. The story of how God loves his children and has come to rescue them."

—SALLY LLOYD-JONES, author of *The Jesus Storybook Bible*



The Passion of the King of Glory
 July 10, 2018
 \$16, 240 pages, paperback
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ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In this carefully researched retelling of the story of Jesus, pastor Russ Ramsey invites us to rediscover our wonder at Jesus' sinless life, brutal death, and glorious resurrection.

Featuring forty short chapters recounting key episodes from Jesus' time on earth, this book expands on the biblical narrative in a fresh and creative way—giving us a taste of what it would have been like to walk next to Jesus and experience his earthly ministry firsthand.

"Ramsey has written a narrative that captures the life of Jesus so vividly, at times you'll wonder if he sat down and spoke with all the people involved in the story."

—TRILLIA NEWBELL, author of *United*



The Mission of the Body of Christ

July 10, 2018

\$16, 224 pages, paperback

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Retelling the Story Series

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

The Retelling the Story series explores the narrative arc of the Bible from Genesis through Revelation in compelling language that is faithful to the text of Scripture. Russ Ramsey's dynamic narratives, including *The Advent of the Lamb of God*, *The Passion of the King of Glory*, and *The Mission of the Body of Christ*, trace Jesus' birth and life, as well as the early disciples' missionary call in the book of Acts. Written in the form of daily devotional readings, the stories are told afresh to help readers hide God's word in their heart by way of their imagination.

Ramsey wrote the series

- to tell the story he loves more than all others—the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and what it means for us—for the edification of those who may be new to Christianity and the meaning of the empty tomb.
- to help “rescue truth from the jaws of familiarity” (as parable-scholar Kenneth Bailey would say) for those whose love for Scripture has perhaps grown stale.
- to offer a biblically faithful narrative for individuals, families, churches, and study groups that nourishes their faith and enhances their worship of Christ.

In *The Mission of the Body of Christ* Ramsey's dynamic narrative traces the journey of the early church with thirty-one daily readings through the book of Acts as the people of God carried out Jesus' mission as his ambassadors. This unlikely band of believers faced enormous challenges yet experienced God's power and grace as they moved forward in the Spirit. Through this new community, a movement spread around the world that continues to this day.

Author Biography



RUSS RAMSEY and his wife and four children make their home in Nashville, Tennessee. He is the author of *Struck and Behold the Lamb of God*. He was awarded the 2016 Christian Book Award from the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association for his book *Behold the King of Glory*. Russ is a pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville and his writing has appeared at the Rabbit Room, the Gospel Coalition, the Blazing Center, and To Write Love on Her Arms.

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Here in Spirit: Knowing the Spirit Who Creates, Sustains, and Transforms Everything

September 25, 2018

\$16, 160 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4544-6

Who Is the Spirit?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

If we only regard the Spirit through the presence or absence of his miraculous gifts in our lives and the world, we distort and limit our understanding of the third person of the Trinity. He should be known for much more. Instead of a narrow understanding of the Holy Spirit, *Here in Spirit* broadens your engagement with him by touring often unexplored aspects of his vast character and mission.

- Who is the Spirit?
- Can we pray to the Spirit?
- Can we worship the Spirit?
- Is he present in culture?
- Will we need the Spirit after we die?
- What does being filled with the Spirit look like?

Author Biography



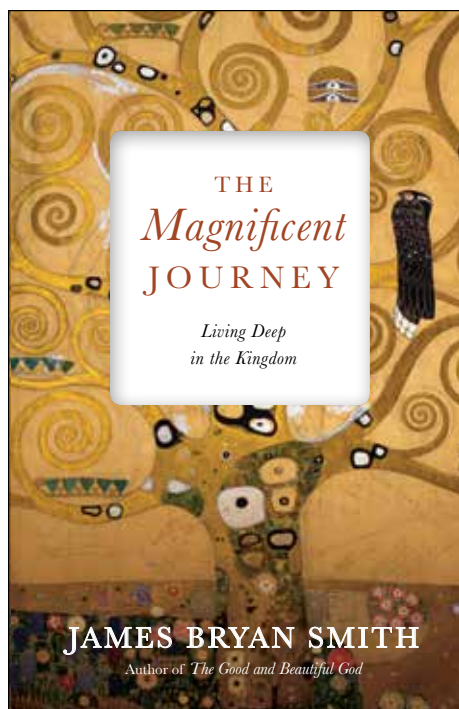
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"I've lost count of the number of books I've read on the Holy Spirit. I've even written a few myself. After a while they all start to sound the same, and I lose interest. Trust me when I say that this will most assuredly not happen to you on reading Jonathan Dodson's excellent book, Here in Spirit. It is a surprisingly fresh, exquisitely written, biblically rooted, and experientially honest presentation of the Spirit of God as a person with whom we commune right here, right now. Dodson doesn't avoid the controversial elements in the Spirit's work, but that isn't his focus. His aim is to help us grow in our relationship with the Spirit and to open our eyes and hearts to the multifaceted ministries of the third person of the Godhead. I can't recommend this book too highly."

—SAM STORMS, Bridgeway Church, Oklahoma City



The Magnificent Journey: Living Deep in the Kingdom

November 16, 2018

\$22, 176 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4638-2

Living Deep on the Magnificent Journey

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

From James Bryan Smith, author of the bestselling book *The Good and Beautiful God*, comes this spiritual formation resource meant to help both individuals and groups understand the magnificent journey of following Christ. Smith writes, “I like the metaphor of a journey. We are travelers . . . we are called to offer ourselves ‘as a living sacrifice’ (Romans 12:1). The problem with *living* sacrifices is that we sometimes want nothing more than to crawl off of the altar. And we do. . . . We struggle and fight and learn and try again. We are here working with reality. The cost of nondiscipleship will never go away. . . . But the result of living as his disciple will take us a while to live into it. But when we do, a magnificent journey awaits us.”

Smith examines this journey by exploring how the way of surrender allows us to:

- Grow in grace and knowledge of God
- Live our lives from above
- Listen to God
- Walk in faith
- Live with hope
- Demonstrate love
- Experience joy

Other titles in the series include *The Magnificent Story: Uncovering a Gospel of Beauty, Goodness, and Truth* (August 2017) and *The Magnificent Mission: Called and Sent by the Storyteller* (Fall 2019). The field-tested material within these resources includes spiritual practices at the end of each chapter and a group discussion guide.

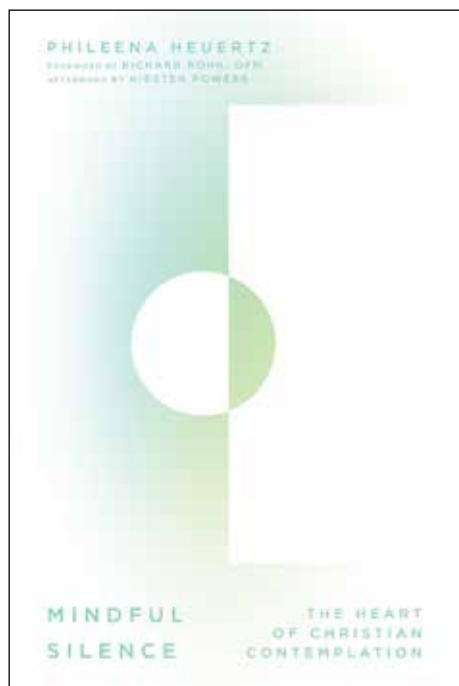
Author Biography



JAMES BRYAN SMITH is the author of *The Good and Beautiful God* and the *Apprentice* series. He earned his MDiv at Yale and his DMin at Fuller and is a theology professor at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas. He also serves as the director of the Apprentice Institute for Christian Spiritual Formation at Friends University.

A founding member of Richard J. Foster's spiritual renewal ministry, *Renovaré*, Smith is an ordained United Methodist Church minister and has served in various capacities in local churches. Smith is also the editor of *A Spiritual Formation Workbook*, *Devotional Classics* (with Richard Foster), *Embracing the Love of God*, *Rich Mullins: An Arrow Pointing to Heaven*, and *Room of Marvels*.

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Mindful Silence: The Heart of Christian Contemplation

November 13, 2018

\$20, 176 pages, hardcover

978-0-8308-4649-8

Solitude, Silence, and Stillness: Necessities for Society

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Our fast-paced lives are filled with distractions, frequently leaving us disillusioned and dissatisfied—with ourselves, with others, and even with God. Spiritual practices that previously sustained us fall short when life circumstances bring us to the limits of our self. After many years leading an international humanitarian organization, Phileena Heuertz experienced the deconstruction of her identity, worldview, and faith. Centering prayer, a Christian expression of mindfulness, was a crucial remedy for her fragmented condition, offering a more peace-filled and purposeful life.

Includes stories from Phileena's own journey into the contemplative life, exploring the themes of:

- withdrawing to engage
- finding liberation by discernment
- discovering darkness is light
- exploring a deep well
- dying for life
- knowing and unknowing

Author Biography

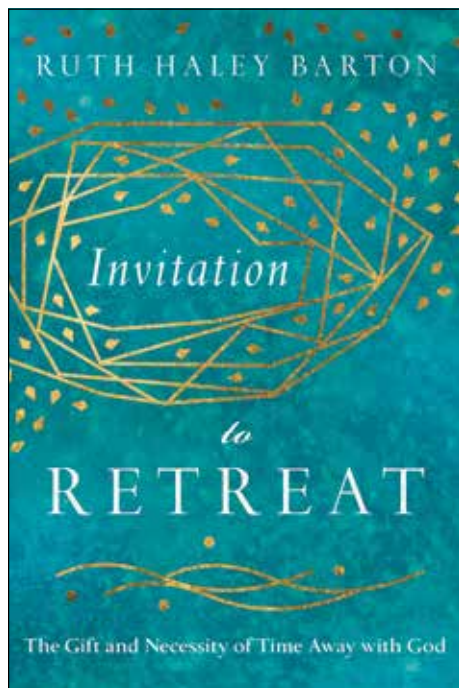


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“Phileena writes here with such simple clarity—and easy readability—because she knows she does not need to prove, convict, or defend anything. Mindful Silence contains not just her wisdom, but the spiritual wisdom of the ages that is again standing the test of time and showing itself in the fruits of incarnational holiness. It is the Great Tradition of action and contemplation again showing itself.”

—RICHARD ROHR, OFM, Center for Action and Contemplation



Invitation to Retreat: The Gift and Necessity of Time Away with God

September 18, 2018

\$22, 144 pages, hardcover

978-0-8308-4646-7

Too Busy to Get Away with God?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Transforming Center founder and seasoned spiritual director Ruth Haley Barton gently and eloquently leads us into an exploration of retreat as a key practice that opens us to God. Based on her own practice and her experience leading hundreds of retreats for others, she will guide you in a very personal exploration of seven specific invitations contained within the general invitation to retreat. Chapters include:

- “Just Flop Down”
- “Finding Your Rhythm on Retreat”
- “Letting Go of Your Grip”
- “Sweet Hours of Prayer”
- “Invitation to Recalibrate”

Author Biography



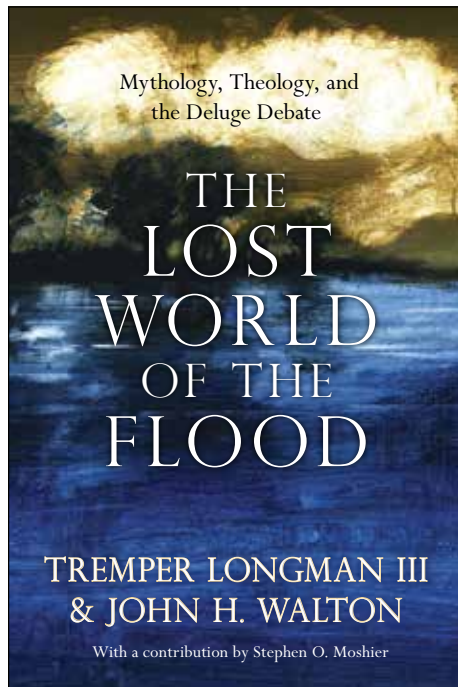
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“Many of us have done well to incorporate regular times of solitude and silence into the rhythm of our ordinary lives, which means we’ve gotten pretty good at giving God twenty minutes here and half an hour there. And there’s no question we are better for it! But many of us are longing for more—and we have a sense that there is more if we could create more space for quiet to give attention to God at the center of our beings. We sense that a kind of fullness and satisfaction is discovered more in the silence than in the words, more in solitude than in socializing, more in spaciousness than in busyness.”

—RUTH HALEY BARTON, *Invitation to Retreat*



The Lost World of the Flood: Mythology, Theology, and the Deluge Debate

April 3, 2018

\$18, 192 pages, paperback

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Respected Old Testament Scholars Team Up to Offer Expertise on the Flood

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

The story of Noah and the flood continues to invite questions and explorations. Without attempting to answer all of our questions, Tremper Longman and John Walton lift the fog of modernity and allow the sunlight to reveal the contours of the text. As with other books in the *Lost World* series, *The Lost World of the Flood* is an informative and enlightening journey toward a more responsible reading of a timeless biblical narrative.

- Presents a view of the flood narrative that honors both text and nature.
- Addresses the question of the connection between the biblical flood story and other flood stories.
- Exposites the important theological teaching of the flood story and its place in the book of Genesis.

Author Biographies



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JOHN H. WALTON (PhD, Hebrew Union College) is professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College and Graduate School. Previously he was professor of Old Testament at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for twenty years. Some of Walton's books include *The Lost World of Adam and Eve*, *The Lost World of Scripture*, *The Lost World of Genesis One*, *Ancient Near Eastern Thought and the Old Testament*, *The Essential Bible Companion*, *The NIV Application Commentary: Genesis*, and *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: Old Testament* (with Victor Matthews and Mark Chavalas).



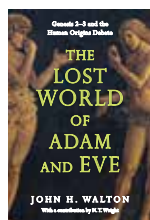
The Lost World Series from IVP



The Lost World of the Israelite Conquest: Covenant, Retribution, and the Fate of the Canaanites

John H. Walton and J. Harvey Walton

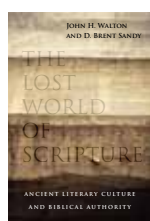
Perhaps no biblical episode is more troubling than the conquest of Canaan. But do the so-called holy war texts of the Old Testament portray a divinely inspired genocide? John Walton and J. Harvey Walton take us on an archaeological dig, reframing our questions and excavating the layers of translation and interpretation that cloud our perception of these difficult texts.



The Lost World of Adam and Eve: Genesis 2-3 and the Human Origins Debate

John H. Walton

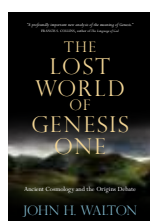
What if reading Genesis 2-3 in its ancient Near Eastern context shows that the creation account makes no claims regarding Adam and Eve's material origins? John Walton's groundbreaking insights into this text create space for a faithful reading of Scripture along with full engagement with science, creating a new way forward in the human origins debate.



The Lost World of Scripture: Ancient Literary Culture and Biblical Authority

John H. Walton and D. Brent Sandy

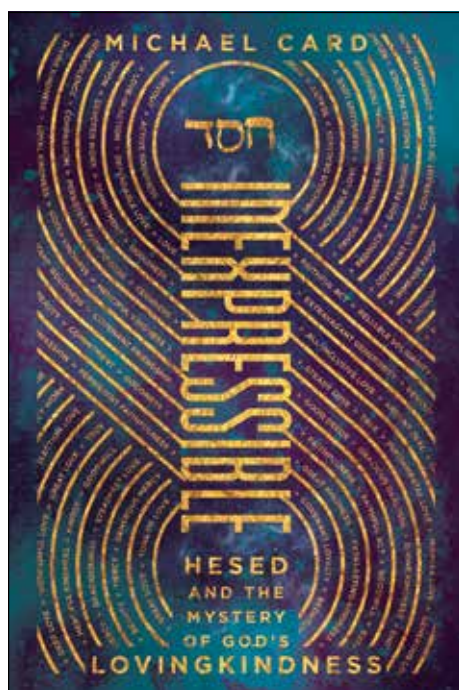
Walton and Sandy summarize what we know of orality and oral tradition as well as the composition and transmission of texts in the ancient Near East and the Greco-Roman world, and how this shapes our understanding of the Old and New Testaments. The authors then translate these insights into a helpful model for understanding the reliability of Scripture.



The Lost World of Genesis One: Ancient Cosmology and the Origins Debate

John H. Walton

With an astute mix of cultural critique and biblical scholarship, John Walton presents and defends twenty propositions supporting a literary and theological understanding of Genesis I within the context of the ancient Near Eastern world and unpacks its implications for our modern scientific understanding of origins.



*Inexpressible: Hesed and the Mystery of God's
Lovingkindness*

December 18, 2018

\$16, 176 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4549-1

New from Michael Card

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

God's identity is beyond what we could ever fully express in human words. But Scripture uses one particular word to describe the distinctiveness of God's character—the Hebrew word *hesed*.

Hesed is a concept so rich in meaning that it does not translate well into any single English word or phrase. Michael Card unpacks the many dimensions of hesed, often expressed as lovingkindness, covenant faithfulness, or steadfast love. He explores how hesed is used in the Old Testament to reveal God's character and how he relates to his people. Ultimately, the fullness of hesed is embodied in the incarnation of Jesus.

As we follow our God of hesed, we ourselves are transformed to live out the way of hesed, marked by compassion, mercy, and faithfulness. Discover what it means to be people of an everlasting love beyond words.

- A biblical study of God's character through the Hebrew word *hesed*
- Unpacks the multiple meanings of hesed: lovingkindness, steadfast love, everlasting faithfulness, unfailing love, and so much more
- Reveals how Jesus is the ultimate embodiment and fulfillment of hesed
- Shows how we can live as God's hesed people

Author Biography



MICHAEL CARD has recorded over thirty-one albums, authored or coauthored over twenty-four books, hosted a radio program, and written for a wide range of magazines. An award-winning musician and performing artist, he has penned such favorites as "El Shaddai," "Immanuel," and many other songs. He has branched his ministry beyond music and written numerous books, including *A Sacred Sorrow*, *A Violent Grace*, *The Parable of Joy*, and *Sleep Sound in Jesus* (a children's book). He has also written the Biblical Imagination Series, with a book and accompanying music CD for each of the four gospels.

A graduate of Western Kentucky University with a bachelor's and master's degree in biblical studies, Card also serves as mentor to many younger artists and musicians, teaching courses on the creative process and calling the Christian recording industry into deeper discipleship. Card lives in Tennessee with his wife and four children.

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God Is Stranger: Finding God in Unexpected Places

December 5, 2017

\$18, 343 pages, paperback

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What About the Awkward Parts of the Bible?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Have we missed the Bible's consistent teaching that God is other, higher, stranger? Krish Kandiah offers us a fresh look at some of the difficult, awkward, and even troubling Bible passages, challenging us to replace our sanitized concept of God with a more awe-inspiring, true-to-the-Bible God. To investigate the nature of a stranger God, Kandiah unravels questions found in the most difficult passages of the Bible:

- Where is God when we struggle?
- How can we truly know God if we skip over the uncomfortable parts of the Bible?
- What can we find when we encounter a God we are unfamiliar with?
- How can pursuing a stranger God be liberating and spark a hunger to know God better?
- Is the very act of wrestling to know an uncontrollable God vital for life in a complex, tragic, and mysterious world?
- What if it is in the difficult parts of the Bible that God is most clearly revealed?

Author Biography



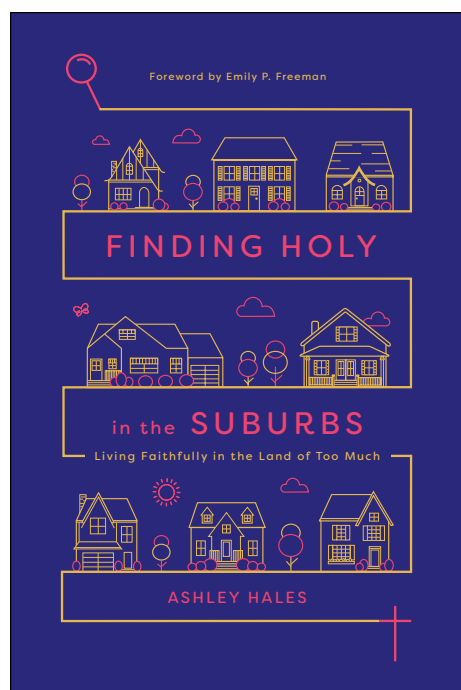
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"You have no accidental people in your life. Whether family, friends, or total strangers, everyone in your story is there by the providence of God. Christians, then, should be the last people crippled by fear of unexpected people or places. This book will help equip you to love the strangers around you as Jesus does."

—RUSSELL MOORE, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention



Finding Holy in the Suburbs: Living Faithfully in the Land of Too Much

October 23, 2018

\$16, 192 pages, paperback

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Commuters. Tract Homes. Strip Malls.

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

More than half of Americans live in the suburbs. Yet for many Christians, the suburbs are ignored, demeaned, or seen as a selfish cop-out from a faithful Christian life. What does it look like to live a full Christian life in the suburbs? Ashley Hales invites you to look deeply into your soul as a suburbanite and discover what it means to live holy there.

Hales writes, “The impulse for building the suburbs was to create an idyll: the best of the country with access to the city, the leisure of a country manor, a place of safety, and strong, thriving communities. These are good hungers: to enjoy, to rest, to work well, to keep your family safe, and to grow a cohesive community. But when these hungers are met simply through shiny suburban packages, they come out sideways as consumerism, individualism, busyness, and exclusion. There is a better way for the suburbs.”

Hales challenges readers to:

- start to question how their place informs their loves;
- grow in hospitality and living for others, and get a wider vision for the kingdom of God in their neighborhood; and
- commit to staying locally grounded in community, church, and witness.

Author Biography



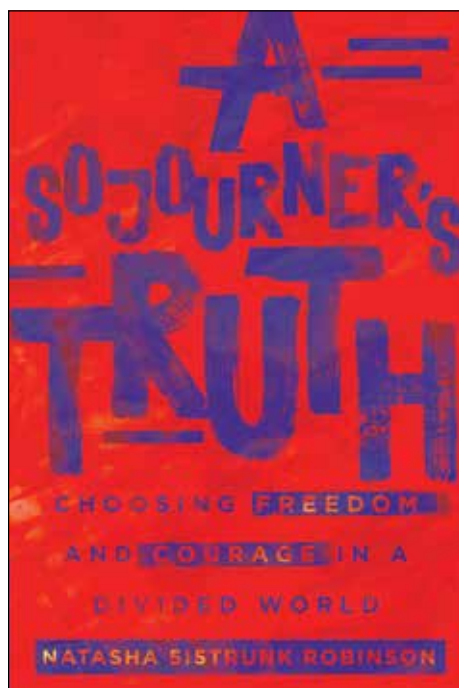
ASHLEY HALES is a writer, speaker, pastor’s wife, and mother of four. She holds a PhD in English from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and after years away, she’s back in the southern California suburbs helping her husband plant a church, Resurrection Orange County. Her writing has been featured in *Books & Culture*, *Think Christian*, *(in)courage*, *The Well*, the *Englewood Review of Books*, and other places.

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“For those of us who grew up in the ‘do big things for God’ youth group culture, we step into this conversation as adults with some hesitancy, some skepticism, and the smallest bit of hope. Could it be possible that starting small and staying put is not only okay but could actually be a worthy and holy calling? Ashley Hales says yes.”

—EMILY P. FREEMAN, *Wall Street Journal*—bestselling author of *Simply Tuesday*



A Sojourner's Truth: Choosing Freedom and Courage in a Divided World

October 9, 2018

\$16, 208 pages, paperback

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A Story of Courage in a Divided World

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In these pages we are drawn into the journey of a young African American girl from South Carolina to the United States Naval Academy and then into a calling as a speaker, mentor, writer, and teacher. Intertwined with Natasha Sistrunk Robinson's story is the story of Moses, a leader who was born into a marginalized people group, resisted injustices of Pharaoh, denied the power of Egypt, and trusted God even when he did not fully understand or know where he was going. Along the way we courageously explore the spiritual and physical tensions of truth telling, character and leadership development, and bridge building across racial/ethnic, socioeconomic, and gender lines.

Author Biography



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As the founder and chairperson of the board at LINKS, Inc., Natasha's vision is to holistically develop transformative and redemptive servant leaders who are united in community and committed to invest in long-term generational and cultural change. In addition, she is a member of the Redbud Writers Guild and a regular contributor to *Christianity Today* and Missio Alliance.

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"Telling the truth can get you into trouble. I hear that in polite company we are not supposed to talk about religion, race, politics, or money. Now I'm here writing about all of them, although I am not an expert on any one. I am an expert on being me: a black, Christian, woman from the South. So that's the story I'm telling. This is me using my power and writing my way to freedom."

—NATASHA SISTRUNK ROBINSON, *A Sojourner's Truth*



Raise Your Voice: Why We Stay Silent and How to Speak Up

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978-0-8308-4540-8

God's People Were Not Created to Be Silent

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In some communities, certain voices are amplified and elevated while others are erased and suppressed. It can be hard to speak up, especially in the ugliness of social media. Power dynamics keep us silent and marginalized, especially when race, ethnicity, and gender are factors. Activist Kathy Khang roots our voice and identity in the image of God. Because God created us in our ethnicity and gender, our voice is uniquely expressed through the totality of who we are. Khang offers insights from faithful heroes who raised their voices for the sake of God's justice, and she shows how we can do the same today—in person, in social media, in organizations, and in the public square.

- How does the Bible give us examples of where God's people raised their voices for justice?
- How did you come to terms with the difference between being a critic and exacting change?
- How does examining your own shortcomings help to amplify your voice for long-term improvement?
- When is silence necessary for survival?
- How do you raise your voice when you feel like an imposter in your own world?

Author Biography



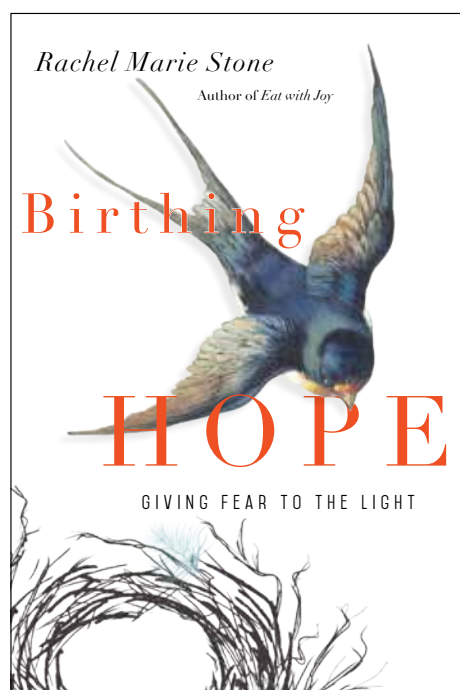
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"Every word of Raise Your Voice is profound, courageous, and important. We need this right now, and we need this prophetic teacher to lead us."

—JEN HATMAKER, author of *For the Love* and *Of Mess and Moxie*



Birthing Hope: Giving Fear to the Light

May 1, 2018

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The Anxieties (and Hope) of Birth

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Rachel Marie Stone, acclaimed author of *Eat with Joy* and editor of the newly revised *More-with-Less* cookbook, reflects on the time she spent as a doula and missionary in Malawi in her new memoir *Birthing Hope: Giving Fear to the Light*. During this period in her life, Stone came to terms with both everyday and far-reaching anxiety. She grappled anew with the realities of human suffering, global justice, and maternal health.

- How does the metaphor of birth play into our faith journeys?
- Explain how your experience as a missionary in Malawi pushed you to write this book.
- Each of the chapter titles in *Birthing Hope* is a single word. Why is language so important to your journey?
- How did your experience as a midwife play into your understanding of grief and anxiety?

Author Biography



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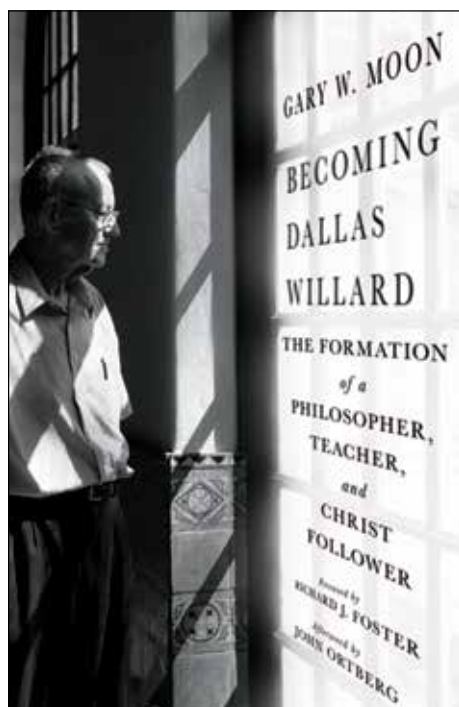
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"I love this book. You needn't have given birth to love it. Maybe you don't even have to be curious about God or life as a human being to love it—the prose is that strong and compelling that perhaps even the God-and-human-uncurious might love it. My copy is going on my read-once-a-year shelf, after Jane Smiley and before Robert Penn Warren."

—LAUREN F. WINNER, associate professor at Duke Divinity School, author of *Wearing God*

*"I've been waiting for a book like this one for years, and no one could have written it more beautifully and wisely than Rachel Marie Stone. With the skill of a poet and the patience of a doula, Stone invites the reader to look straight into the face of fear and find in it the spark of hope. There are words and phrases from these pages that I will go on pondering for years. Theologically rich and carefully researched, *Birthing Hope* is a book for everyone, but as a new mother it proved life changing—the kind of book that leaves you breathless."*

—RACHEL HELD EVANS, author of *Searching for Sunday* and *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*



Becoming Dallas Willard: The Formation of a Philosopher, Teacher, and Christ Follower

March 27, 2018

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The Ongoing Legacy of Dallas Willard

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Dallas Willard was a personal mentor and inspiration to hundreds of pastors, philosophers, and average churchgoers. His presence and ideas rippled through the lives of many prominent leaders and authors, such as John Ortberg, Richard Foster, James Bryan Smith, Paula Huston, and J. P. Moreland. As a result of these relationships and the books he wrote, he fundamentally altered the way tens of thousands of Christians have understood and experienced the spiritual life.

“If we are fortunate, once in our lifetime a human supernova presence streaks across our mental and emotional horizon, and the intensity of this light changes us forever. Dallas Willard was such a supernova for me,” writes Gary W. Moon in *Becoming Dallas Willard*.

In this candid and inspiring biography, we read how Willard became the person who mentored and partnered with his young pastor, Richard Foster, to inspire some of the most influential books on spirituality of the last generation. The life of Dallas Willard deserves attention because he became a person who experienced authentic transformation of life and character. Dallas Willard not only taught about spiritual disciplines, he became a different person because of them.

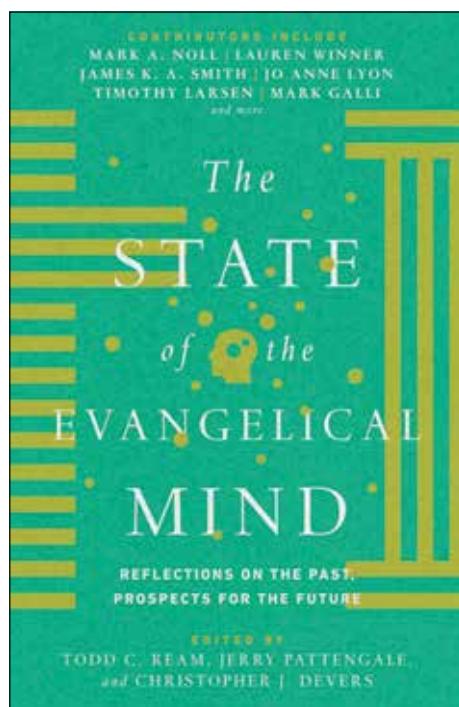
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“‘Dallas was a wonderfully disruptive presence in the world’ may be the best description of the man whose theology has helped all of us understand and experience God and his kingdom in clear, hopeful, and magnificent ways. But Dallas’s humanity was, to me, as strong a draw to him as his mind. Gary has managed to capture both the brilliance and the brokenness of Dallas, and I think the weaving of those two threads together is what God used to shape this most unique and winsome of men. This story is ministering to some of the most broken and wounded parts of my soul.”

—NANCY ORTBERG, CEO of Transforming the Bay with Christ



The State of the Evangelical Mind: Reflections on the Past, Prospects for the Future

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The State of the Evangelical Mind

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

The State of the Evangelical Mind is a multicontributor volume that includes essays from experts in their respective fields, including Mark Noll, Lauren Winner, Jo Anne Lyon, Timothy Larsen, Richard J. Mouw, James K. A. Smith, and others. At the core of this collection of essays is the conviction that evangelicals play an influential role in American culture and, over the course of the last fifty years, a growing role in its intellectual culture. These essays wrestle with whether evangelicals are on the threshold of another scandal or if the opportunities for faithful intellectual engagement and witness are greater now than ever in recent history. With the included discussion guide, this book is also designed to expand that conversation and thus engage other leaders in wrestling with which of those two possibilities is probable for the evangelical tradition and the various churches, universities, and seminaries it supports.

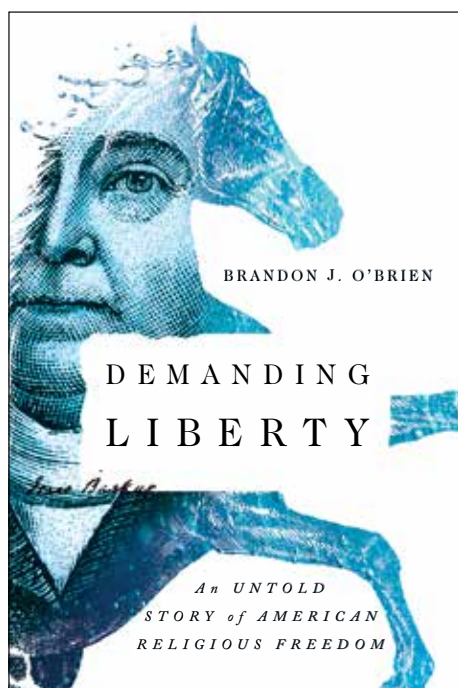
- What influence will evangelical churches, universities, seminaries, and other institutions have on the future of the evangelical mind?
- What kinds of relationships will they need to share with one another?
- What kinds of relationships will churches, universities, and seminaries need to forge with other institutions?

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Demanding Liberty: An Untold Story of American Religious Freedom

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The Untold Story of Religious Liberty

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Historian Brandon O'Brien unveils an untold story of religious liberty in America. Between theocracy and secularism, Baptist pastor Isaac Backus contended for a third way—religious liberty and freedom of conscience for all Americans, regardless of belief. Backus's ideas impacted his era, giving us insight into how people of faith today can navigate political debates and work for the common good. O'Brien says, "Americans are debating religious liberty on many fronts these days. American evangelicals need historical and theological foundations for discussing religious liberty. I hope this book is a step in that direction." He hopes readers will understand that

- It is unhelpful to say America has always been about religious liberty. The truth is more complicated than that.
- Religious liberty has a deeply Christian and theological heritage. Thinking about it in those terms can help us articulate positions in our contemporary context.
- Religious liberty is about more than legislation. It's also about our posture toward one another and the culture of engagement and dialogue we help (or hinder) to foster.

Author Biography



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"Brandon O'Brien has done us a great service. He has addressed the current, hot issue of religious liberty by reminding us of one of its greatest American champions, Isaac Backus. He brings to life the contentions of Backus's day to illumine our own and helps us pursue a liberty that will be a blessing to unbelievers and religious alike. As is often the case, looking backward is the soundest way to go forward."

—MARK GALLI, editor in chief, *Christianity Today*



*Last Call for Liberty: How America's Genius for Freedom
Has Become Its Greatest Threat*

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The Hour Is Critical

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

The American republic is suffering its gravest crisis since the Civil War. Conflicts, hostility, and incivility now threaten to tear the country apart. Competing visions have led to a dangerous moment of cultural self-destruction. This is no longer politics as usual, but an era of political warfare where our greatest enemies are not foreign adversaries, but our fellow citizens against ourselves.

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Author Biography



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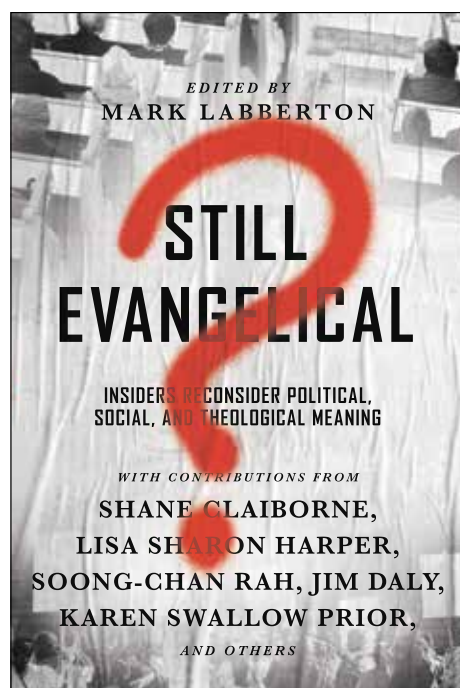
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"Os Guinness has stood as a beacon of eloquence and insight. In a host of important books, he has chronicled the struggle of those who resist the modern world's descent into carnival culture. Last Call for Liberty is his masterwork—an urgent guide that leads out of the maze America has wandered into. For those who seek to understand the best of freedom's vital gifts, Guinness is the master class leader."

—SHELBY COFFEY III, vice chairman of the Newseum and former editor of the Los Angeles Times

"Guinness offers helpful discourse on the anatomy of disbelief, how to respond to it, and how to avoid compromise while charting a journey toward faith."

—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, May 11, 2015, on *Fool's Talk*



Still Evangelical? Insiders Reconsider Political, Social, and Theological Meaning

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In the Age of Trump, Can We Still Be Evangelical?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Evangelicalism in America has cracked, split on the shoals of the 2016 presidential election and its aftermath, leaving many wondering if they want to be in or out of the evangelical tribe. The contentiousness brought to the fore surrounds what it means to affirm and demonstrate evangelical Christian faith amid the messy and polarized realities gripping our country and world. Who or what is defining the evangelical social and political vision? Is it the gospel or is it culture? For a movement that has been about the primacy of Christian faith, this is a crisis. Gathered by Mark Labberton, president of Fuller Theological Seminary, this book provides a diverse and provocative set of perspectives and reflections from evangelical insiders who wrestle with their responses to the question of what it means to be evangelical in light of their convictions.

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—EMMA GREEN, *The Atlantic*, March 12, 2018

“Still Evangelical? is an olive branch to its own, offering varied, grace-filled perspectives from insiders on the state of evangelical Christianity in the wake of the 2016 presidential election.”

—MEAGAN LOGSDON, *Foreword*, January / February, 2018



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