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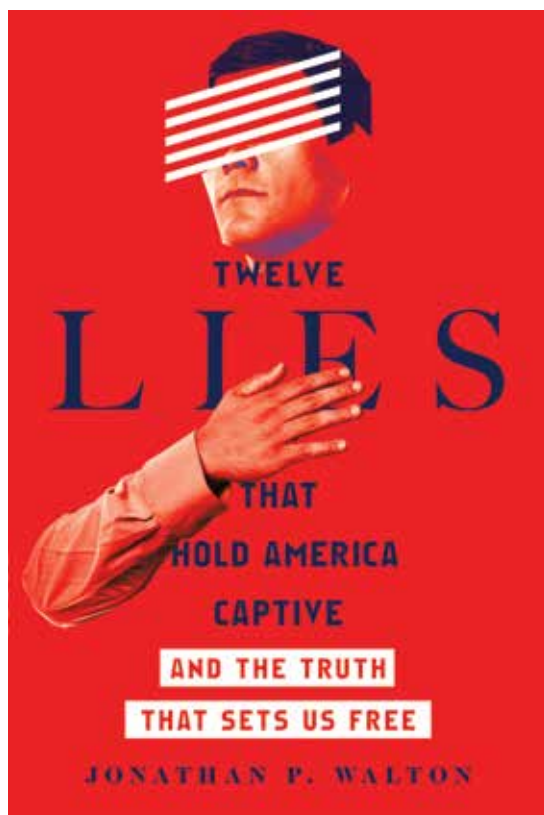
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“Walton’s theocratic treatise will encourage like-minded Christian readers to reconsider assumed truths about America.”

—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

“One part history, one part wake-up call, and all parts pastoral, Walton takes us on a transformative journey. Walton applies God’s scriptural truth to the artifacts, sayings, and concepts that have formed the American imagination. With helpful historical context, he shows us how we got to where we are—and reveals the lies that we accidentally believe. With a unique combination of prophetic and pastoral, Walton gives practical and helpful tools to extract these lies and replace them with Jesus’ truths and promises.”

—NIKKI TOYAMA-SZETO, executive director of ESA/The Sider Center, coeditor of *God of Justice*

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

The Truth Behind the Twelve Lies of America

Angle and Talking Points

Jonathan Walton exposes the cultural myths and misconceptions about America’s identity in his new book, *Twelve Lies That Hold America Captive*. Focusing on the manipulation of Scripture and the person of Jesus, he redirects us to the true promises found in the gospel. Walton identifies how American ideology and way of life has become a false religion, and shows 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.

- America is not the kingdom of God—and neither is any nation.
- The Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and other documents that created the United States are not holy texts.
- George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Barack Obama, Franklin Roosevelt, Donald Trump, and the Rockefellers are men—not messiahs.
- Voter suppression was most prominent during the Jim Crow era, but there are still laws that make voter suppression legal and continuous.
- The American dream points to the sins of pride and idolatry.

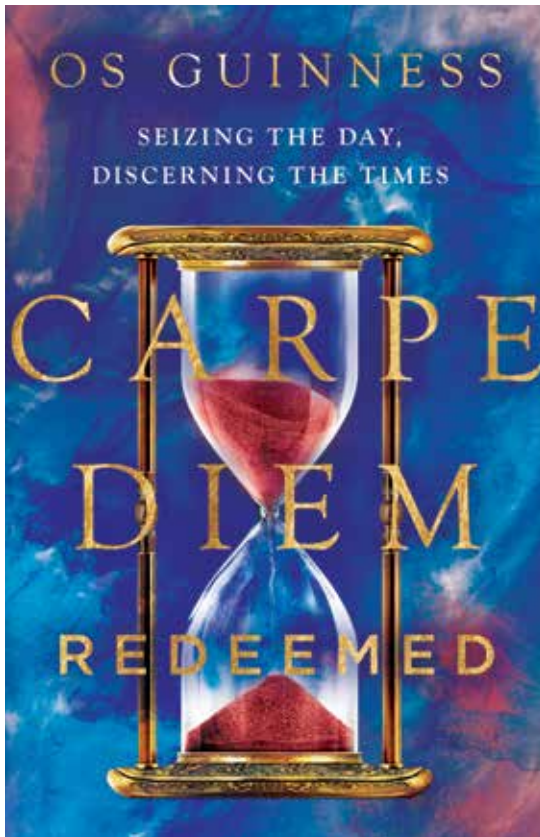


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“Carpe diem, ‘seize the day,’ or make the most of life, is a magnificent ideal, but how are we to achieve it? How are we to make it more than a slogan and a cliché fit only for a college student’s poster? My argument here is simple, straightforward, and a sure way forward. Seizing the day and making the most of life must not be flaunted in the face of impossibility or absurdity; the ideal requires a vision of life capable of fulfilling it. And that, I will argue, can best be found within a faith, a relationship, and a way of life that does justice to the deepest meaning of time, of history, and human significance and enterprise.”

—OS GUINNESS, *Carpe Diem Redeemed*

Carpe Diem Redeemed

Seizing the Day, Discerning the Times

September 24, 2019

\$20 | 176 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4581-1

Os Guinness on Seizing the Day and Discerning the Times

Angle and Talking Points

How do we make the most of life and the time we have? In the midst of our harried modern world, Os Guinness calls us to consequential living, reorienting our notion of history not as cyclical nor as meaningless, but as linear and purposeful. We can seek to serve God’s purpose for our generation, read the times, and discern our call for this moment in history.

- If, as people commonly say today, our brief lives are simply “the dash between the two dates on our gravestones,” what hope is there of investing that brief dash with significance?
- How are we to live more freely under the pressures of modern, fast life?
- What is consequential living, and why is it so important to our life here on earth?
- How has Guinness, a reputable and busy scholar and social critic, seized the day in his own life?



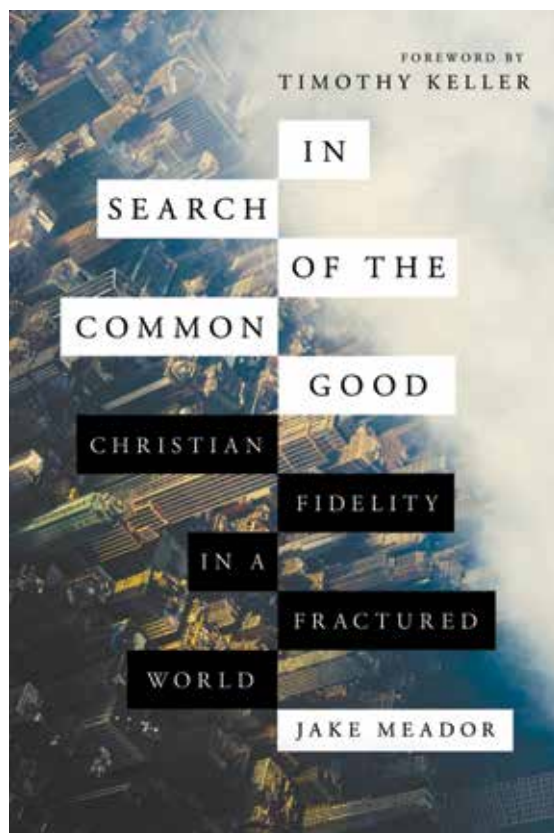
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In Search of the Common Good

Christian Fidelity in a Fractured World

June 25, 2019

\$23 | 208 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4554-5

A Call to Thrive in Fractured Times

Angle and Talking Points

Common life in our society is in decline; the loss of meaningful work and the breakdown of the family leave us anxious and alone. And according to studies, half of all Americans report daily feelings of loneliness. Public discourse is polarized, ethnic minorities face systemic injustices and the ever-present fear of violence and deportation, economic inequalities are widening, and the list continues.

“There is real uncertainty and fear among American Christians about what the future of the church in America will look like,” says Jake Meador, author of *In Search of the Common Good: Christian Fidelity in a Fractured World*. “I wanted to talk to people who are feeling anxiety about the nature of the problem before us and also present legitimate grounds for the hope that can sustain us as we work to address the problem.”

Meador diagnoses our society's decline as the failure of a particular story we've told about ourselves—the story of modern liberalism. He shows us how that story has led to our collective loss of meaning, wonder, and good work, and then recovers each of these by grounding them in a different story—a story rooted in the deep tradition of the Christian faith.

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“In Search of the Common Good offers a vision for life together that is deep, compelling, and wise. This is a profound and important work by an exceptional writer.”

—KAREN SWALLOW PRIOR, author of *On Reading Well and Fierce Convictions*

“I’ve long admired the breadth of knowledge on display in Jake Meador’s writing. You’ll see his characteristic combination of deep learning with an earthy touch in this wide-ranging book. You won’t need to agree with every conclusion in order to appreciate how he makes you think and act more deliberately. We need more writers like him to help us live as faithful Christians in a fractured world.”

—COLLIN HANSEN, editorial director for The Gospel Coalition, coauthor of *A God-Sized Vision*



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“The history of establishing a university could be dry and boring. However, in light of the upheavals taking place in Russia during that time, a word such as boring does not apply to this book. Opening the Red Door reads more like a spy thriller.”

—From the foreword by **PHILIP YANCEY**

“Although the Russian-American Christian University has now closed, its history as told by its president John Bernbaum is both important and fascinating—and a riveting read. The university’s twenty-five-year existence is a story of Russia’s fraught transition out of communism and of extraordinary feats of international cooperation, a nearly unbelievable record of perseverance through official roadblocks and of unanticipated achievement by Russian students, and a moving account of deep person-to-person friendships.”

—**MARK NOLL**, author of *A History of Christianity in the United States and Canada*

Opening the Red Door

The Inside Story of Russia’s First Christian Liberal Arts University

September 17, 2019

\$30 | 260 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-5261-1

The Story of Russia’s First Liberal Arts University

Angle and Talking Points

After the Berlin Wall fell, a group of Christian colleges in the United States seized the opportunity to help build a faith-based university in Moscow. Told by the school’s founder and president, this is the story of the rise and fall of the first accredited Christian liberal arts university in Russia’s history, offering unique insight into Russia’s post-communist transition and the construction of a cultural-educational bridge between the two superpowers.

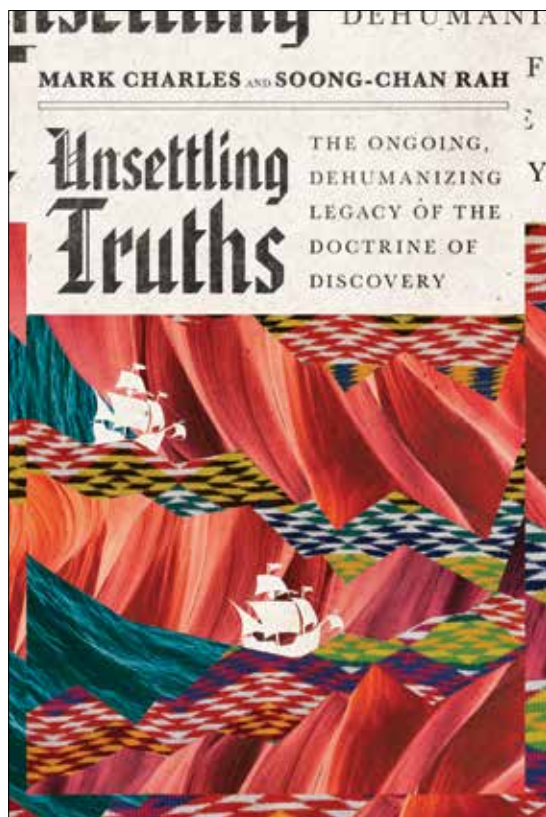
- Offers a ground-level view of life during the tumultuous years of Russia’s transition from communism and helps explain the unprecedented trauma that Russians experienced after the seventy-year rule of the Communist Party.
- Describes the social and moral strain that affected the lives of ordinary people as well as the political and economic pressures commonly described by journalists.
- Assesses the role of Western advisers and governments who frequently misdiagnosed the crisis in Russia.



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Unsettling Truths

The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery

November 5, 2019

\$17 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4525-5

Columbus Didn't Discover New Lands

Angle and Talking Points

In this prophetic blend of history, theology, and cultural commentary, Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah reveal the far-reaching, damaging effects of the Doctrine of Discovery. In the fifteenth century, official church edicts gave Christian explorers the right to claim territories they “discovered.” This was institutionalized as an implicit national framework that justifies American triumphalism, white supremacy, and ongoing injustices. The result is that the dominant culture idealizes a history of discovery, opportunity, expansion, and equality, while minority communities have been traumatized by colonization, slavery, segregation, and dehumanization.

Throughout the book, Charles and Rah:

- Investigate the theological and historical roots of today's societal injustices,
- Uncover the warped history of American Christendom,
- Show how the church's Doctrine of Discovery shaped American culture and institutions, and
- Offer truth telling as a means toward a common memory and hope for conciliation.



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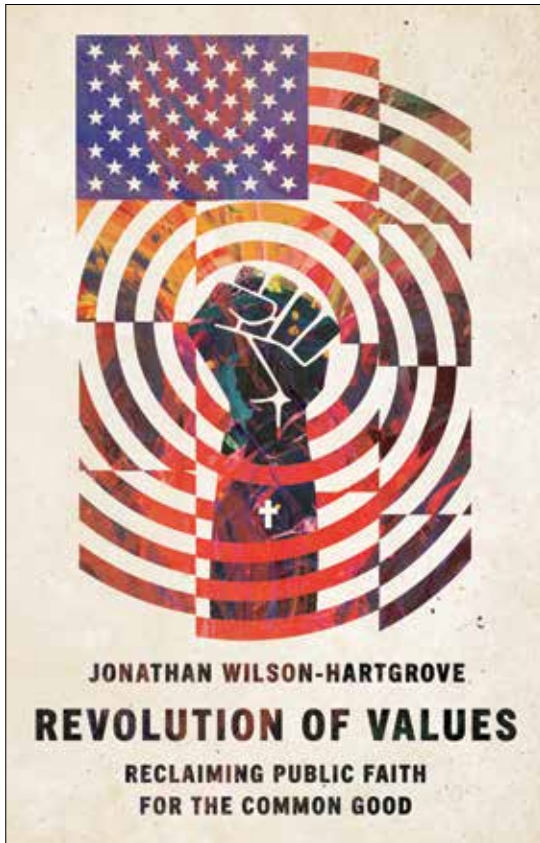
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“Jonathan has served as a scribe for the moral movement in America today. In *Revolution of Values*, he tells the truth about how the Bible was hijacked by the Religious Right. But more importantly, he highlights the people who are challenging a false moral narrative and shows us how faith can revive the heart and soul of this democracy.”

—WILLIAM J. BARBER II, *president of Repairers of the Breach, cochair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival*

Revolution of Values

Reclaiming Public Faith for the Common Good

December 3, 2019

\$22 | 208 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4593-4

The Religious Right Taught Americans How to Misread the Bible

Angle and Talking Points

Following up on his acclaimed *Reconstructing the Gospel*, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove explores how religious culture wars have misrepresented Scripture at the expense of the poor, and how listening to marginalized communities can help us hear God's call to love and justice in the world.

As he writes in the introduction, “The culture warriors who challenged me to practice my faith in public life were not wrong to suggest that the gospel of Jesus is political. Their error was in believing that the enemy of morality was progressive values—and not the genocidal white supremacy and patriarchy that has compromised Christian witness throughout US history. This was not an innocent miscalculation. As this book shows, incredible resources were invested in encouraging this particular lie.”

Some of the topics he covers include:

- Immigration policy
- Voting rights
- Women's rights
- Militarization and war



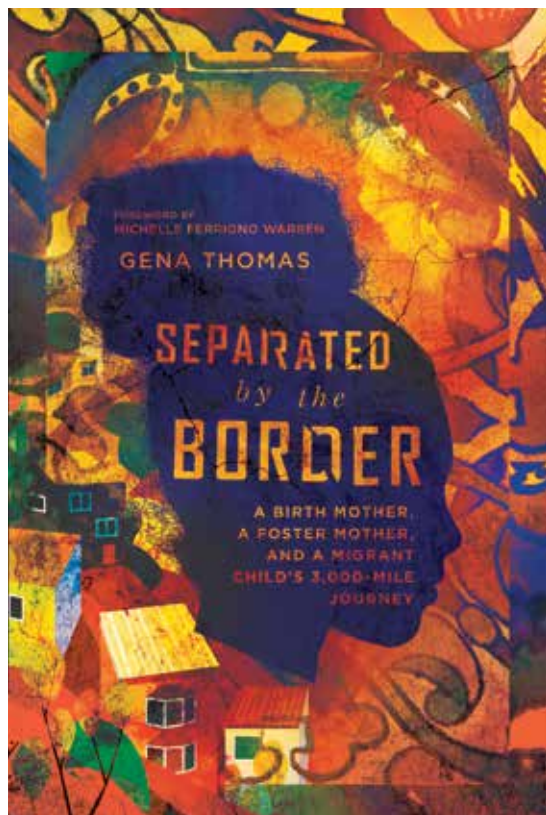
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“God does not show favoritism, and his arms are open to all . . . (see Acts 10 and Romans 2). What I knew in my head, this adventure had taught me to comprehend in my heart: God sees beauty in the places where we have trained ourselves not to go. God sees beauty in the places we are scared of, in the people we’d rather not talk to, and in the middle of messes we’d rather shy away from.”

—GENA THOMAS, *Separated by the Border*

“In *Separated by the Border*, Gena weaves together her own story with the story of this precious girl and the brave mother from whom she was separated in the course of a perilous journey to the United States. In the process, she puts human faces on the complex but often politicized issues of immigration, asylum seekers, and foster care. *Separated by the Border* is a gripping, gracefully written story that the American church needs to hear.”

—MATTHEW SOERENS, US director of church mobilization, World Relief, coauthor of *Welcoming the Stranger*

Separated by the Border

A Birth Mother, a Foster Mother, and a Migrant Child's 3,000-Mile Journey

October 29, 2019

\$16 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4575-0

When Migrant Families Become Your Family

Angle and Talking Points

Gena Thomas tells the story of five-year-old Julia, whose harrowing journey with her mother from Honduras to the United States took her from cargo trailer to detention center to foster care. Weaving together the stories of birth mother and foster mother, this book shows the human face of the immigrant and refugee, the challenges of the immigration and foster care systems, and the tenacious power of motherly love.

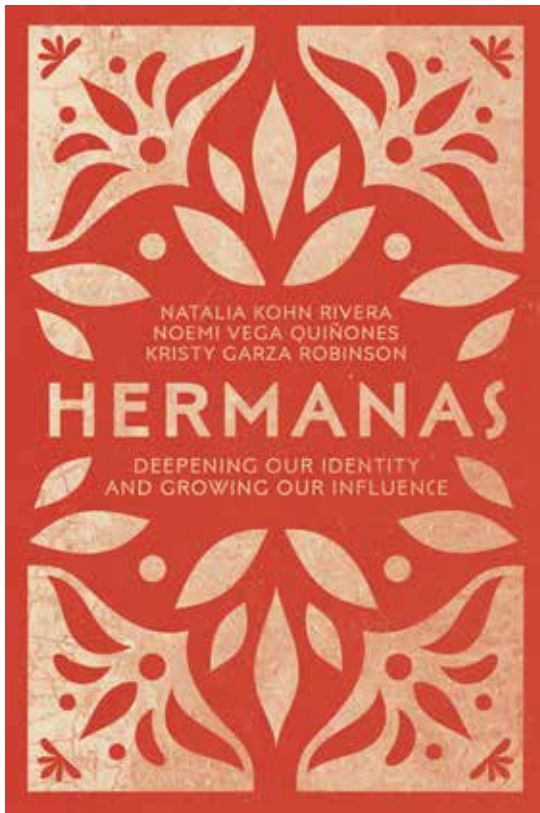
- The author tells the story of how an unaccompanied migrant child became her foster child,
- Shows how fostering and immigration have surprising similarities,
- Offers practical steps readers can take toward building shalom in their own communities regarding foster care and immigration, and
- Describes the weight of the trauma from separation on migrant children and their families.



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Practices. She lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee, with her husband, Andrew, and their two children.

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“The admiration–inspiring essays of Hermanas address Latinas with a Christian community–building spirit.”

—MEAGAN LOGSDON, *Foreword*, January/February 2019

“An invaluable work about Latinas, faith, and community.”

—SARA MARTINEZ, *Booklist*, November 15, 2018

“The church has long ignored, if not silenced, voices of the likes of Rivera, Robinson, and Vega Quiñones and suffered for it. Clear out time and space to read this book as the authors generously unpack their personal stories and Scripture with wisdom, insight, and a much–needed challenge and invitation to consider how Christ–filled leadership impacts individuals and their communities.”

—KATHY KHANG, speaker, author of *Raise Your Voice*

Hermanas

Deepening Our Identity and Growing Our Influence

January 15, 2019

\$16 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4561-3

The Strength of Hermanas

Angle and Talking Points

God calls Latinas to lives of influence. But many have heard cultural messages that make Latinas doubt their adequacy. Natalia Kohn Rivera, Noemi Vega Quiñones, and Kristy Garza Robinson share their own journeys as Latinas and leaders who work against these cultural stereotypes. They find mentorship in twelve courageous women of the Bible, including Esther, Rahab, Mary, and Lydia.

These women navigated challenges of brokenness and suffering, being bicultural, and crossing borders, all of which are relevant messages for today's Latinas.



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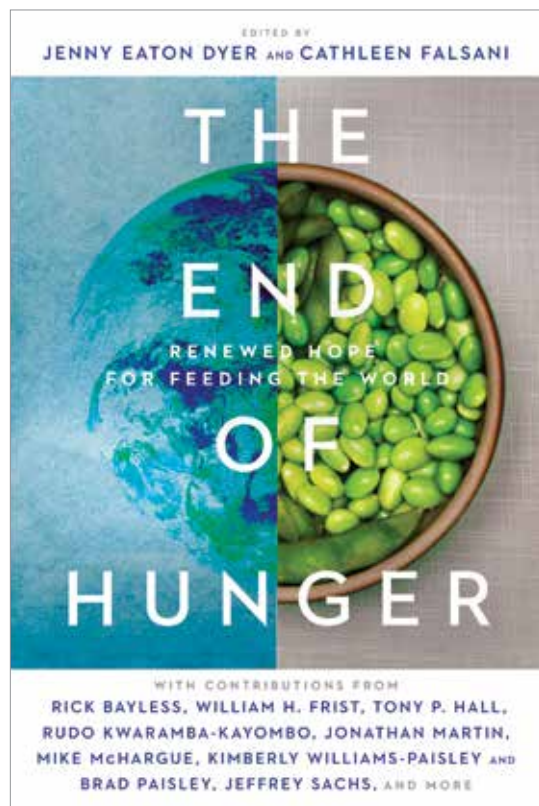


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“The amazing array of voices gathered in this book will begin with good news about the progress we’ve made in addressing hunger since 1990. They’ll share the hard news about what hunger is and what it does to human brains, bodies, and souls. Then they’ll invite you to be part of creating more good news, so you know how you can be a part of the growing global movement to end hunger—in our lifetime.”

—BRIAN D. MCLAREN, author, speaker, and activist

“Every generation of Christians has to ask themselves how they will respond to the global issues of their day, to the challenges taking place on our watch. The End of Hunger hosts a coalition of voices: global experts, activists, storytellers, and men and women for whom hunger and food insecurity has been their lived experience. Together they offer wisdom and practical insight toward a multifaceted response to global hunger. Furthermore, they issue a clarion call to use our voices, our love, and our lives to make a difference. The time and opportunity is now. The End of Hunger is a must-read!”

—JO SAXTON, author, speaker, cohost of Lead Stories podcast

The End of Hunger

Renewed Hope for Feeding the World

October 22, 2019

\$17 | 220 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4571-2

Activists, Politicians, Artists, Pastors—On Hunger

Angle and Talking Points

We know how to address and end hunger—we just need the political and moral will to do so. *The End of Hunger* brings together activists, politicians, scientists, pastors, theologians, and artists on this urgent topic. Here is a comprehensive picture of the current situation—the latest facts and figures are presented alongside compelling stories, both from those engaged in the fight against hunger and from the hungry themselves. Here too are clear steps for action by individuals, families, churches, and communities. Edited by Jenny Eaton Dyer and Cathleen Falsani, other contributors include:

- Chef Rick Bayless
- Tony Campolo, PhD
- Senator Bob Corker
- Kimberly Flowers
- Senator William H. Frist, MD
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- Nikole Lim
- Mike McHargue
- Samuel Rodriguez
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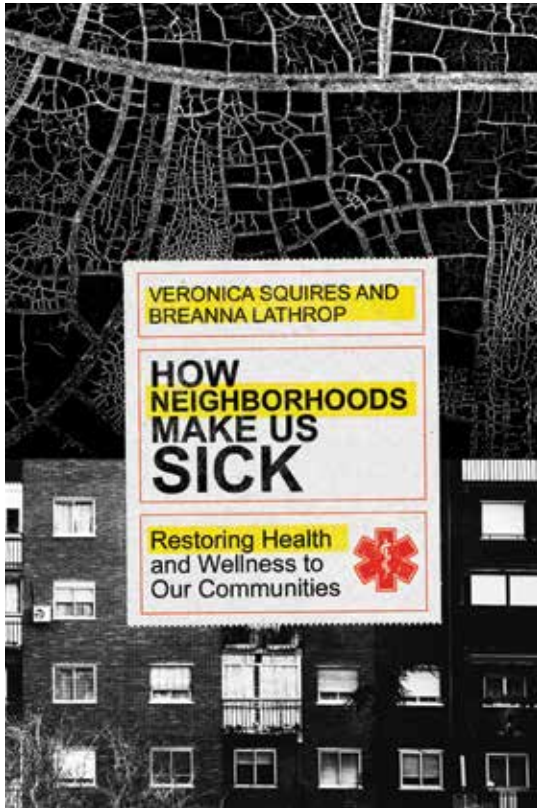
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“The real and lived experiences of Veronica and Breanna are indicative of how where you live impacts your mental and physical health, regardless of your socioeconomic status. They are dedicated servant leaders who have a heart toward health equity and made it their purpose to immerse themselves in communities with the greatest needs.”

—From the foreword by **KERI NORRIS**, chief of health policy and administration at the Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority

“The time is right for an insightful, well-documented exposé of the pathology in poverty neighborhoods and a road map for the journey toward health and wholeness. How Neighborhoods Make Us Sick is just that. Turning troubled communities around is no small challenge, the authors admit. But there are practical steps that have proven to be effective. This is essential reading for anyone engaged in service among the poor.”

—**BOB LUPTON**, community developer, author of *Toxic Charity*

How Neighborhoods Make Us Sick

Restoring Health and Wellness to Our Communities

January 15, 2019

\$17 | 240 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4557-6

Everyone Deserves the Opportunity for Good Health

Angle and Talking Points

Without yet knowing each other, authors Squires and Lathrop each spent a decade deeply entrenched in serving impoverished Atlanta neighborhoods—Squires on the southwest side in community redevelopment and Lathrop on the southeast side in a clinic treating uninsured families. Even as both worked to improve the lives of their neighbors and patients, they noticed a discouraging trend—the difficult neighborhood environments were causing human languishing and there was no easy cure.

The purpose of *How Neighborhoods Make Us Sick* is to describe, both for those familiar and unfamiliar with impoverished urban communities, why these neighborhoods are making people sick and what it would take to transform them into places that promote health equity.

Together they offer:

- A new perspective for improving poor neighborhoods
- A new understanding, approach, and language
- An emphasis on local needs and “mission work”
- A spiritual perspective
- A call to change

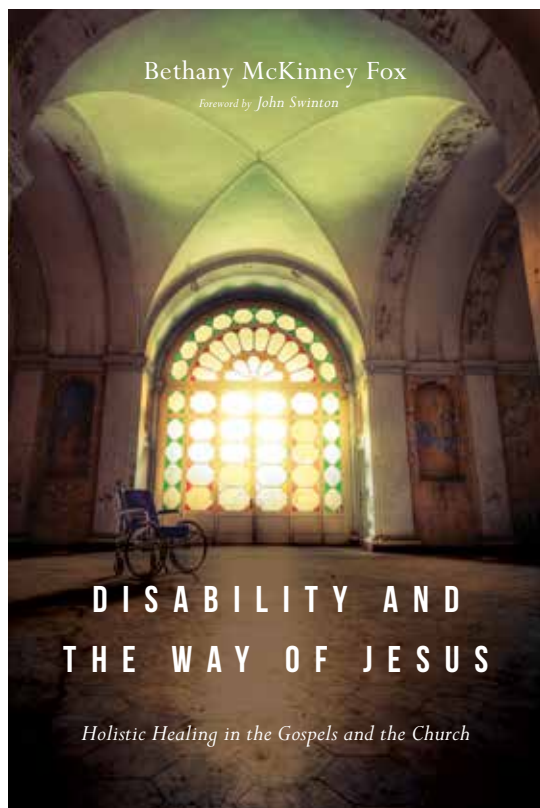


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“Bethany McKinney Fox has provided the contemporary church with an indispensable guide for extending Jesus’ holistic healing ministry for people with disabilities in analogically faithful and appropriate ways. Disability and the Way of Jesus will give many of us new lenses and free our imaginations from cultural impairments that all too often exclude those with disabilities from experiencing Jesus’ multi-dimensional, miraculous power in our midst.”

—PAUL LOUIS METZGER, professor of theology and culture, Multnomah University and Seminary, author of *Consuming Jesus*

“Disability comes not in one but many forms, so it should not be surprising that the message of Jesus as healer is good news to people with disabilities in more ways than just that they might be cured (what temporarily able-bodied people, those not disabled, usually presume). Disability and the Way of Jesus shows how different first-century and contemporary readings of the Gospels envision holistic healing and empowers the church to live more fully into such good news so it can be a more welcoming space for all people.”

—AMOS YONG, professor of theology and mission, Fuller Theological Seminary

Disability and the Way of Jesus

Holistic Healing in the Gospels and the Church

May 28, 2019

\$28 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5239-0

The Intersection of Theology and Disability

Angle and Talking Points

What does healing mean for people with disabilities? Bridging biblical studies, ethics, and disability studies with the work of practitioners, Bethany McKinney Fox examines healing narratives in their biblical and cultural contexts. This theologically grounded and winsomely practical resource helps us more fully understand what Jesus does as he heals and how he points the way for relationships with people with disabilities.

- Explores the biblical healing narratives from multiple interpretive angles (medical doctors, people in the disability community, pastors—including a pastor with disabilities and pastors who do disability ministry) noticing how context influences (and adds to) their interpretations.
- “The Seven Marks of Healing in the Way of Jesus” guides churches and Christian communities to follow in the way of Jesus, especially in how they engage and include people with disabilities and become true communities of healing.
- Offers a thorough exploration (and concrete example) of what it looks like to construct an ethic based on the life and ministry of Jesus, bridging the differences of time and culture.

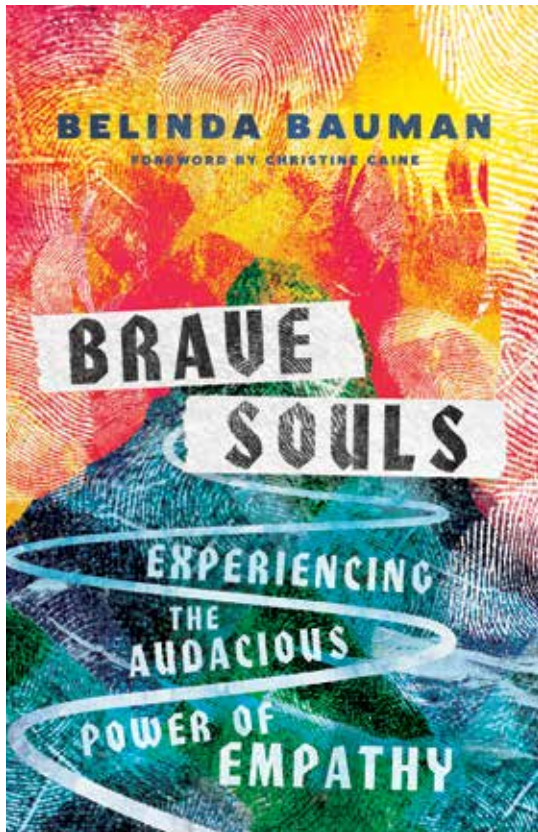


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“Given the tone of today’s public discourse, what does it mean to have disruptive empathy or high functioning apathy? Bauman’s authenticity, wild stories, and gift with words pull you into the inner world of a woman being asked by God to listen—really listen—to the people around her, specifically to the stories of women who have survived the violence of war. She reminds us—challenges us—that empathy is not reserved for a few select saints.”

—SHAYNE MOORE, author of *Refuse to Do Nothing*

“The beauty and power of Christlike, Spirit-empowered empathy in a world of apathy and antipathy is the missing ingredient in our homes, schools, churches, communities, cities, and the world. This book is a valuable tapestry of the sad—but true—stories of women and their experiences of violence and injustice interwoven with the joyful and hopeful outcome of authentic Christian love and empathy.”

—ED STETZER, Billy Graham Distinguished Chair, Wheaton College

Brave Souls

Experiencing the Audacious Power of Empathy

April 2, 2019

\$23 | 224 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4566-8

Is Empathy on the Decline?

Angle and Talking Points

What if empathy could save us? From the top of Mount Kilimanjaro to the borders of war-torn Syria, Belinda Bauman takes readers along her journey to empathy. With cutting-edge neuroscience, biblical parables, and stories of brave women from across the globe, she casts a vision for lives and communities transformed by everyday Christians practicing empathy as a spiritual discipline.

- One seminal study analyzed levels of empathy in more than fourteen thousand US college students over three decades. Seventy-five percent cared significantly less about others than the same demographic had thirty years before.
- One poll in 2016 found that more than half its respondents were much angrier than a year before. Depression, a symptom of apathy, is now considered pandemic, with 5 percent of the global population suffering from the condition, increasing by almost 20 percent every year.
- According to researchers of happiness and human flourishing at the Association for Psychological Science, people who engage in empathy are smarter, mentally and physically healthier, recover from illness and injury sooner, have higher self-esteem and trust levels, and live longer.



BELINDA BAUMAN is the founder of One Million Thumbprints, a movement of peacemakers advocating with women in the world’s worst conflict zones. Belinda is also the founder of and the visionary behind #SilencelsNotSpiritual, a campaign calling churches to break the silence on violence against women. Belinda is a speaker and contributor to

Newsweek’s The Daily Beast, *Red Tent Living*, *Huffington Post*, and *Christianity Today*. Belinda and her husband, Stephan, and their two sons, Joshua and Caleb, live in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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“In *I See You*, Terence Lester calls us back to the heart of our humanity and reminds readers that this heart was designed to beat for God and for neighbor. Lester has followed the Spirit into abandoned buildings, under highway bridges, and into homeless shelters to find community among forgotten and abandoned populations. His stirring narratives and powerful commentary reveal that homelessness is a symptom and a symbol of a nation entangled in greed, gentrification, arrogance, racism, and a sheer lack of consideration for all of its citizens. In a fashion that invokes the prophetic fire of Martin Luther King Jr. and the compassionate solidarity of Jesus Christ, Lester centralizes love as the key factor to dismantling evil and creating a more equal world.”

—NEICHELE R. GUIDRY, Dean of the Chapel, Spelman College, creator, shepreaches

I See You

How Love Opens Our Eyes to Invisible People

August 13, 2019

\$16 | 176 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4572-9

Demystifying Poverty

Angle and Talking Points

Terence Lester calls us to see the invisible people around us. His personal encounters and real-life stories challenge Christians to become more informed about poverty and homelessness, and to see the poor as Jesus does. When we see people through God’s eyes and hear their stories, we restore their dignity and help them flourish. And when we recognize our own inner spiritual poverty, we have greater empathy for others, no matter their circumstances.

- How do we begin to truly “see” people who are invisible because of social structures, bias, and classism?
- How do we become more empathetic toward those who are wrestling with material poverty?
- How do we see people going through problems as people that have worth and value instead of having a false narrative in our minds that the person is the problem?



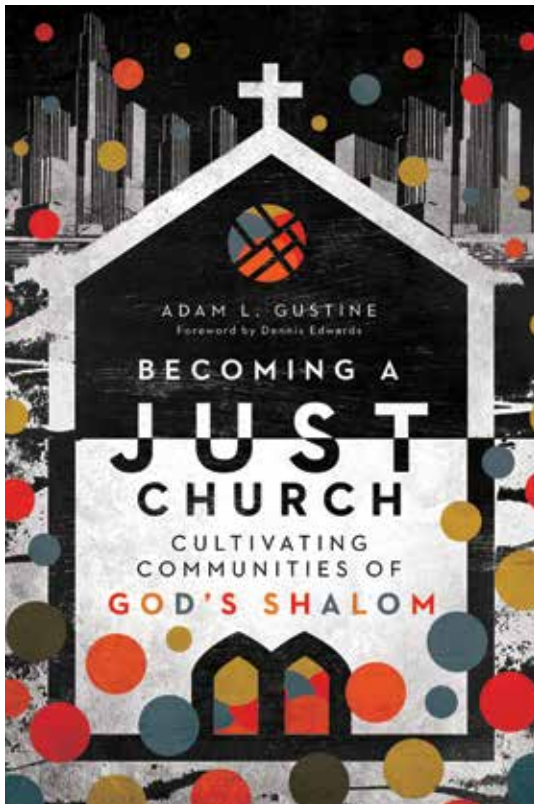
TERENCE LESTER is a minister, speaker, community activist, author, and founder of Love Beyond Walls, a not-for-profit organization focused on poverty awareness and community mobilization. His campaigns on behalf of the poor have been featured in *USA Today* and *Black Enterprise*, and on NBC and Upworthy, and have been viewed

by millions of people globally. He has authored five books, including *Getting Past Stuck*, *Simple Prayers for Hurting People*, and *Identity Theft: Defending Who You Are*. He has also coproduced a biographical documentary based on his book *The U-Turn Project: Answering the Call*.

Terence has also received numerous awards for his community activism, including the Empire Board of Realtists Distinguished Service Award (2017), the SCLC Social Advocacy Award (2016), *The Atlanta Voice*’s 50 Under 50 Honor (2016), the True to Atlanta Award presented by the Atlanta Hawks (2016), and the Fulton County Schools Service Award (2015). He and his wife, Cecilia, and their family live in Atlanta.

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“God’s church was always intended to be a vehicle for God’s shalom. And Gustine helps us dream new dreams about what a church that leans into this calling could look like. He exhorts communities to not just do justice but also to embody justice in all aspects of community life.”

—NIKKI TOYAMA-SZETO, executive director of ESA/The Sider Center

“I know many Christians that have to find organizations outside their church to join with others in seeking social justice. What I appreciate most in *Becoming a Just Church* is that Adam Gustine insists that, although no efforts toward true social justice are bad, the church is God’s preeminent vehicle for bringing wholeness, reconciliation, redemption, and justice to the world.”

—SHANE BLACKSHEAR, host of *Seminary Dropout*

Becoming a Just Church

Cultivating Communities of God’s Shalom

February 12, 2019

\$17 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4151-6

How Is Your Church Pursuing Justice?

Angle and Talking Points

Many local churches don’t know what to do about justice. They compartmentalize it as merely a strategy for outreach and often outsource it to parachurch justice ministries. While these organizations do good work, individual congregations are left disconnected from God’s just purposes in the world. Adam Gustine calls the local church to be just and do justice. He provides a theological vision for our identity as a just people, where God’s character and the pursuit of shalom infuses every aspect of our congregational DNA. As we grow in becoming just, the church becomes a prophetic alternative to the broken systems of the world and a parable of God’s intentions for human flourishing and societal transformation.

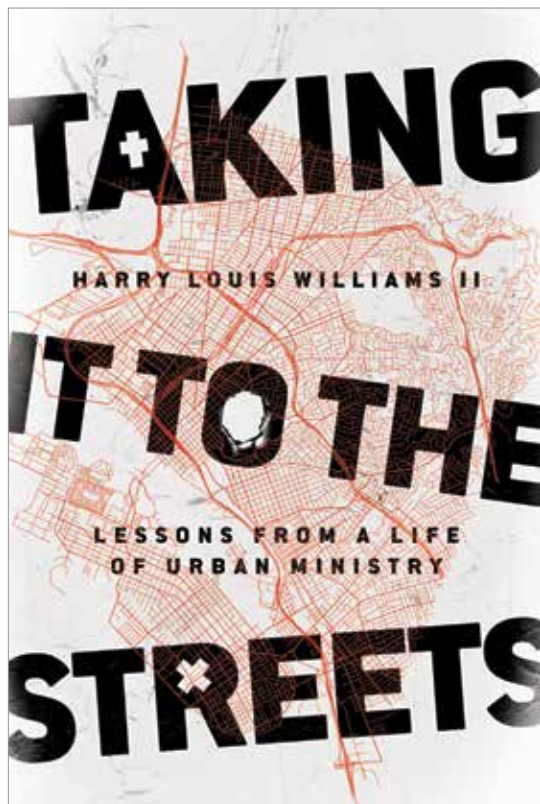
- *Becoming a Just Church* offers a vision for how the local congregation might regain its foothold in the work of justice and the pursuit of God’s shalom.
- It generates a conversation that will aid local congregations in reimagining their life together in a way that creates the possibility for becoming a just people as they seek to do justice in the world.
- It examines the way churches discern vision and direction, build community, disciple Christians, and gather for worship.



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“After thirty-eight years of studying, living, and ministering in inner-city Chicago, I recognize an authentic tour guide when I see one; they wear Jesus glasses, and they are incarnate and not in a car. Reverend Harry ‘OG’ Williams takes us to school with lessons from Oakland. His teachers are tenured by streets, courts, and prisons. But Harry speaks another truth: Oakland is disappearing. The people with power to steer the survivors of slavery, Jim Crow, and every other injustice you can imagine by systemic disinvestment have returned, this time to take the neighborhood back for the expanding tech empires of the Bay Area, as we see happening across this country and many others. Harry meets gentrification, and it’s ugly in different ways. Thank you, Harry Williams, for telling it like it is. We know that CCDA will empower some to stay and that is good, but what will urban ministry look like when the poor are scattered into the unincorporated collar counties distant from cities and community services?”

—RAY BAKKE, senior associate, Ray Bakke Associates; professor at Ray Bakke Centre for Urban Transformation, Hong Kong

Taking It to the Streets

Lessons from a Life of Urban Ministry

July 30, 2019

\$17 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4562-0

Lessons from Serving the Hardest Parts of Oakland

Angle and Talking Points

Known around Oakland, California, as “OG Rev,” Reverend Harry Williams’s calling is to the streets: to the hungry, homeless, addicted, incarcerated, and vulnerable. Rev. Williams takes on racism, the plight of children in the inner city, gentrification, urban violence, the prosperity gospel, and more, all from the perspective of someone who understands these phenomena from the inside. *Taking It to the Streets* offers firsthand accounts of urban life alongside large-scale considerations of its systemic challenges, all in the context of the life-giving good news of Jesus.

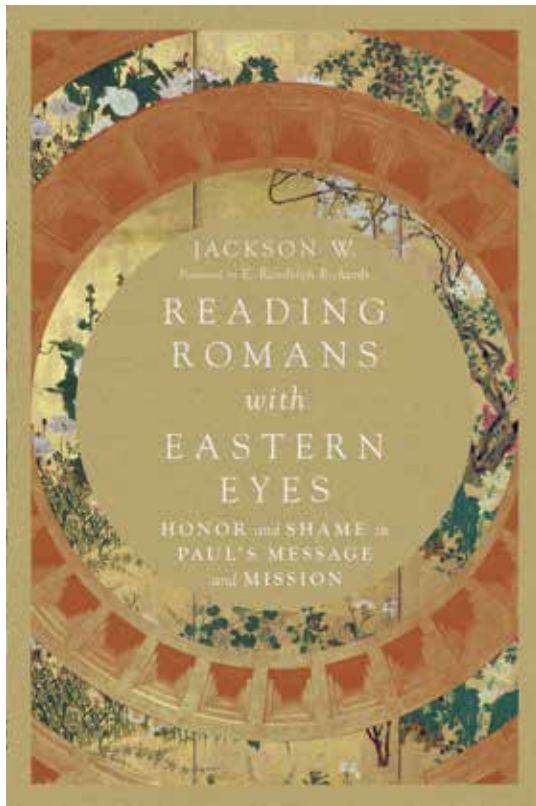
- Offers a straightforward understanding of the social, political, and spiritual realities of the city.
- Firsthand account of the author’s world and of the injustices that plague our cities.
- Educates on the realities of whole segments of our society who have been demonized and treated as throwaways.



HARRY LOUIS WILLIAMS II

(MDiv, Palmer Theological Seminary) is an ordained minister and the author of several books, including *No Easy Walk* and *Street Cred*. He serves the poor, addicted, homeless, and formerly incarcerated in Oakland, California.

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Reading Romans with Eastern Eyes

Honor and Shame in Paul's Message and Mission

June 11, 2019

\$20 | 248 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5223-9

Honor-Shame in Church Theology

Angle and Talking Points

As readers, we bring our cultural understanding and values to the text. Our biases and background influence what we observe—and what we overlook. Jackson W. aims to help us develop our “Eastern lenses” in order to interpret Scripture well and gain insights we might have missed. In *Reading Romans with Eastern Eyes*, Jackson W. demonstrates how an Eastern perspective sheds light on Paul’s most complex letter. When read this way, we see how honor and shame shape so much of Paul’s message and mission.

- Demonstrates the influence of culture and the importance of an East Asian lens for exegesis and theology.
- Illustrates the significance of honor-shame in the church’s theology and practice.
- Suggests ways an East Asian reading contributes to and reframes debates about Paul’s letter, perhaps even serving as a bridge between competing perspectives.

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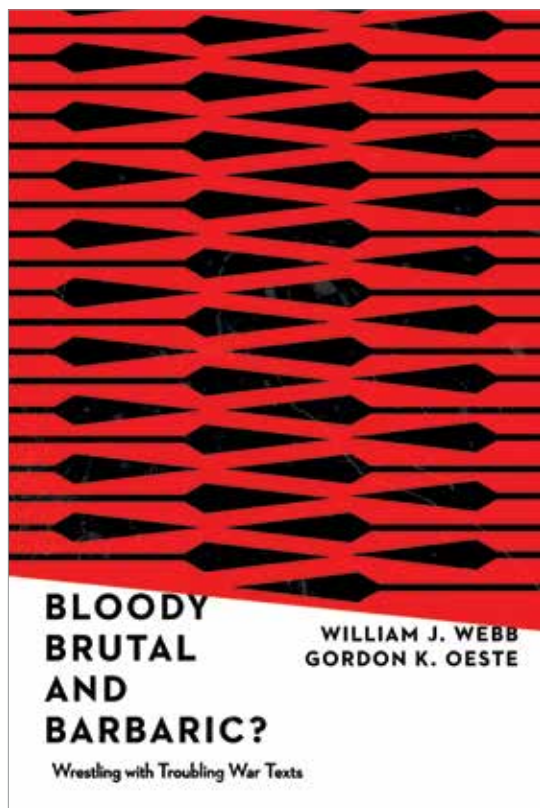
“How can I follow Jesus without forsaking my parents, my people, and my country? This question concerns everyone from the Californian surfer dude to the Harvard humanities professor. *Reading Romans with Eastern Eyes* is an impressive book that goes a long way in answering these universal questions. Jackson W. uses shame and honor to give us a far richer understanding of the message of Romans.”

—SAM CHAN, City Bible Forum, Australia

“In this book, *Reading Romans with Eastern Eyes*, Jackson W. has gifted those of us in the West with firsthand insight into this important Pauline motif, in a way that makes the entire letter take on new characteristics. Perhaps most importantly, Jackson challenges scholars to read beyond discussions of apocalyptic, covenantal, participationist, or forensic categories and to see the ways in which filial and divine honor are at the heart of every section of the letter.”

—HALEY JACOB, assistant professor of theology at Whitworth University, author of *Conformed to the Image of His Son*

JACKSON W. (pseudonym; PhD, Southeastern Baptist) is the author of *Saving God's Face* and *The Gospel for All Nations: A Practical Approach to Biblical Contextualization*. He has worked as a church planter and now teaches theology and missiology for Chinese pastors in an Asian seminary.



Bloody, Brutal, and Barbaric?

Wrestling with Troubling War Texts

December 3, 2019

\$45 | 452 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5249-9

Violence, Religion, and What It Means About God

Angle and Talking Points

We cannot ignore the intersection of religion and violence. In the Bible, war texts that appear to approve of genocidal killings and war rape raise hard questions about biblical ethics and the character of God. Identifying a spectrum of views on biblical war texts, Webb and Oeste pursue a middle path using a hermeneutic of incremental, redemptive-movement ethics. Here are some of the questions they look at:

- Why does your book specifically focus on genocide and war rape?
- How are our contemporary views of war violence different from and similar to those in biblical accounts?
- How do our own modern mental images shape the way we read the Bible?
- Why is holy war troubling for modern readers?

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*“The events of 9/11 brought Christians a new level of concern, even anxiety, about the pervasive divine violence found in the Bible. How can a God of love be involved with and, even worse, bring harm against his human creatures? Webb and Oeste have thought long and hard with great biblical insight about this question. Everyone who struggles with the ethics of divine warfare needs to read *Bloody, Brutal, and Barbaric?* in order to gain a biblical perspective on this difficult subject.”*

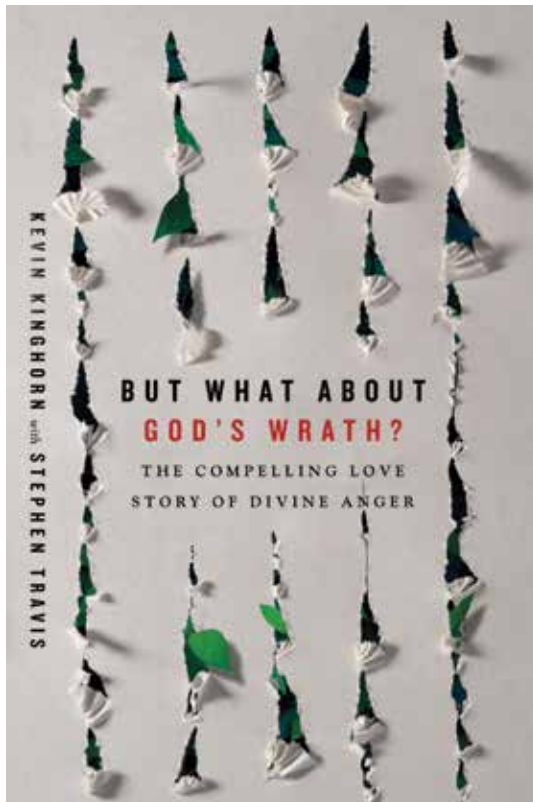
—**TREMPER LONGMAN III**, Distinguished Scholar and Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies, author of *Confronting Old Testament Controversies*



WILLIAM J. WEBB is an adjunct professor of New Testament and biblical studies at Tyndale Seminary in Toronto, Ontario. He is the author of *Slaves, Women and Homosexuals* and *Corporal Punishment in the Bible*.



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But What About God's Wrath?

The Compelling Love Story of Divine Anger

October 1, 2019

\$18 | 160 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5229-1

Can God Love and Show Wrath?

Angle and Talking Points

God's wrath stands out in the minds of many as the single most puzzling aspect of God's character. Often Christians who would like to reconcile divine love with divine wrath—while remaining faithful to the Bible—can't figure out how to do so. Kevin Kinghorn along with Stephen Travis offer a way forward. Using a philosophically informed line of argument and a careful study of the relevant biblical texts, Kinghorn and Travis show how these two aspects of God's character can be reconciled. Often God's wrath is viewed as an expression of holiness or justice, with the implicit assumption that God's just response to people is incompatible with a loving response. The authors instead view God's love as a strictly essential divine attribute, with justice as a derivative of love.

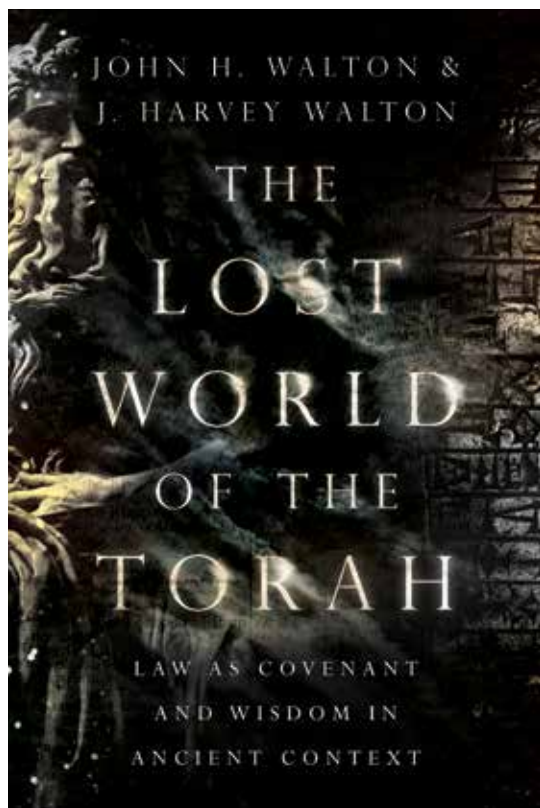
- Is God's wrath an emotion, disposition, action, or something else?
- How is God's wrath a righteous anger?
- Does God show jealousy?
- Is God angered by issues of injustice?



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STEPHEN TRAVIS (PhD, University of Cambridge) served for more than thirty years as lecturer of New Testament and for more than fifteen years as vice principal at St. John's College in Nottingham. He is the author of several books, including *Christian Hope and the Future*, *The Jesus Hope*, and *Christ and the Judgement of God*.



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“Walton and Walton continue their Lost World series with a study of Torah, understood as instruction rather than law, wisdom rather than legislation. They point out how Torah is often misunderstood by Christians because they assume that it functions like modern laws or Greco-Roman laws. Instead, the authors argue, the Torah should be interpreted in its ancient Near Eastern context, where order was achieved through the wisdom of those who governed society. The collections of ‘laws’ contained selected illustrations, intended to teach a model for right and wrong as guidance for judges but were not comprehensive legal codes that regulated everyday life in detail. This careful and readable study will be valuable for all who are interested in Old Testament law and its relevance for Christians today.”

—DAVID L. BAKER, All Nations Christian College

The Lost World of the Torah

Law as Covenant and Wisdom in Ancient Context

February 26, 2019

\$20 | 288 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5241-3

Discovering the Truth of the Torah for Today

Angle and Talking Points

To modern eyes, what we call the biblical law, or Torah, seems either odd beyond comprehension (not eating lobster) or positively reprehensible (executing children). Using a consistent methodology to look at the Torah through the lens of the ancient Near East, Walton and Walton offer a restorative understanding that will have dramatic effects in interpreting the text and in discerning the significance of the Torah for today.

- Provides information about the Torah that will help readers to become more aware of how this biblical literature functioned in its context—that is, why this literature was presented in this particular way, and why what it says by doing so was important enough that it was regarded as Scripture.
- Finding what we can consider to be “biblical” answers to social issues is not as straightforward as it seems.
- The most important interpretive question is not, What is this statement telling me to do in order to represent God properly? The prior question we should ask instead is, Why is this in here?—because that will help us address the literary task.

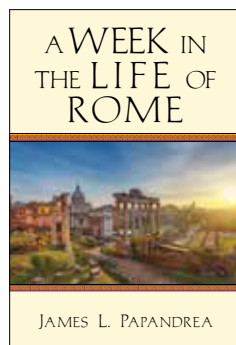


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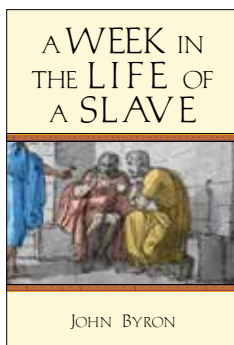
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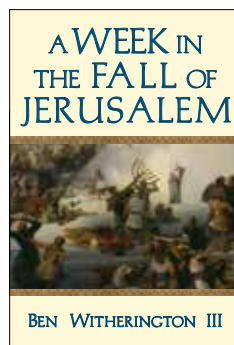
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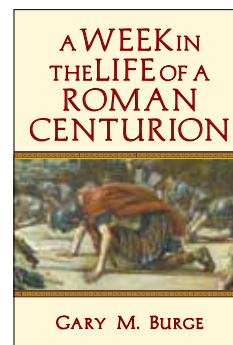
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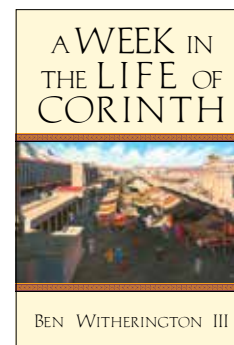
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A Week in the Life Series from IVP

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From the overcrowded apartment buildings of the poor to the halls of the emperors, this gripping tale of ambition, intrigue, and sacrifice is a compelling work of historical fiction that shows us the first-century Roman church as we've never seen it before. Illuminated with images and explanatory sidebars, we are invited into the daily struggles of the church at Rome just a few years before Paul wrote his famous epistle to them.

\$16 | 223 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-2482-3

A Week in the Life of a Slave

John Byron

From the pen of an accomplished New Testament scholar, this vivid historical fiction account follows the slave Onesimus, fleshing out the lived context of first-century Ephesus and providing a social and theological critique of slavery in the Roman Empire.

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Ben Witherington III

It's AD 70, and Jerusalem is falling to the Romans, its temple being destroyed. As Jews and Christians try to escape the city, we travel with some of them through an imagined week of

flight and faith. In this imaginative and entertaining narrative, Ben Witherington leads us behind the veil of centuries to experience the historical and social realities of this epochal event.

\$17 | 160 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5173-7

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Gary M. Burge

In this fast-paced, fictional account, we follow Appius, a Roman centurion, and Tullus, his Jewish slave, from battles to the gladiator arena and finally to the village of Capernaum where they encounter a Jewish prophet from Nazareth.

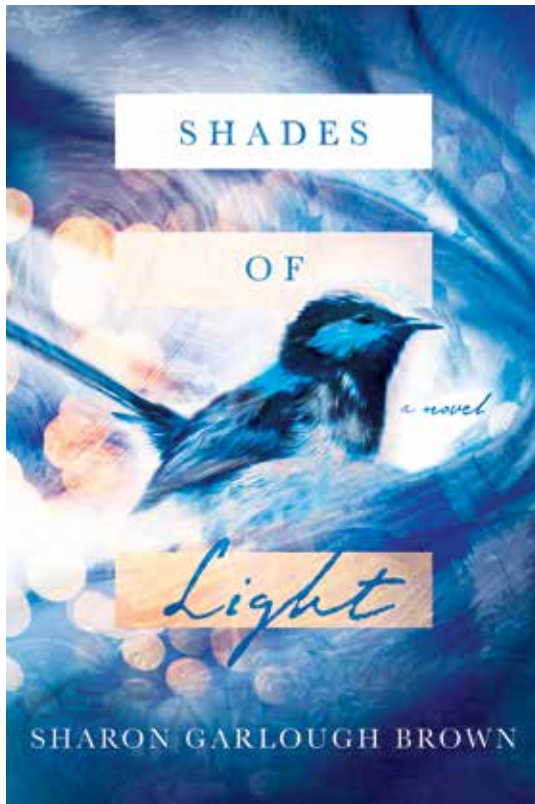
\$20 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-2462-5

A Week in the Life of Corinth

Ben Witherington III

In this work of historical fiction, Ben Witherington III provides a one-of-a-kind window into the social and cultural context of Paul's ministry.

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Shades of Light

A Novel

August 20, 2019

\$18 | 352 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4658-0

“I couldn’t turn off the dark thoughts, no matter how hard I tried or how much I prayed.”

Angle and Talking Points

From bestselling *Sensible Shoes* author, Sharon Garlough Brown, comes a new story of faith and what it means to live in the darker spaces of life.

Wren Crawford is a social worker who finds herself overwhelmed with the troubles of the world. Her lifelong struggles with anxiety and depression are starting to overcome her. She finds solace in art, spiritual formation, and pastoral care along with traditional therapeutic interventions. But a complicated relationship from her past also threatens to undo her progress. As Wren seeks healing in this beautifully written novel, readers are invited to move beyond pat answers and shallow theology into an experience of hope and presence that illuminates even the darkness.

And coming in 2020, *Remember Me: A Novella About Finding Our Way to the Cross*, will continue the story of both *Shades of Light* and *Sensible Shoes* by following Katherine, the spiritual director in both accounts.



SHARON GARLOUGH BROWN

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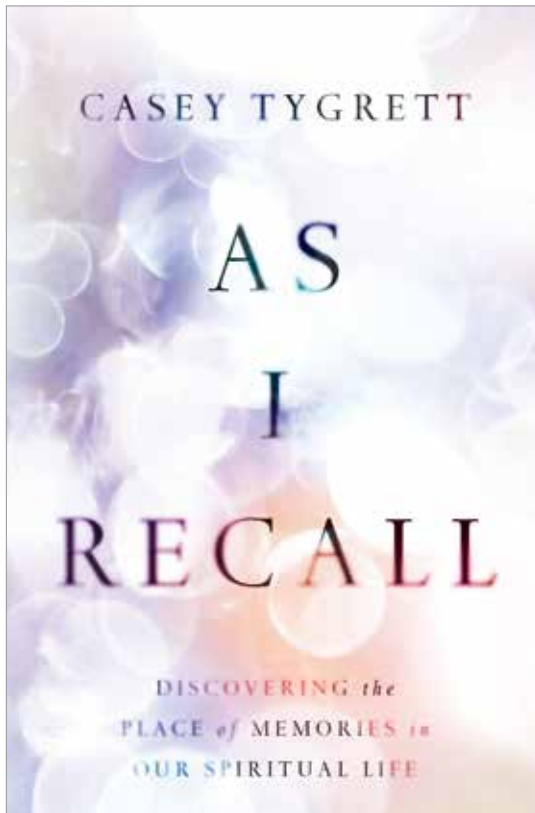
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“Look for cameos by some of your favorite characters from the Sensible Shoes series in this quiet, honest story about the hallowing of the soul in its journey with Jesus through suffering. For anyone who has faced the darkness of depression or walked that road with a loved one, this is a beautiful, much-needed Christian vision of mental illness as both clinical (therefore treatable) and spiritual.”

—**SARAH ARTHUR**, Christianity Today fiction judge, author of *A Light So Lovely: The Spiritual Legacy of Madeleine L’Engle*

“Christians have not done well with the subject of mental illness. There is a great deal of stigma around the therapy process, calling people’s struggles ‘a lack of faith’ or ‘sin in their life.’ This marvelous book courageously unveils the reality of psychological struggle even among people of faith, pointing us to the Jesus who keeps company with us in everything that is hard—a companion in sorrow. Thank you, Sharon, for this work that I predict will be healing to many.”

—**JAMES BRYAN SMITH**, author of *The Good and Beautiful God*



As I Recall

Discovering the Place of Memories in Our Spiritual Life

April 9, 2019

\$20 | 216 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4652-8

The Role of Memories in Spiritual Transformation

Angle and Talking Points

According to pastor and spiritual director Casey Tygrett, how we hold and carry our memories—good and bad—is a part of what forms us spiritually. In this way we have a common bond with the people of Scripture, who also had a sensory life. Tygrett explores the power of memory and offers biblical texts and practices to guide us in bringing our memories to God for spiritual transformation.

- Memories are key to our formation.
- Our memories help define our vocation (Exodus).
- Memories are the raw material for wisdom (Deuteronomy).
- Our emotions rise out of our memories (Psalms).
- Jesus' actions at the Last Supper with his disciples help give structure to our memories (the Gospels) and hope for our future (Revelation).

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“There are smells, tastes, and moments in life that instantly take me back in time. I have my own mental DeLorean nearing eighty-eight miles per hour ready to shoot me back to another time, but I can never predict when it will reach velocity. Sometimes I wonder why recollections strike, but I’ve never pondered it deeply until now. Casey Tygrett, with deep insight and a sharp pen, leads us more deeply into what God is revealing to us through our personal and communal stories and how embracing those stories leads us forward.”

—SEAN PALMER, teaching pastor, Ecclesia Houston

“One of Jesus’ last commands at his table with his friends was ‘remember me.’ It still stands. As I Recall is a ribbon tied round the fingers of our souls.”

—JOHN ORTBERG, senior pastor at Menlo Church, author of *I’d Like You More If You Were More Like Me*

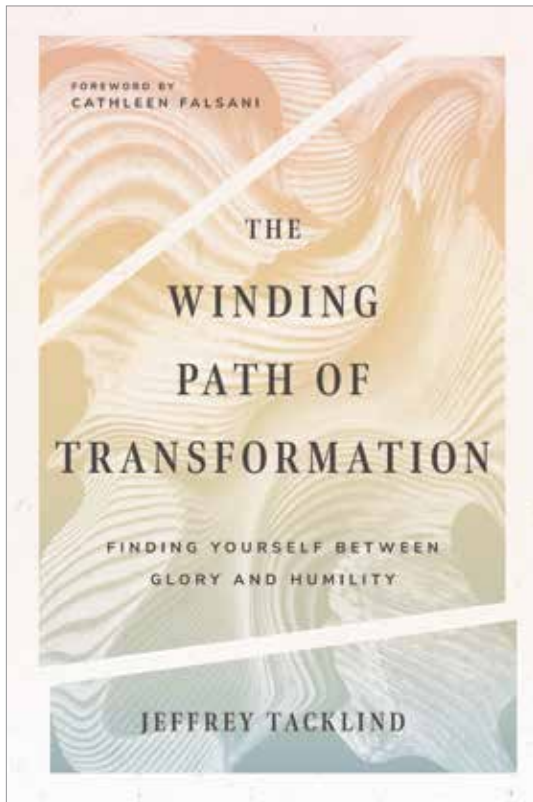


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“Jeff Tacklind is a surprising and winsome voice with a wide reach. He writes with the vulnerability of someone who just wants to be a little more like Jesus. But behind his easygoing tone you’ll find the riches of a seasoned spiritual director and pastor.”

—IAN MORGAN CRON, author of *The Road Back to You*

“I love this quiet, deeply honest book; it indeed has left me—as the author hopes will be the case for his readers—with a renewed appetite for transformation and freedom and an awareness of God’s presence, ‘Always already.’”

—JENNIFER GRANT, author of *Love You More* and *Maybe God Is like That Too*

The Winding Path of Transformation

Finding Yourself Between Glory and Humility

July 9, 2019

\$17 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4650-4

Finding Yourself Between Glory and Humility

Angle and Talking Points

Jeff Tacklind, pastor of Church by the Sea—a quirky, diverse congregation in Laguna Beach, California—knows from decades of ministry experience that sometimes effective leadership looks like standing in the middle of conflict, holding the tension. In *The Winding Path of Transformation*, Tacklind describes spiritual transformation as an invitation to paradox. By entering into suffering, he says, we find joy. By embracing the downward path of humility, we find glory. And by remaining small, sometimes we grow to great heights.

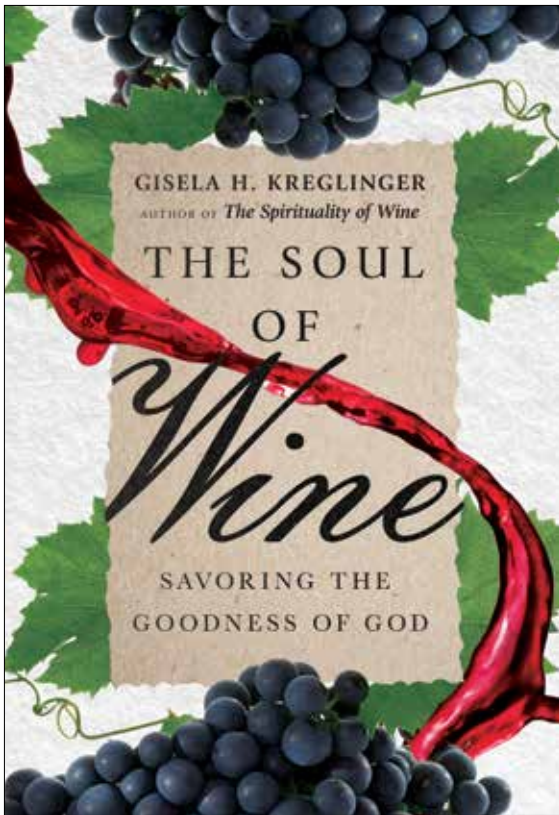
- A deeply personal autobiography and an insightful, helpful depiction of the shared contours of every person’s pilgrimage.
- This book draws from sources as different as Kierkegaard and Cyndi Lauper.
- Written by an avid surfer who draws from the natural world—trees, waves, mountains, and canyons.



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“Wine as the gift of God’s love, wine as the witness to the in-breaking of God’s kingdom of life and joy, wine as the drink that draws us more closely into the fellowship of Christ, and wine-making as our participation in the care and celebration of God’s good creation—these themes, and many more besides, are lovingly developed in this beautifully conceived book. Gisela Kreglinger opens up the gift and the mystery of wine in these pages so that we can taste God’s invitation to us to share in the divine love that heals the world and the deep joy that celebrates our life together.”

—NORMAN WIRZBA, professor of theology, ecology, and agrarian studies, Duke Divinity School, on Gisela’s book *The Spirituality of Wine*

The Soul of Wine

Savoring the Goodness of God

December 3, 2019

\$16 | 144 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4584-2

Wine as a Gift from God

Angle and Talking Points

Wine is a wonderful, lavish, and mysterious gift from our Creator, but many Christians feel intimidated by the prospect of wine as an experience. Additionally, wine tends to be defined within an elitist, hierarchical, and competitive wine culture that seems exclusive to the outsider.

At the same time, wine is experiencing a bit of a renaissance: new wineries, wine shops, and tasting rooms are opening all over the world. Given her own personal experience growing up on a winery, Gisela Kreglinger introduces wine to Christians in this book, guiding readers through what it means to enjoy wine for the joyful experience it can be, both physically and spiritually. Some of the beliefs Gisela tackles include:

- Wine is dangerous.
- Christians shouldn’t drink wine.
- Wine is exclusive.
- Understanding wine is an “impenetrable maze”.



GISELA H. KREGLINGER grew up on a family-owned winery in Franconia, Germany, where her family has been crafting wine for many generations.

She holds a PhD in historical theology from the University of St. Andrews, and is the author of *The Spirituality of Wine* (Eerdmans).

She speaks widely and internationally at conferences, churches, and universities on subject matters ranging from the Christian

imagination, the rebuilding of Christian communities, the role of the arts in spiritual formation, and the spirituality of wine.

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“Spiritual practice is designed to awaken us to God’s presence, but it need not be boring. Aroney-Sine has produced a brave work here, inviting spiritual seekers to become like children—playful, curious, and trusting. With Aroney-Sine’s guidance and support you will discover the God who delights in you and unlock a wellspring of joy.”

—PHILEENA HEUERTZ, founding partner of Gravity, a Center for Contemplative Activism, author of *Mindful Silence*

The Gift of Wonder

Creative Practices for Delighting in God

March 26, 2019

\$16 | 240 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4653-5

How to Welcome God with Childlike Wonder

Angle and Talking Points

Christine Sine, online host of the Godspace community, invites us to pay attention to childlike characteristics that have the power to reshape us. Each chapter addresses a childlike characteristic to embrace, including delight, playfulness, imagination, awe and wonder, love of nature, the ability to live in the present, and much more. She offers fresh spiritual practices that engage all the senses.

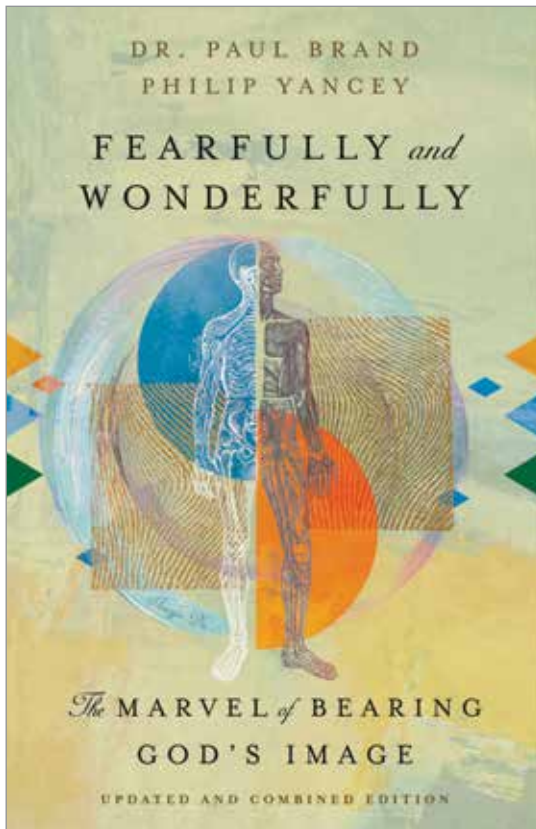
- Children teach us how to honor our imaginations as a pathway to God. They invite us to ask hard and risky questions as an exploration of God.
- Kids show us what divine power is really like—vulnerable, dependent on others, and often overlooked.
- Rediscovering our inner child is essential for our spiritual health.
- The book discusses awe-and-wonder walks, joy-spot sightings, nostalgia trips, compassion games, playdate adventures, and the delights of childhood, which strengthen relationships and bring new depth and vibrancy to our faith.



CHRISTINE ARONEY-SINE is the founder and facilitator for Godspace, an online community that grew out of her passion for creative spirituality, gardening, and sustainability. She and her husband, Tom, are cofounders of Mustard Seed Associates. Her books include *Rest in the Moment*, *Return to Our Senses*, *GodSpace*, and *Tales of a Seasick Doctor*

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“An enthralling book that I wish I had had the insight to write.”

—C. EVERETT KOOP, former Surgeon General

“This is a stunning, wondrous book by two of my favorite people. I remember reading Phil Yancey in India, as I lived in a village of folks who had leprosy, which is also where I heard about Dr. Brand. Mother Teresa used to say that in the poor we can see Jesus ‘in his most distressing disguises.’ This book unpacks what that means and invites every one of us to marvel at the image of God in every person. Dr. Brand is a legendary medical doctor and Philip is a doctor of the soul. Together they have written one of the greatest books on life . . . in a world where far too many lives are disgraced and desecrated. May it make you a champion of life, just as both of these men have been, and may we be death’s greatest adversary.”

—SHANE CLAIBORNE, cofounder of The Simple Way and Red Letter Christians, author of *Beating Guns*

Fearfully and Wonderfully

The Marvel of Bearing God’s Image

August 6, 2019

\$25 | 264 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4570-5

“We Need Heroes” of Medicine and Faith in These Divisive Times

Angle and Talking Points

Over thirty years ago Dr. Paul Brand and Philip Yancey wrote two books together, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* and *In His Image*. The books quickly became classics and award winners, as the pair took readers on a tour of wonder through the human body—from the microview of cells to the macroview of our connectedness as people made in God’s image.

In this new book, titled *Fearfully and Wonderfully*, world-renowned author Yancey has fully updated and combined the two books, honoring the heroic work of Dr. Brand by offering a new generation of readers these breathtaking reflections on the body.

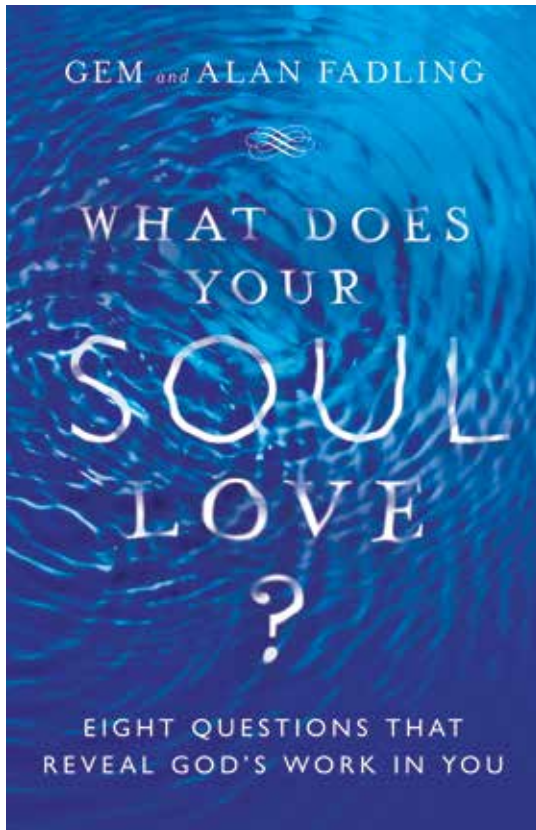
“We need heroes,” writes Yancey. “Paul Brand and his wife, Margaret, are outstanding examples of people at the very top of their professions who achieved acclaim and success while staying true to their Christian commitment, devoting their lives in service to some of the world’s most neglected people. Surveys show that conflicts and confusion about science/faith issues are primary reasons many millennials turn from the faith. While not addressing these issues in an apologetical manner, Dr. Brand by example shows there is no ultimate conflict, and helps reclaim a proper spirit of praise and reverence for the design of the human body.”



DR. PAUL BRAND (1914–2003) grew up in India, studied medicine in London, and practiced orthopedic surgery in India and the United States. He achieved world renown for his innovative techniques in the treatment of leprosy. Before his death in 2003, he received many honors, including an appointment as Commander of the Order of the British Empire.



PHILIP YANCEY has written twenty-five books. Early on he crafted bestselling books such as *Disappointment with God* and *Where Is God When It Hurts?* while also editing *The Student Bible*. Yancey’s books have garnered thirteen Gold Medallion Awards from Christian publishers and booksellers.



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“In this grounded and thought-provoking book you will be guided to wake up from what is keeping you from living an abundant life. Time is short, and we owe it to ourselves, our community, and our planet to do the important inner work Gem and Alan propose. Read this book and prepare to be changed.”

—PHILEENA HEUERTZ, author of *Mindful Silence* and *Pilgrimage of a Soul*, founding partner of Gravity: A Center for Contemplative Activism

“If you’ve ever wondered how change really happens, What Does Your Soul Love? will show you, most poignantly, through the Fadlings’ willingness to tell their own vulnerable stories of saying yes to God’s transforming love and work.”

—BETH BOORAM AND DAVID BOORAM, cofounders of Fall Creek Abbey, spiritual directors, and authors of *When Faith Becomes Sight*

What Does Your Soul Love?

Eight Questions That Reveal God’s Work in You

September 17, 2019

\$22 | 220 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4659-7

What Is Getting in Your Way?

Angle and Talking Points

Gem and Alan Fadling outline eight key questions that offer deep insight into how we experience soul change. These questions open the door to spiritual transformation. They help us unpack where we are stuck, where we are in pain, where we are afraid, and much more. They also reveal the path to joy and to the heart of God. Spiritual inventories and exercises will guide you, along with stories from Gem and Alan’s lives and their ministry together through Unhurried Living.

1. Invitation: Changing from the Center
2. Desire: What Do You Really Want?
3. Resistance: What Is Getting in Your Way?
4. Vulnerability: Where Are You Hiding?
5. Truth: What Is Most Real to You?
6. Pain: How Are You Suffering?
7. Fear: What Are You Afraid Of?
8. Control: What Are You Clinging To?
9. Joy: What Does Your Soul Love?
10. Process: Staying on the Path of Change



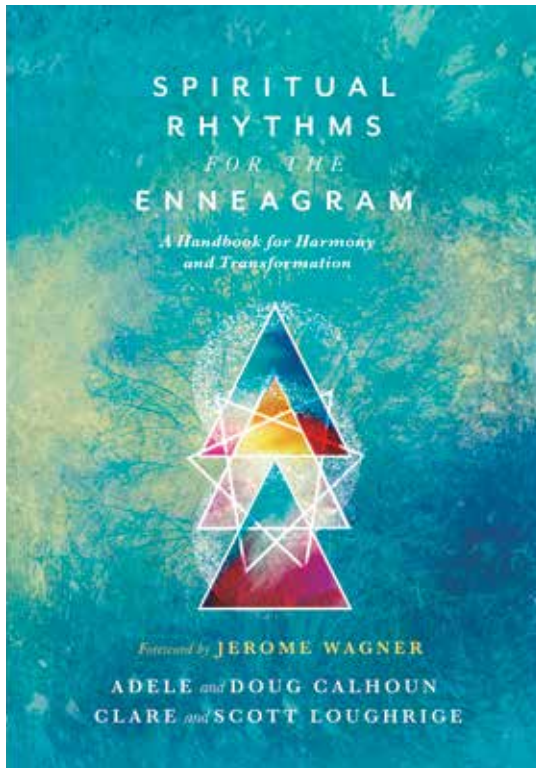
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“As valuable as this book is for getting an in-depth view of each Enneagram type, it is an essential resource for understanding how the head, heart, and gut can work together, empowered through spiritual practices to have dynamic, harmonious relationships.”

—MARY ALBERT DARLING, associate professor of communications, Spring Arbor University

Spiritual Rhythms for the Enneagram

A Handbook for Harmony and Transformation

March 12, 2019

\$24 | 272 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-3600-0

You Know Your Enneagram Number. What's Next?

Angle and Talking Points

For those who have learned about the Enneagram and wonder, *What's next?*—this handbook is the answer. Filled with exercises to engage, challenge, encourage, and sustain, *Spiritual Rhythms for the Enneagram* will help you grow in greater awareness and lead you to spiritual and relational transformation.



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“Mythical Me is a sorely needed corrective to our contemporary culture’s obsession with constantly adjusting our personal and public image to fit hopelessly impossible standards. The wonderful news is that Mythical Me not only provides an accurate diagnosis of these soul-crushing habit patterns, it also guides us step by step into transformative ways of living and thinking that are eminently practical and life giving.”

—**RICHARD J. FOSTER**, founder of Renovaré, author of *Celebration of Discipline* and *Sanctuary of the Soul*

“It’s so easy to say, ‘Don’t compare yourself to other people,’ but how do you practically live out that simple advice? How do you let go of the exhausting experience of thinking you have to be better than the parade of perfect people online? How do you let go of the mythical me who never makes mistakes? Richella has done the hard work of answering those questions and many more in a beautiful quest to wrestle comparison to the ground.”

—**JON ACUFF**, author of *Finish: Give Yourself the Gift of Done*

Mythical Me

Finding Freedom from Constant Comparison

October 22, 2019

\$16 | 160 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4395-4

Do You Ever Find Yourself Stuck in the Comparison Trap?

Angle and Talking Points

If you’ve ever suffered from tortured moments of comparison on Facebook, in the office, or in the hallway at church, you’ll benefit from this fresh perspective. “I couldn’t break free from admiring one person’s achievements, someone else’s personality, another’s skills, yet another’s relationships. And don’t get me started on how I looked at other women’s appearances,” writes Richella Parham. “I was haunted by the admirable attributes of other people, certain that I could never measure up. No matter how well intentioned the teaching or pithy the advice, I found that most of it didn’t help me change.” Parham has identified cultural and spiritual myths about others, God, and ourselves that keep us trapped. While there are no easy answers, Parham helps readers pick up practices that help us walk in the freedom of Christ with confidence in ourselves.

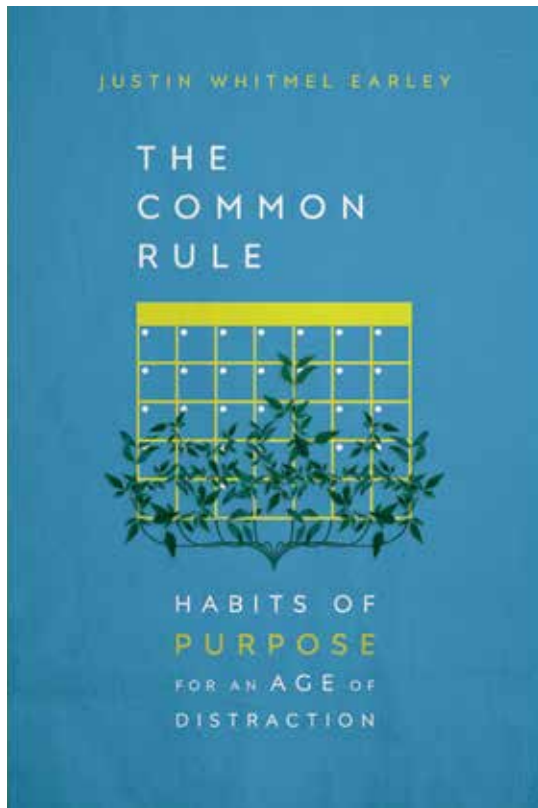
- What myths do we pick up about ourselves?
- How do you let go of the exhausting experience of thinking you have to be better than the parade of perfect people online?
- How does social media feed the comparison trap?



RICHELLA PARHAM is a writer, speaker, and the author of *A Spiritual Formation Primer*. She serves as vice-chair on the board of directors at Renovaré, and she is also a preacher and worship coordinator at The Gathering Church and a member of the Redbud Writers Guild. Richella lives in Durham, North Carolina, with her husband, Jack.

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“Habitually choosing what is best over and above what is loud and urgent has never been more difficult than in a culture of perpetual distraction. ‘But where do I begin?’ people ask. In this book, Justin Earley offers the answer. Follow his lead, and you will find much of your life handed back to you.”

—JOHN STONESTREET, president of The Chuck Colson Center for Christian Worldview

“Justin Earley offers a lifeline to every busy, smartphone-addicted, distracted person on earth. In his deeply personal and immensely practical book, he inspires us to find a rhythm that will support our most life-giving relationship of all—our friendship with Jesus.”

—KEN SHIGEMATSU, pastor of Tenth Church, Vancouver, BC, author of *Survival Guide for the Soul*

The Common Rule

Habits of Purpose for an Age of Distraction

February 19, 2019

\$18 | 204 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4560-6

Habits of Purpose for an Age of Distraction

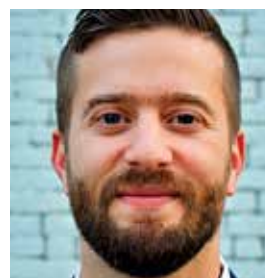
Angle and Talking Points

The modern world has us addicted to our technology, shackled by our screens, and exhausted by our routines. What can we do about it? Justin Earley offers four daily and four weekly habits, designed to help us create new routines and transform frazzled days into lives of love for God and neighbor.

- Daily Habit 1: Kneeling Prayer at Morning, Midday, and Bedtime
- Daily Habit 2: One Meal with Others
- Daily Habit 3: Daily Hour with Phone Off
- Daily Habit 4: Scripture Before Phone
- Weekly Habit 1: One Hour of Conversation with a Friend
- Weekly Habit 2: Curate Media to Four Hours
- Weekly Habit 3: Fast from Something for Twenty-Four Hours
- Weekly Habit 4: Sabbath

“I want readers to realize that their mundane lives are not neutral. They are full of worship and meaning. I want the veil to be pulled back so that people see what’s at stake in the ways they set up their days and weeks. Then, I want them to start trying to set up communal habits that intentionally guide them toward the love of God and neighbor. Trying a week or a month of The Common Rule is a way to do that.”

—JUSTIN WHITMEL EARLEY, author of *The Common Rule*

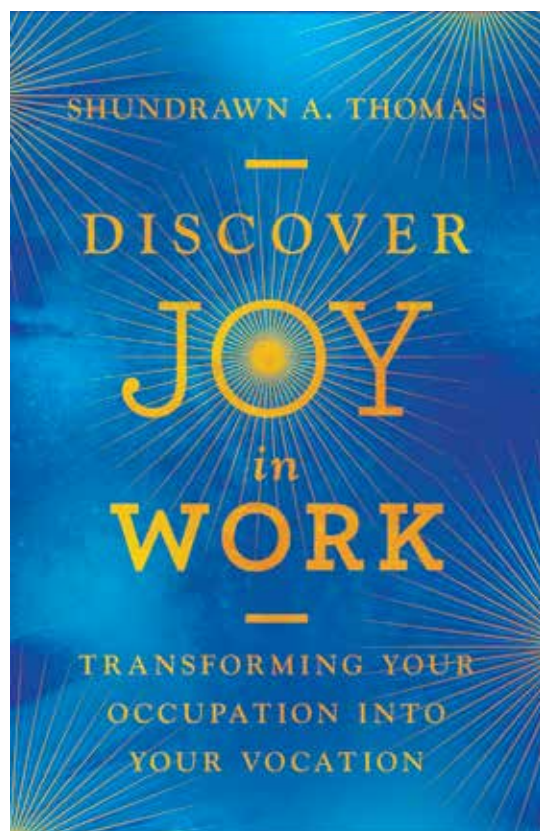


JUSTIN WHITMEL EARLEY

(JD, Georgetown University) is the creator of The Common Rule, a program of habits designed to form us in the love of God and neighbor. He is also a mergers and acquisitions lawyer in Richmond, Virginia. He previously spent several years in China as the founder and general editor of The

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“Most of us will spend many of our waking hours in our work environment. Few of us have reflected on how our work can be joyful. The author of this book was able to find joy in his work and transform his occupation into his vocation. As a result, he grew into the person he was becoming and in his contributions to those he worked with and those he served. Discover Joy in Work will open new opportunities for work to become a pathway to joy in your life.”

—C. WILLIAM POLLARD, former chief executive officer, The ServiceMaster Company, and author of *The Soul of the Firm*

“With Discover Joy in Work, Shundrawn brings an insightful and unique perspective to the age-old question of how we find joy in the work that we do every day. His book is a practical guide to the steps anyone can take to create a more fulfilling career journey and to love what they do.”

—LISA WARNER WARDELL, president and chief executive officer, Adtalem Global Education

Discover Joy in Work

Transforming Your Occupation into Your Vocation

September 10, 2019

\$22 | 208 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4574-3

Happiness Can Actually Be Found in Work

Angle and Talking Points

We are meant to experience joy in our work. But many of us struggle to find a sense of purpose or satisfaction in our daily grind. Is it possible for us to truly flourish in our work?

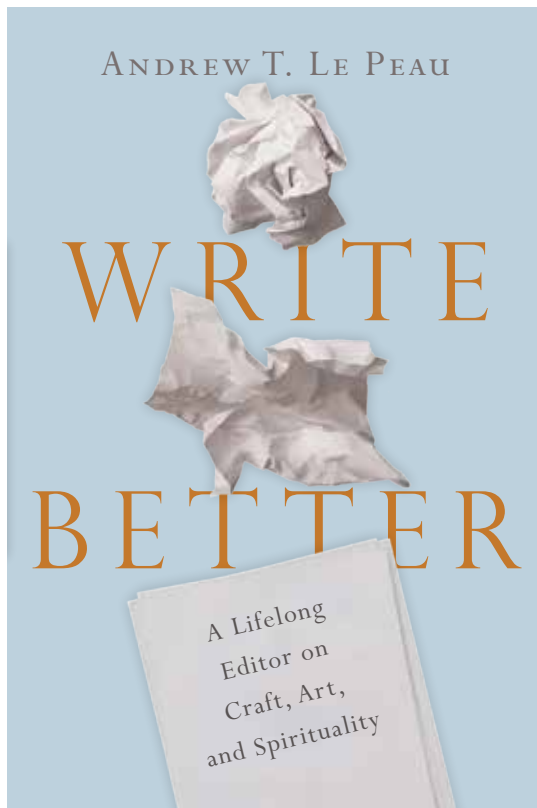
Business executive Shundrawn Thomas reveals how work is intended to produce lasting value and should be meaningful and productive. A healthy attitude toward work and the workplace requires intentionality and effort. Thomas gives us a greater understanding of our abilities and passions, which in turn helps us develop into the people we were meant to be. He addresses issues of work ethic, character formation, and work-life synergy to find better alignment between what we do and who we are. You are designed to flourish in your workplace. Come on this journey to transcend your occupation and discover your true vocation.

- What is the difference between occupation and vocation?
- Why do happiness and work often seem like contradictory terms?
- Why is measuring job satisfaction problematic?
- Why are attitude, approach, aptitude, and achievement all a part of finding joy in work?



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“To take Le Peau’s reliable, witty advice is to find ways to get started and keep going, all the while staying sober about the responsibility of turning words out into the world. Gratefully, it’s not at all like pulling a rabbit out of a hat.”

—JEN POLLOCK MICHEL, author of *Surprised by Paradox*

“Publishing professional Andy Le Peau has written the almost perfect book for Christian writers to help them overcome their own distractions and the distractions of their readers. He covers all of the creative writing topics, and he does it in a way that is compelling and accessible, wise and intelligent. This is now the important book on writing that every Christian writer (and many others) must own, both beginners and advanced professionals. Everyone can learn something from this amazingly well-constructed and well-written book—everyone.”

—ROY M. CARLISLE, executive editor for Books, Independent Institute

Write Better

A Lifelong Editor on Craft, Art, and Spirituality

October 8, 2019

\$18 | 272 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4569-9

*Writing Is Not Easy.
But It Can Get Better.*

Angle and Talking Points

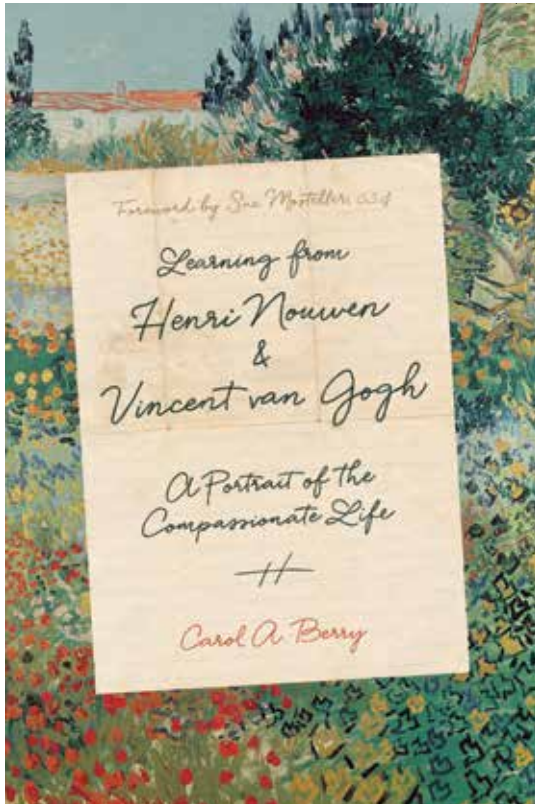
In this primer on nonfiction writing, Andrew Le Peau offers insights he has learned as a published author and an editor for over forty years, training, guiding, and cheering on hundreds of writers. Here are skills that writers can master—from finding strong openings and closings, to focusing on an audience, to creating a clear structure, to crafting a persuasive message. Le Peau says, “Writing is hard work. Writing well is even harder. But there are ways not only to make it easier but better. Having spent my whole career as a writer and editor, I offer a book on craft and character for non-fiction writers because who we are as writers is as important as how and what we write.”

- With wide-ranging examples from fiction and nonfiction, Le Peau demystifies aspects of art in writing such as creativity, tone, and metaphor.
- Invites, encourages, instructs, and inspires the writer who wants to develop the craft, communicate effectively, respect the reader, and provide a compelling reading experience.
- Considers how self-doubt, fear of criticism, downsides of success, questions of authority, and finding our voice are all a part of the exploration of spirituality as writers.



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James and Ephesians in the LifeGuide Bible Study series, and author of *Heart. Soul. Mind. Strength.* and *Mark Through Old Testament Eyes.*



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“Carol Berry’s deep knowledge of Vincent van Gogh, facilitated early on by her friendship with Henri Nouwen, helps us better connect our own suffering and the suffering of others to a more compassionate way of life. Carol invites us to move into the realm of mystery and grace as she underscores the humility and humanity of both men whose ultimate concern was to live practically and lovingly using Jesus as their guide and model. Carol Berry weaves together the lives of these two great Dutch spiritual masters and then offers wonder-filled personal experiences of compassion. For Carol, Henri and Vincent are two wounded healers of the world. They are true brothers able in their own unique but powerfully connected way to heal so many—even now. Carol Berry’s book is an inspiration.”

—RICHARD ROHR, Center for Action and Contemplation

Learning from Henri Nouwen and Vincent van Gogh

A Portrait of the Compassionate Life

May 7, 2019

\$22 | 144 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4651-1

Of Wheat Fields and Starry Nights: A Portrait of an Artist

Angle and Talking Points

Carol Berry and her husband met and befriended Henri Nouwen when she sat in his course on compassion at Yale Divinity School in the 1970s. At the request of Henri Nouwen’s literary estate, she has written this book, which includes unpublished material recorded from Nouwen’s lectures.

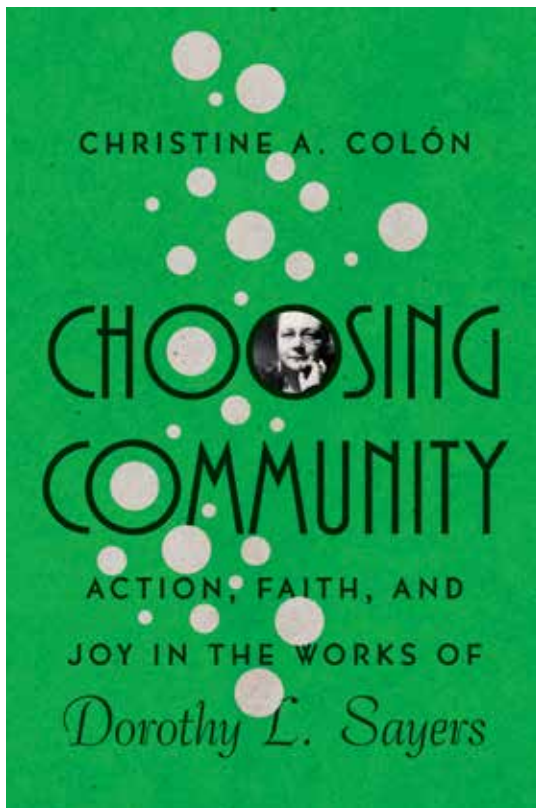
As an art educator, Berry is uniquely situated to develop Nouwen’s work on Vincent van Gogh and to add her own research. She fills in background on the much-misunderstood spiritual context of Van Gogh’s work, and reinterprets Van Gogh’s art (presented here in full color) in light of Nouwen’s lectures. Berry also brings in her own experience in ministry, sharing how Nouwen and Van Gogh, each in his own way, led her to the richness and beauty of the compassionate life. This book will provide:

- An understanding of Henri Nouwen and his views on empathy and kindness.
- A truer understanding of Vincent van Gogh and his art’s mission.
- An understanding of what it means to have compassion in all areas of life.



CAROL A. BERRY is an artist, art educator, and lecturer. She is also the author of *Vincent van Gogh: His Spiritual Vision in Life and Art*. She has been studying Vincent van Gogh since 1979, and spent years under the instruction of Henri J. M. Nouwen. She has traveled throughout Europe retracing Van Gogh’s life, visiting the towns and

villages in the Netherlands, Belgium, and France, where Van Gogh lived and worked.



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“Christine Colón has written an original and thoroughly fascinating book on Dorothy L. Sayers and community. Sayers enthusiasts will appreciate her meticulous research, but even the general reader who doesn’t know Sayers will learn something about how people can live together in harmony despite the traumas of this world.”

—SUZANNE BRAY, professor of English, Lille Catholic University

“Colón emphasizes the positive directions found in Sayers’s work for building true communities where individuals joyfully support each other in their God-given work, a vision that applies to the church as well as other communities. All who seek the welfare of their communities will find reliable guidance by following Dr. Colón’s exploration of the dramatic, eccentric, and whimsical vision of Dorothy Sayers for Christians living and working together in healthy community.”

—From the introduction by WALTER HANSEN

Choosing Community

Action, Faith, and Joy in the Works of Dorothy L. Sayers

October 15, 2019

\$16 | 150 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5374-8

Dorothy L. Sayers’s Vision for Communities of Action

Angle and Talking Points

Few writers in the twentieth century were as creative and productive as Dorothy L. Sayers, the English playwright, novelist, and poet. In this volume in the Hansen Lectureship Series, Christine Colón explores the role of community in Sayers’s works. In particular, she considers how Sayers offers a vision of communities called to action, faith, and joy, and she reflects on how we also are called to live in community together. Contents include

1. Dorothy L. Sayers’s Vision for Communities of Action
Response: Tiffany Eberle Kriner
2. Dorothy L. Sayers’s Vision for Communities of Faith
Response: Andy Mangin
3. Dorothy L. Sayers’s Vision for Communities of Joy
Response: Bryan T. McGraw



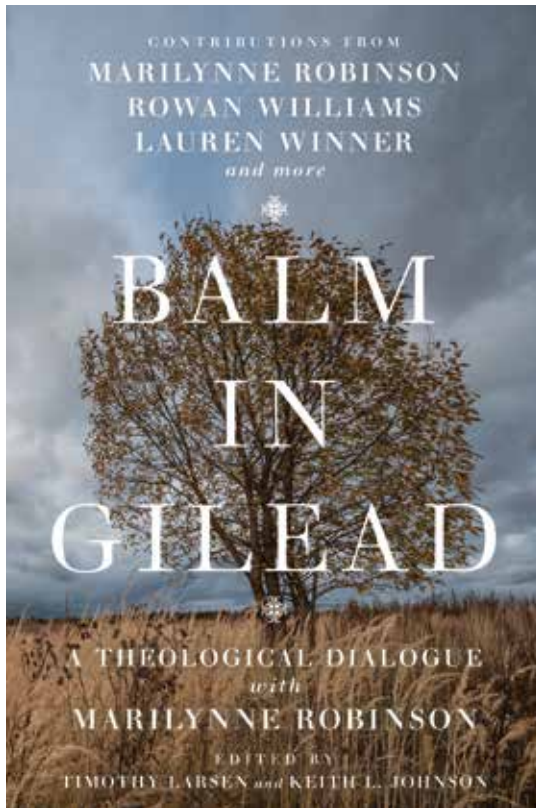
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Other titles in the Hansen Lectureship Series include:



George MacDonald in the Age of Miracles
Timothy Larsen | November 2018

The Messiah Comes to Middle-Earth
Philip Ryken | November 2018



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“Marilynne Robinson is perhaps the most vital of living American novelists. This collection contains essay after thoughtful essay exploring various facets of her complex and beautiful body of work. After reading them you feel that you have watched the assembling of a delightful portrait of this most theologically resonant of our writers.”

—ALAN JACOBS, distinguished professor of humanities, honors program, Baylor University

“The religious themes and insights in Marilynne Robinson’s novels and essays—especially her striking fondness for Calvin—have won her a devoted Christian following. Until now, however, there has been little explicit engagement with her work by theologians. In this volume, an impressive range of thinkers opens up a conversation with the novelist about the Christian life, the Reformed tradition, and the American experience.”

—DAVID HEIM, executive editor, *Christian Century*

Balm in Gilead

A Theological Dialogue with Marilynne Robinson

April 2, 2019

\$28 | 232 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5318-2

“The Most Vital of Living American Novelists”

Angle and Talking Points

Pulitzer Prize–winning novelist Marilynne Robinson is one of the most eminent public intellectuals in America today. In addition to literary elegance, her trilogy of novels (*Gilead*, *Home*, and *Lila*) and her collections of essays offer probing meditations on the Christian faith. This volume brings together the thoughts of leading theologians, historians, literary scholars, and church leaders who engaged in theological dialogue with Robinson’s published work—and with the author herself. Some of the essays include

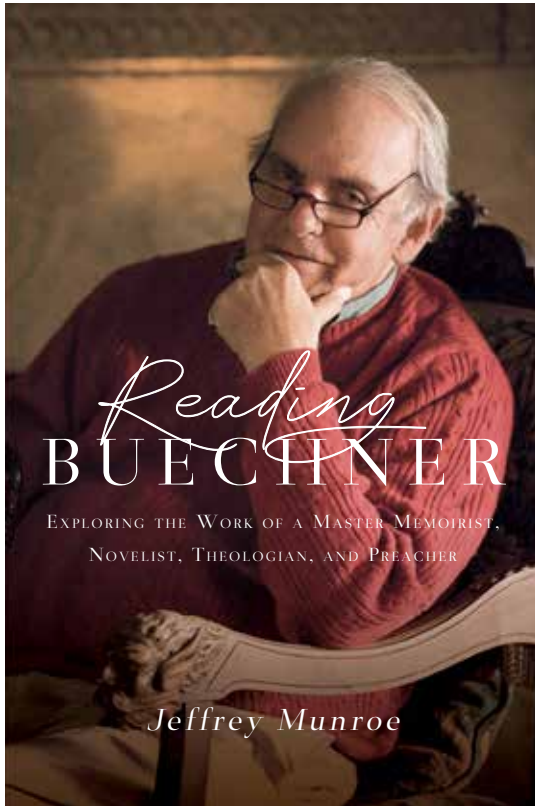
- Marilynne Robinson and John Calvin—**Timothy George**
- Thinking About Preaching with Marilynne Robinson—**Lauren F. Winner**
- Marilynne Robinson and the African American Experience—**Patricia Andujo**
- Beyond Goodness: *Gilead* and the Discovery of the Connections of Grace—**Rowan Williams**
- The Protestant Conscience—**Marilynne Robinson**



TIMOTHY LARSEN (PhD, University of Stirling) is McManis Professor of Christian Thought at Wheaton College. He is a fellow of the Royal Historical Society and an honorary fellow in the School of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh, and he has been a visiting fellow at Trinity College, Cambridge, and All Souls College, Oxford.



KEITH L. JOHNSON (PhD, Princeton Theological Seminary) is associate professor of theology at Wheaton College. He is author of *Theology as Discipleship* and *Karl Barth and the Analogia Entis*, and he is the coeditor of *Bonhoeffer, Christ and Culture*.



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“I do feel like I know Frederick Buechner, not because of those fleeting moments, but because of his books. I probably know more about his secrets and interior life than those of my real, in-person friends. ‘We don’t possess the man,’ my wise old professor said, ‘but we have his books.’ What gifts they are.”

—JEFFREY MONROE, *Reading Buechner*

Reading Buechner

Exploring the Work of a Master Memoirist, Novelist, Theologian, and Preacher

November 19, 2019

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The Legacy of Frederick Buechner

Angle and Talking Points

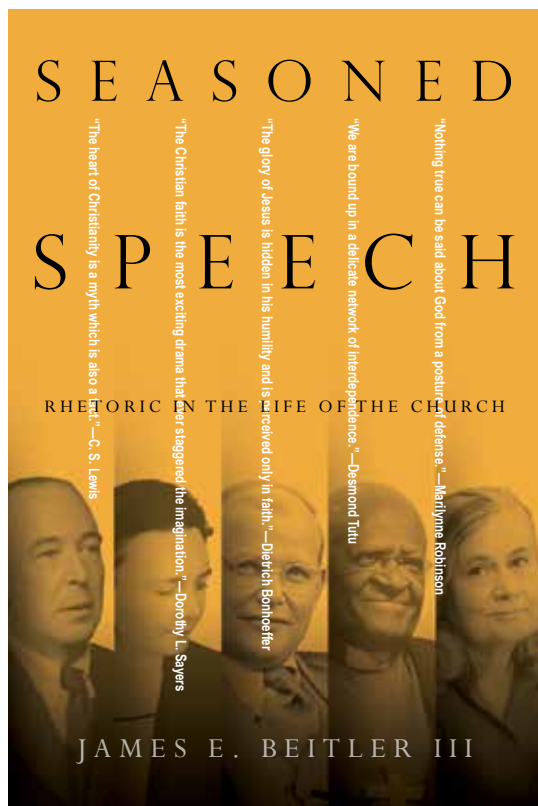
Frederick Buechner is one of the most gifted writers of his generation, and his legacy casts a long shadow over Christian letters today. As a memoirist, he opened up an entirely new way to think about the genre. As a novelist, he was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. And as a theologian and preacher, he pioneered the art of making theology accessible for a popular audience.

Yet for all Buechner’s enormous influence, many readers today are unfamiliar with his work or have read him only in one genre. In this book, Buechner expert Jeffrey Munroe presents a collection of the true essentials from across Buechner’s diverse catalog, as well as an overview of Buechner’s life and a discussion of the state of his literary legacy today. Monroe looks at each aspect of Buechner’s work through the lens of his published works, as follows:

- As memoirist: *The Sacred Journey*, *Lost and Found*, *Telling Secrets*, *The Eyes of the Heart*
- As novelist: *Godric*, *The Son of Laughter*, *Wishful Thinking*, *Peculiar Treasures*
- As preacher: *Telling the Truth*, *Secrets in the Dark*



JEFFREY MUNROE is vice president of operations and advancement at Western Theological Seminary, where he also teaches writing. He was a charter member of the advisory board of the Buechner Institute of Faith and Culture and is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America.



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“It is often very hard to see the obvious—that is, something as basic as the eloquence required for the proclamation of the gospel. But Beitler helps us recognize that the simple truth has an unmistakable eloquence, which is why it matters that we take lessons from the classical rhetorical tradition. Readers of this book will discover that the rhetorical task and questions of the truth of what we believe cannot be separated.”

—STANLEY HAUERWAS, author of *The Character of Virtue: Letters to a Godson*

“In *Seasoned Speech*, James Beitler gives us a deep and subtle meditation on the many rhetorics of Christian witness—the enormously varied ways that the language of extraordinary and ordinary saints bear forth the gospel. To read this book is to be impressed by the author’s scholarship but still more by the love with which he explores the relationship between our words and the Word.”

—ALAN JACOBS, distinguished professor of humanities, honors program, Baylor University

Seasoned Speech

Rhetoric in the Life of the Church

May 7, 2019

\$25 | 256 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5244-4

The Christian Depends to a Great Degree on Persuasion

Angle and Talking Points

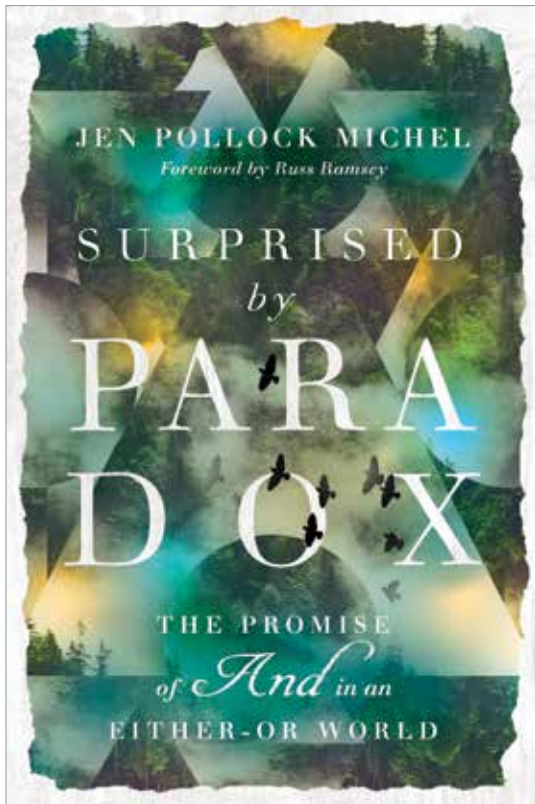
James Beitler seeks to renew interest in and hunger for an effective Christian rhetoric by closely considering the work of five beloved Christian communicators:

- C. S. Lewis
- Dorothy L. Sayers
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Desmond Tutu
- Marilynne Robinson

Moreover, he situates these reflections within the Christian liturgical seasons for the essential truths they convey. These writers collectively demonstrate that being a master of rhetoric is not antithetical to authentic Christian witness. Indeed, being a faithful disciple of Christ means practicing a rhetoric that beneficially and persuasively imparts the surprising truth of the gospel. It means having seasoned speech.



JAMES E. BEITLER III (PhD, University of Michigan) is associate professor of English at Wheaton College, where he is the director of First-Year Writing and also coordinates the Writing Fellows Program. He is the author of *Remaking Transitional Justice in the United States: The Rhetorical Authorization of the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission*.



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“What do you call a book that rattles our comfortable certainties while somehow leaving us sturdier and more joyful, a book that dances in the mysteries without going mushy or cynical, a book that stubbornly insists we find God in the kitchen as much as the cloister? I call this book a paradox. I call it a wonder.”

—WINN COLLIER, author of *Holy Curiosity*

“There is no one else I would rather see write a book on paradox than Jen Pollock Michel. Her writing is full of tension, cadence, wisdom, and beauty. She is a rare gift to the world of Christian publishing, and Surprised by Paradox is unsurprisingly worthy of her writing and wisdom.”

—LORE FERGUSON WILBERT, author of *Handle with Care*

Surprised by Paradox

The Promise of “And” in an Either-Or World

May 14, 2019

\$16 | 216 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4564-4

New from the Author of the Award-Winning Book *Teach Us to Want*

Angle and Talking Points

In a world filled with ambiguity, many of us long for a belief system that provides straightforward answers to complex questions and clarity in the face of confusion. With signature candor and depth, Jen Pollock Michel helps readers imagine a Christian faith open to mystery. As Michel writes, “As soon as we think we have God figured out, we will have ceased to worship him as he is.” With personal stories and reflection on Scripture, literature, and culture, Michel takes us deeper into the mystery of the One who is mystery and love.

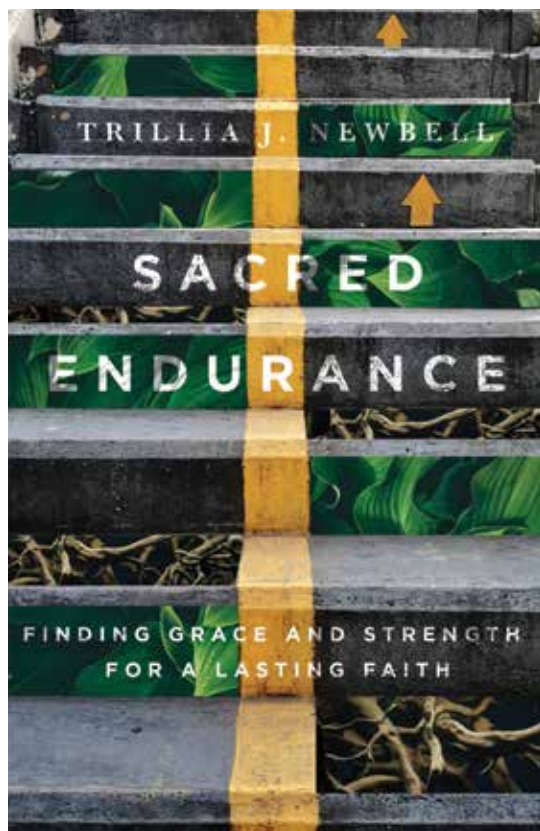
- The study of Scripture doesn’t untangle every theological knot.
- For all that we can systematize in our theology, there’s still a lot of mystery.
- God is often to be found in the “and,” which is to say places of dissonance, tension, and perplexity.
- Curiosity, wonder, and humility are part of the posture of worship.



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“Sacred Endurance helps us peek under the curtain of real life struggles to running the race set before us. There are reasons why people don’t endure to the end. What are they? Some theologians suggest that if a person does not endure to the end then he or she was never a believer. Maybe. But we want to preemptively and proactively prepare for some of the reasons why it simply gets hard to live, and we want to be able to say it out loud without shame. I hope we will see we are not alone in the struggle and that we can endure by God’s grace.”

—TRILLIA NEWBELL, author of *Sacred Endurance*

Sacred Endurance

Finding Grace and Strength for a Lasting Faith

November 12, 2019

\$16 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4578-1

Faith that Endures Through Doubt and Pain

Angle and Talking Points

Too many today are at risk of compromising their integrity or giving up on their faith. How can we persevere to the end?

Trillia Newbell, a fellow struggler on the journey, offers encouragement and hope for us to run the race well. While life may be full of challenges, we have a true and real hope in Jesus, who provides us with what we need to endure through pain and doubt. Newbell shares theological insights and practical disciplines to train us for faithful, godly living over the long haul. She says, “God promises to finish the good work he began, but that doesn’t come without bumps in the road. Life can be hard, faith can wane, and distractions abound. *Sacred Endurance* is about real life and our real hope; our only hope for finishing the race set before us enabled by the grace and strength of God.”

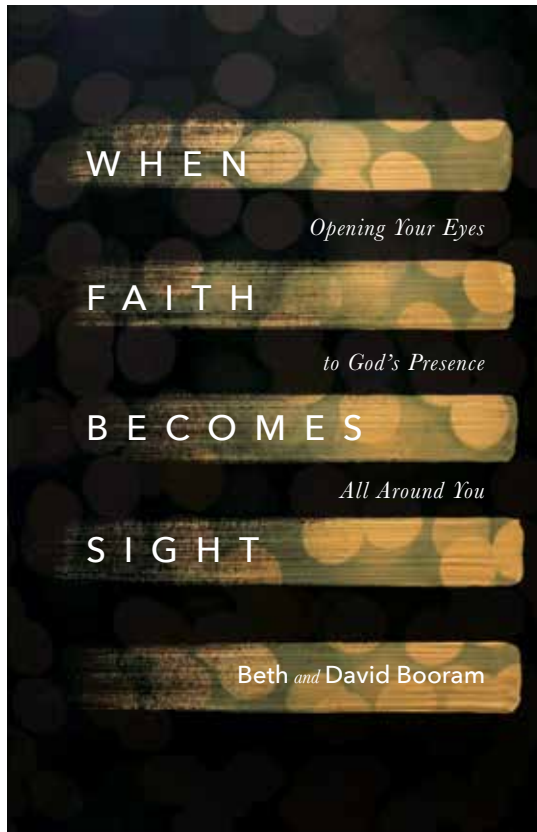
- How do you endure in fighting sin with faith?
- How exactly do you fight temptations?
- Is endurance even present in your life?
- Is it possible to work hard in fighting temptation and sin without getting prideful and falling into a mindset that your salvation is based on your efforts and not grace alone?
- Is it better to just throw up your hands in what feels like a pointless fight against sin and relish in the unconditional love and grace of God?



TRILLIA J. NEWBELL is director of community outreach for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. A frequent conference speaker, her writing has appeared in *Christianity Today*, *Desiring God*, the Gospel Coalition, and more. Her books include *Enjoy, Fear and Faith*, *United*, and *God’s Very Good Idea*. She and her family live near Nashville.

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"From shimmering moments to synchronicities to following the threads of our lives, Beth Booram and David Booram have written a truly lovely guide to paying attention to those moments of the divine breaking into ordinary moments. This book sparkles with possibility and gives language and practices to help us recognize and savor those moments."

—CHRISTINE VALTERS PAINTNER, author of *The Soul's Slow Ripening* and *Dreaming of Stones*

When Faith Becomes Sight

Opening Your Eyes to God's Presence All Around You

November 19, 2019

\$17 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4663-4

Three Capacities to Know That God Is with You

Angle and Talking Points

David and Beth Booram write, "Rather than trying to fit God and life into a system of beliefs, this book suggests that we can find God by paying attention to our own lived experience—that we can 'find God in all things.' Not that God causes all things, but that we can discover God present and available to us in the midst of all. To do so, what we need most are eyes to see God.

"At first, that statement sounds as though some of us have 'it' and others don't. As if some willfully choose blindness over sight. But our observations suggest that most people truly want to know whether God is present and active in their lives. So the lack of seeing is not out of stubborn refusal but rather out of simply not knowing what to look for or not recognizing unfamiliar expressions of the presence and action of God—like desire and desperation."

When Faith Becomes Sight is designed to help you gain assurance that God is with you and is actively involved in your life and world by growing three capacities:

- Your capacity to recognize God.
- Your ability to reflect on your experience.
- Your willingness to respond faithfully to God's presence and involvement in your life



BETH AND DAVID BOORAM are the cofounders and directors of Fall Creek Abbey, an urban retreat center in Indianapolis, where they lead The School of Spiritual Direction and offer individual and group spiritual direction. David is the founder of Direction 4 Life Work, through which he is a career counselor. Beth is the

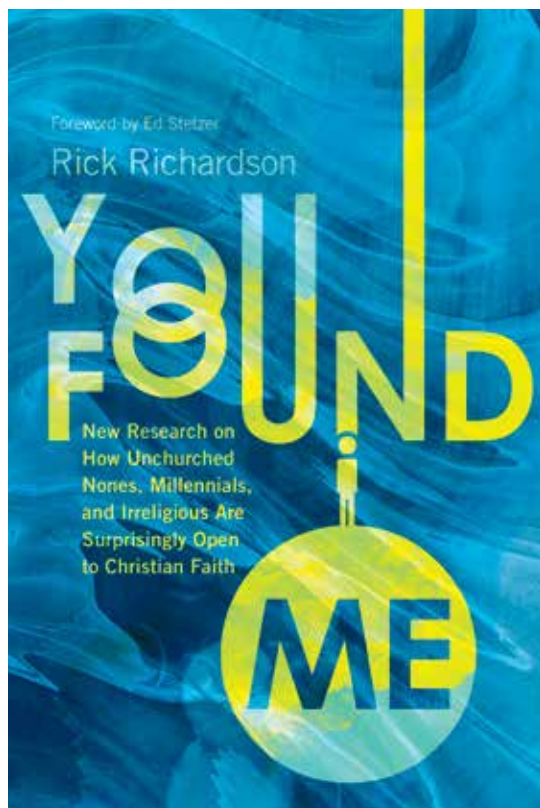
coauthor of *Awaken Your Senses* and the author of several books, including *Starting Something New*.

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“You Found Me is a breath of fresh air. Armed with research on the state of church outreach and the attitudes of the unchurched toward faith, Richardson charts a compelling vision for church outreach and evangelism in our new post-Christian world.”

—From the foreword by **ED STETZER**

“Rick Richardson has helped us crack the cultural code to unlock the receptivity of millennials, ‘nones,’ and irreligious people today. He’s given us hope based on solid data and research that can truly help many people find their way back to God through our churches!”

—**DAVE FERGUSON**, lead pastor of Community Christian Church, author of *Hero Maker*

You Found Me

New Research on How Unchurched Nones, Millennials, and Irreligious Are Surprisingly Open to Christian Faith

June 18, 2019

\$24 | 288 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4154-7

Surprising Truths About Unchurched People in the United States

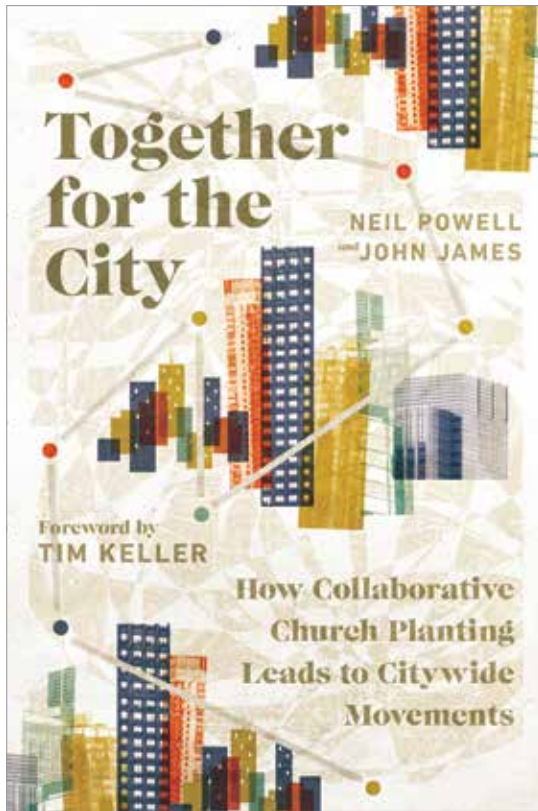
Angle and Talking Points

New research from the Billy Graham Center Institute shows that unchurched Americans are still remarkably open to faith conversations and the church. Researcher and practitioner Rick Richardson sheds light on the study’s findings and shares best practices for how churches are effectively approaching unchurched “nones” and moving them to faith.

- Myth 1: America is becoming non- or anti-Christian, “a nation of nones,” those who have no allegiance to any particular religion or religious body.
- Myth 2: Millennials are leaving the church at an alarmingly high rate and rarely, if ever, returning. Church has become irrelevant to the emerging generation.
- Myth 3: The golden age of the American Protestant Church was the 1950s, when it was culturally dominant, enjoying support and legitimacy from political, economic, and educational leaders and systems. Since then, the church has been in free fall to the point of near extinction today.
- Myth 4: Trust in the church is at an all-time low, as fewer Americans have a history of church involvement, and those who do often define their experience as negative. The result is a public inoculated against the church, Jesus, and faith.



RICK RICHARDSON is director of the Billy Graham Center Institute and its Church Evangelism Initiative, and professor of evangelism and leadership at Wheaton College Graduate School. He previously served as evangelism and discipleship pastor at Church of the Resurrection in Wheaton, Illinois, and was the evangelism champion who helped launch Willow Creek Community Church’s first multisite campus. His books include *Reimagining Evangelism* and *Evangelism Outside the Box*.



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“While there is an increasing body of literature about church planting in general, there is almost nothing available that describes whole-city collaboration between multiple denominations, networks, and movements. Neil and John spell out what it takes to get this done. I know of no better book on the subject.”

—From the foreword by **TIM KELLER**, founding pastor, Redeemer Presbyterian Church

Together for the City

How Collaborative Church Planting Leads to Citywide Movements

August 27, 2019

\$18 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4153-0

We Need a Bigger Vision for the City

Angle and Talking Points

It's not enough to plant individual churches in isolation from each other. The spiritual need and opportunity of our cities are too big for any one church to meet alone. Pastors Neil Powell and John James contend that to truly transform a city, the gospel compels us to create localized, collaborative church planting movements. They share lessons learned and principles discovered from their experiences leading a successful citywide movement. The more willing we are to collaborate across denominations and networks, the more effectively we will reach our communities—whatever their size—for Jesus.

- It takes a movement of the gospel to reach a city.
- For a movement of the gospel to happen, we need many more churches to be established than any one tribe, network, or denomination could plant.
- Collaboration is rooted in a deep reflection on the gospel, including the principles of compassion for the lost, generosity of spirit toward other churches, and humility with regard to what we can do or achieve on our own.

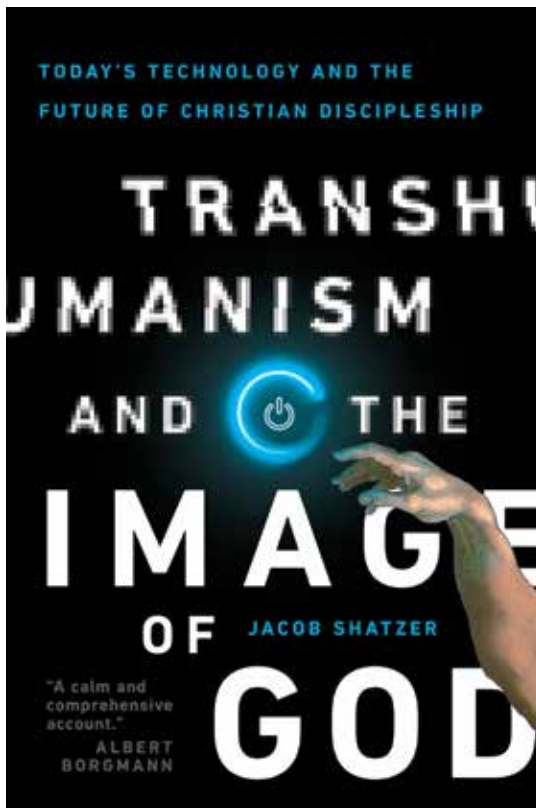


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JOHN JAMES is the lead pastor of Crossway Church in Birmingham, England, and the author of *Renewal: Church Revitalisation Along the Way of the Cross*. A trustee of 2020birmingham, he is part of a coalition of churches with church-planting initiatives in the Birmingham area. He also is a host for the Midlands Ministry Training Course.



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“Jacob Shatzer deepens our understanding and practice of Christianity by showing us how profound and perilous the influence of technology is on how we think and conduct ourselves today. Shatzer gives us a calm and comprehensive account of how the intellectual community is responding to these transformative forces, both the observers who are enchanted with the lures of technology and the critics who help us see what is at stake. Most important, Shatzer concludes with consolations that are well founded and inspire confidence.”

—ALBERT BORGMANN, author of *Real American Ethics*

“The adage that ‘we shape our tools, and thereafter our tools shape us’ takes on a new meaning with transhumanism. In this timely book, Shatzer explores how the liturgies of certain technologies can nudge us unwittingly toward a transhuman future and recommends practices that remind us what it truly means to be human.”

—DEREK C. SCHUURMAN, professor of computer science, Calvin College, author of *Shaping a Digital World: Faith, Culture and Computer Technology*

Transhumanism and the Image of God

Today's Technology and the Future of Christian Discipleship

April 9, 2019

\$22 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5250-5

Is the Future of Technology a Positive Movement?

Angle and Talking Points

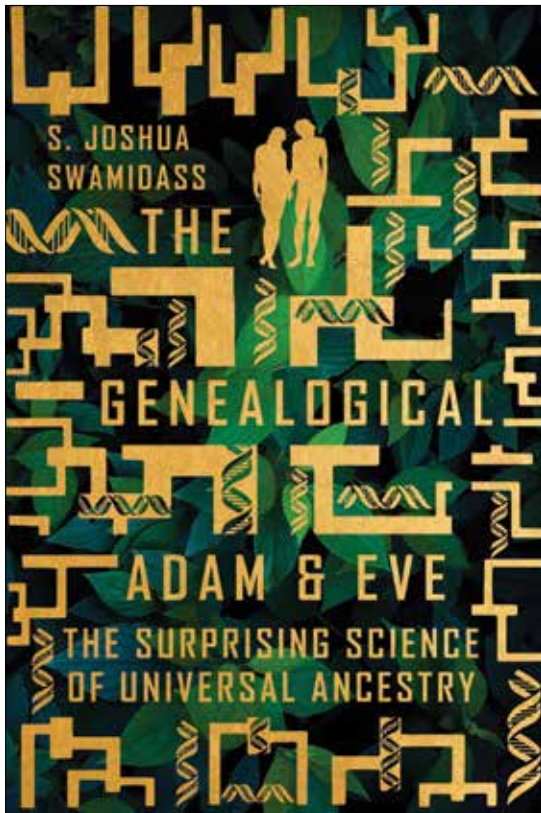
We're constantly invited to think about the future of technology as a progressive improvement of tools: our gadgets will continue to evolve, but we humans will stay basically the same. The truth is that radical technological change has the power to radically shape us. We must be well informed and thoughtful about the steps we've already taken toward a transhuman or even posthuman future. Can we find firm footing on a slippery slope? In *Transhumanism and the Image of God*, Shatzer explains the development and influence of the trans-humanist movement, which promotes a next stage in human evolution.

- What is transhumanism? What is posthumanism?
- What is the link between everyday technology consumption and transhumanism?
- Where does technology have the potential to impact our spiritual formation?
- Where and why does technology run counter to human flourishing?
- How historically has technology changed the way we see the world?
- Why is addiction such an important part of understanding technology's effect on us?
- What is the difference between transhumanism and the need for perfection?



JACOB SHATZER (PhD, Marquette University) is assistant professor and associate dean in the School of Theology and Missions at Union University. He is an ordained Southern Baptist minister and the author of *A Spreading and Abiding Hope*, editor of a volume of essays by A. J. Conyers, and assistant editor for *Ethics and Medicine*.

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The Genealogical Adam and Eve

The Surprising Science of Universal Ancestry

December 10, 2019

\$22 | 225 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5263-5

Genetic Ancestry versus Genealogical Ancestry

Angle and Talking Points

Evolutionary science indicates that humans arose as a population from common ancestors with the great apes. Christians have traditionally interpreted Scripture as teaching that all humans descend from a specially created Adam and Eve. Are these two perspectives contradictory? In the midst of tensions and complexities surrounding human origins, can we remain open to new discoveries while finding solid ground both biblically and scientifically?

In *The Genealogical Adam and Eve*, practicing scientist Joshua Swamidass proposes an innovative way of looking at what it means for all of humanity to be descendants of Adam and Eve. Building on cutting-edge findings that distinguish between genetic ancestry and genealogical ancestry, Swamidass argues that it's possible for Adam and Eve to be rightly identified in the Bible as the “ancestors of all who live” and yet not necessarily be the first *Homo sapiens*.

In this book, Swamidass

- explains key recent discoveries in genetics and human genealogy.
- considers implications of genealogical ancestry for Christian views of the image of God, the fall, and humans “outside the garden”.
- clarifies common misunderstandings arising from different uses of the terms *human* and *ancestry*.



S. JOSHUA SWAMIDASS (MD, PhD) is a scientist, physician, and professor in laboratory and genomic medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, where he runs a research group doing computational science at the intersection of medicine, biology, and chemistry. He speaks regularly at Veritas Forums on college campuses across the nation.

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“This book is for individual Christians, specifically evangelicals, who are wrestling with what it means to live out the Christian life and to be advocates of biblical justice. Communities, small groups, seminary or theology classes, and churches who want to engage in personal reflection and action around issues of biblical justice in a group or corporate setting will find this book instructive, insightful, and inspiring as they seek to better love God, their neighbors, and their enemies in globalized world.”

—FROM THE INTRODUCTION

Evangelical Theologies of Liberation and Justice

September 10, 2019

\$36 | 360 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5246-8

Can Evangelicals Have a Liberation Theology?

Angle and Talking Points

For many evangelicals, liberation theology seems a distant notion. Some might think it is antithetical to evangelicalism, while others simply may be unfamiliar with the role evangelicals have played in the development of liberation theologies. Despite the current rise in evangelicals focusing on justice work as an element of their faith, evangelical theologians have not adequately developed a theological foundation for this kind of activism.

Evangelical Theologies of Liberation and Justice fills this gap by bringing together the voices of academics, activists, and pastors to articulate evangelical liberation theologies from diverse perspectives. Some of the essays include:

- Evangelical Theologies of Liberation—**Soong-Chan Rah**
- Is It Time for a Womanist Theology of Reconciliation? —**Chanequa Walker-Barnes**
- Holy and Acceptable: Liberation from Evangelical Fat-Shame —**J. Nicole Morgan**
- Lean In to Liberating Love: The Birth of Evangelical Theology of Liberation at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary —**Peter Goodwin Heltzel, Pablo A. Jiménez, and Emmett G. Price III**
- Liberating Barabbas: And the Things That Make for Peace —**Drew G. I. Hart**
- Sacramental Theology—**Dominique DuBois Gilliard**



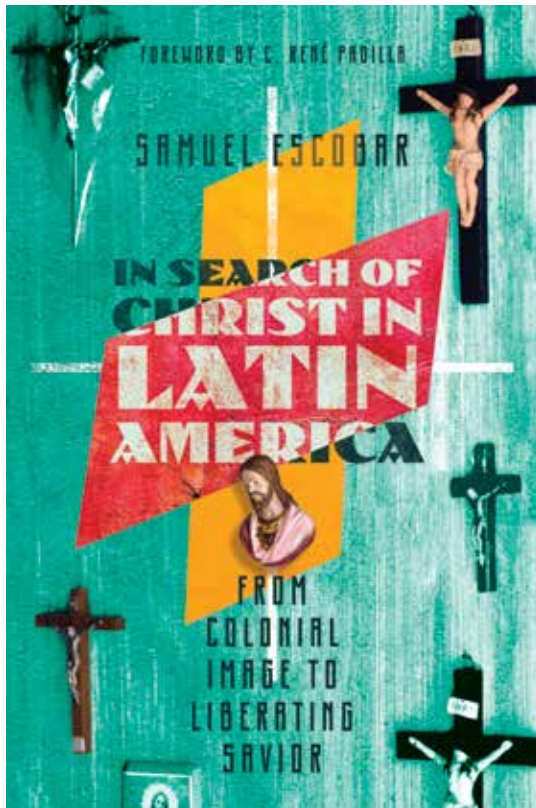
MAE ELISE CANNON is the author of the award-winning *Social Justice Handbook* and *Just Spirituality*, and coauthor of *Forgive Us*. She has served as the senior director of advocacy and outreach for World Vision-US and as the executive pastor of Hillside Covenant Church in Walnut Creek, California.

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ANDREA SMITH is a cofounder of Evangelicals 4 Justice and a board member of the North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies. She is currently chair of the Ethnic Studies Department at UC Riverside.



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“Samuel Escobar’s study of Christology in Latin America is the fruit of a lifetime of critical evangelical engagement with the challenges of Latin American society, as well as with the riches of Latin American literary culture. If you want to grasp the distinctive contours of Christianity in Latin America—whether Catholic or Protestant—read this book. If you want to understand why all Christians need an understanding of Jesus that is rooted, not simply in his death and resurrection, but also in his earthly ministry and his proclamation of the kingdom of God, read this book.”

—BRIAN STANLEY, professor of world Christianity, University of Edinburgh

“From the Roman Catholic liberation theologians to the nascent Protestant evangelical theology in the 1970s, Escobar’s cartography of faith is both a sacred memory and a constructive path for a Jesus lived and commended.”

—JULES A. MARTÍNEZ-OLIVIERI, assistant professor of faith and culture, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

In Search of Christ in Latin America

From Colonial Image to Liberating Savior

May 21, 2019

\$45 | 384 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5186-7

Latin American Understandings of Christ

Angle and Talking Points

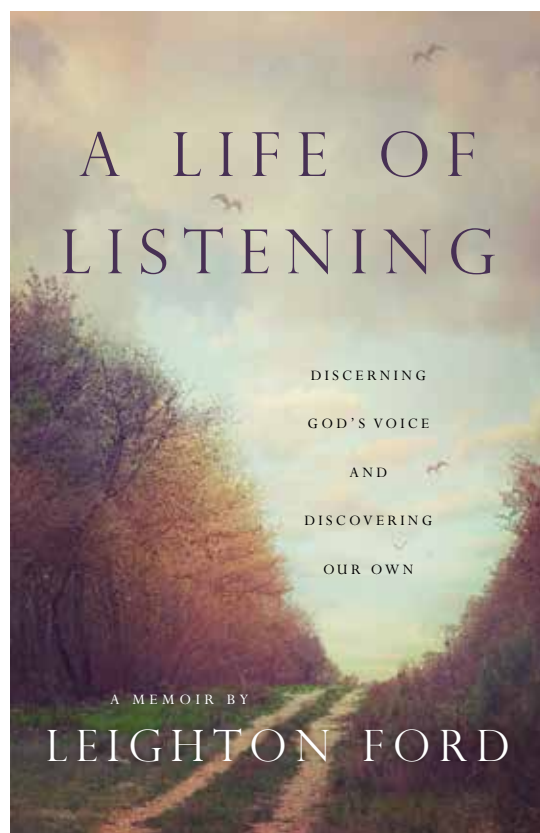
Noted theologian Samuel Escobar offers a magisterial survey and study of Christology in Latin America. Starting with the first Spanish influence and moving through popular religiosity and liberationist themes in Catholic and Protestant thought of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, *In Search of Christ in Latin America* culminates in an important description of the work of the Latin American Theological Fraternity (FTL). Escobar chronologically traces the journey of Latin American Christology and describes the milestones along the way toward a rich understanding of the spiritual reality and powerful message of Jesus.

- Offers theological, historical, and cultural analysis of Latin American understandings of Christ
- Discusses the sixteenth-century Spanish Christ, popular religiosity, and developed theological reflection
- Covers the full spectrum of theological traditions in Latin America
- Examines the figure of Jesus Christ in the context of Latin American culture of the twentieth century
- Places liberation theology within its social and revolutionary context



SAMUEL ESCOBAR, a native of Peru and a leading Latin American theologian, was one of the key participants in the 1974 International Congress on World Evangelization at Lausanne, Switzerland. He is professor emeritus of missiology at Palmer Theological Seminary and a past president of the International

Fellowship of Evangelical Students. His books include *The New Global Mission* and *La Palabra: Vida de la Iglesia*. Along with his wife, Lilly, he served on staff with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students in Latin America for twenty-six years.



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“Leighton Ford has been a giant in the evangelical world for two-thirds of a century. In this memoir we hear of the many voices that have produced his gentle, wise, and kind voice. Reading it is like spending time in his luminous presence, emerging with a voice both affected by Leighton’s, and strangely, more profoundly our own.”

—**JASON BYASSEE**, Butler Chair in Homiletics and Biblical Hermeneutics at the Vancouver School of Theology, author of *Surprised by Jesus Again*

“Leighton Ford is a spiritual giant and a living saint who has learned to listen to the living God all his life. It is a privilege to sit at his feet reading this book as he shares his lifelong pearls of wisdom with vulnerability and with the authority of someone who knows the Shepherd’s voice.”

—**SARAH BREUEL**, Revive Europe director, evangelism training coordinator, International Fellowship of Evangelical Students Europe

A Life of Listening

Discerning God’s Voice and Discovering Your Own

September 3, 2019

\$24 | 208 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4573-6

Leighton Ford Pens Memoir on Listening for God

Angle and Talking Points

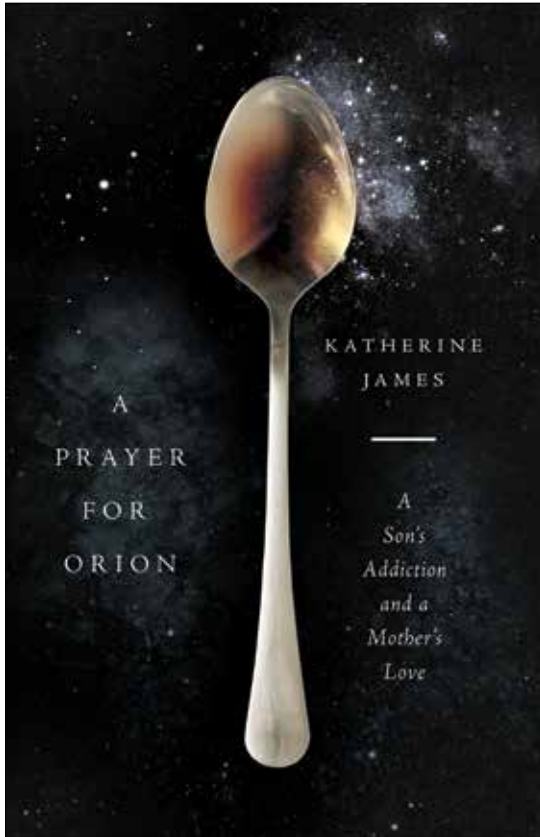
In this memoir, lifelong minister of the gospel Leighton Ford tells his story as a personal history of listening for God’s voice. Beginning with his earliest memories, he recounts the different ways God has spoken to him and the different ways he has learned to listen. Through the joys of ministry during many years as an evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, he remembers God’s voice proclaiming, instructing, and reassuring. Through the pain of deep loss, he remembers God’s voice calling out to him even in the deafening silence.

- For many years, Ford communicated about Christ around the globe through speaking, writing, and media outreach, addressing millions of people in thirty-seven countries on every continent.
- He served from 1955 until 1985 as associate evangelist and later vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and was featured as the alternate speaker to Billy Graham on the Hour of Decision broadcast.
- In 1985 *TIME Magazine* singled him out as being “among the most influential preachers of an active gospel.”



LEIGHTON FORD is president of Leighton Ford Ministries, which seeks to help young leaders worldwide lead more like Jesus. He is the author of numerous books, including *Transforming Leadership* and *The Attentive Life*. Ford served for nearly twenty years as chairman of the Lausanne Committee for World

Evangelization, an international body of Christian leaders. He received the 1990 Two Hungers Award, recognizing his contributions to addressing the physical and spiritual hungers of people around the world. In 1985 he was selected as Clergyman of the Year by Religious Heritage of America. He lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, with his wife, Jean.



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A Prayer for Orion

A Son's Addiction and a Mother's Love

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When Addiction Hits Home

Angle and Talking Points

When Katherine James and her husband found out their son was using heroin, their responses ran the gamut: disbelief, anger, helplessness, and guilt. As they struggled to come to grips with their son's addiction and the decision of how best to help him, their home became a refuge for an unlikely assortment of their son's friends, each with their own story, drawn by the simple love and acceptance they found there—“the lost boys,” James calls them.

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“William Faulkner said that the past is never dead and that it's not even the past,” writes James. “Of course, what he meant is that our past, once it becomes history, doesn't become a benign thing—it's as much a part of us as the color of our eyes because in so many ways it has formed who we are now. In writing this memoir I've had to discover and study the specifics of events and even emotions that I had no intention of going back to, but in doing so I've found Faulkner's words ring true; my past is not even my past. I am who I am because of it. It's a hard memoir to write, but there's no one else in the world who can write it.”



KATHERINE JAMES received the Felipe P. De Alba Fellowship from Columbia University, where she also taught undergraduate fiction. Her debut novel, *Can You See Anything Now?*, won *Christianity Today's* 2018 Fiction Book Award and was a semifinalist for the Doris Bakwin Award.

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“I am so grateful to Lucy for this wonderful packaging of all her best ideas about women in the Bible and church.”

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Are Women Equal?

Angle and Talking Points

Does God call women to serve as equal partners in marriage and as leaders in the church? The answer to this straightforward question is deeply contested. Into the fray, Lucy Peppiatt offers her work on interpretation of the Bible and Christian practice. With careful exegetical work, Peppiatt considers relevant passages in Ephesians, Colossians, 1 Peter, 1 Timothy, and 1 Corinthians. There she finds a story of God releasing women alongside men into all forms of ministry, leadership, work, and service on the basis of character and gifting, rather than biological sex.

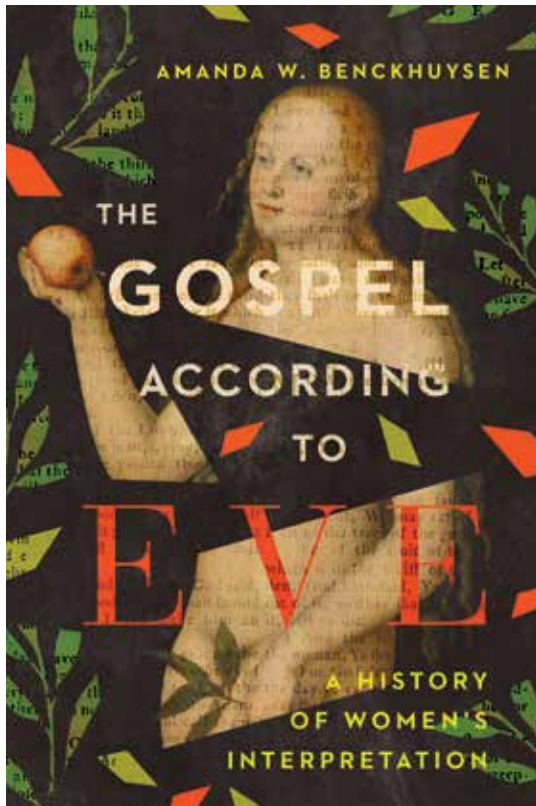
Those who see the overturning of male-dominated hierarchy in the Scriptures, she argues, are truly rediscovering an ancient message—a message distorted by those who assumed that a patriarchal world, which they sometimes saw reflected in the Bible, was the one God had ordained.

- What is the place of women in ministry?
- What does the creation narrative tell us about the role of women?
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- What does “headship” mean?



LUCY PEPPIATT (PhD, Otago) is the principal of Westminster Theological Centre. Her research interests are Christ and the Spirit, charismatic theology, discipleship, and 1 Corinthians, and her books include *Unveiling Paul's Women* and *Women and Worship in Corinth*.

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“I had somehow come to believe that egalitarian readings of Genesis 1–3 were an outgrowth of our times, cultural pressures, and influences on biblical interpretation. Here, however, were interpreters from a much earlier time period, when patriarchy was culturally accepted, suggesting that Scripture calls the Christian community to a different way of relating as men and women, to relationships of equality, mutuality, and shared governance, recognizing in each other our status as image bearers of God. As a woman who has personally been affected by gender debates in the Christian community, it was profoundly healing and encouraging to discover a countertradition in history that advocated for a more positive take on Eve and subsequently on women as a whole.”

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The Gospel According to Eve

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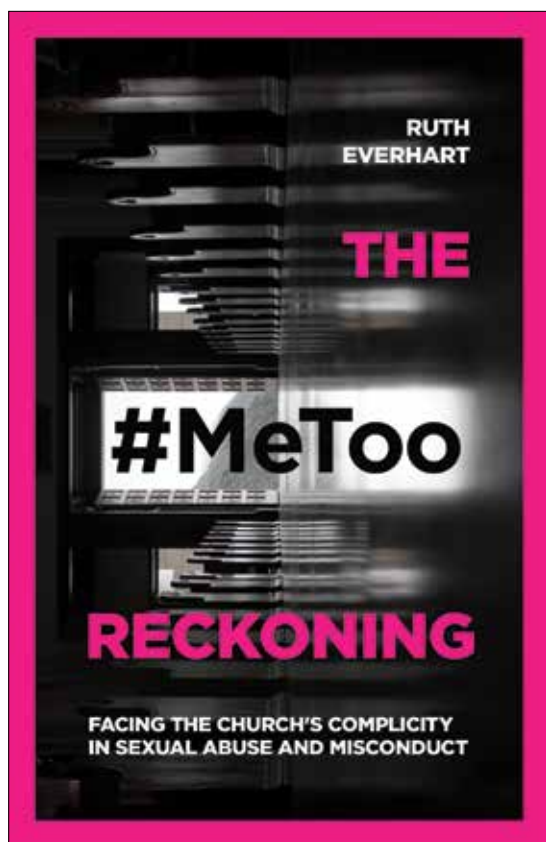
Angle and Talking Points

Over the centuries, women have read and interpreted the story of Eve, scrutinizing the details of the text to discern God's word for them. Often their investigations led them to insights and interpretations that differed from dominant views, shaped as they were by men. *The Gospel According to Eve* traces the history of women's interpretation of Genesis 1–3, readings of Scripture that affirmed women's full humanity and equal worth. Biblical scholar Amanda Benckhuysen allows the voices of women from the past to speak of Eve's story and its implications for marriage, motherhood, preaching, ministry, education, work, voting, and more.

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AMANDA W. BENCKHUYSEN (PhD, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto) is Johanna K. and Martin J. Wyngaarden Senior Professor of Old Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary and a researcher in biblical interpretation and reception history.



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Facing the Church's Complicity in Sexual Abuse and Misconduct

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#MeToo, #ChurchToo, and God's Solidarity with Victims

Angle and Talking Points

The #MeToo movement has revealed sexual abuse and assault in every sphere of society, including the church. But victims are routinely ignored by fellow Christians, who deny their accounts and fail to bring accountability to the perpetrators. All too often, churches have been complicit in protecting abusers, reinforcing patriarchal power dynamics, and creating cultures of secrecy, shame, and silence.

- An American is assaulted every 98 seconds.
- One out of every six women is the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime.
- Only six out of every 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison.

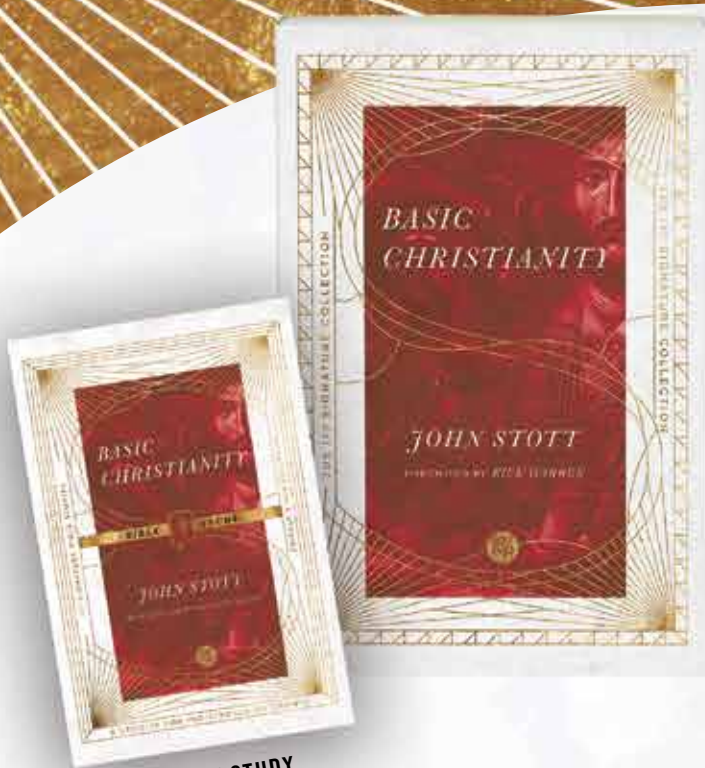
Pastor and survivor Ruth Everhart shines a light on the prevalence of sexual abuse and misconduct within faith communities. She candidly discloses stories of how she and others have experienced assault in church settings, highlighting the damage done to individuals, families, and communities. Scriptural narratives like those of Tamar and Bathsheba carry powerful resonance in today's context, as do the Gospel stories of Jesus interacting with women. Everhart offers hope to survivors as she declares that God is present with the violated and stands in solidarity with victims.



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