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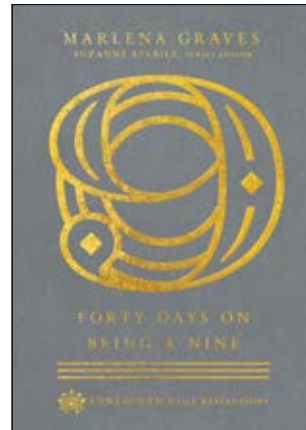
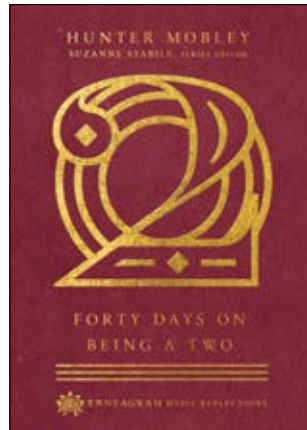
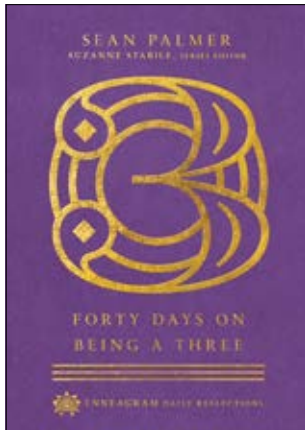
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Welcome to the 2020 Media Idea Book, brought to you by the publicity team at InterVarsity Press! We're pleased to offer you this handpicked collection of recent titles, and we've included angles, talking points, and author biographies for your reference and referral.

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ENNEAGRAM RESOURCES AND EXPERTS FROM IVP



Enneagram Daily Reflections Series

October 6, 2020

\$15 | 128 pages | casebound | 978-0-8308-4741-9

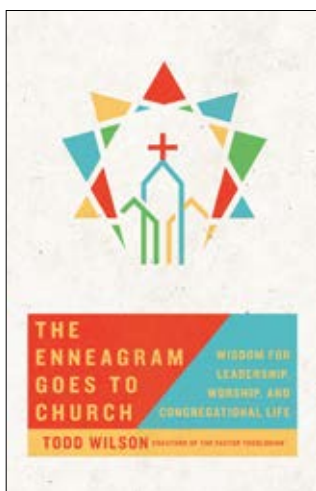
A Forty-Day Deep Dive

What is it like to be each of the Enneagram numbers? The complete Enneagram Daily Reflections series has nine volumes in total with one volume for each Enneagram number. The series is edited by Enneagram master Suzanne Stabile, and each book is written by a different Christian author, representing their own personality type and providing unique and personal reflections on daily living within the context of that number.

Authors secured for the volumes include:

Forty Days on Being a One, Juanita Campbell Rasmus (Spring 2021)
Forty Days on Being a Two, Hunter Mobley (Fall 2020)
Forty Days on Being a Three, Sean Palmer (Fall 2020)
Forty Days on Being a Four, Christine Yi Suh (Fall 2021)
Forty Days on Being a Five, Morgan Harper Nichols (Spring 2021)
Forty Days on Being a Six, Tara Beth Leach (Fall 2021)
Forty Days on Being a Seven, Gideon Yee Shun Tsang (Winter 2021)
Forty Days on Being an Eight, Sandra Maria Van Opstal (Fall 2021)
Forty Days on Being a Nine, Marlena Graves (Winter 2021)

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The Enneagram Goes to Church

Wisdom for Leadership, Worship, and Congregational Life

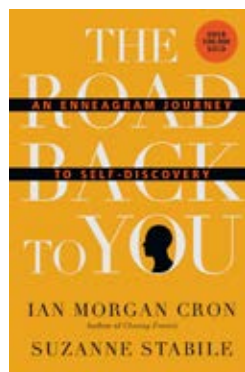
March 16, 2021

\$18 | 180 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4682-5

Todd Wilson writes, “I was a bona fide expert in the Bible, with the degrees and publications to prove it. But when it came to empathetically shepherding people and sensitively engaging their manifold personalities and diverse ways of seeing the world, I was an amateur.” In *The Enneagram Goes to Church*, Wilson shows how the Enneagram can help us become better teachers, influence how we develop worship and Christian education, and guide us in building and leading teams.

TODD WILSON is the president and cofounder of the [Center for Pastor Theologians](https://www.centerforpastortheologians.com) and the former senior pastor of Calvary Memorial Church in Oak Park, Illinois. He holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge and is the author of *Mere Sexuality* and *Real Christian*, as well as coauthor of *The Pastor Theologian*.

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[The Road Back to You](#)

An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery

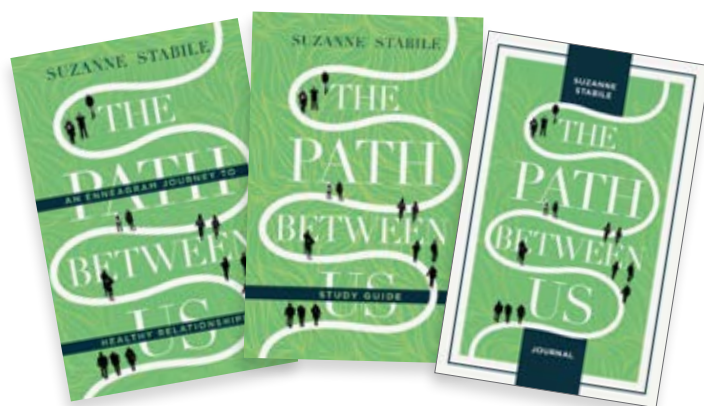
October 4, 2016

\$24 | 240 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4619-1

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[The Path Between Us](#)

An Enneagram Journey to Healthy Relationships

April 10, 2018

\$24 | 208 pages | hardcover book | 978-0-8308-4642-9

April 10, 2018

\$10 | 64 pages | paperback study guide | 978-0-8308-4643-6

July 7, 2020

\$15 | 144 pages | casebound journal | 978-0-8308-4681-8

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[Spiritual Rhythms for the Enneagram](#)

A Handbook for Harmony and Transformation

March 12, 2019

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

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[Mirror for the Soul](#)

A Christian Guide to the Enneagram

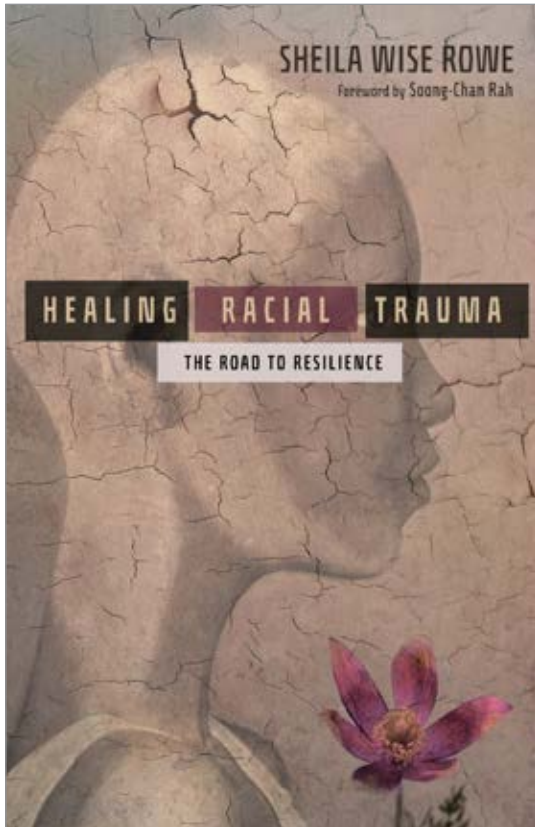
July 14, 2017

\$18 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4632-0

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*“I am excited to recommend people of faith pay close attention to the work of Sheila Wise Rowe in her much-needed book, *Healing Racial Trauma*. The road to resilience is long and lonely. Black people in the United States are often required to believe that we can sprint to strength and that we need not heal from what happened in our history. Sheila’s careful surveys of interpersonal, systemic, historical, and transgenerational issues inspire and remind us that there is deep work to do, not simply for resolve and survival but for the sake of future generations. I hope that Black Christians, all Christians of color, and their families will use this book as an inspiration, affirmation, and a guide to addressing the bitter pieces of our stories. I expect White Christians to find a resource of patient assistance on their own road to resilience and deliverance from the vestiges of whiteness and its demonic grip on the global household of God.”*

MICHELLE HIGGINS, cohost of *Truth’s Table* and executive director of Faith for Justice

[Healing Racial Trauma](#)

The Road to Resilience

January 7, 2020

\$17 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4588-0

Healing that Leads to Racial Reconciliation

Angle and Talking Points

People of color have endured traumatic histories and almost daily assaults on their dignity. As a child, Sheila Wise Rowe was bused across town to a majority white school, where she experienced the racist lie that one group is superior to all others. This lie continues to be perpetuated today by the action or inaction of the government, media, viral videos, churches, and sometimes even our family of origin. In contrast, Scripture declares that we are all fearfully and wonderfully made. Rowe, a professional counselor, exposes the symptoms of racial trauma to lead readers to a place of freedom from the past and new life for the future. This book offers three key principles:

- How racial trauma impacts people of color historically, generationally, and personally
- Why lament, grieving, and releasing anger are a necessary part of the healing process
- What skills all people of faith, regardless of color, need to acquire to allow for true racial reconciliation to take place

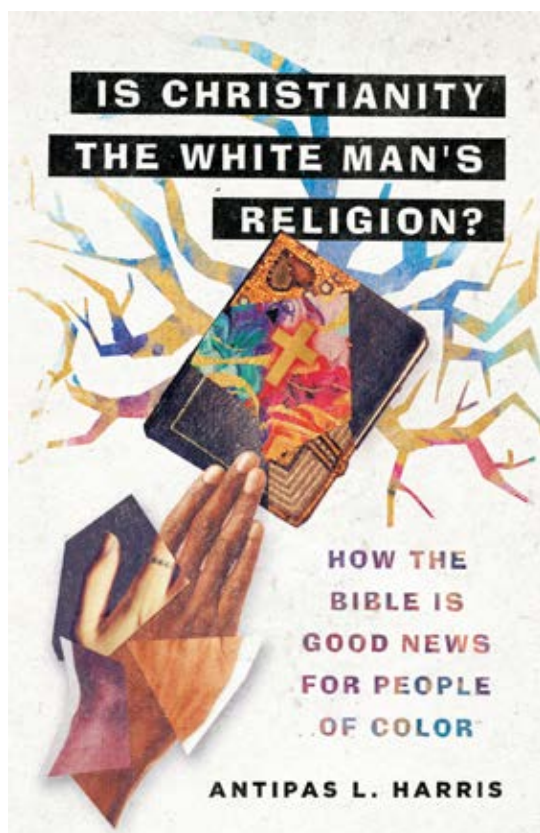


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for a decade. Sheila is the executive director of The Rehoboth House and the cofounder of The Cyrene Movement, an online community for people of color seeking healing for racial trauma. She is the author of *The Well of Life: Heal Your Pain, Satisfy Your Thirst, Live Your Purpose* along with *The Wonder Years*. She lives in the Boston area, where she is a writer, counselor, speaker, and spiritual director.

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“Dr. Antipas Harris courageously confronts the academic view and spiritual ramifications of a debate that has existed in the black community and beyond for years! The lack of understanding is limiting our ability to represent the body of Christ. This book’s genius is that every person concerned about how our world has become so polarized will see that the roots are in part wrapped around the misrepresentation of religious rhetoric—sometimes innocently conveyed—and how it’s had its hand in the historical cookie jar! At the end of the day, we who are spiritual must take the lead on becoming one, which is our responsibility. . . . Jesus prayed that we might be one! Enjoy the read!”

BISHOP T. D. JAKES SR., senior pastor of The Potter’s House of Dallas

[Is Christianity the White Man’s Religion?](#)

How the Bible Is Good News for People of Color

May 19, 2020

\$22 | 168 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4599-6

Redeeming Faith from Cultural Biases

Angle and Talking Points

As our society increases in ethnic and religious diversity, millennials and the next generation of emerging adults harbor suspicions about traditional Christianity. They’re looking for a faith that makes sense for the world they see around them. They want to know how Christianity relates to race, ethnicity, and societal injustices. Many young adults have rejected the Christian faith based on what they’ve seen in churches, the media, and politics. For them, Christianity looks a lot like a “white man’s religion.” Antipas L. Harris, a theologian and community activist, believes that biblical Christianity is more affirmative of cultural diversity than many realize. In this sweeping social, theological, and historical examination of Christianity, Harris responds to a list of hot topics from young Americans who struggle with the perception that Christianity is detached from the following matters:

- Justice
- Identity
- Culture

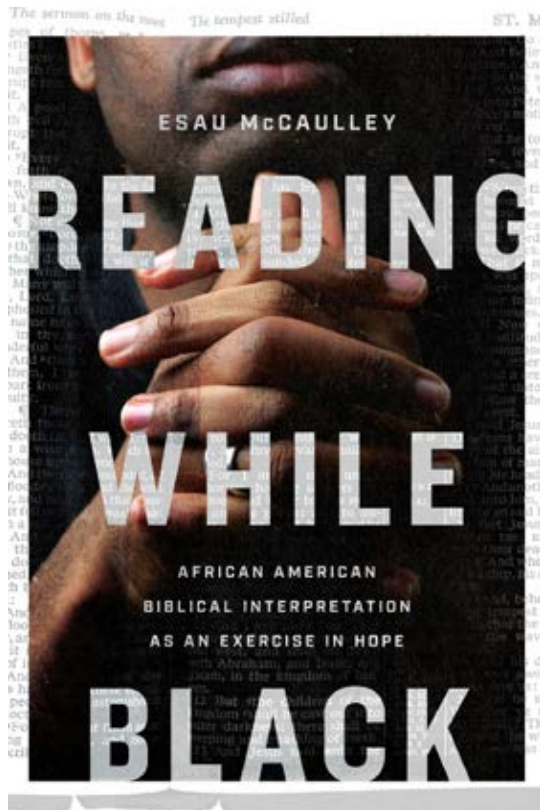


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“When I was a student, I was explicitly and implicitly trained to focus exclusively on the ancient context of Scripture and read ‘objectively.’ Bible study could easily become a disembodied experience. McCaulley makes a compelling case, in this engagement with African American biblical interpretation, that not only is the reader’s culture and experience not a hindrance to interpretation per se but can enrich it greatly. Reading While Black is a unique and successful blend of biblical hermeneutics, autobiography, black history and spirituality, incisive cultural commentary on race matters in America, and insightful exegesis of select New Testament texts.”

NIJAY K. GUPTA, professor of New Testament at Northern Seminary

[Reading While Black](#)

African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope

September 1, 2020

\$20 | 208 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5486-8

The Hope of Black Biblical Interpretation

Angle and Talking Points

Growing up in the American South, Esau McCaulley knew firsthand the ongoing struggle between despair and hope that marks the lives of some in the African American context. A key element in the fight for hope, he discovered, has long been the practice of Bible reading and interpretation that comes out of traditional Black churches. This ecclesial tradition is often disregarded or viewed with suspicion by much of the wider church and academy, but it has something vital to say.

Reading While Black is a personal and scholarly testament to the power and hope of Black biblical interpretation. At a time in which some within the African American community are questioning the place of the Christian faith in the struggle for justice, New Testament scholar McCaulley argues that reading Scripture from the perspective of Black church tradition is invaluable for connecting with a rich faith history and addressing the urgent issues of our times.

Ultimately, McCaulley calls the church to a dynamic theological engagement with Scripture, in which Christians of diverse backgrounds dialogue with their own social location as well as the cultures of others. *Reading While Black* moves the conversation forward.

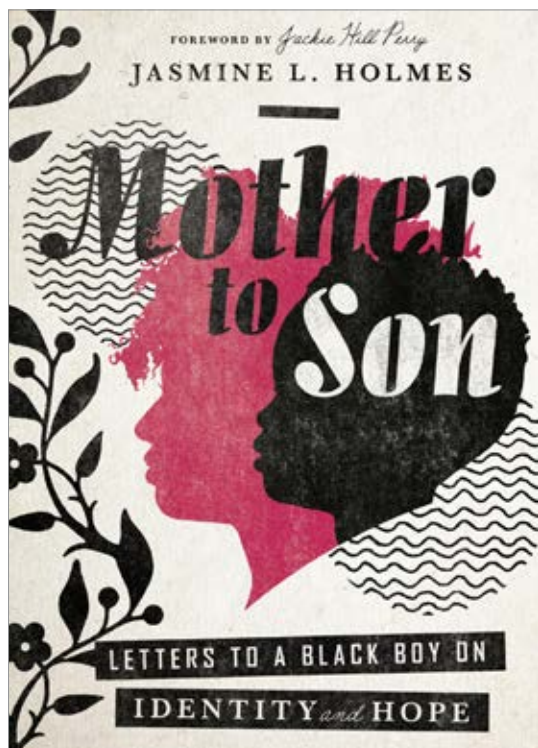
- Centers the concerns and experiences of the Black community
- Highlights biblical interpretation within the Black church
- Includes exegesis from a Black biblical scholar



ESAU McCAULLEY (PhD, St. Andrews) is assistant professor of New Testament at Wheaton College. He is the director of Next Generation Leadership for the Anglican Church in North America. His publications include *Sharing in the Son’s Inheritance* and numerous articles in outlets such as *Christianity Today*, *The Witness*, the *New York Times*, and the *Washington Post*.

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“These letters are personal and yet applicable to us all. With child or without. Brown or white. Married or single. We may not all understand what it is to be her, a black mother with a brown boy, but we all understand what it is like to love, to care so deeply for someone that affection becomes words.”

JACKIE HILL PERRY, from the foreword

“What a privilege to sit at the feet of Jasmine Holmes in these pages. In order to navigate her way through one of the thorniest conversations today—race in America—Holmes has relied on biblical wisdom to convey hard-yet-hopeful truths to her son. So much is yet to be done to repair the sins of the past; so much is still possible through the church of Jesus Christ, who carried our burdens and become the way of reconciliation.”

JEN POLLOCK MICHEL, author of *Surprised by Paradox* and *Keeping Place*

[Mother to Son](#)

Letters to a Black Boy on Identity and Hope

March 24, 2020

\$20 | 160 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-3276-7

Letters to a Black Boy on Identity and Hope

Angle and Talking Points

“Wynn is my son. No one could ever be more loved by his parents. Inquisitive, fiercely affectionate, staunchly opinionated, he sees the world through eyes of wonder and has yet to become jaded by society’s cruelty. I know he’ll grow up with stories of having been made to feel ‘other’ because of the color of his skin. I want to teach him that, though life’s unfair, he still has incomparable value in the eyes of his heavenly Father. I know this wondrous little person has the potential to change the world—and I want him to know it too.”

In *Mother to Son*, Jasmine Holmes shares a series of powerful letters to her young son. These are about her journey as an African American Christian and what she wants her son to know as he grows and approaches the world as a black man. Holmes deals head-on with issues ranging from discipleship and marriage to biblical justice. She invites us to read over her shoulder as she reminds Wynn that his identity is firmly planted in the person and work of Jesus Christ, even when the topic is one as emotionally charged as race in America.



JASMINE L. HOLMES has written for The Gospel Coalition, *Desiring God*, *Fathom Mag*, *Christianity Today*, and *The Witness*. She is also a contributing author for *Identity Theft: Reclaiming the Truth of Our Identity in Christ and His Testimonies*, *My Heritage: Women of Color on the Word of God*. She teaches humanities in a classical Christian school in Jackson, Mississippi, where she and her husband, Phillip, are parenting two young sons.

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“The good news is that when mixed folks feel comfortable in both embracing and rejecting stereotypes as they see fit, they can experience freedom as well as helping others to shake off the unreasonable expectations placed on them. We who are multiethnic can lead the way in affirming that humans are a product of both our genetics and our upbringing but also of our own cultural choices. We have the privilege of telling others that we are not here to live within the limitations set for us by them. We are here to discover who Jesus designed us to be, moment by moment.”

CHANDRA CRANE in *Mixed Blessing*

“Mixed Blessing reminds us that people are not created for boxes but for God’s glory. This book helps fill an inexcusable gap in our understanding of racial and ethnic dynamics. . . . Is Mixed Blessing an easy read? Certainly not. But it is an essential one.”

From the foreword by JEMAR TISBY, president of The Witness

[Mixed Blessing](#)

Embracing the Fullness of Your Multiethnic Identity

December 15, 2020

\$17 | 208 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4805-8

Checking All the Boxes That Apply Instead of “None of the Above”

Angle and Talking Points

“So what are you?” Chandra Crane knows what it’s like to get that question about her ethnicity. She has a Thai birth father, a European American mother, and an African American father who adopted her when she was five. With this mixed multiethnic and multicultural background, she has keenly felt the otherness of never quite fitting in. Where do people of mixed ethnicity belong? This book explores both the pain surrounding a mixed heritage, along with the privilege and potential to serve the Lord through these unique experiences. In discovering how a mixed identity can be a blessing to a person with a multiethnic background and to the world, several themes are explored:

- Scripture and history can teach us about ethnicity.
- We can bring all of ourselves to our sense of identity and calling.
- We all have a longing for home and a desire to belong.
- We must break stereotypes and disprove false dichotomies.



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“Irwyn Ince is not merely a gifted thinker and writer on the subject of loving across the lines of difference. He is also, and has been for the duration of his life and ministry, a compelling practitioner of these important kingdom matters about which he writes. Irwyn is also my good friend. I have learned much from him and have been loved well by him. The same is true of the community that I serve, as we have drawn on Irwyn’s wisdom in our own effort to honor the call of our Lord, who demolishes dividing walls and brings together Jew and Gentile—and every other race that is part of humanity—under Christ. If you are eager to move forward in the triune God’s call to love and build community with those who are not like you, then this is the book for you.”

SCOTT SAULS, pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville, author of *Jesus Outside the Lines*

[The Beautiful Community](#)

Unity, Diversity, and the Church at Its Best

August 4, 2020

\$16 | 176 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4831-7

God Is Beautiful Community

Angle and Talking Points

Our world has been torn asunder by racial, ethnic, and ideological differences. It is seen in our politics, felt in our families, and ingrained in our theology. Sadly, the church has often reinforced these ethnic and racial divides. In *The Beautiful Community*, pastor and theologian Irwyn Ince boldly unpacks the reasons for our divisions while gently guiding us toward our true hope for wholeness and reconciliation. Ince breaks *The Beautiful Community* down into two parts:

Part 1: Seeking and Knowing Our Beautiful Creator

Part 2: Restoring and Cultivating Our Beautiful Community

The gospel imperative to pursue the beautiful community—unity in diversity across lines of difference—is rooted in reflecting the beautiful community of our triune God. This book calls us into and provides tools for that pursuit.

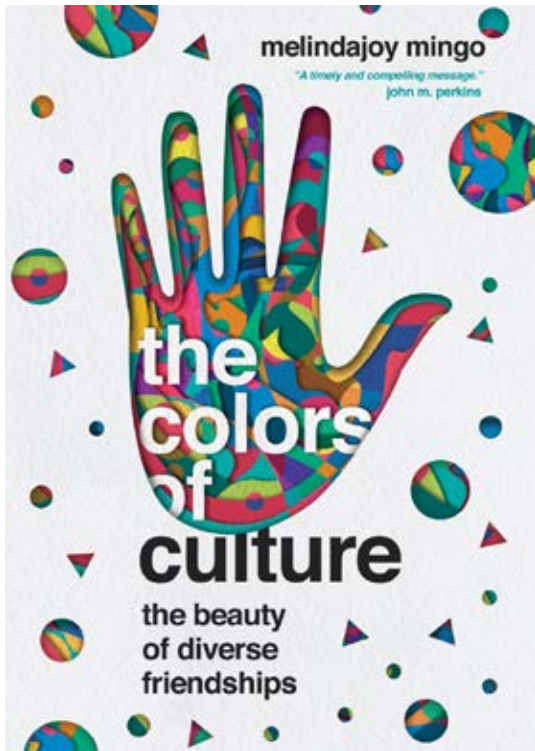


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In 2018, Ince was unanimously elected as the forty-sixth Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) General Assembly moderator—the first African American to hold the position. He is a contributor for the books *Heal Us Immanuel* and *All Are Welcome*. He and his wife, Kim, have been married twenty-eight years and have four children.

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“You need to read The Colors of Culture with an open heart and posture of a learner! The message woven throughout the book of stepping out of our places of comfort and being intentional in building authentic relationships in order to reach diverse people is needed now in our society more than ever before.

“Dr. MelindaJoy Mingo brings a fresh, new, and powerful voice in the arena of unity, diversity, and the role of the gospel in moving us beyond past hurts to the beauty and joy of cultivating and sustaining diverse relationships. The winsome art of personal storytelling from around the world allows us to follow the message of the value and worth of all people while pointing to deeper implications of change that occur when we allow the truth of the gospel to bring transformation in our lives and those we journey with in life. This book is written with authenticity of heart and the truth of the gospel. It will be both a joyful and thought-provoking read. This book presents a timely and compelling message not just for this generation but for generations to come.”

JOHN M. PERKINS, cofounder and president emeritus of the John and Vera Mae Perkins Foundation and Christian Community Development Association

The Colors of Culture

The Beauty of Diverse Friendships

September 15, 2020

\$14 | 120 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4526-2

How Diverse Are Your Friendships?

Angle and Talking Points

We are living in a time where fear and mistrust among people of different cultural and ethnic groups is becoming the norm rather than the exception. It appears that cultural and racial divides are expanding rather than shrinking. What can we do?

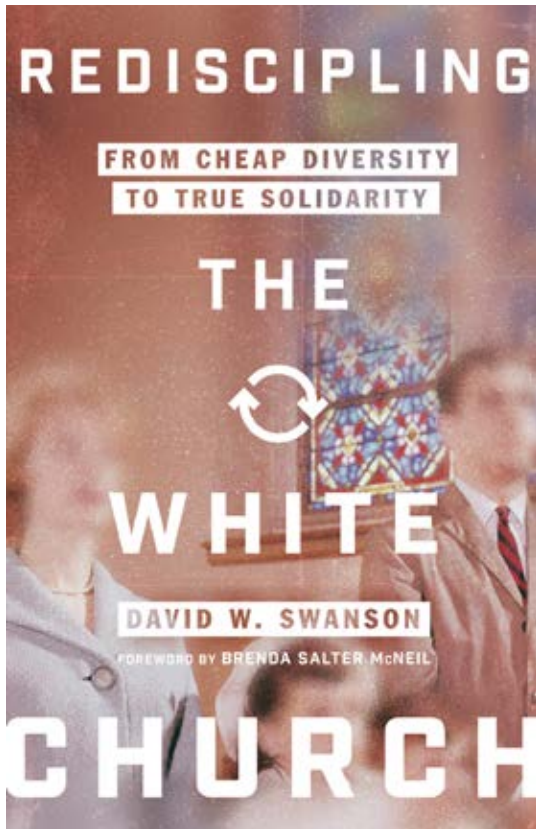
In *The Colors of Culture*, MelindaJoy Mingo models reaching across cultures. Through vivid stories spanning several countries, Mingo shows the beauty of diverse friendships in her life. She takes risks and learns from her mistakes, recognizing that relationships are worth the cost. Readers will:

- Be empowered through contemporary stories to initiate culturally diverse relationships
- Learn from the life of Jesus how to treat people with value and worth
- Take intentional steps in their journey away from cultural assumptions and toward humility



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“David offers a new discipleship pathway by speaking honestly and precisely to white people and elevating the voices and histories of people of color, who have been calling for a more honest conversation about faith and race all along. Redisciplining the White Church is a unique contribution to this discussion because, unlike other white people who keep denying it, David tells the truth about the reality of whiteness in the church and society. . . . David knows that racism is insidious, and he has chosen to expose how it operates so we can all see it and be healed of its power and influence over us. I can’t think of anybody I trust more to write this important book.”

BRENDA SALTER McNEIL, from the foreword

Redisciplining the White Church

From Cheap Diversity to True Solidarity

May 19, 2020

\$16 | 208 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4597-2

Discipleship Before Diversity

Angle and Talking Points

“Many white Christians across America are waking up to the fact that something is seriously wrong—but often this is where we get stuck.”

In this simple but powerful book, Pastor David Swanson contends that discipleship, not diversity, lies at the heart of our white churches’ racial brokenness. Before white churches can pursue diversity, he argues, we must first take steps to address the faulty discipleship that has led to our segregation in the first place. Drawing on the work of philosopher James K. A. Smith and others, Swanson proposes that we rethink our churches’ habits, or liturgies, and imagine together holistic, communal discipleship practices that can reform us as members of Christ’s diverse body. His main points:

- There exists a cultural racial discipleship that has powerfully de-formed the imaginations of white Christians, leaving us powerless to pursue genuine reconciliation across lines of cultural division.
- Before pursuing diversity, white churches and ministries must address this racial discipleship and our historic blindness to it.
- Rather than reinventing entire ministries, white churches can reimagine their discipleship practices intentionally to counter racial discipleship while leading them toward embodied solidarity with their sisters and brothers of color.

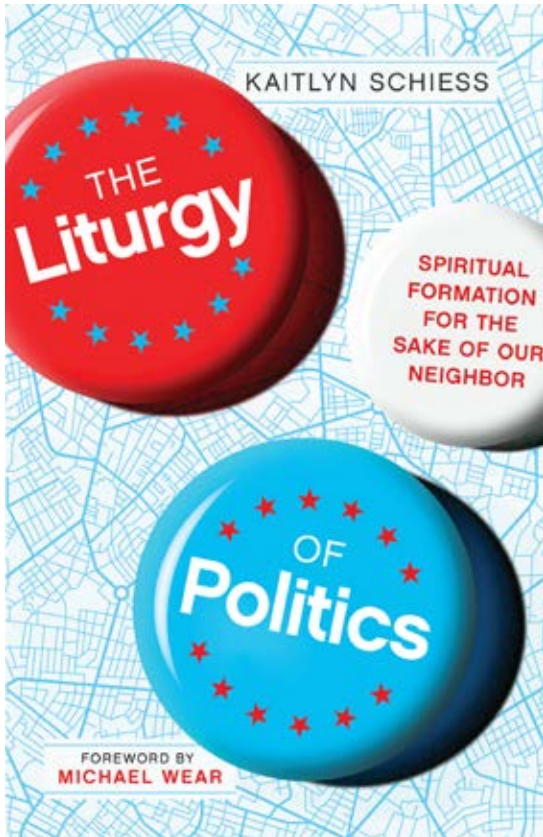


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“This is a powerful challenge from a young heart and a mature mind. Schiess seems to touch every unexamined habit of Christian thought, work, leisure, and worship. With a wide sweep of life’s liturgies and church liturgies, of spiritual formation and political responsibility, of Bible reading and communication with others, Schiess goes straight for the heart in relaxed conversation that packs a prophetic punch about our complacency, ignorance of Scripture, cultural conformity, and more. Young people, old folks like me, and everyone in between, read this book now!”

JAMES W. SKILLEN, author of *The Good of Politics*, former president of the Center for Public Justice

[The Liturgy of Politics](#)

Spiritual Formation for the Sake of Our Neighbor

September 8, 2020

\$17 | 216 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4830-0

It’s Time to Get Political

Angle and Talking Points

A generation of young Christians are weary of the political legacy they’ve inherited and are hungry for a better approach. They’re tired of seeing their faith tied to political battles they didn’t start, and they’re frustrated with leaders they thought they could trust. Kaitlyn Schiess grew up in this landscape, and understands it from the inside.

In *The Liturgy of Politics*, Schiess shows that the church’s politics are shaped by its habits and practices, even when it’s unaware of them. Spiritual formation, and particularly a focus on formative practices, are experiencing a renaissance in Christian thinking—but these ideas are not often applied to the political sphere. Schiess insists that the way out of our political morass is first to recognize the formative power of the political forces all around us, and then to recover historic Christian practices that shape us according to the truth of the gospel.

“This connection—between spiritual formation and political practice—is crucial for understanding how we are politically formed in spiritual directions and how we are spiritually formed in political directions. I don’t think the question is whether we don’t know what our Bible says or that we don’t care. The real question is, What is forming us?” —Kaitlyn Schiess, *The Liturgy of Politics*



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“At a time when America’s body of Christ is as divided as our nation itself, the AND Campaign has presented a much-needed model for those who aspire to stay true to biblical principles—all of them!—in their civic engagement. Free of partisanship and cultural bias, this book provides a framework that, if adhered to, could lead to unity, healing, and perhaps even revival. Just in the nick of time, the AND Campaign has given us a gem, a light, a guide for how Bible believers can accurately represent Christ in a public square so desperately in need of our true and faithful witness.”

CHRIS BROUSSARD, broadcaster for FOX Sports, founder and president of the K.I.N.G. Movement

[Compassion \(&\) Conviction](#)

The AND Campaign’s Guide to Faithful Civic Engagement

July 21, 2020

\$22 | 160 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4810-2

Have you ever felt too progressive for conservatives, but too conservative for progressives?

Angle and Talking Points

Too often, political questions are framed in impossible ways for the faithful Christian: we’re forced to choose between social justice and biblical values, between supporting women and opposing abortion. As a result, it’s easy for Christians to grow disillusioned with civic engagement or fall back into tribal extremes. This state of affairs has damaged Christian public witness and divided the church. The authors of this book represent the AND Campaign, which exists to educate and organize Christians for faithful civic and cultural engagement. With diverse backgrounds and political experience within the Obama White House, all three authors bring a unique perspective to what it means to stay true to your faith *and* engage in the public square today.



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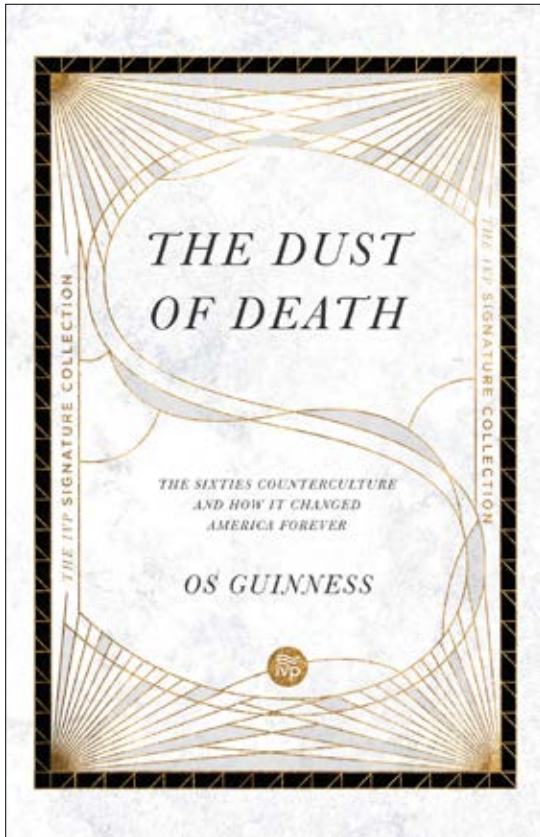
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“There are many things I see more clearly now than I saw in 1971, and there are things that I would write differently. Cultural analysis is never Olympian. It is not only about a particular time and place, it is written from a particular time and place, and there is no use pretending otherwise. The Dust of Death was an analysis of the sixties from the vantage point of the sixties. Each succeeding year could write the story of the sixties from its own perspective and create a whole library of books. But that would be tedious. Better by far to acknowledge the time and place of any analysis, and then to ask whether its arguments and conclusions still hold. In this case, I think the central argument of the book has stood the test of time.”

OS GUINNESS, from the preface of *The Dust of Death*

[The Dust of Death](#)

The Sixties Counterculture and How It Changed America Forever

September 1, 2020

\$24 | 368 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4859-1

Reviving the Historic Christian Faith

Angle and Talking Points

In this milestone work, leading social critic Os Guinness provides a wide-ranging, farsighted analysis of one of the most pivotal decades in Western history, the 1960s. He examines the twentieth-century developments of secular humanism, the technological society, and the alternatives offered by the counterculture, including radical politics, Eastern religions, and psychedelic drugs. As all of these options have increasingly failed to deliver on their promises, Guinness argues, Westerners desperately need another alternative—a Third Way. This way “holds the promise of realism without despair, involvement without frustration, hope without romanticism.” It offers a *stronger* humanism, one with a solid basis for its ideals, combining truth and beauty. And this Third Way can be found only in the rediscovery and revival of the historic Christian faith.

First published in 1973, *The Dust of Death* is now back in print as part of the IVP Signature Collection, featuring a new design and new preface by the author. This classic will help readers of every generation better understand the cultural trajectory that continues to shape us and how Christians can still offer a better way.



OS GUINNESS (DPhil, Oxford) was born in China and educated in England. He is the author of more than thirty books, including *The Call*, *Renaissance*, *Fool’s Talk*, *Impossible People*, and *Last Call for Liberty*. He has been a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution and a senior fellow at the EastWest Institute. A frequent speaker, prominent social critic, and passionate advocate of freedom of religion and conscience, he has addressed audiences worldwide.

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“With all that is happening in the world, there has never been a more critical time for this important book! In Beyond Hashtag Activism, Mae Cannon brings her years of experience and expertise to call us beyond concern to an authentic commitment to racial justice, gender equity, and global hope. This book is a very practical resource for anyone who wants to actively participate in God’s story of reconciliation and social healing. I highly recommend it!”

BRENDA SALTER McNEIL, author of *Roadmap to Reconciliation* and *A Credible Witness*

[Beyond Hashtag Activism](#)

Comprehensive Justice in a Complicated Age

May 26, 2020

\$22 | 304 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4589-7

#MeToo #LikeaGirl #WeAccept

Angle and Talking Points

Activist Mae Elise Cannon takes us beyond the hashtags to serious engagement with real issues. God calls the church to respond substantively to the needs of the poor, the realities of racial inequity, the mistreatment of women, and the marginalized. We can accomplish change through a range of strategic avenues—spiritually, socially, legally, politically, and economically. And addressing the domestic and international injustices of our day takes us on a journey of spiritual transformation that brings us closer to God and those around us. Cannon looks at all the major issues facing our culture:

- Poverty
- Race
- Gender
- Marriage and sexuality
- The Middle East, Israel, and Palestine
- Religious freedom

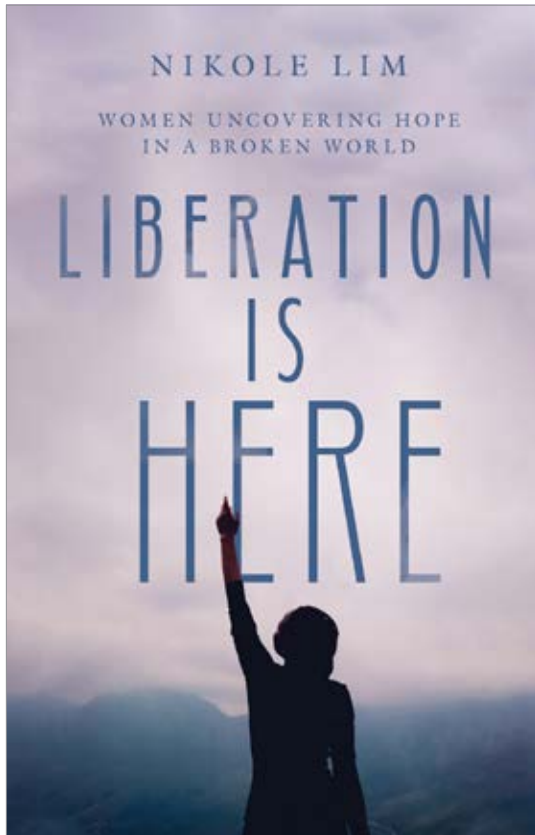


REV. DR. MAE ELISE CANNON is the executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace and an ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). She is the author of *Social Justice Handbook* and *Just Spirituality*, and coeditor of *Evangelical Theologies of Liberation and Justice*. Cannon formerly served as the senior director of advocacy

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“It’s rare when a storyteller uses multiple mediums to communicate a thought or message, but that is exactly what Nikole Lim does in Liberation Is Here! Using powerful words and visual imagery, she becomes a storyteller of transformation—both hers and others—to make us see faith in new ways. Liberation isn’t for some; it’s for all. Liberation isn’t far away; it’s here and now.”

BIANA JUAREZ OLTHOFF, writer, pastor, and author of *Play with Fire*

[Liberation Is Here](#)

Women Uncovering Hope in a Broken World

September 22, 2020

\$25 | 184 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-3185-2

Liberation Is Not Just Near—It Is Here

Angle and Talking Points

As a freelance filmmaker, Nikole Lim’s career allowed her to step in and out of the lives of marginalized people around the world. But when confronted with the prevalence of sexual violence in Kenyan and Zambian communities, she committed to advocating alongside the courageous survivors whose lives have intersected with her own. These women’s powerful stories inspired her to embark on a new vocation. Partnering with her Kenyan and Zambian sisters, Lim launched Freely in Hope, an organization focused on equipping survivors to end the cycle of sexual violence throughout Africa through faith, education, and self-empowerment. As Lim sought to provide liberation for her African sisters, her perspective was altered. Exhausted and deathly ill, she witnessed her friends becoming her healers—the once oppressed become her liberators. From the slums of Nairobi, hospitals in Lusaka, killing fields of Kigali, and the back alleys of Barcelona, Lim weaves together stories presenting a narrative of stories that unexpectedly liberated her.

- Learn from global voices that are often unheard
- Witness a different approach to international development that collaborates with the oppressed
- Discover stories of immense beauty arising from places of violence
- Learn to identify with stories of the oppressed through partnership and advocacy

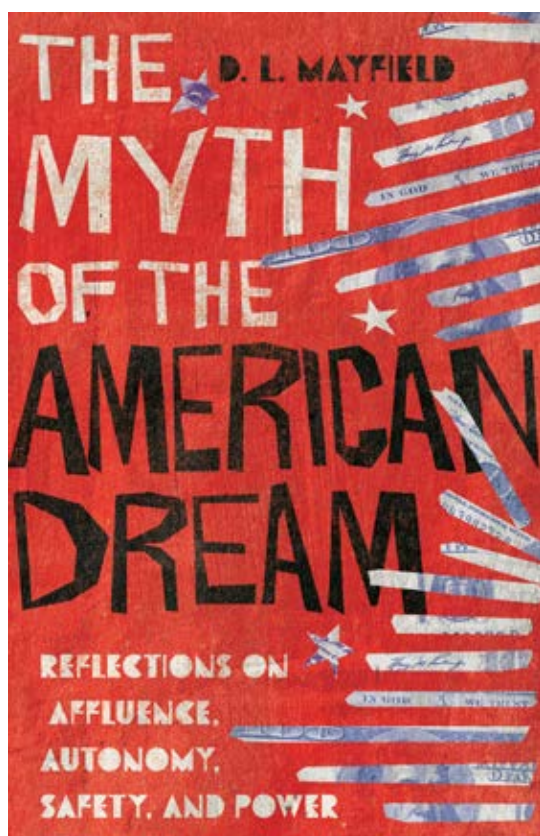


NIKOLE LIM is a speaker, educator, and consultant on leveraging dignity through the restorative art of storytelling. She is the cofounder and international director of Freely in Hope, a nonprofit organization that equips survivors and advocates to lead in ending the cycle of sexual violence. Freely in Hope operates in Kenya and Zambia, providing psychological counseling,

health care, and high school and university scholarships for young women who desire to impact global communities through their rewritten stories. Nikole graduated with a degree in film production from Loyola Marymount University and is currently pursuing a masters in global leadership from Fuller Theological Seminary.

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“This trenchant Christian critique of American exceptionalism provides an essential, passionate interpretation of the ideals of egalitarianism.”

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, starred review

“In my work with immigrants to the United States, I find most came in search of some combination of safety from persecution, opportunity to escape poverty, and freedom from oppression—all motivations consistent with the human flourishing that characterizes God’s kingdom. In the United States, however, these good desires that define many immigrants’ ‘American dream’ have too often metastasized as we have turned safety, affluence, power, and autonomy into idols to be sought at all costs, even when—sometimes subconsciously—these pursuits have excluded others. D. L. Mayfield’s beautifully written and provocative *The Myth of the American Dream* makes a compelling case that God’s dream for the world is much grander than our culturally ingrained idols.”

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

[The Myth of the American Dream](#)

Reflections on Affluence, Autonomy, Safety, and Power

May 5, 2020

\$22 | 216 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4598-9

Loving Your Neighbor Well

Angle and Talking Points

Affluence, autonomy, safety, and power. These are the central values of the American dream. But are they compatible with Jesus’ command to love our neighbor as ourselves? In essays grouped around these four values, D. L. Mayfield asks us to pay attention to the ways they shape our own choices, and the ways those choices affect our neighbors. Where did these values come from? How have they failed those on the edges of our society? And how can we disentangle ourselves from our culture’s headlong pursuit of these values and live faithful lives of service to God and our neighbors?

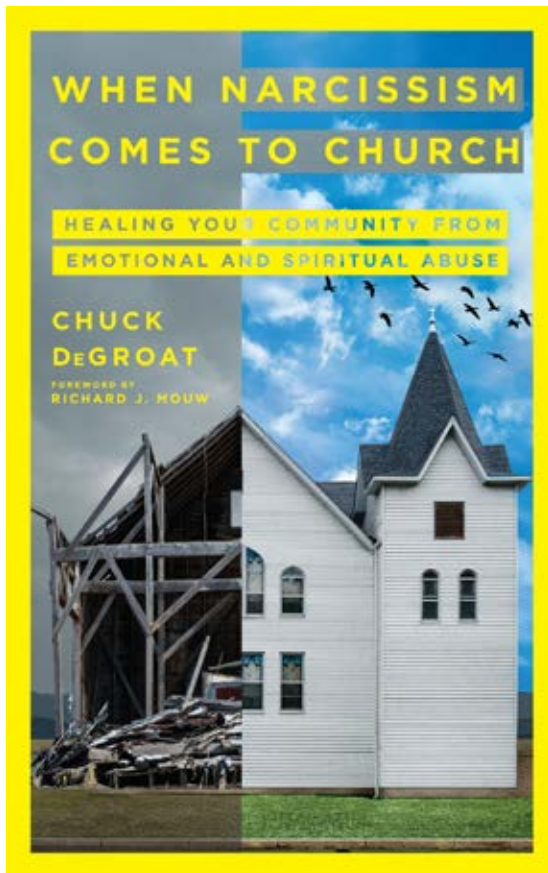


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“Hiring (marrying, working with or for, being pastored by) a narcissist is like building a home in an alluvial plain. The ground is gorgeous but in due season the flood will devour all you have worked so hard to create. Chuck DeGroat pierces the glittering image of narcissism and brilliantly exposes the inner workings of an empty, shame-filled heart and the devastating consequences of Christians being so drawn to narcissists in the church and in politics. This is a landmark work, full of wisdom, tenderness, honor, and hope. If we want to offer a narcissistic culture hope in the gospel, we must tend to the narcissism deeply embedded in our own believing community. This is a profound call for a radical culture shift—truly a must-read.”

DAN B. ALLENDER, professor of counseling psychology and founding president of the Seattle School of Theology and Psychology, author of *The Wounded Heart* and *Healing the Wounded Heart*

When Narcissism Comes to Church

Healing Your Community from Emotional and Spiritual Abuse

March 17, 2020

\$22 | 200 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4159-2

Why Does Narcissism Seem to Thrive in Churches?

Angle and Talking Points

Chuck DeGroat has been counseling pastors with Narcissistic Personality Disorder, as well as those wounded by narcissistic leaders and systems, for over twenty years. He knows firsthand the devastation narcissism leaves in its wake and how insidious and painful it is. In *When Narcissism Comes to Church*, DeGroat takes a close look at narcissism, not only in ministry leaders but also in church systems. He offers compassion and hope for those affected by its destructive power and imparts wise counsel for churches looking to heal from its systemic effects.

- Examines the phenomenon of narcissism from both clinical and theological perspectives
- Sheds light on the inner life of a narcissistic pastor
- Considers the impact of narcissism in ministry leadership, congregational systems, and marriages
- Explores the emotional and spiritual abuse as a result of narcissistic leaders

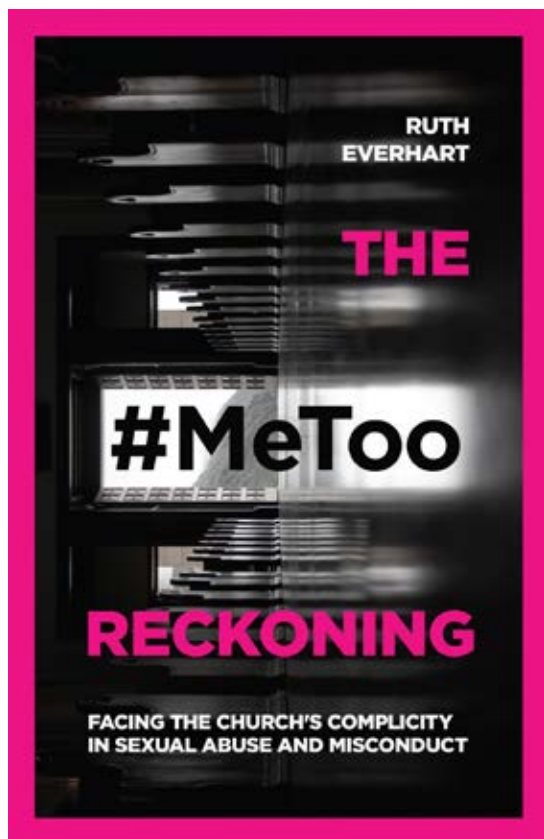


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“Rev. Ruth Everhart takes the church to task in what has been an abysmal response to sexual abuse behind its closed doors. Laying out proof of the abuse of the most vulnerable among us in the place that should be the most safe, she gives suggestions for how pastors, congregations, and the church at large can begin to serve everyone through openness, victim support, and use of the legal system. . . . The #MeToo Reckoning is an engaging, thoughtful, and necessary book in these times that Jesus asks of his church, ‘What will you do with me?’”

LISA SAMSON, author of *Quaker Summer*, *The Church Ladies*, and *Love Mercy*

[The #MeToo Reckoning](#)

Facing the Church’s Complicity in Sexual Abuse and Misconduct

January 14, 2020

\$17 | 264 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4582-8

Facing the Church’s Complicity in Sexual Abuse and Misconduct

Angle and Talking Points

The #MeToo movement has revealed sexual abuse and assault in every sphere of society, including the church. 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.

- Weaves together the stories of sexual assault survivors with stories and insights from Scripture
- Uncovers the power dynamics that create cultures of shame and silence
- Shows how concepts like purity culture and confidentiality contribute to abuse

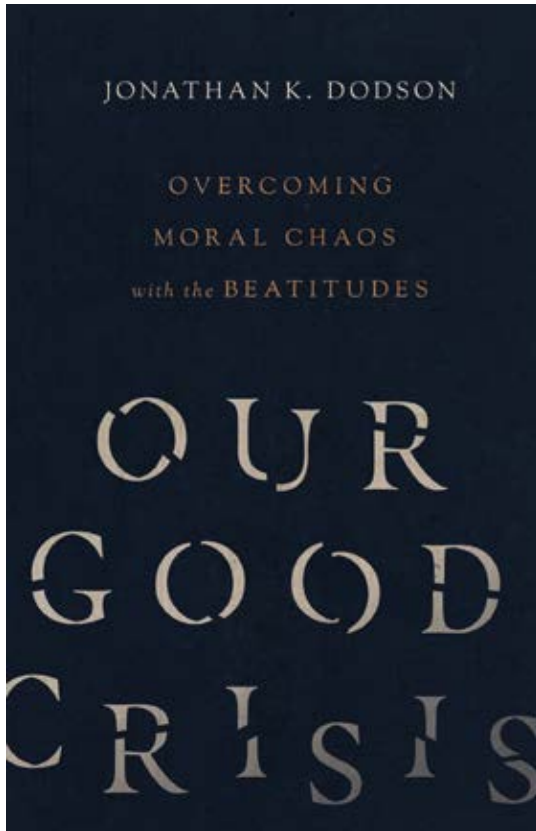


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“It’s easy enough to see the impending crises brought about by our technical, data-driven age; it’s harder to believe that these difficulties present us with an opportunity for self-reflection, and yes, even spiritual growth. In Our Good Crisis, Jonathan K. Dodson guides us back to the ancient wisdom of the Sermon on the Mount, showing readers how the Beatitudes can lead us to blessing even in—especially in—the modern age. Confronting everything from our propensity to outrage to our fixation with self to our comfort addictions, Our Good Crisis reveals Jesus’ words to be as good news to us today as they were to those who first heard them.”

HANNAH ANDERSON, author of *All That’s Good: Recovering the Lost Art of Discernment*

[Our Good Crisis](#)

Overcoming Moral Chaos with the Beatitudes

March 17, 2020

\$16 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4600-9

What’s So Good About Our Moral Crisis?

Angle and Talking Points

“To be brief, this book combines cultural apologetics with virtue formation,” says Jonathan Dodson. “We wake up to a crisis every day—mass shootings, political meltdowns, sex scandals, racial injustices. These issues polarize our society, sending us into outrage, despair, or numbing indifference. Yet behind many of these crises is a greater crisis. Anger, pride, lust, and greed—the seeds of many crises—exist in us. Social change requires personal change. To make progress, we must face down the worst forms of distraction, comfort, self-expression, and tolerance. Then, by embracing the moral wisdom and presence of Jesus, we can cultivate the kind of virtue that enriches those around us: peace, humility, righteousness, and hope. Jesus enables us to put the good in our crisis.” Dodson examines each of the Beatitudes in the context of the new morality that buffets our society today, presenting a compelling portrait of the truly good life, both personal and social. Chapters include:

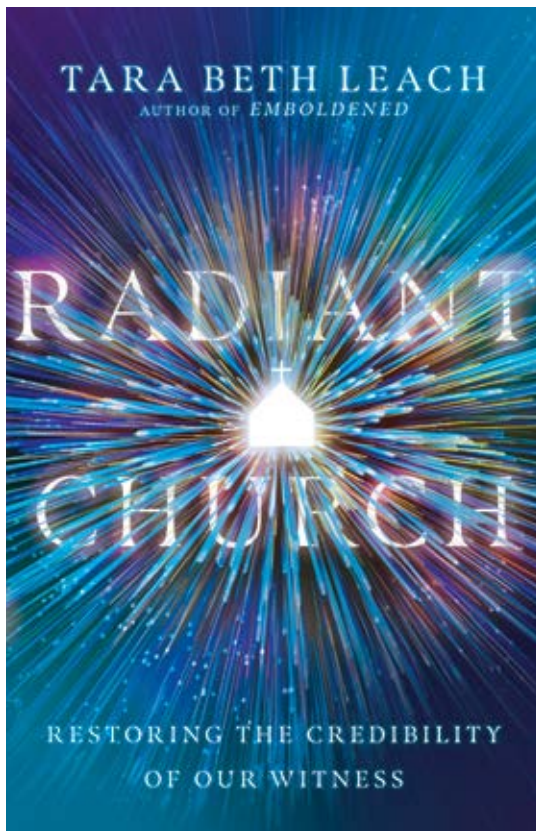
- Flourishing in an Age of Crisis
- Poor in Spirit in the Age of the Big Me
- Mourning in an Age of Distraction
- Meekness in an Age of Hubris
- Righteousness in an Age of Values
- Mercy in an Age of Tolerance
- Purity in an Age of Self-Expression
- Peacemaking in an Age of Outrage
- Persecuted in an Age of Comfort



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“When we begin to behold the radiant image of Jesus—truly behold—we are transformed more into his radiant image. Let us behold, dear church. Let us behold the one and true image of God—Jesus. Let us fall in love with the Jesus of Scripture. Let us be a people who saturate in the Gospels, memorize the teachings of Jesus, and align ourselves with the way of the cross.

Imagine the witness of the church that looks more like Jesus and less like political leaders of the day. Imagine a church that says, ‘you first’ instead of ‘me first.’ Imagine a church that defies cultural norms for the sake of the other. Imagine a church that goes out of her way to care for the stranger in the ditch. Imagine a church that lays down her resources for the sake of the community. Imagine a church that exists not just for herself but for the world around her. Imagine a church. Imagine a church that imitates Jesus, looks like Jesus, and lives like Jesus. I imagine this church, and it’s a church I yearn to participate in.”

TARA BETH LEACH in *Radiant Church*

Radiant Church

Restoring the Credibility of Our Witness

February 16, 2021

\$17 | 208 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4762-4

Imagine a Church that Imitates, Looks Like, and Lives Like Jesus

Angle and Talking Points

Something is not right. The witness of the church in North America is eroding. Many Christians are alarmed by the decline in church attendance and seek a culprit. Too often, we point the finger away from the church, make culture the enemy, and build walls between us and others. But our antagonism and enemy making are toxins that further eat away at our witness. Is there a better way? Tara Beth Leach believes there is and lays out the premise for it in this book.

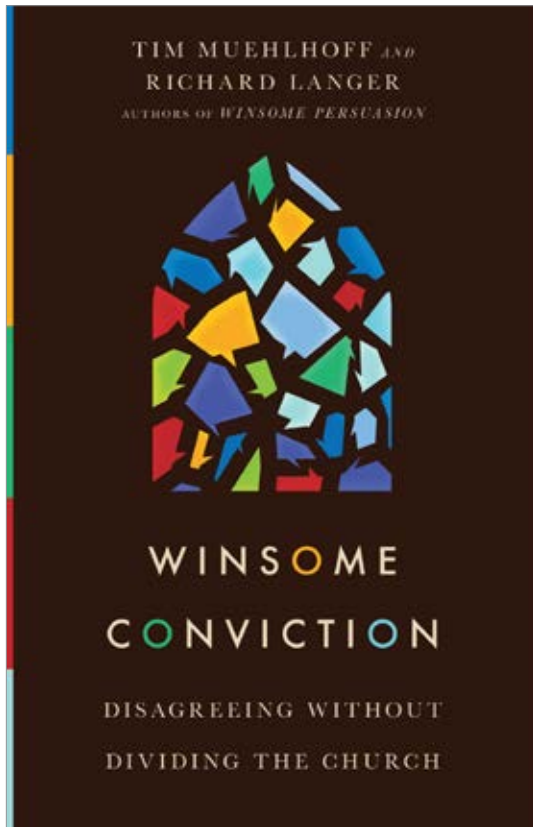
- Written by a millennial pastor who loves the church and is hopeful for its future.
- Leach casts a vision for Christians to rediscover a robust, attractive witness.
- She casts down idolatrous false images of God to recover a winsome picture of a kingdom of abundance and goodness.



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“The church is a family, and as with any family there are bound to be disagreements. In a world of increasing theological relativism and shifting political correctness, there’s plenty to get upset about. This much-needed book is a practical guide to picking your battles and developing the art of loving people with whom you disagree. Muehlhoff and Langer demonstrate that we can do both—and must for the health of the church.”

ANDY STEIGER, president of Apologetics Canada

[Winsome Conviction](#)

Disagreeing Without Dividing the Church

December 8, 2020

\$17 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4799-0

When Christians Disagree

Angle and Talking Points

In today’s polarized context, Christians often have committed biblical rationales for very different positions. How do we discern between core biblical convictions and secondary issues? How do we cultivate better understanding and compassion for those with whom we disagree? Tim Muehlhoff and Richard Langer provide lessons from conflict theory and church history on how to avoid the dangers of groupthink, and how to negotiate differing biblical convictions to avoid church splits and repair interpersonal ruptures.

- A practical guide for addressing and resolving conflict among Christians
- Explains how convictions are formed and why Christians might disagree
- Written by a communication expert and a theologian, integrating communication theory and biblical theology



TIM MUEHLHOFF (PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) is a professor of communication at Biola University in La Mirada, California, where he teaches classes in family communication, interpersonal communication, persuasion, and gender. He is the author of *I Beg to Differ*, *Defending Your Marriage* and *Marriage*

Forecasting, and the coauthor of *The God Conversation*, *Authentic Communication*, and *Winsome Persuasion*, which received a 2018 *Christianity Today* book award in Apologetics/Evangelism. Muehlhoff and his wife, Noreen, are frequent speakers at FamilyLife marriage conferences, and Tim also serves as a speaker and author with Biola’s Center for Marriage and Relationships.

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Christian Higher Education, the *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, *Philosophia Christi*, and the *Journal of the Christian Institute for Disabilities*. He and his wife, Shari, have two grown children.



Analog Church

Why We Need Real People, Places, and Things in the Digital Age

March 31, 2020

\$18 | 216 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4158-5

How the Digital Age Is Damaging the Church

Angle and Talking Points

In recent decades the digital world has taken over our society at nearly every level, and the church has increasingly followed suit—often in ways we’re not fully aware of. But as even the culture at large begins to reckon with the limits of a digital world, it’s time for the church to take stock. Are online churches, video venues, and brighter lights truly the future? What about the digital age’s effect on discipleship, community, and the Bible?

As a pastor in Silicon Valley, Jay Kim has experienced the digital church in all its splendor. In *Analog Church*, he grapples with the ramifications of a digital church, from our worship and experience of Christian community to the way we engage Scripture and sacrament.

- Could it be that in our efforts to stay relevant in our digital age, we’ve begun to give away the very thing that our age most desperately needs: transcendence?
- Could it be that the best way to reach new generations is in fact found in a more timeless path?
- Could it be that at its heart, the church has really been analog all along?

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“It’s a grave miscalculation for the church today to think relevance depends on the ability to keep up with the pace, gloss, and hype of our technological world. Our frenetic, fidgety age does not need a frenetic, fidgety church. Our Insta-perfect, polished age does not need a photoshopped, inauthentic church. Our tech-weary world does not need a tech-obsessed church. Jay Kim’s Analog Church understands this, presenting a compelling case for the church’s most radical act in today’s world: not to be a trendy, shape-shifting, chameleonic copycat, but to be a transcendent, Christ-centered community whose difference from the world is why it makes a difference.”

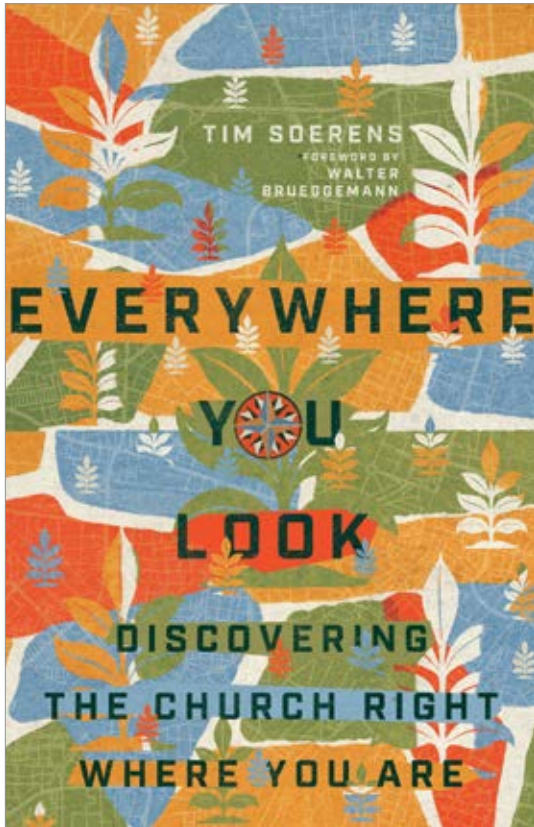
BRETT McCracken, senior editor at The Gospel Coalition and author of *Uncomfortable: The Awkward and Essential Challenge of Christian Community*



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“Everyone knows it is a hard time for the church in our culture. . . . In the face of that hard time, Soerens has written a book that teems with hope and possibility for the future, a hope that the church need not reiterate our mistaken past, and a possibility that real people in real time and real circumstance can live out the why of God. . . . I finished reading the book with exhilaration for what lies ahead for the church. Now is no time for regret or anxiety. Now is a time for recovery of the newness of what is old and best in our tradition.”

From the foreword by **WALTER BRUEGGEMANN**

“Tim Soerens believes that when flourishing networks of churches care about their neighborhoods, seeking the shalom of everyone and everything there, they form the connective tissue that brings hope and healing to our divided society. And when you read how he describes this wonderful task, you’ll believe it too. This book is tender and rousing in equal measure.”

MICHAEL FROST, author of *To Alter Your World* and *Incarnate*

[Everywhere You Look](#)

Discovering the Church Right Where You Are

July 7, 2020

\$17 | 144 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4156-1

Building Momentum for a Movement

Angle and Talking Points

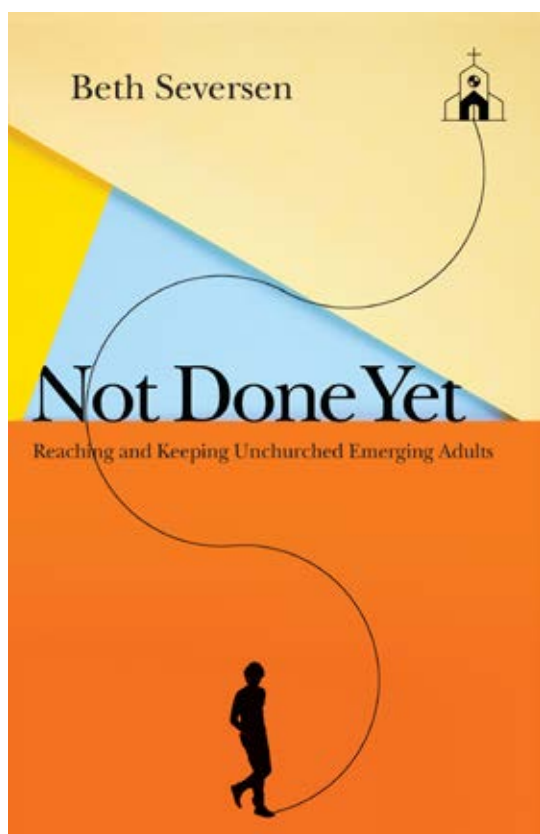
The emerging generation is opting out of the church in large numbers. They’re embarrassed at how the church is portrayed in the media and dismayed at what appear to be their options for participation. Tim Soerens sees this unsettled state of affairs as an extraordinary opportunity: the church, he says, is on the edge of a new possibility at the very moment so much of it feels like it’s falling apart. In his extensive travels in all kinds of neighborhoods, Soerens has seen the beginnings of this movement firsthand. This book lays out practical, actionable steps for building collaborative communities in any neighborhood. Here is a vision of the church grounded in a grassroots movement of ordinary people living out what it means to be the church in their everyday lives. It answers the following questions:

- What’s the point of the church anyway?
- Is the church really necessary anymore in our day?
- How can we do church differently?



TIM SOERENS is a pastor, social entrepreneur, and co-founding director of the Parish Collective. He is also the coauthor, with Paul Sparks and Dwight Friesen, of *The New Parish*. He lives in Seattle with his wife, Maria-Jose, and their two boys.

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“If your ministry is interested in reaching young adults, Not Done Yet is a strong primer. The five practices—initiate, invite, include, involve, and invest—are not only helpful but something that’s congruent with the ways that our most thriving communities tend to operate. These rhythms, if practiced, would be transformative, not only for your faith community but also for the spiritual lives of young adults around you.”

JAMES CHOUNG, vice president for strategy and innovation with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA, author of *True Story* and *Longing for Revival*

“Not Done Yet is a gift to the church. The antithesis of formulas, gimmicks, program-heavy strategies, and other unnatural approaches, this book presents an evangelism that is based on friendship, real church, and changing culture. One senses in these pages a gifted evangelist who is sharing her secrets of bearing witness to the beauty and power of the gospel.”

AL TIZON, affiliate associate professor of missional and global leadership at North Park University, executive minister of Serve Globally, Evangelical Covenant Church

Not Done Yet

Reaching and Keeping Unchurched Emerging Adults

July 28, 2020

\$18 | 250 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4157-8

Helping the Church Regain the Trust of Young People

Angle and Talking Points

Nones claim no religion. *Dones* have become disillusioned and left the church. While many emerging adults fall in these camps, many are tossing aside these labels and embracing a transformative Christian faith. Based on her extensive research, Beth Seversen outlines a model for how to engage and retain millennials and Generation Z in the life of the local church. Authentic and impactful outreach to this young audience involves a church that:

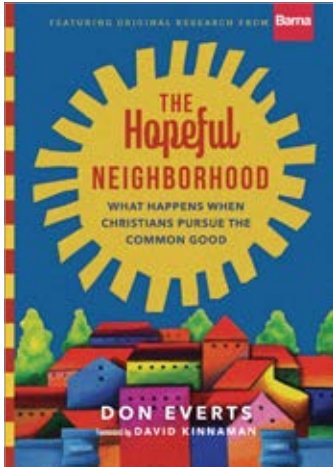
- Missionally initiates relationships
- Enthusiastically invites young adults to church
- Radically includes the unchurched in church events
- Thoughtfully involves young people in projects they believe make a difference
- Intentionally invests in the leadership development of all emerging adults



BETH SEVERSEN (PhD, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) is associate professor of Christian ministries and director of the Center for Christian Ministries and Practical Theology at North Park University in Chicago. Previously the director of evangelism for the Evangelical Covenant Church, she also has served as associate pastor at churches in the

suburbs of Kansas City and Milwaukee. She is vice-chair of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education.

A Trilogy of Books Featuring Original Research from the Barna Group and Lutheran Hour Ministries



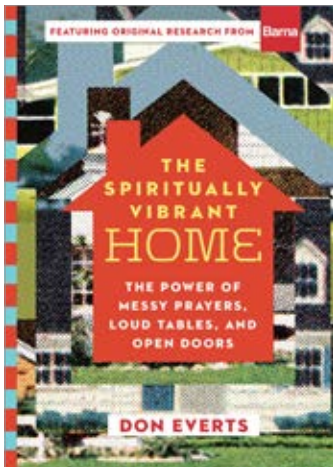
[The Hopeful Neighborhood](#)

What Happens When Christians Pursue the Common Good

November 3, 2020

\$17 | 192 pages | casebound | 978-0-8308-4803-4

Are you tired of hearing people dismiss the church as an irrelevant relic? (Do you secretly wonder if they are right?) Don Everts explores an exciting reality that is revealed in Scripture, shown throughout history, and confirmed in the latest research: when Christians pursue the common good of their community, the world stands up and notices. It turns out this is exactly what we're called to do. When Christians make good things, they bring blessing and hope to the local community.



[The Spiritually Vibrant Home](#)

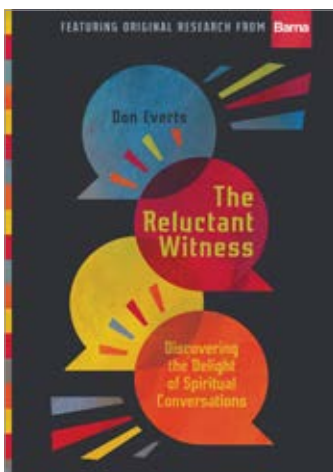
The Power of Messy Prayers, Loud Tables, and Open Doors

March 3, 2020

\$17 | 208 pages | casebound | 978-0-8308-4590-3

"If you only have time to read one book this year on energizing your family's spiritual life, read this one. Since I finished The Spiritually Vibrant Home, I have found myself talking about the content and quoting it every day. I love the blend of quality research by the Barna Group and the excellent practical insight of Don Everts. You will find real hope and understanding to help your family thrive spiritually."

JIM BURNS, president of HomeWord, author of *Understanding Your Teen* and *Doing Life with Your Adult Children*



[The Reluctant Witness](#)

Discovering the Delight of Spiritual Conversations

July 30, 2019

\$17 | 184 pages | casebound | 978-0-8308-4567-5

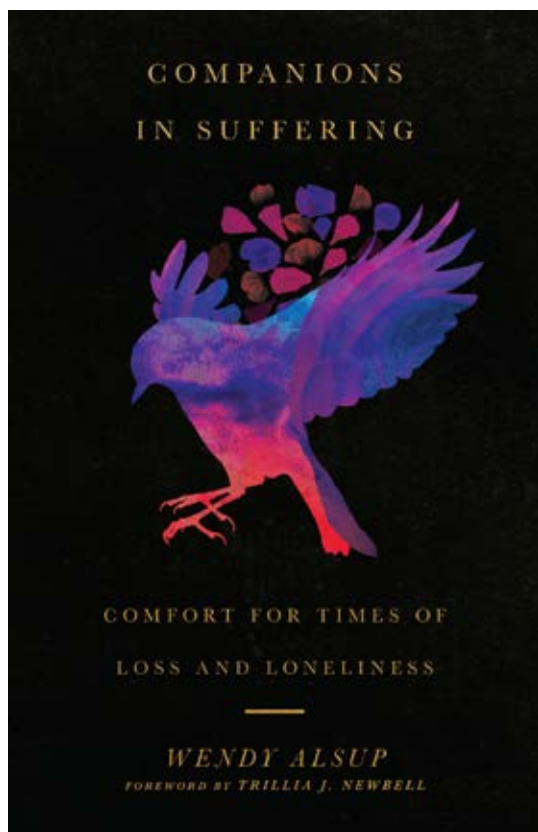
"With detailed research and an optimistic tone, Everts's study will provide inspiration to Christians seeking more authentic, effective ways of opening up about their spiritual beliefs."

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, May 27, 2019



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“No one who is really suffering is interested in trite answers or simple formulas; we want something substantive. We want to hear from someone who has been there and is honest about the pain but offers genuine insight into what it looks like to persevere through the pain. That’s what Wendy Alsup does in this book. While it’s personal, it isn’t personality-driven or all about her personal story, though her personal story gives her writing credibility. Instead, this book is saturated with insight into Scripture, presenting meaty truths that make a difference, helping to make sense of and bring peace and rest in the midst of the lowest days and the hardest things.”

NANCY GUTHRIE, author and Bible teacher

[Companions in Suffering](#)

Comfort for Times of Loss and Loneliness

June 9, 2020

\$16 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4586-6

Does It Feel Like You Are in a Marathon of Suffering? You Are Not Alone.

Angle and Talking Points

“During the years of watching my marriage end and then being diagnosed with breast cancer as a single mom while trying to claw my way back to normalcy, I experienced a particular kind of acute loneliness I had not ever experienced before,” Wendy Alsup says. “It was almost like being outside my own body, watching the rest of the world go on with their lives while I sunk, weighted down by my burdens, struggling just to survive. I found companionship I needed to survive in unexpected places, and those times of camaraderie were oxygen to my drowning soul. There is more companionship, camaraderie, and solidarity than we realize, for suffering is efficient at alienating us from the inside out. I hope to aid others who feel alienated by suffering to find the kind of solidarity and companionship that equips us to endure with hope.” Through these pages Alsup hopes readers will know that:

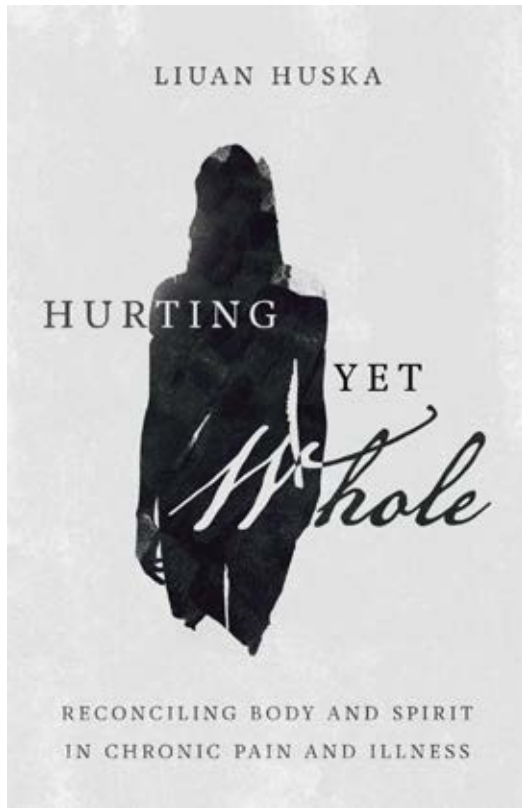
- They are not alone.
- God meets them in their struggle and has not left them as an orphan to navigate this journey without help.
- God preserved help in his eternal Scriptures so that we would not feel shame for the deep emotional burdens we carry.
- Some folks are dis-abled to comfort us because they have not yet learned that kind of comfort from the feet of Jesus. That’s okay, and there are other places to look for that comfort.



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“Hurting Yet Whole is a book brimming with honesty about the nature of what it is to be an embodied human being made in the image of God. There are no quick fixes or simple formulas in this beautiful book, but there is something of much greater value in its pages for patients, caregivers, pastors, and anyone who loves someone facing an ongoing illness: compassion.”

MICHELLE VAN LOON, author of *Becoming Sage: Cultivating Maturity, Purpose, and Spirituality in Midlife*

“While reflecting on her own story, Liuan Huska thinks carefully and writes well about the meaning of wholeness given our illnesses or chronic illnesses. What’s more, she highlights a looming problem: our penchant for swimming in a sea of modern-day Gnosticism (among other things). This book is powerful because it is a lived theology, a practical theology of the body in narrative form, not detached speculation. Incarnational. May we sit at her feet and learn.”

MARLENA GRAVES, author of *The Way Up Is Down: Finding Yourself by Forgetting Yourself* and *A Beautiful Disaster*

[Hurting Yet Whole](#)

Reconciling Body and Spirit in Chronic Pain and Illness

December 8, 2020

\$17 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4807-2

Finding Wholeness by Embracing Brokenness

Angle and Talking Points

There comes a time when our bodies stop doing what they are supposed to. We ache. We double over in pain. Something isn’t right. For many this comes naturally with aging, but for some it happens far too early and far too often. For Liuan Huska her body became her betrayer as chronic pain set in during her early twenties. Countering a Gnosticism that pits body against spirit, Liuan Huska takes us on a journey of exploring how healing is not an escape from the limits of the body. Rather, she sees it as a process of becoming whole, as souls in bodies and bodies with souls. With memoir-like reflections and a sophisticated theological and research-based analysis, Huska looks at the issue of pain, suffering, and being in a woman’s body through multiple lenses. Chronic pain forces us to pay attention to our bodies’ vulnerability. When we accept that vulnerability, we come to embrace the fullness of our broken yet beautiful bodies and begin to find the answers to the following questions:

- What do we do when our bodies don’t work the way they should?
- What is healing when one has a chronic illness?
- Can we still be whole when our bodies suffer?



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“This book is difficult to read—as any honest book about death and grief must be. But it is rich and indispensable to any on this hard journey or walking with another who is. Here we witness a father’s crushed heart desperately reaching for grace and truth. It is a story told with searing honesty, genuine doubt, and sustaining faith. Mel is the guide we need for the journey we do not want.”

SCOTT ARBEITER, president of World Relief

[A Chronicle of Grief](#)

Finding Life After Traumatic Loss

July 21, 2020

\$15 | 168 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-3760-1

Learning to Accept the Unacceptable

Angle and Talking Points

“Eva not breathing. Pray.” That text message was Mel Lawrenz’s entry into the harsh reality of losing his thirty-year-old daughter. Things would never be the same. How could he and his family cope with this devastating loss? You or someone you care about may have experienced a terrible, unexpected loss. You are stunned, shocked, leveled. You feel surges of sadness and fear. You have questions and regrets. You keep wondering, *What if . . .*? These are common experiences of anyone whose life has been turned upside down by a traumatic loss. In this narrative of grief, Pastor Mel Lawrenz chronicles how his family struggled to survive the sudden death of their beloved daughter. Applicable to the grief associated with death, suffering, and loss, this book outlines the

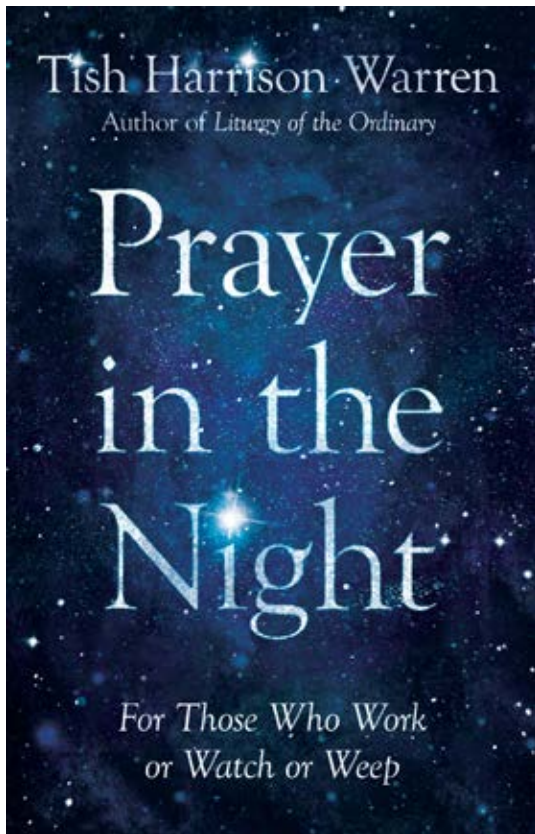
- Immediacy of pain
- Uncertainty of what comes next
- Agony of loss
- Possibility of finding a way forward



MEL LAWRENZ trains an international network of Christian leaders, ministry pioneers, and thought leaders through the Brook Network. He served as senior pastor of Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin, for ten years and now serves as Elmbrook’s minister at large, teaching in North America, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. He holds a PhD in the history of Christian thought

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“We pray the church’s liturgical prayers at night—Compline—because they give us words when we don’t know what to say, and they give us better words to say than we might give. This little book is holy glow in your hands: read it, savor it, and most of all join Tish Harrison Warren in prayer in the quiet of the night. Those who pray well are honest, vulnerable, frustrated, hopeful, learning, and most of all they are listeners—all on display in Prayer in the Night. But don’t let the beauty of this book captivate you; let its subject capture you into becoming a person of prayer.”

SCOT MCKNIGHT, professor of New Testament at Northern Seminary

Prayer in the Night

For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep

January 26, 2021

\$22 | 220 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4679-5

How Can We Trust God in the Dark?

Angle and Talking Points

Framed around the nighttime prayer of Compline, Tish Harrison Warren, author of [Liturgy of the Ordinary](#), explores themes of human vulnerability, suffering, and God’s seeming absence. When she navigated a time of doubt and loss, the prayer was grounding for her. She writes: “It was this practice that gave me words for my anxiety and grief and allowed me to reencounter doctrines of the church—the church’s claims about reality—not as rational, tidy little antidotes for pain but as a light in darkness, as good news.”

Where do we find comfort when we lie awake worrying or weeping in the night? This book offers a prayerful and frank approach to the difficulties in our ordinary lives at work, at home, and in a world filled with uncertainty.

- From the author of *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, the 2018 *Christianity Today* Book of the Year
- Offers respite for times of sleeplessness and anxiety
- Explores some of the deeper questions about God’s goodness that emerge when we are in pain

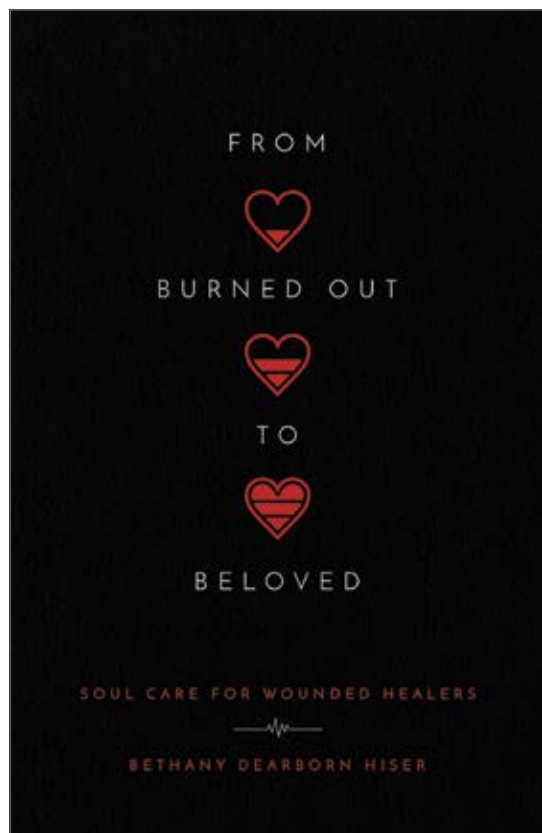


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“Trauma affects everyone, and yet as Bethany Dearborn Hiser points out, soul care is not for the faint-hearted and is often dismissed by the burned out and overworked. *From Burned Out to Beloved* takes us on an important journey of self-discovery, enabling us to balance contemplation and activism in a way that brings healing and wholeness. This is an important book for all who feel the growing pressures of ministry.”

CHRISTINE SINE, author of *The Gift of Wonder: Creative Practices for Delighting in God*

[From Burned Out to Beloved](#)

Soul Care for Wounded Healers

November 17, 2020

\$17 | 208 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4795-2

Help for the Professional Helpers

Angle and Talking Points

Trauma affects everyone who is exposed to it—not only those experiencing firsthand violence, homelessness, and addiction, but also the social workers, therapists, pastors, relief workers, teachers, and community development workers who are trying to help. Psychologists call it “secondary trauma.”

Bethany Dearborn Hiser discovered that she needed the very soul care that she was providing to others. *From Burned Out to Beloved* is Hiser’s story of burnout, self-discovery, and spiritual renewal. But more than that, it’s a trauma-informed soul care guide for Christians working in high-stress, helping professions.

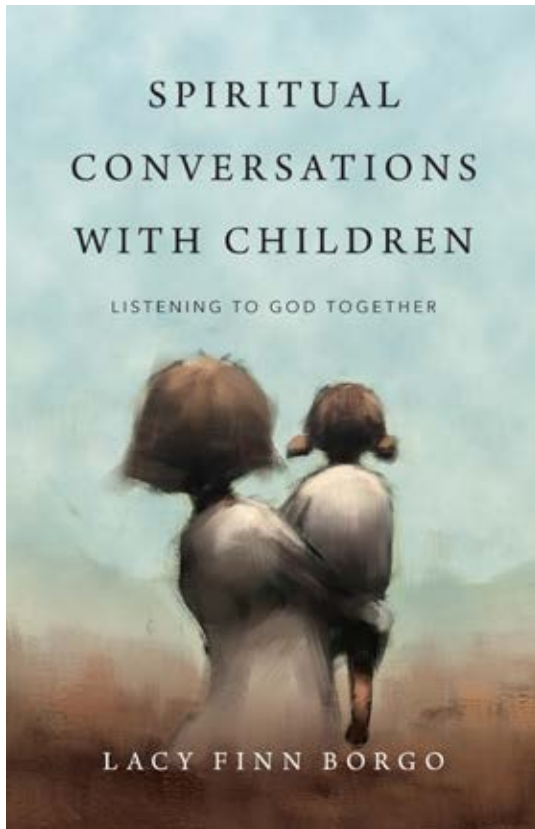
- “Compassion fatigue” points to the need for soul care for those engaged in stressful caregiving, crisis-response, and justice ministries.
- Listening prayer exercises allow for intentional reflection and connection.
- This practical guidebook creates a roadmap for emotional recovery for Christians working with marginalized individuals and communities.

“Before I experienced burnout, I thought self-care was superficial. In popular culture, self-care often means nothing more than pampering. As I’ve worked through my own barriers to self-care, I’ve come to see that taking care of myself involves deeper inner healing and recovery. For me this is about connection to God, who not only sustains and partners with me but also helps me to recover from my brokenness and tend to my wounds.”—Bethany Dearborn Hiser in *From Burned Out to Beloved*



BETHANY DEARBORN HISER is the director of soul care for Northwest Family Life, a network of therapists trained to work with survivors of domestic violence and sexual trauma. As a bilingual social worker, chaplain, and pastoral advocate, Hiser has worked in a variety of ministry and social service settings with people affected by addiction, sexual exploitation, incarceration, and immigration.

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“Learning to be truly present to another human being is the crying need of our day. For children, the need is double and triple. By gripping story and vivid metaphor, Lacy Finn Borgo shows us step-by-step how we can be truly present when we are with others, children especially. Spiritual Conversations with Children provides us with open windows and swinging doors onto the inner lives of children. I recommend it highly.”

RICHARD J. FOSTER, author of *Celebration of Discipline* and *Streams of Living Water*

“Knowing Lacy, I had suspected that reading Spiritual Conversations with Children would forever change the way I interact with my kids, and it has. But what I didn’t anticipate is the way this book has ministered deeply to the child who still lives in me—helping me to begin to recognize movements of God in my younger life that I had previously missed. If there are children in your life—or if you ever were a child—this book has much to offer.”

CAROLYN ARENDS, recording artist, author, and Renovaré director of education

Spiritual Conversations with Children

Listening to God Together

March 10, 2020

\$17 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4669-6

A Guide for Helping Children Engage with God

Angle and Talking Points

Lacy Finn Borgo draws on her own experience of practicing spiritual direction with children. She offers an overview of childhood spiritual formation and introduces key skills for engaging conversation—posture, power, and patterns—from a Christ-centered perspective. “When we are fully present and open to another, we will be changed,” Borgo writes. “Indeed, as you listen to God with a child, the child will lead you into a fuller experience of God’s love and acceptance.”

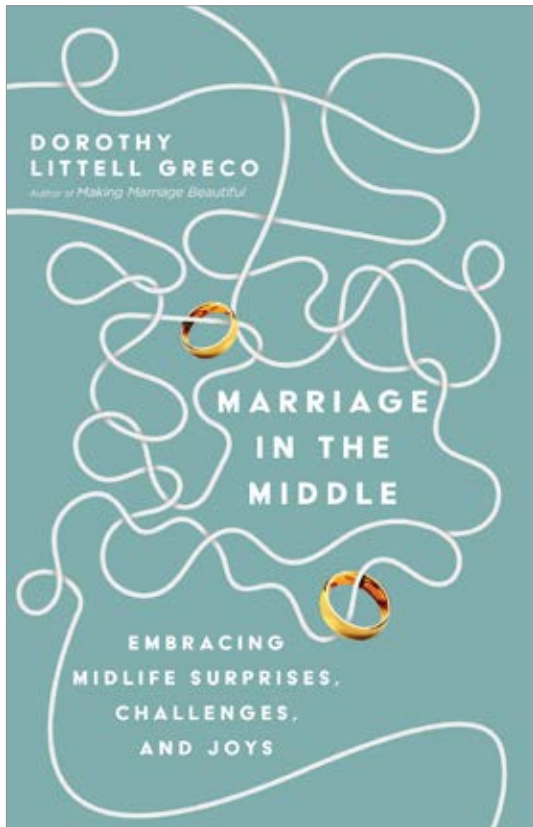
In this book you’ll find:

- Sample interactive dialogues with children
- Ideas for engaging children with play, art, and movement
- Prayers to use together



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“To avoid feeling resentful, which often sneaks up on us in midlife, we need to routinely serve and sacrifice without keeping score. Marriage should never be quid pro quo. Instead, as much as we’re able, we should try to out-love and out-serve each other. . . . If we commit to loving and serving each other even on the darkest days and refuse to let the crisis divide us, our marriages will increasingly become a place of refuge and a source of strength. For us and for everyone around us.”

DOROTHY LITTELL GRECO, *Marriage in the Middle*

[Marriage in the Middle](#)

Embracing Midlife Surprises, Challenges, and Joys

September 15, 2020

\$16 | 200 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4829-4

There Are No Time-Outs in Midlife

Angle and Talking Points

Midlife is a season of challenge and change—professionally, relationally, physically, and spiritually. On our better days, we experience a sense of growing clarity and satisfaction about who we are. We might even be coming to terms with our limitations and vulnerabilities, letting go of some dreams and creating new ones. But many days, we are overwhelmed and exhausted by the intense transitions of this season, leaving us feeling off-balance and insecure. And these challenges reverberate through our marriages, making us wonder how we’re going to survive. Though many assume that “midlife” is synonymous with “crisis,” Dorothy Littell Greco reminds us that it doesn’t have to be that way. This book serves as a resource to middle-age couples looking to strengthen their marriage during a season of life when husbands and wives are pushed and pulled in many different directions:

- Caring for teens AND elderly parents
- Adjusting to changes in our bodies
- Finding career contentment

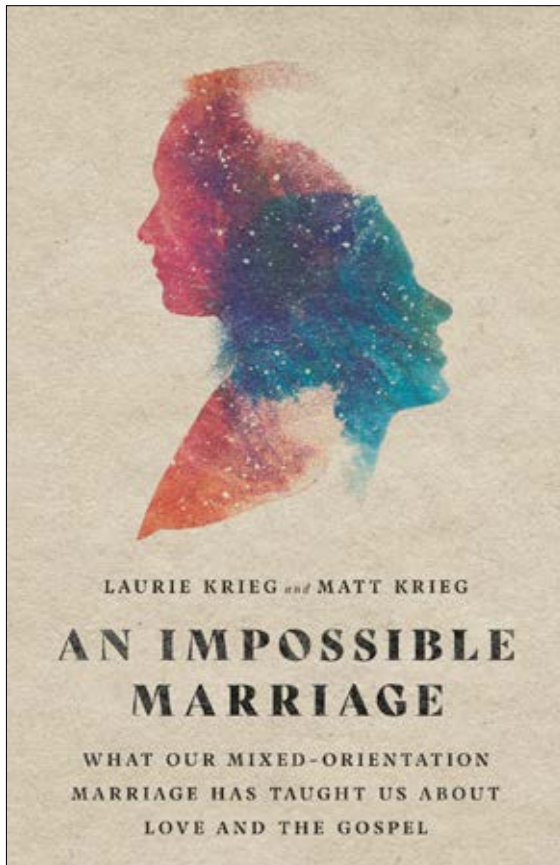


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Dorothy has written for *Christianity Today*, *Relevant*, Missio Alliance, MOPS, Propel Women, Christians for Biblical Equality, *The Perennial Gen*, and *The Mudroom*, and is a member of Redbud Writers’ Guild and The Pelican Project. Dorothy has also worked as a professional photojournalist for more than thirty-five years. Her clients include *National Geographic*, *New England Home Magazine*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, Harvard University, and Penguin Random House.

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“This book is the gritty, real story of two people laying down their natural defaults toward not oneness with each other, thereby demonstrating to a watching world how the impossible marriage between them and him is possible.”

MATT AND LAURIE KRIEG

[An Impossible Marriage](#)

What Our Mixed-Orientation Marriage Has Taught Us About Love and the Gospel

November 3, 2020

\$17 | 220 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4793-8

“People Say Our Marriage Is Impossible”

Angle and Talking Points

Laurie and Matt Krieg are in a mixed-orientation marriage: a marriage in which at least one partner’s primary attraction isn’t toward the gender of their spouse. In the Kriegs’ case, Laurie is primarily attracted to women—and so is Matt.

Some find the idea of mixed-orientation marriage bewildering or even offensive. But as the Kriegs have learned, nothing is impossible with God—and that’s as true of their marriage as anyone else’s. In *An Impossible Marriage*, the Kriegs tell their story: how they met and got married, the challenges and breakthroughs of their journey, and what they’ve learned about marriage along the way. Christianity teaches us that marriage is a picture of Jesus’ love for the church—and that’s just as true in a mixed-orientation marriage as in a straight one.

- Tells the story of the authors’ mixed-orientation marriage
- Wrestles with the theological, spiritual, and practical questions around the phenomenon of mixed-orientation marriage
- Considers what Christian marriage is in the context of our culture’s changing definitions

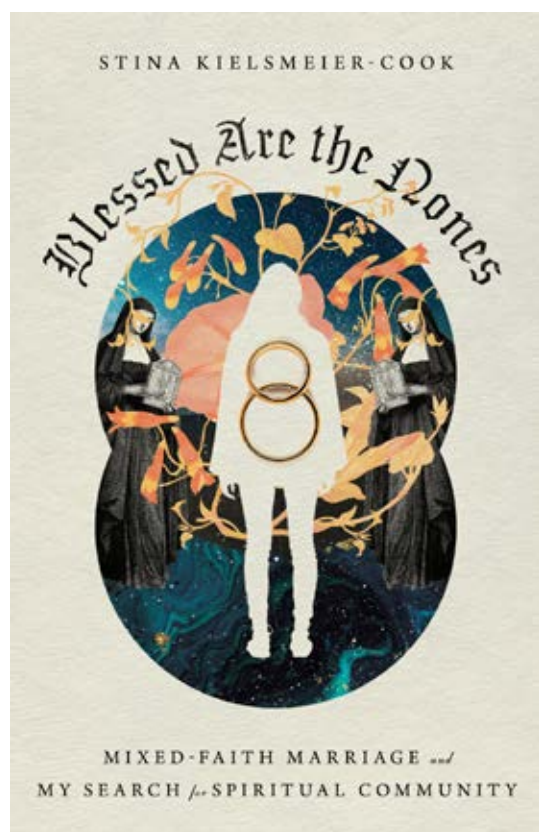


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“This is a necessary book, poignant and true.”

JON M. SWEENEY, Catholic author and rabbi spouse,
author of *James Martin, SJ: In the Company of Jesus*

Blessed Are the Nones

Mixed-Faith Marriage and My Search for Spiritual Community

September 8, 2020

\$16 | 248 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4827-0

Mixed-Faith Marriage and “A Bunch of Nuns”

Angle and Talking Points

After her husband became an agnostic, Stina Kielsmeier-Cook was left “spiritually single”—struggling to live the Christian life on her own, taking her kids to church by herself, and wrestling with her own questions and doubts.

In this memoir, Kielsmeier-Cook tells the story of her mixed-faith marriage and how she found community in an unexpected place: an order of Catholic nuns in her neighborhood. As she spent time with them and learned about female Catholic saints, she began to see that she was not “spiritually single” after all—and that no one really is.

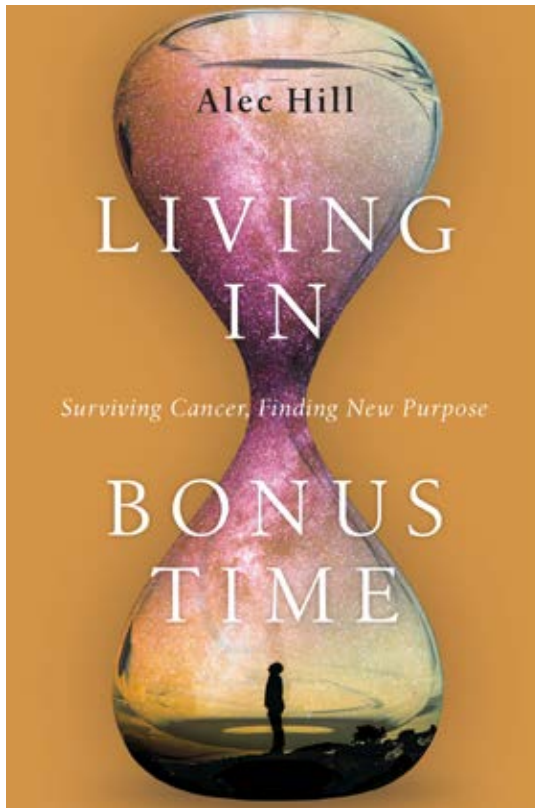
- Offers an honest depiction of a spouse’s deconversion and the spiritual toll it took on the author
- Presents the author’s choice to remain committed both to her unbelieving husband and her Christian faith
- Describes the hope and healing the author found in a nearby convent, finding spiritual wisdom in the monastic tradition and relating the author’s spiritual singleness to the nuns’ singleness
- Reflects on America’s changing trends in religious belief and interfaith marriage



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“Why should you read a book about cancer? Because four out of ten of us will get cancer in our lifetimes, and all of us will likely walk with a loved one fighting cancer. But you should read Alec Hill’s new book for a different reason—because it is really about the precious gift of life. Living in Bonus Time will help you celebrate the life you’ve been given and maybe even reignite your sense of wonder and gratitude in the presence of the God who gives all of us life.”

RICHARD STEARNS, president emeritus of World Vision US, author of *The Hole in Our Gospel* and *Unfinished*

[Living in Bonus Time](#)

Surviving Cancer, Finding New Purpose

January 7, 2020

\$17 | 216 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4594-1

“My Precancer Life Was Pell-Mell.”

Angle and Talking Points

Those who experience and survive cancer live in bonus time, a season of grace that can be disorienting. Survivor Alec Hill helps readers grapple with survivor’s guilt, recalibrate expectations, and steward the opportunities they have for new purpose and growth. He writes, “My precancer life was pell-mell. So much in a hurry to charge the next hill, I sadly missed thousands (millions?) of special moments. And now? When I’m taken aback by the autumn glow of a tree, I pause to capture the moment in a photo so I can enjoy it anew later. When a puppy walks by, I bend down to ruffle its fur. When a nephew or niece calls, I don’t watch the clock. When Mary asks to spend an extra night camping, I try to accommodate. When two driving routes are options, I often take the slower and more scenic one.”

“Cherishing the here and now is a grace from God. Being too focused on the future blinds us to what is priceless in this moment. Cancer teaches us that strolling is sometimes better than sprinting. Flexibility becomes a virtue.”

- Why am I still here?
- How did I survive when others didn’t?
- Where is God in all this?
- And how should I live differently now?



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“Kate James has done something most unusual. In her riveting memoir about her son’s life-and-death battle with heroin, she captivates your heart and educates you at the same time. Every chapter left me eager for more. Spiritual, yet far from preachy, James created a powerful combination of raw authenticity with hope-filled truth. *A Prayer for Orion* promises to enlighten the reader while giving hope to weary parents who are walking a similar path.”

DENA YOHE, author of *You Are Not Alone* and cofounder of Hope for Hurting Parents

“In painful, haunting vignettes, James interweaves her life with his [her son’s life], telling their story from the anguished, solitary helplessness of self-doubt—and then, ultimately, the resplendent relief of joy. The numbers regarding heroin abuse are staggering. They transcend all demographics—race, gender, economic status. James transforms the senseless horror of the statistic into a single soul, the son she calls ‘Sweetboy.’”

ANNE KENNEDY, *Christianity Today* 01/06/2020 CT Five-Star Review

[A Prayer for Orion](#)

A Son’s Addiction and a Mother’s Love

January 28, 2020

\$16 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4577-4

Loving a Wayward Child

Angle and Talking Points

It’s always somebody else’s kid—until it’s yours. When Katherine James and her husband found out their son was using heroin, their responses ran the gamut: disbelief, anger, helplessness, guilt. As they struggled to come to grips with their son’s addiction and decide 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. In this sensitive, vulnerable memoir, award-winning novelist James turns her lush prose to a new purpose: to tell her family’s story through the twists and turns of her son’s addiction, overdose, and slow recovery. This book:

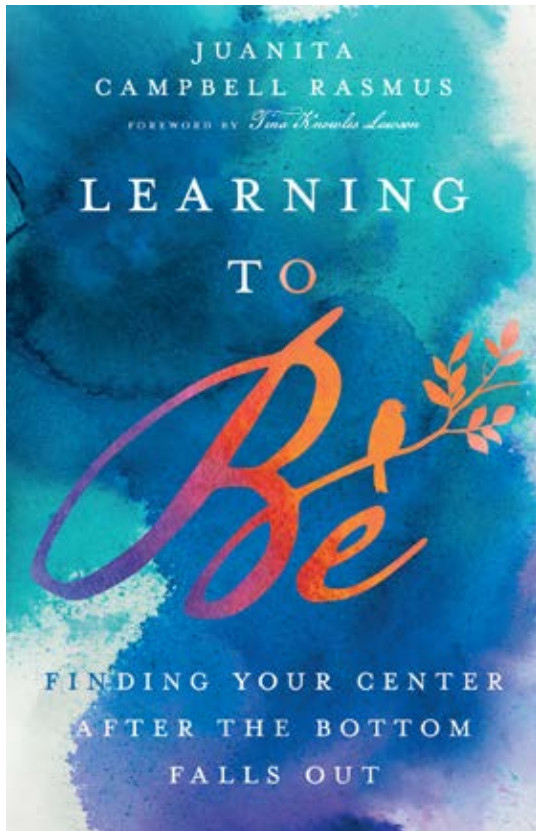
- Puts faces and names to the headlines around the current opiate crisis
- Points to the power of a parent’s love, no matter the anguish from choices made
- Offers hope, healing, and a reminder for all parents to never give up regardless of the circumstances



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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“Juanita describes herself as a type A personality. This is indeed true . . . although triple A might be a little more accurate description! Her ‘Crash,’ as she describes her major depressive episode, was exactly that in every sense—physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. I say all this to underscore for you the importance of Learning to Be. This is a book of genuine substance dealing with the most heart-wrenching needs of the human soul.”

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

“In Learning to Be, Juanita invites us into one of the most intimate and revealing spaces of her life, which was her battle with depression—‘The Crash.’ Juanita doesn’t close the door or sugarcoat her episode. Instead, it’s an eye-opening and entertaining read that encourages us to navigate from our own version of ‘The Crash’ and discover what an authentic relationship with ourselves and God looks like as we shed the pretenses and walk in God’s infinite light.”

TINA KNOWLES LAWSON, businesswoman, fashion designer, and mother to Solange and Beyoncé

[Learning to Be](#)

Finding Your Center After the Bottom Falls Out

September 15, 2020

\$22 | 176 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4587-3

Find and Do What You Love

Angle and Talking Points

When everything in her life came to a stop, Pastor Juanita Rasmus found that she had to learn to be—with herself and with God—all over again. Offering both practical and spiritual insights, she shares a wise, frank, and witty account of her own story of exhaustion and depression, acting as a trustworthy companion through dark days. She describes depression and suffering not as death sentences, but highlights them as an invitation to live a new way, let go of beliefs that no longer serve us, and arouse passion and joy for living life authentically.

- Written by a dynamic spiritual leader who wholeheartedly practices what she preaches
- A faithful servant, who needed to be served by others for a time, embraces the notion that humility comes before honor
- Learning to “be” encourages us to answer the question, Who am I really? as we excavate the self in order to transform the heart, mind, emotions, and spirit

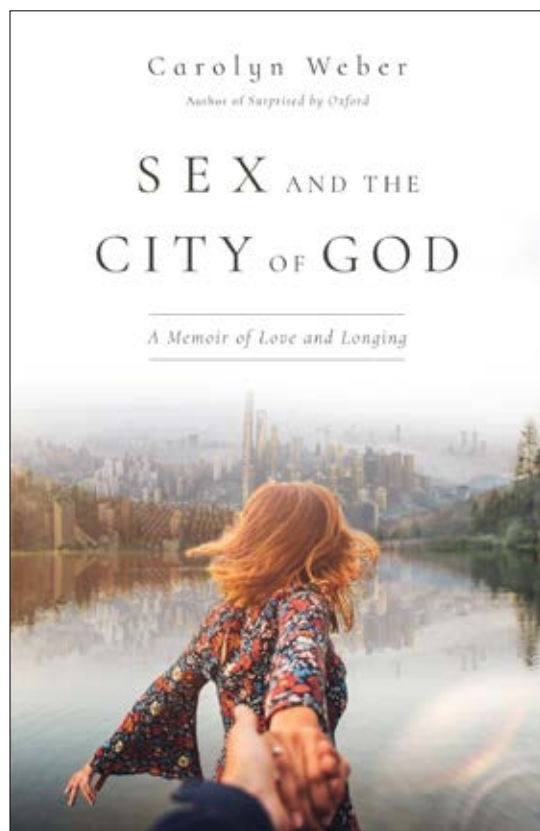


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the sanctuary at St. John’s. Juanita most recently teamed up with Tina Knowles Lawson and Beyoncé to help forty thousand flood victims recover in the wake of Hurricane Harvey in Houston.

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“Carolyn Weber’s Sex and the City of God is a wise, poignant, funny reflection on sex and the modern girl, only that the modern girl in this case is also freshly and deeply smitten by Jesus. Not since Lauren Winner’s Girl Meets God have we had such a candid memoir of coming to faith and keeping the faith in an age that values neither. Carolyn’s voice is clear and honest, and all through her tale of love lost and love found we sense an enduring wisdom for our own mortal and moral dilemmas.”

MARK BUCHANAN, author of *God Walk: Moving at the Speed of Your Soul*

“Sex and the City of God is a book like no other I’ve read. It is an artful memoir. It is a theology of the body. It is sound advice on love and marriage. It is literary analysis. It has everything (even Jane Eyre—Jane Eyre!) that an intellectually curious and spiritually minded reader could ask for. Carolyn Weber has set a new standard for what a Christian book can and should be: holistic, honest, and well-crafted.”

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

[Sex and the City of God](#)

A Memoir of Love and Longing

August 25, 2020

\$17 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4585-9

From the Author of *Surprised by Oxford*

Angle and Talking Points

When Carolyn Weber moved to Oxford University to study, she didn’t expect to find God there. But she did. As she grappled with her newest and most important relationship, she also found that there was another invitation: to think bigger about love. In this book we follow Weber through courtship and into marriage and parenthood. Now a literature professor, Weber reflects on her relationship with a sometimes-absent father and how that has shaped her.

Carolyn has these hopes for the readers:

- “I want people to consider sex specifically, and relationships in general, differently as a result of this book. I wish to open up looking at sex within a bigger picture or eternal plan.”
- “Contrary to what our culture says about relationships, intimacy, and sex, there is another way.”
- “We cannot always see where our actions lead—we must indeed live by faith. Obedience is one way of choosing light when you cannot see in the dark; knowing your values and having them illuminate and lead your decisions is another.”



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Weber has served as faculty at Oxford University, Seattle University, University of San Francisco, and Westmont College, and was the first female dean of St. Peter’s College, Oxford. She currently teaches at Heritage College and Seminary and Brescia University College in Canada. Her memoir, *Surprised by Oxford*, was awarded the Grace Irwin Award, which is the largest award for Christian writing in Canada, and her book *Holy Is the Day* won in the best spiritual memoir category.

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“Jason Gaboury has written a masterful book, *Wait with Me*, on the theme of loneliness. He takes us on a journey that is biographical, exegetical, and imaginative. From *Genesis* to the *Gospels*, Jason describes loneliness as a human condition God uses for our transformation and his transcendent purposes in us. This is an invitation into the ultimate antidote for loneliness—communion with God and biblical community.”

MAC PIER, founder of Movement.org, Lausanne catalyst for cities

[Wait with Me](#)

Meeting God in Loneliness

May 19, 2020

\$16 | 176 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4668-9

For Those Who Are Lonely

Angle and Talking Points

“I’ve wrestled with a sense of loneliness for most of my life,” says Jason Gaboury, author of *Wait with Me*. “A number of years ago, despite a full and relationally demanding ministry, that sense of loneliness piqued. I brought it up with my spiritual director, a Jesuit friar in his seventies, whose question, ‘Have you ever considered loneliness as an opportunity to develop your friendship with God?’ flipped my experience of loneliness upside down. That question launched a spiritual quest to discover friendship with God in the midst of loneliness by reading Scripture again, differently, attending to people and perspectives I’d missed.”

Over the last ten years the number of people experiencing loneliness seems to be skyrocketing. *Wait with Me* invites people who’ve experienced or are experiencing loneliness as an invitation to explore loneliness as an opportunity for a deeper life and friendship with God.

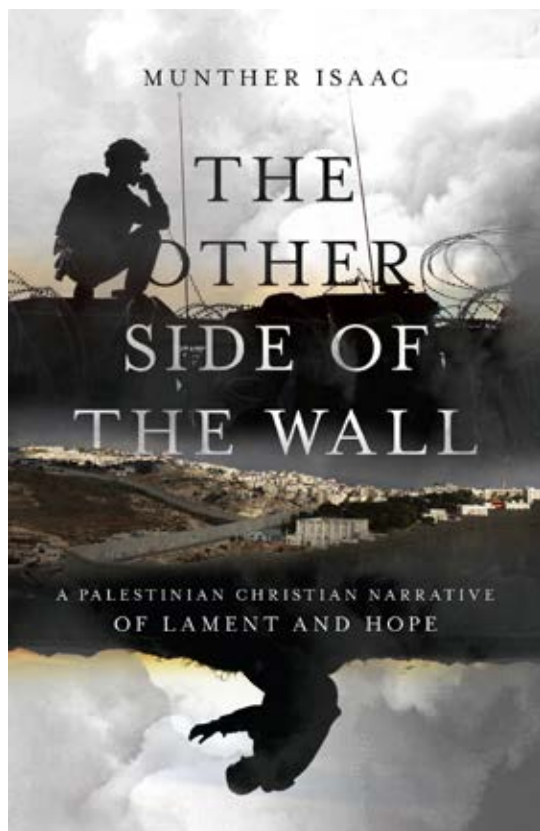
- Follows the author’s own experience with betrayal, isolation, and the vulnerability we experience in loneliness
- Offers reflections on our cultural moment and the contributions of technology to the loneliness epidemic
- Offers thematically related stories from Scripture imaginatively trying to get a feel for what characters experience
- Draws on the contemplative tradition from the desert fathers to contemporary spirituality for insights



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“Munther Isaac’s book is a heart-rending cry for truth and justice on behalf of the Palestinian church. He tackles head-on the disinformation, ignorance, and terrible misuse of biblical texts that have led to the widespread American evangelical support for the occupation of Palestinian territories and the ongoing oppression of its people. This book should be compulsory reading in all theological seminaries and Bible colleges. Will it disrupt and halt the self-justifying narrative of Christian Zionism? One can only pray that, in God’s mercy, it will.”

VINOTH RAMACHANDRA, secretary for dialogue and social engagement, International Fellowship of Evangelical Students

[The Other Side of the Wall](#)

A Palestinian Christian Narrative of Lament and Hope

June 16, 2020

\$18 | 256 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-3199-9

Palestinian Christians Often Marginalized and Ostracized

Angle and Talking Points

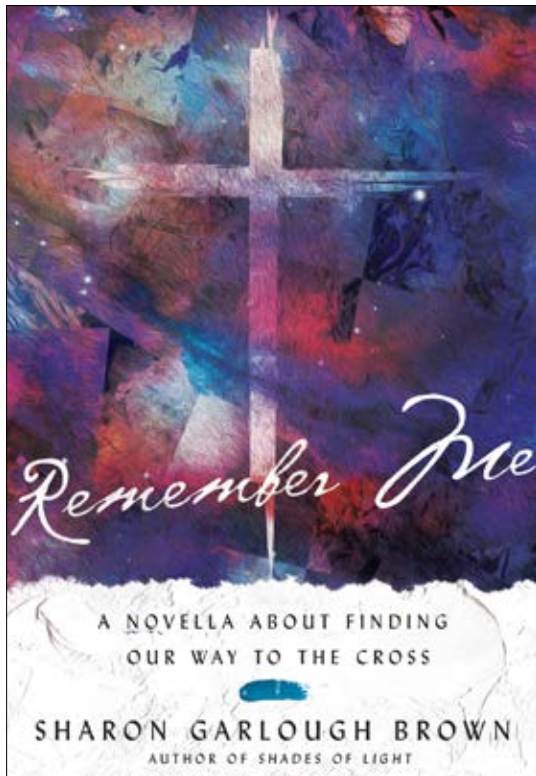
Christians have lived in Palestine since the earliest days of the Jesus movement. The Palestinian church predates Islam. Yet Palestinian Christians find themselves marginalized and ostracized. In the heated tensions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the voices of Palestinian Christians are often unheard and ignored.

This book provides an opportunity to hear the realities of life on the ground from a leading Palestinian pastor and theologian. Munther Isaac gives the perspective of Palestinian Christians on the other side of the separation wall surrounding most Palestinian West Bank cities today. Isaac laments the injustices suffered by the Palestinian people but holds out hope for a just peace and ways to befriend and love his Jewish and Muslim neighbors. In contrast to the dominant religious and nationalistic ideologies and agendas for the region, he offers a theology of the land and a vision for a shared land that belongs to God, where there are no second-class citizens of any kind.

“This book is my invitation to you,” Isaac writes, “to step into the other side of the wall and listen to our stories and perspective. It is my humble request to you to allow me to share how Palestinians experience God, read the Bible, and have been touched and liberated by Jesus—a fellow Bethlehemite who has challenged us to see others as neighbors and love them as ourselves. . . . This book paints a picture of our story of faith, lament, and hope. And I invite you to join and listen, on our side of the wall.”

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New Fiction from the Author of the Bestselling Sensible Shoes Series

Remember Me

A Novella About Finding Our Way to the Cross

January 7, 2020

\$20 | 144 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4670-2

"I've already read Remember Me more than once, and as with all of Sharon Garlough Brown's novels, I'll savor it again. Through her true-to-life characters and powerful story, she interweaves themes of suffering, lament, and mental health with beauty, hope, and resurrection."

AMY BOUCHER PYE, author of *The Living Cross*

Shades of Light: A Novel

August 20, 2019

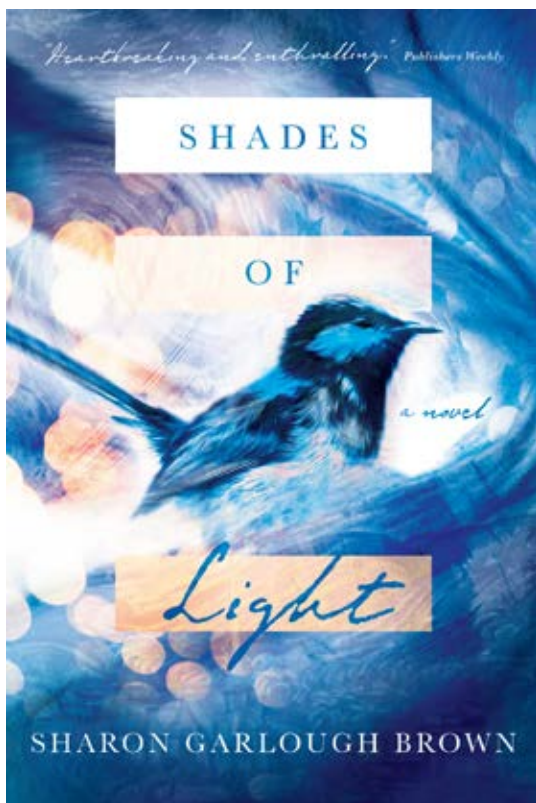
\$18 | 360 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4658-0

"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*

"Brown's evocative prose . . . is both heartbreaking and enthralling. This emotionally harrowing story will appeal to fans of Karen Kingsbury."

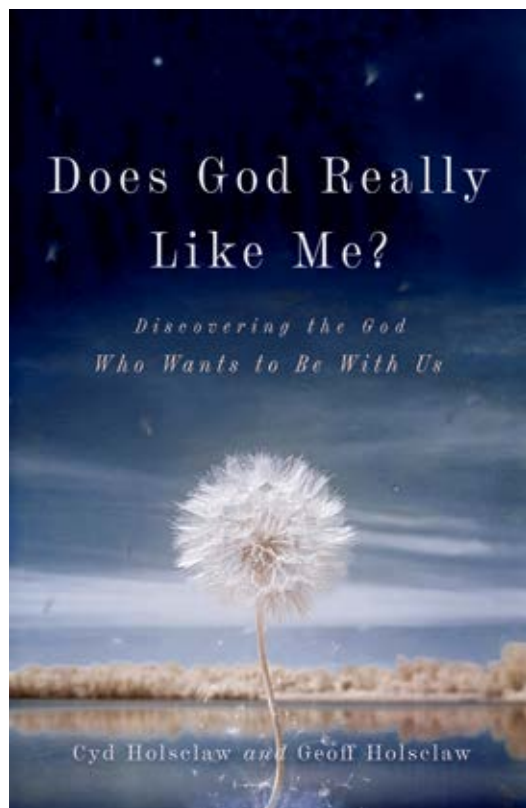
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“This book will help you see many deeply held and inaccurate cultural perceptions about God and replace them with the truth about who he really is—the one who sees, knows, and delights in those he has created. If you know in your head that God loves you, but you wrestle in your heart and soul with whether God actually likes you, I’m confident this resource will help you to catch a glimpse of the smiling face of your loving heavenly Father.”

J. R. BRIGGS, founder of Kairos Partnerships, author of *Fail: Finding Hope and Grace in the Midst of Ministry Failure*

[Does God Really Like Me?](#)

Discovering the God Who Wants to Be With Us

January 21, 2020

\$16 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4596-5

God Loves Me. But Does He Really Like Me?

Angle and Talking Points

Filled with personal stories and simple, clear teaching from the Bible, *Does God Really Like Me?* applies the good news of the gospel to the shame and disconnection that we all experience in our everyday lives. Cyd and Geoff Holsclaw write, “We’re convinced that everything changes when we believe God is glad to be with us. It changes how we experience God’s presence. It changes how we live. It will change your life. When we trust that God wants to be with us, we learn to live as if we belong with God, as if we’re really wanted by God. When we trust that God is giving purpose to our lives, we can freely offer our lives as a blessing to others.”

- What if God really does like you?
- What if God is always glad to be with you?
- What if God is always moving toward you and not just keeping his distance?
- What if God appreciates you so much that he wants to partner with you to accomplish all his purposes in the world?



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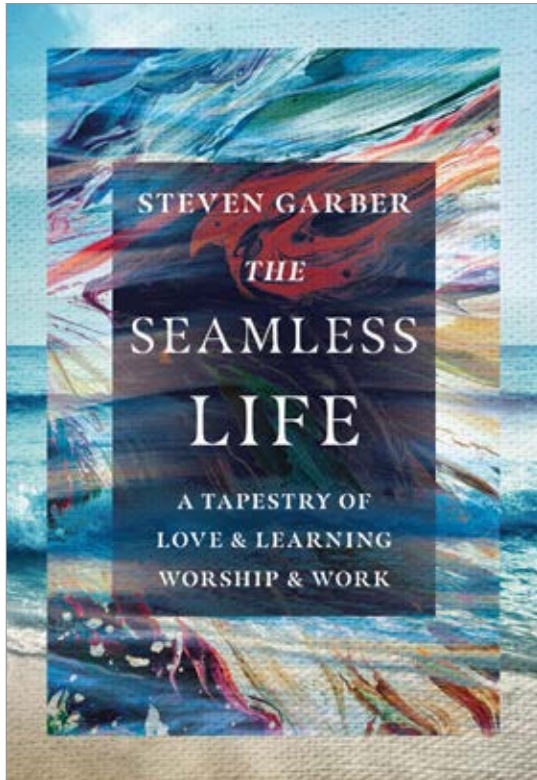
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“I do not think I can name another author whose books are so intensely esteemed and indeed treasured by a cadre of followers, readers who in many cases have become friends of the author, than Steven Garber. His transforming words are always given flesh in his books as he moves deftly from big ideas to daily consequences, between hearing and doing, principles and practice. But in this new collection of essays, stories, anecdotes, and reflections, he allows us deeper into his life, his work, and his marriage. The Seamless Life is a kingdom-sized glimpse of a good life lived with coherence and commitments, animated sometimes with rather ordinary days and then with astonishing episodes of extraordinary experiences. This is one of the best collections of essays I have ever read and is perhaps Garber’s finest achievement yet. Don’t miss this wise, achingly beautiful book.”

BYRON BORGER, Hearts & Minds bookstore, Dallastown, Pennsylvania

The Seamless Life

A Tapestry of Love & Learning, Worship & Work

January 14, 2020

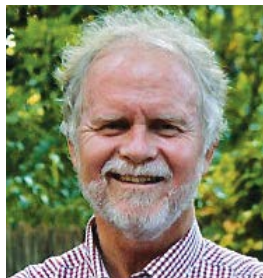
\$20 | 136 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4595-8

All of Us Were Made to Live a Seamless Life

Angle and Talking Points

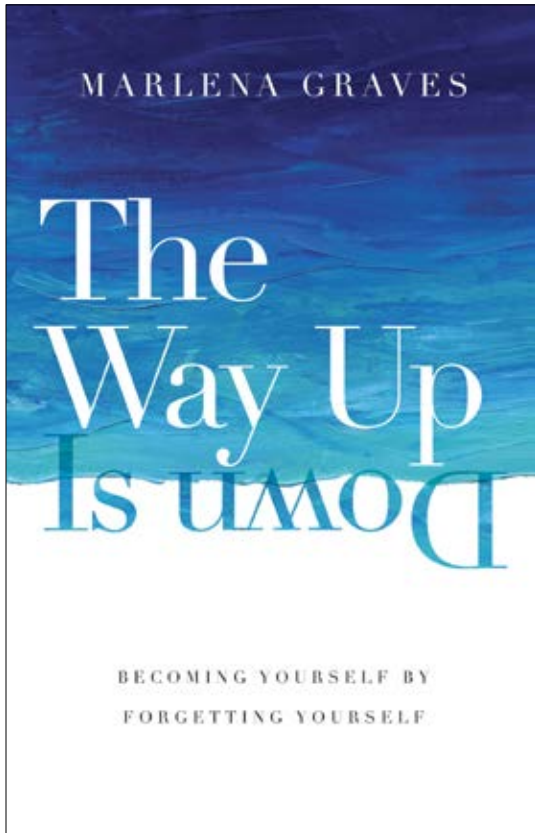
We all want to make sense of life, of who we are and why we are, and to know that what we do—day in and day out—matters. But the daily demands—work, eat, sleep, repeat—often lead to a life that feels void of meaning and disjointed from our deepest beliefs about faith, hope, and love. Steven Garber challenges us to move beyond our fragmented sense of reality and began to see all we are and all we do—our work, our play, our relationships, our worship, our loves—as significant to God and to what God is doing in the world.

- From the author of the award-winning *Visions of Vocation: Common Grace for the Common Good*
- Includes multiple short essays that reflect on our work and the world
- Illustrated with color photos from the author’s journeys



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[The Way Up Is Down](#)

Becoming Yourself by Forgetting Yourself

July 14, 2020

\$22 | 168 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4674-0

Formation and Justice Always Intertwine

Angle and Talking Points

Marlena Graves describes the process of emptying herself that allows her to move upward toward God and become the true self that God calls her to. For her, formation and justice always intertwine on the path to a balanced life of both action and contemplation. “I am bidding farewell to worldly status,” Marlena says. “Along with Mary and Jesus, I am throwing my lot in with others who by the world’s standards are disinherited and found at the bottom of all the hierarchies. Because I’ve found that God turns our hierarchies and our worldly values on their heads. It is only in our poverty and our intentional renunciation of worldly status seeking—in emptying ourselves of those ambitions—that we are ever open to being filled to the brim with grace. We cannot become full of God’s life when we are chasing status, recognition, and honor from the world or the Christian culture—that only leads us to outer darkness. Like Jesus, we are to seek the lowest place and figure out exactly what that means for our particular lives.”

- God’s ladder of success is upside down. It is a climb down into the posture of servanthood, not being self-serving even when self-service is disguised with church talk.
- Loving others, especially the poor, requires proximity to them, not distance and detachment.
- To be spiritually formed entails acting for justice. Spiritual disciplines, like prayer, cannot be separated from service (justice).

“When conversations about discipleship or living into the kingdom of God seem heady and out of reach, I turn to writers like Marlena whose feet are firmly on the ground. She gives us a path to walk and practices to embody our big hopes and dreams about the upside-down ways of Jesus. If you’ve ever wondered how the last will be first (and what that even means for someone with privilege), Marlena is a faithful companion and guide to you. She is bold and pastoral—a rare combination—and best of all, she is the real deal. She has never lost sight of the people for whom this gospel is such good news, and in her words there is an invitation for all of us.”

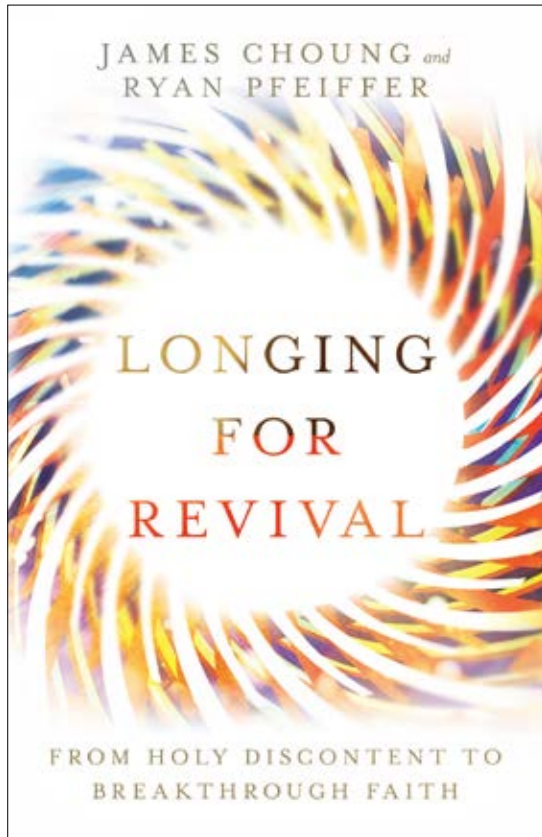
SARAH BESSEY, author of *Miracles and Other Reasonable Things* and *Jesus Feminist*



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“There’s no better time than the present for a grounded, holistic, and strategic book on revival. James Choung and Ryan Pfeiffer have masterfully crafted a timely book that deals with head, heart, and hands in sustaining times of revival.”

ED STETZER, Billy Graham Distinguished Chair of Church, Mission, and Evangelism, executive director of the Billy Graham Center, Wheaton College

[Longing for Revival](#)

From Holy Discontent to Breakthrough Faith

January 14, 2020

\$17 | 240 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4591-0

Revival for Such a Time as This?

Angle and Talking Points

James Choung and Ryan Pfeiffer have seen revival in their own ministries, with remarkable transformation in both individuals and communities. They unpack what revival looks like, how Christians can anticipate it, and how they can experience it in their own lives and in larger movements. They said, “We feel that a new kind of spiritual leadership is needed in a post-Christian world. When Christians were still part of the flow of culture, ministry leaders could get away with depending heavily on strategies and resources to get things done. We go for progress without his presence. But in a day when our culture’s values are winning the day and seeping into the church, we need to rely more on the power of God’s Spirit. And we want to help ministry leaders prepare—both spiritually and strategically—to ask God to move and be ready when he does.”



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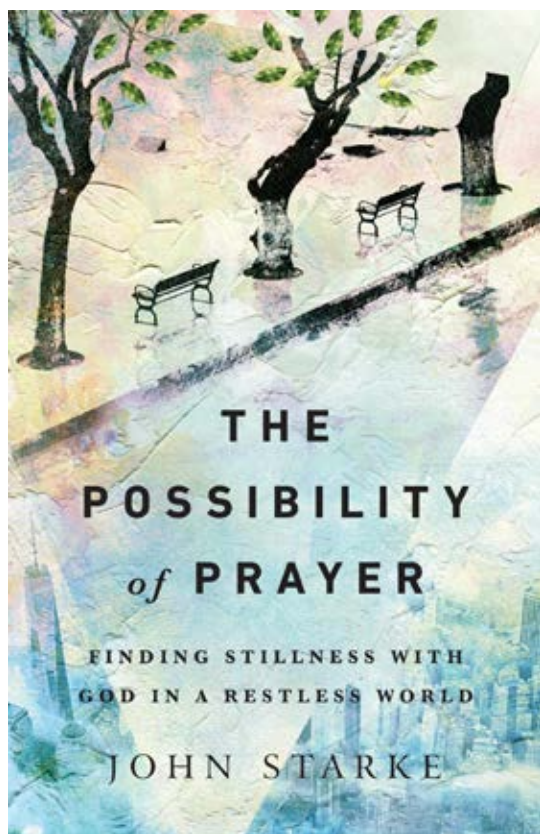
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“Prayer has never come easy to me, and there have been seasons when it has seemed impossible. I so want a life of prayer, but the possibility of prayer in the present moment often eludes me. In this book, my friend John Starke offers deep pastoral and biblical wisdom for those who want to answer God’s invitation to prayer and to a deeper relationship with him.”

MICHAEL WEAR, author of *Reclaiming Hope: Lessons Learned in the Obama White House About the Future of Faith in America*

“The information saturation and attention decay of the present moment can make prayer seem counter-intuitive. In this book John Starke shows us how prayer has always been just that, a pull away from the ephemeral into the eternal. This book will show you the way to clearing your attention and your schedule in order to communicate with the One who loves you and holds your life together.”

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

[The Possibility of Prayer](#)

Finding Stillness with God in a Restless World

February 11, 2020

\$16 | 200 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4579-8

Prayer Is Not Just for the Spiritually Elite

Angle and Talking Points

As a pastor in Manhattan, John Starke knows the bustle and busyness of our society. But he also knows that prayer is not just for spiritual giants. Prayer, he writes, is for each of us—not because we are full of spiritual wisdom and maturity, but because we are empty. Here is an invitation to discover, via the church’s ancient rhythms and with Starke’s clear, practical guidance, the possibility of prayer. Here is a book about prayer that is really a book about the whole Christian life. Starke says he hopes readers know that

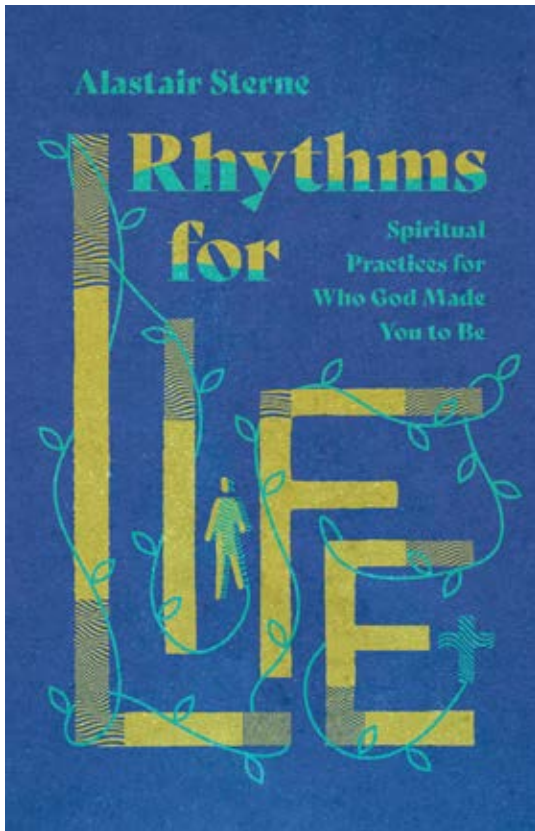
- Prayer is not possible because we have somehow made ourselves worthy of God’s attention, but because God has made himself known to us.
- Our culture has created in us a reactionary heart, responding fearfully to circumstantial change, but prayer creates a deeper heart responding to love.
- God invites us into the world of the Psalms that allows us to speak honestly and humanly toward God.



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Rhythms for Life

Spiritual Practices for Who God Made You to Be

September 29, 2020

\$16 | 220 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-3197-5

Bringing Our Desires to Be and Do into Alignment

Angle and Talking Points

Who are you becoming? And how will you get there? Spiritual transformation is not a one-size-fits-all journey. Each of us has a particular identity, gifts, values, roles, and purpose. Thus we each need distinct spiritual rhythms that are designed to help us live out that vocation and calling. In this practical book Alastair Sterne shows how we can craft a life of more intentionality, becoming Christlike in ways that fit who we are.

- Who did God make us to be?
- What spiritual practices flow out of that identity?
- What rhythms point us upward to God, inward to ourselves, withward in community, and outward in mission?

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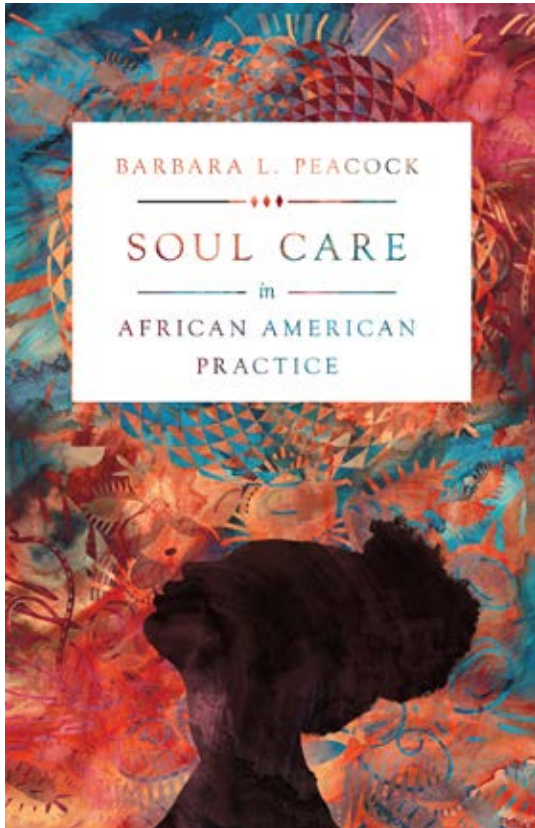
“Samuel Escobar’s study of Christology in Latin America is the fruit of a lifetime of critical evangelical engagement with the challenges of Latin American society, as well as with the riches of Latin American literary culture. If you want to grasp the distinctive contours of Christianity in Latin America—whether 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.”

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TOM PHILLIPS, vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

Soul Care in African American Practice

May 5, 2020

\$17 | 184 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4671-9

History and Culture Inform Spiritual Disciplines of Today

Angle and Talking Points

Spiritual director and pastor Barbara Peacock illustrates how the practices of spiritual formation are woven into African American culture and lived out in the rich heritage of its faith community. If you’ve yearned for a more culturally authentic experience of spiritual transformation in your life and community, this book will help you grow in new yet timeless ways. Come to the river to draw deeply for your soul’s refreshment. Using the examples of ten significant men and women, Barbara helps us engage in practices of soul care as we learn from these spiritual leaders:

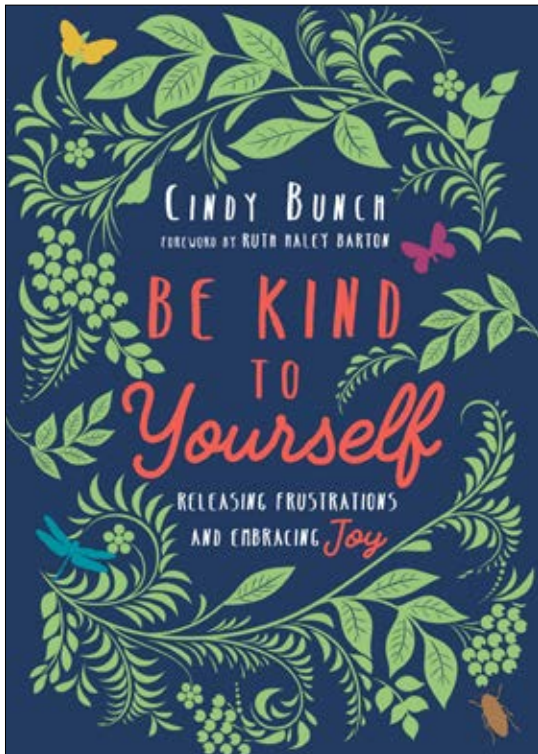
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- Dr. Jessica Ingram
- Mrs. Coretta Scott King
- Dr. James Washington
- Dr. Howard Thurman



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From the foreword by **RUTH HALEY BARTON**, founding president of the Transforming Center

Be Kind to Yourself

Releasing Frustrations and Embracing Joy

July 28, 2020

\$15 | 160 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4676-4

What’s Bugging You?

Angle and Talking Points

Editor and spiritual director Cindy Bunch calls us to self-care through greater compassion for ourselves. She helps us pay attention to the frustrations that bug us in order to identify negative thinking about ourselves or others. As we do so, we can discern what we need to let go. This allows us to lean into the things that bring us joy. Each chapter is filled with spiritual practices and creative exercises for reflection and celebration. Some of the chapter titles include:

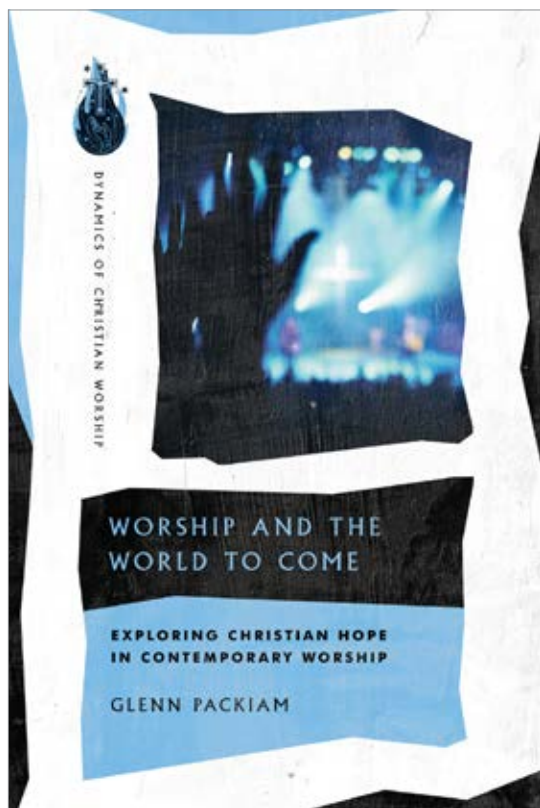
- I Had a Bad Day: Paying Attention to the Beautiful Things
- I Can’t Believe I Said That: Speaking Kindly to Ourselves
- I Saw It on Twitter: Knowing What to Let Go
- When Life’s on Hold: Establishing Self-Care Practices
- It Wasn’t Supposed to Rain Today: Discovering What’s Underneath
- I Can’t Believe He Did That: Forgiving Others



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“If it is fundamentally impossible to be a Christian without hope, then all Christians at worship are in the business of singing themselves into a new story that beckons from the future—the good future of God in Christ that the Spirit makes palpable here and now in our public worship. That’s the basic point that Glenn Packiam makes in this theologically learned, liturgically intelligent, and pastorally sensitive book—a book that deserves careful reading by scholars and pastors, along with every worship leader charged with the holy task of leading the people of God in song. Our calling as church leaders, as Packiam rightly sees it, is not only to announce our new future in Christ; our task is to enact and embody that new future in our songs of praise and proclamation. How and what we sing, then, become a singularly formative means by which the Spirit transforms our lives to be a sign and foretaste of God’s new creation. That’s the charge! That’s the hope!”

W. DAVID O. TAYLOR, associate professor of theology and culture, Fuller Theological Seminary

Worship and the World to Come

Exploring Christian Hope in Contemporary Worship

July 28, 2020

\$35 | 216 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4931-4

The Christian Faith Is a Hopeful Faith

Angle and Talking Points

Yet its hope is unlike other kinds of hope. We are not optimists; nor are we escapists. Founded on the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, Christian hope declares that the triune God’s merciful promises will ultimately be fulfilled despite the suffering and evil that people encounter here and now.

How is that hope both expressed and experienced in the church’s worship? In this latest volume in the Dynamics of Christian Worship series, pastor, theologian, and songwriter Glenn Packiam explores what it means for Christians to gather together to worship God and declare their hope on a weekly basis, and how contemporary worship, in particular, cultivates notions of Christian hope.

Under his guidance, we find that Christian worship is hopeful worship.

- Latest volume in the Dynamics of Christian Worship (DCW) series
- Offers an examination of contemporary worship and the experience of hope in that context
- Distinguishes Christian hope from other forms of hope



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“While it focuses on the Brown Church and presents a dramatic and engaging picture of Brown experience and theology, this book is about much more than the Brown Church. It is about church, gospel, truth, and justice. It is about me who is brown but also about you who are not. This is an important read for any who wish to be faithful Christians in today’s context.”

JUSTO L. GONZALEZ, historian and theologian

“This is a book that redefines the social identity of the Brown Church, breaking away from religious stereotypes of the Latina/o community and uncovering a rich legacy and discussion of Latina/o faith and identity.”

ELIZABETH CONDE-FRAZIER, coordinator of relations for theological entities at the Association of Hispanic Theological Education, coauthor of *Latina Evangélicas: A Theological Survey from the Margins*

Brown Church

Five Centuries of Latina/o Social Justice, Theology, and Identity

May 26, 2020

\$30 | 248 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5285-7

Constructing a “Brown Christian Identity”

Angle and Talking Points

Interest in and awareness of the demand for social justice as an outworking of the Christian faith is growing. But it is not new. Robert Chao Romero, the son of a Mexican father and a Chinese immigrant mother, explores the history and theology of what he terms the “Brown Church.” Romero considers how this movement has responded to these and other injustices throughout its history by appealing to the belief that God’s vision for redemption includes not only heavenly promises but also the transformation of every aspect of our lives and the world. Walking through this history of activism and faith, readers will discover that Latina/o Christians have a heart after God’s own heart.

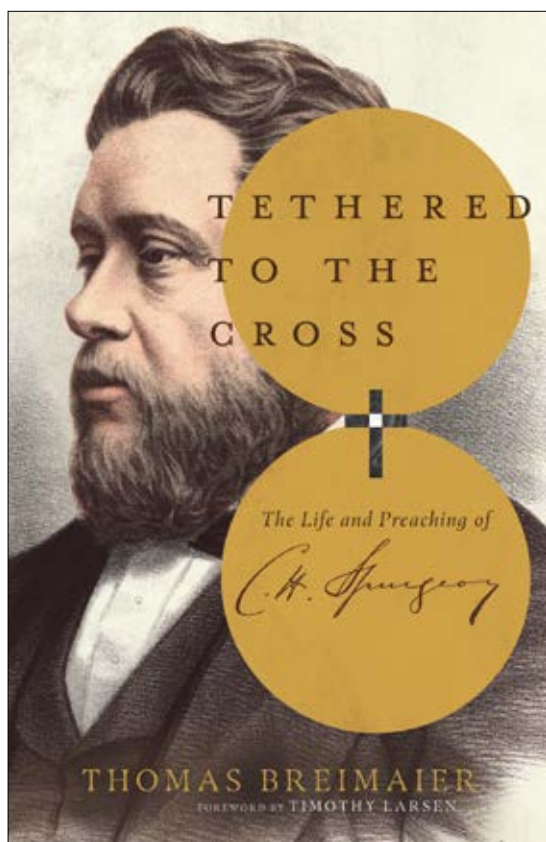
- Offers a history of five hundred years of the Latina/o Christian experience
- Reflects on the roles of social justice and activism in Latina/o identity
- Casts a vision for the “Brown church” and “Brown theology”



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“Thomas Breimaier’s Tethered to the Cross: The Life and Preaching of Charles H. Spurgeon is the most important scholarly study of Spurgeon that has ever been written. It is the very best place to start for anyone who wants to study Spurgeon. . . . Whatever you think of Spurgeon—even if you dislike him—if you want to study him, this book is essential for you. If you love Spurgeon, however, you will love this book.”

From the foreword by **TIMOTHY LARSEN**

Tethered to the Cross

The Life and Preaching of Charles H. Spurgeon

October 20, 2020

\$35 | 282 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-5330-4

The First Comprehensive Study of Spurgeon’s Biblical Interpretation

Angle and Talking Points

“Tethered to the cross” is how the renowned nineteenth-century English Baptist minister Charles H. Spurgeon (1834–1892) described the task of ministry and his approach to preaching.

For nearly four decades, Spurgeon served as the pastor of the church at the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London. But what specifically guided the reading of Scripture by the man known as the “Prince of Preachers”?

Tracing the development of Spurgeon’s thought and his approach to biblical hermeneutics throughout his ministry, theologian and historian Thomas Breimaier argues that Spurgeon viewed the entire Bible through the lens of the cross of Christ. This method led Spurgeon to interpret texts in a consistent fashion, resulting in sermons, articles, and instruction that employed cross-centered language, which was aimed at the conversion of unbelievers.



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“I turned to my son as he was making breakfast before school one day and asked him, ‘Why do you call yourself a Christian?’ Notice that I didn’t ask him what he thought about Christianity, or whether he understood it. Again, those are important questions, but I wanted to hear why he lived the way he did. I wanted him to deal with his actions, not his words. Though the question angered him at the time—heart questions are prone to do that—it proved instrumental in turning his life around.”

STUART McALLISTER in *Faith that Lasts*

[Faith That Lasts](#)

A Father and Son on Cultivating Lifelong Belief

December 4, 2020

\$17 | 208 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4814-0

Spiritual Maturity Is a Journey of the Heart

Angle and Talking Points

Given the swelling number of religious “nones” who grew up in Christian homes, it’s clear that parents are struggling to cultivate lasting faith in their children. This book recognizes the unique challenges faced by both parents and kids in Christian households and offers a vision of a household shaped by Christ and the church, rather than the surrounding culture.

- Addresses the felt need of parents who worry that their children will abandon the faith
- Includes personal stories from both a father (Stuart, who was converted as a young adult) and a son (Cameron, who was raised in the church) on their different journeys to faith
- Written by two apologists who are familiar with common arguments against Christian faith



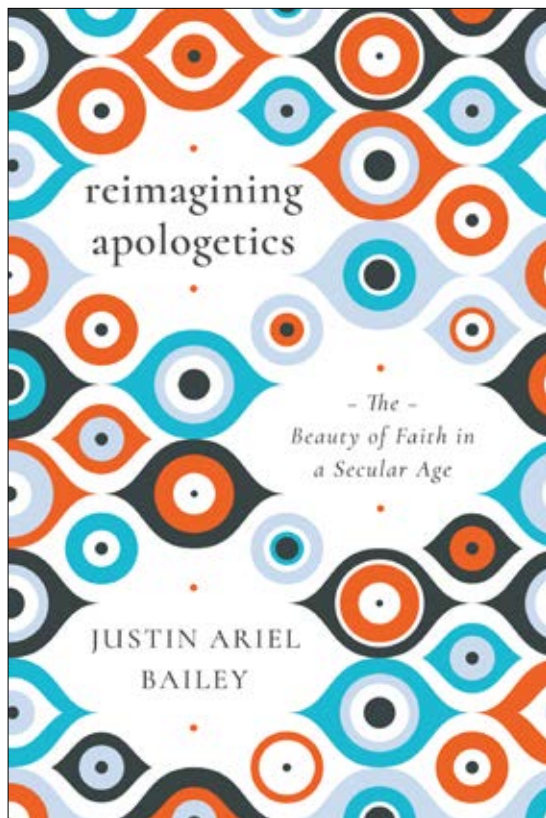
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“Imagine that apologetics wasn’t so gladiatorial; it isn’t hard to do. Through elegant, luminous readings of the novels of George MacDonald and Marilynne Robinson, Justin Ariel Bailey offers a Christian witness for a secular age that is infused with blessing, hope, and grace. Everyone who teaches a course on apologetics should consider assigning this welcome, timely, and thoughtful book.”

TIMOTHY LARSEN, McManis Chair of Christian Thought at Wheaton College, author of *George MacDonald in the Age of Miracles*

[Reimagining Apologetics](#)

The Beauty of Faith in a Secular Age

October 13, 2020

\$28 | 268 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5328-1

Appealing to Resonant Faith

Angle and Talking Points

For many Christians, the traditional approach of apologetics has grown stale. In light of the current secular climate, as described by Charles Taylor and others, rhetorical strategies that previously well served the church and apologists are no longer effective.

Justin Bailey seeks to address this dilemma by infusing apologetics with an appeal to the imagination, the aesthetic, and the affective. Demonstrating that this is possible, he engages with two examples of those who have done apologetics through the imagination: George MacDonald and Marilynne Robinson. By beginning with the imaginative and the aesthetic dimensions of faith before expounding proofs, Bailey argues, hearers of the good news will find both their hearts and their minds engaged.

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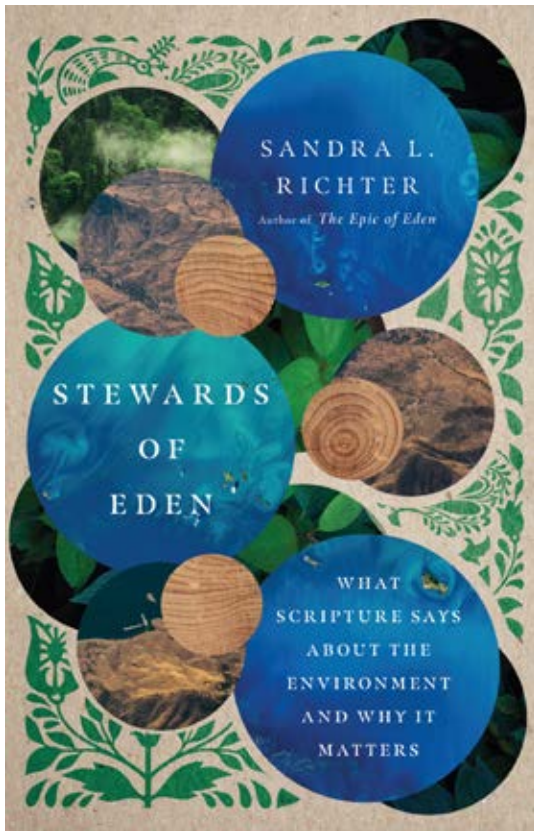
- Eclipsing Enchantment: Charles Taylor and Our Imaginative Crisis
- Waking Things Up: George MacDonald’s Reimagined Apologetic
- Revealing a Wider World: Marilynne Robinson’s Reimagined Apologetic



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faith, as well as the ways that the Christian imagination shapes believers to participate in culture.

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“Richter’s well-grounded argument will be of interest to evangelical Christians, especially those less familiar with green theology.”

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“Richter’s book moved me to tears. Finally, an evangelical voice has challenged the church’s notion that the earth was given to humanity to exploit for our own benefit. Richter’s knowledge of Scripture shines through as she lays out a biblical theology that instructs us to steward and care for God’s beautiful creation, not destroy it for our own greed. Her love of creation, animals domestic and wild, and struggling humanity is evident throughout the book.”

ELIZABETH HARVEY ROBERTS, The Nature Conservancy

Stewards of Eden

What Scripture Says About the Environment and Why It Matters

February 25, 2020

\$22 | 168 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4926-0

Connecting the Biblical Mandates to Current Issues

Angle and Talking Points

Bringing the divide that too often exists between Christians and caring for the environment, Sandra Richter urges Christians to care about environmental stewardship through a study of the Old Testament. An expert in ancient Israelite society and economy as well as biblical theology, she walks readers through passages both familiar and lesser known, showing how significant environmental theology is to the Bible’s witness. Each chapter draws out a biblical mandate about humanity’s responsibility to care for the land, domestic and wild creatures, and people on the margins. Well informed on present-day environmental challenges, Richter includes case studies that connect the biblical mandates to current issues.

Though modern political alliances may tempt readers to sever Christian faith from environmental stewardship, in this concise and accessible book, Richter urges us to be driven by God’s values instead.

- Includes excellent exegesis from an established Old Testament scholar
- Connects biblical teaching with current environmental concerns
- Provides Christians with ideas for creation care in their own context



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Christian Entry into the Old Testament and her riveting DVD curriculums designed for those serious about their faith. She is a sought-after speaker and teacher for ministry conferences, retreats, leadership events, and academic events.

Insights from Science for the Christian Life

Embracing Evolution

How Understanding Science Can Strengthen Your Christian Life

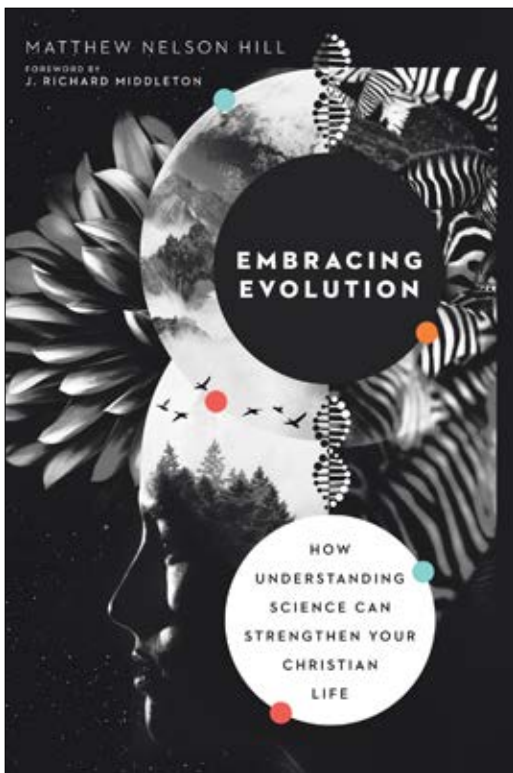
June 16, 2020

\$20 | 152 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5283-3

Is it possible that adopting an evolutionary view of human origins can actually help us cultivate a relationship with God and a holy life?

In *Embracing Evolution*, Matthew Nelson Hill invites readers into a constructive conversation about why contemporary science matters for Christians.

MATTHEW NELSON HILL (PhD, Durham University) is associate professor of philosophy in the department of theology at Spring Arbor University. He is an ordained elder in the Free Methodist Church and the author of *Evolution and Holiness*.



Enhancing Christian Life

How Extended Cognition Augments Christian Community

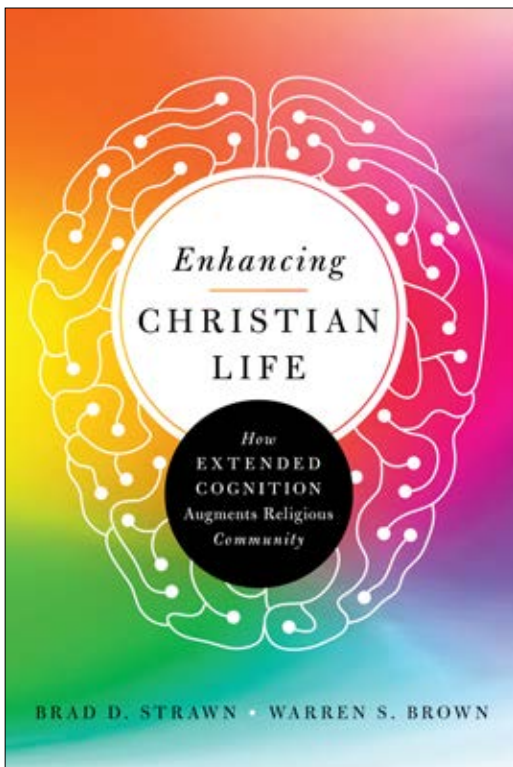
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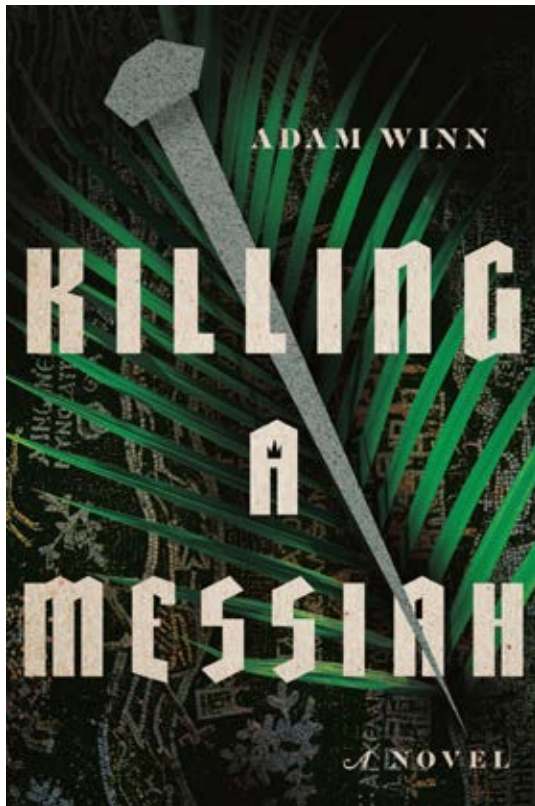
\$21 | 176 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5281-9

According to psychologists Brad Strawn and Warren Brown, it's time to rethink the Christian life in light of current research on the human mind, particularly with a deeper understanding of the process called *extended cognition*. Using insights from neuroscience, psychology, and philosophy, they argue in *Enhancing Christian Life* that persons must be understood as not only embodied and embedded within particular contexts but also extended beyond the body to encompass aspects of the physical and social world.

BRAD D. STRAWN is the Evelyn and Frank Freed Endowed Chair of the Integration of Psychology and Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. He is coauthor (with Warren S. Brown) of *The Physical Nature of Christian Life* and coeditor of *Christianity and Psychoanalysis: A New Conversation*.

WARREN S. BROWN is the director of the Lee Edward Travis Research Institute and professor of psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary. He is principal editor and contributor to *Whatever Happened to the Soul? Scientific and Theological Portraits of Human Nature* and coauthor (with Nancey Murphy) of *Did My Neurons Make Me Do It?*





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“For centuries, Christians have been taught that the only possible reading of the Gospels was one in which the Jews, the enemies of Christ, are responsible for his death. Winn, using those same sources and informed by the best of contemporary scholarship, has produced a plausible alternate narrative of what might have occurred during that famous Passover week and demonstrates that anti-Jewish interpretations of the New Testament are not inevitable.”

DAVID FOX SANDMEL, rabbi, director of interfaith engagement at the Anti-Defamation League

“As a filmmaker, I gravitate toward page-turning tales of complex characters caught in high stakes, political intrigue. Adam Winn offers readers a fresh take on the crucifixion of Jesus through rigorous research and astute imagination. *Killing a Messiah* is a brilliant exploration of the ultimate historical hinge point.”

CRAIG DETWEILER, cofounder of the Windrider Film Forum, author of *Into the Dark: Seeing the Sacred in the Top Films of the 21st Century*

Killing a Messiah

A Novel

January 14, 2020

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Jerusalem, on the Eve of Passover

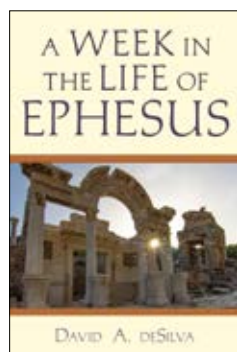
Angle and Talking Points

As Passover approaches, the city of Jerusalem is a political tinderbox. Judah, a resistance leader, plots to overthrow the Roman occupation. Eleazar and his father, the high priest Caiaphas, seek peace in the city at all costs. Pilate, the Roman governor, maneuvers to keep order (and his own hold on power). Caleb, a shopkeeper, is reluctantly caught up in the intrigue. When rumors start spreading about the popular prophet Jesus, hailed by many as the Messiah, Roman and Jewish leaders alike fear unrest and violence during the upcoming festival. Then, in the midst of this tension, unexpected alliances emerge.

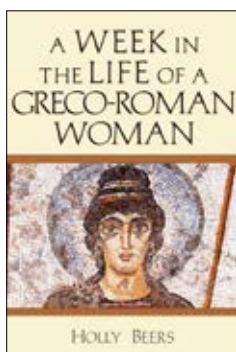
In *Killing a Messiah*, New Testament scholar Adam Winn weaves together stories of historical and fictional characters in a fresh reimagining of the events leading up to Jesus’ execution. Based on what we know of the first-century context, Winn’s narrative offers compelling explanations for gaps in the Gospel accounts. The social, political, and religious realities of Jesus’ world come to life and shed new light on our reading of the biblical texts.



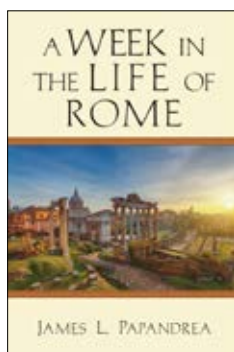
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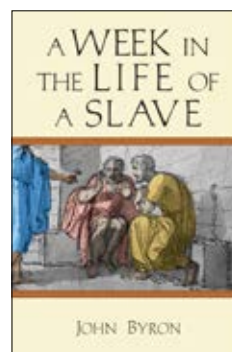
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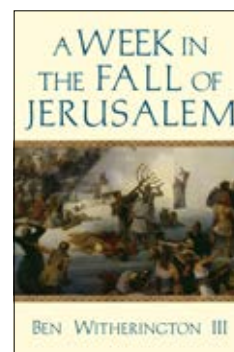
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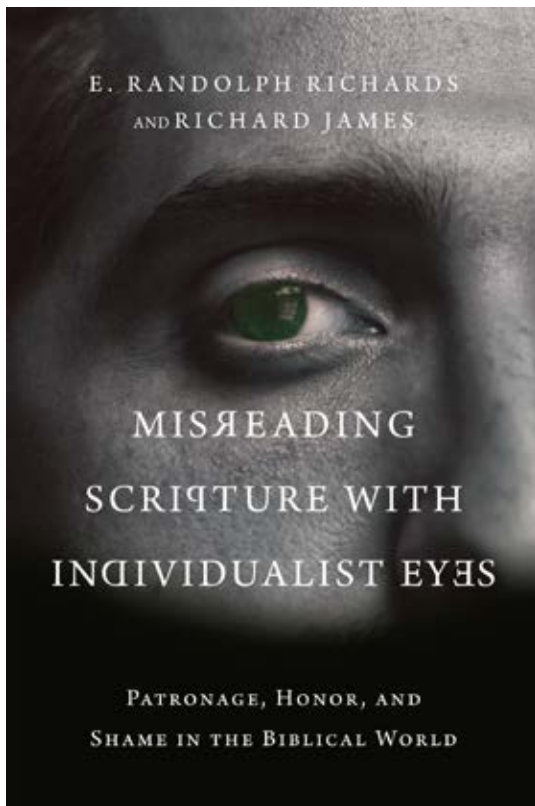
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[Misreading Scripture with Individualist Eyes](#)

Patronage, Honor, and Shame in the Biblical World

October 13, 2020

\$28 | 296 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5275-8

Misunderstanding the Cultural Values of the Biblical World

Angle and Talking Points

The Bible was written within collectivist cultures. When Westerners, immersed in individualism, read the Bible, it's easy to misinterpret important elements—or miss them altogether. In any culture, the most important things usually go without being said. So to read Scripture well, we benefit when we uncover the unspoken social structures and values of its world. We need to recalibrate our vision.

Combining the expertise of a biblical scholar and a missionary practitioner, *Misreading Scripture with Individualist Eyes* is an essential guidebook to the cultural background of the Bible and how it should inform our reading.

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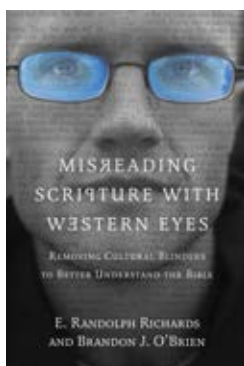
- Combines the expertise of a biblical scholar and a missionary practitioner
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- Guides readers through the both Bible and cultural values and then provides some practical implications of these insights

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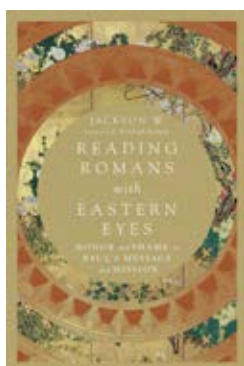
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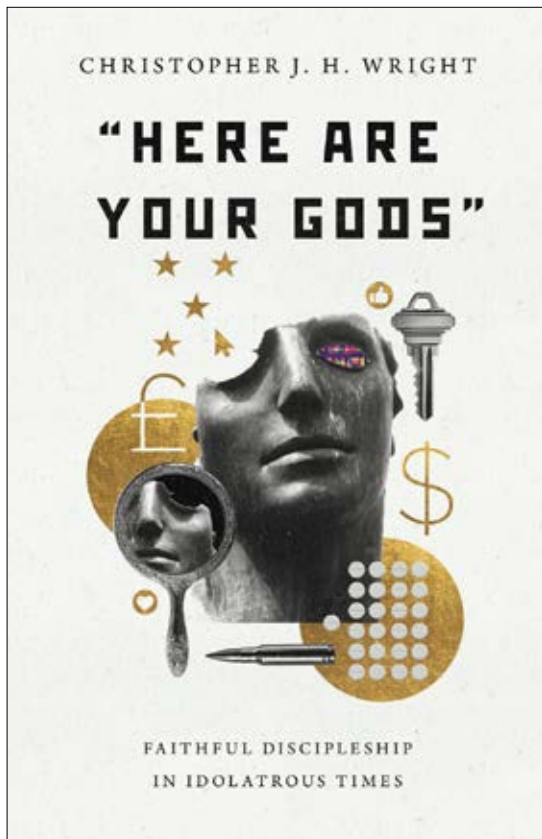
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Angle and Talking Points

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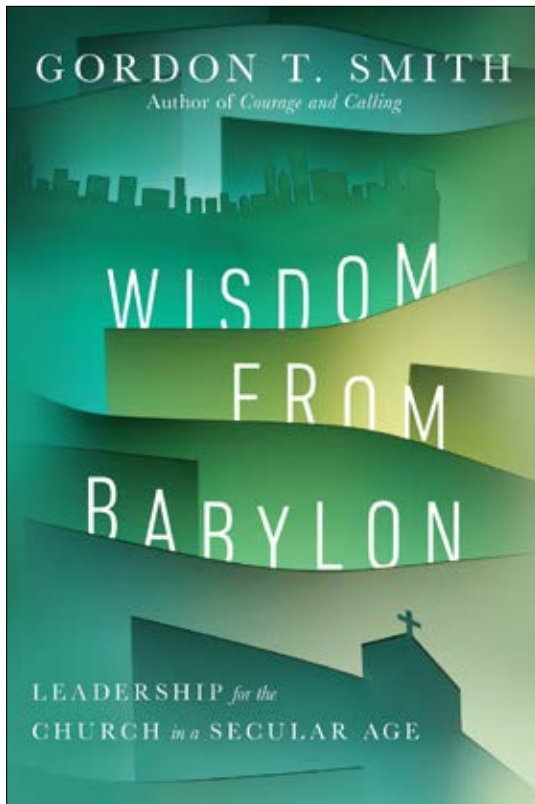
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Leadership for the Church in a Secular Age

October 13, 2020

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Cultivating Distinctly Christian Leadership

Angle and Talking Points

What does it mean to provide leadership for the church in an increasingly secular context? When religion is privatized and secularism reigns in the public square, Christians are often drawn toward either individualist escapism or constant cultural warfare. But might this context instead offer a fresh invitation for the church to adapt and thrive?

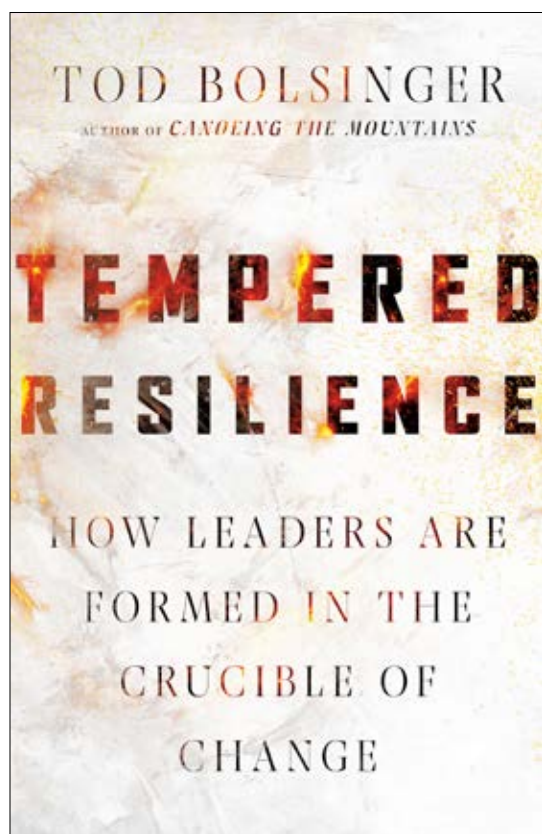
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The Intersection of Spiritual Formation and Leadership Development

Angle and Talking Points

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November 10, 2020

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It’s Time to Talk Back

Angle and Talking Points

The generation that grew up in evangelical purity culture has grown up, and many have started families of their own. But as time goes on, it’s becoming more evident that many still struggle with purity culture’s complicated legacy—its idolization of virginity, its mixed messages about modesty and lust, and its promise of a healthy marriage and great sex for those who follow the rules.

In *Talking Back to Purity Culture*, Rachel Joy Welcher reviews the movement carefully, examining its teachings through the lens of Scripture. Compassionate, faithful, and wise, she charts a path forward for evangelicals in the ongoing debates about sexuality—one that rejects legalism and license alike, steering us back instead to the good news of Jesus.

- Addresses the complexities of purity culture from a biblical perspective
- Incorporates conversations the author had with people about their experiences in purity culture
- Includes the author’s research from her master’s thesis on this topic
- Includes discussion questions to foster group conversation



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