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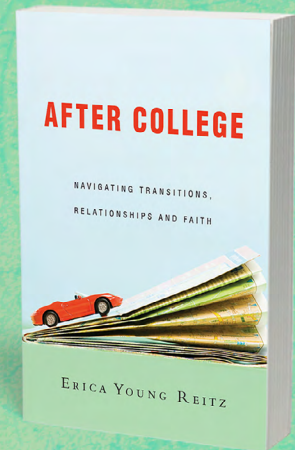
What's next? That is the question for many as the school year wraps up, students graduate, and new chapters begin. To help graduates, students, parents, and teachers navigate what's next, we have put together the following five resources. We hope these books will foster ideas for articles, excerpts, and interviews that offer direction for personal growth, new jobs, and next steps.

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AFTER COLLEGE

Navigating Transitions, Relationships and Faith

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The years after college can be some of the most uncertain, unstable times of life. Recent graduates grieve the loss of community, question their place in the world, and struggle to find meaningful work. It can be shocking to discover that college did not fully prepare you for the challenges you now face.

For more than a decade, Erica Young Reitz has specialized in helping college seniors and recent graduates navigate the transition to postcollege life. Drawing on best practices and research on senior preparedness, she offers practical tools for a life of faithfulness and flourishing during a critical, transitional time. This practical guide addresses the top issues graduates face:

- Making decisions
- Managing money
- And much more
- Finding friends
- Discerning your calling



ERICA YOUNG REITZ directs Senior EXIT, a one-year experience that prepares graduating college seniors for the transition into the next phase of life. She works for the CCO (Coalition for Christian Outreach), reaching out to students at Penn State University. Erica has an MA in higher education from Geneva College, with a graduate research focus on the senior-year transition.



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A CHRISTIAN FIELD GUIDE TO TECHNOLOGY FOR ENGINEERS AND DESIGNERS

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For Christians passionate about developing technology, it's not always clear how their faith and work intersect. Veteran engineers and teachers Ethan Brue, Derek Schuurman, and Steve VanderLeest provide a field guide for fellow explorers working with technology. For Christians studying and working in engineering, computer science, technical design, architecture, and related fields, this book is packed with wisdom and practical guidance. By sharing what they have learned, the authors encourage readers to ask harder questions, aspire to more noble purposes, and live a life consistent with their faith as they engage with technology.

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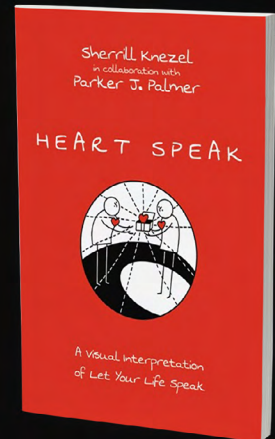


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HEART SPEAK:

A Visual Interpretation of Let Your Life Speak

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“There’s a reason the ‘in case of emergency’ instructions on airplanes are illustrations, not simply words—in crisis, the brain grasps images more readily than text. Parker Palmer’s wisdom and practical philosophy have guided countless readers through challenges toward a more meaningful life. Sherrill Knezel gives additional depth and visual access to the power of Palmer’s inspiring teachings. The paired wisdom of Parker Palmer and the clear, clean, whimsical instructions that Knezel provides for readers, even in the case of an emergency, offer a way to learn twice—by reading and seeing.”

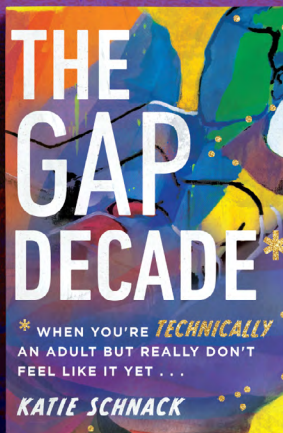
—**MARY ANNE EM RADMACHER**, author of *Courage Doesn’t Always Roar*



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THE GAP DECADE:

When You're Technically an Adult
but Really Don't Feel Like It Yet

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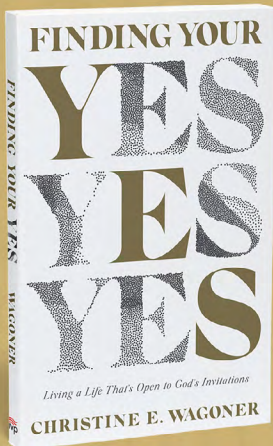
The gap decade is that sometimes difficult transitional season young adults face in their twenties and early thirties. In this quirky and honest chronicle, Katie Schnack names the awkward realities of living in that gap between adolescence and adulthood. She and her husband go on an unpredictable journey through a decade of never-ending transitions as they make multiple moves across five states, face job interviews and tax returns, and go through anxiety, loss, pregnancy, and countless episodes of *The Office*. Along the way, Schnack explores the common experiences of these young adulting years: the uncertainty of waiting when you're stuck and don't know what steps to take. Learning to trust in God's provision when you are broke like a joke. Admitting your need for help when panic attacks strike. And discovering a life full of grace and joys that can't be ordered via two-day delivery.



KATIE SCHNACK is a writer and book publicist. She is also the author of the forthcoming [Everything Is \(Not\) Fine: Finding Strength When Life Gets Annoyingly Difficult](#). Her articles have appeared in such places as Relevant, Today.com, Hello Giggles, Romper, and Scary Mommy. She grew up in Minnesota playing duck duck gray duck, learned to say “bless your heart” in Texas, lived in a four-hundred-square-foot apartment in New York (okay, Jersey City, actually, but it was close enough to Manhattan), and has a love-hate relationship with Cheetos but is also oddly obsessed with spinach smoothies. Katie and her family now live in West Palm Beach, Florida, on an acre of land with five chickens, three goats, and a senior mini pony.



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FINDING YOUR YES:

Living a Life That's Open to God's Invitations

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"I've known Christine for many years, and as I read her book, I hear her voice—energetic and disarming. She drills down into our noes, what it might cost to say yes, and what it might cost if we don't! This book is a richly illustrated and truthful take on the circuitous path of following Jesus, of roads taken and not taken, and is seasoned with hope that 'as our yes grows, so do we.' You will love reading Finding Your Yes, and in the process, you just may find the courage to say your own, 'Yes!'"

—BETH A. BOORAM,

cofounder and director of Fall Creek Abbey and author of [Starting Something New](#)



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