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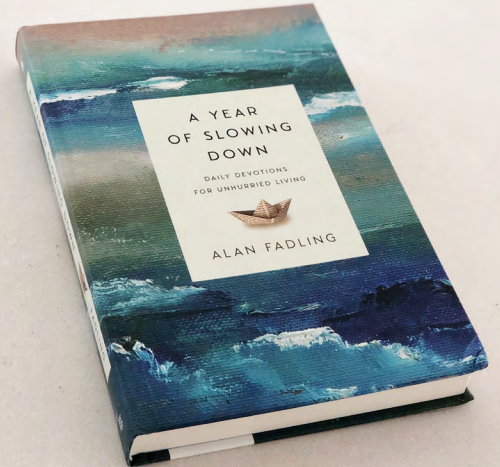
The IVP publicity team would like to offer you and your audiences the gift of rest with the following list of summer reading titles. As many enjoy a break from school, take vacations, and spend more time out in nature, we offer these books with the hope that they lead to a slower pace of life, a renewed sense of wonder, and a fresh awareness of God, his Word, and his work in and around us. This quote from Alan Fadling's *A Year of Slowing Down* says it best:

"I hope you'll come to believe that God has given us enough time for everything he's given us to do. I pray that you'll find growing freedom and courage to make time for that which matters most—to God and to you. I trust that you'll come to discover that most things shouldn't be hurried and some things simply can't be."

A YEAR OF SLOWING DOWN:

Daily Devotions for Unhurried Living

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"If anyone could take five minutes of your time and turn it into a retreat, it's Alan Fadling. As I read the daily devotionals in A Year of Slowing Down, I found myself drawn into the selah of the psalmist, the richness of God's Word, the whisper of Holy Spirit, and the pace of Jesus. In each reading you're sitting down with a soul friend who has a simple way of chatting with you that feels easy and relaxing. Then, all of a sudden, profound insights rain down from heaven and wash your heart and soul with the smile of God. These holy moments can flood your soul with Jesus' living waters and overflow from you into the lives of the people around you."

—**BILL GAULTIERE**, psychologist and author of *Journey of the Soul*



ALAN FADLING is president and founder of [Unhurried Living, Inc.](#) in Mission Viejo, California. He speaks and consults internationally with organizations such as Saddleback Church, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Cru, Halftime Institute, Apprentice Institute, and Open Doors International. He is the award-winning author of [An Unhurried Leader](#) and [An Unhurried Life](#), and coauthor (with Gem Fadling) of [What Does Your Soul Love?](#)



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GOD, RIGHT HERE:

Meeting God in the Changing Seasons

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“A beautiful reminder for kids—and adults!—that God can be found all around us, every day, in nature and in the simple joys of life. Taking kids through all the four seasons and the unique beauty they each bring, Kara Lawler reminds us that God is always close by, and beautiful changes are just on the horizon. God, Right Here is a sweet reminder to kids and their parents to slow down, notice God’s goodness, and take time to celebrate his beautiful creation each and every day.”

—**KATIE SCHNACK**, author of *Everything Is (Not) Fine: Finding Strength When Life Gets Annoyingly Difficult*



KARA LAWLER is the author of *Everywhere Holy: Seeing Beauty, Remembering Your Identity; Finding God Right Where You Are; and A Letter for Every Mother*, but she has wanted to publish a children’s book since she was a little girl! As a contributor to several magazines and websites, some of her essays have been read and shared millions of times.

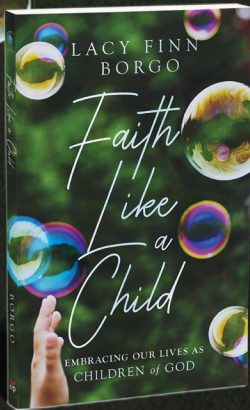
JENNIE POH fell in love with the countryside at a very young age, developing a deep connection to nature and conservation. As an illustrator, she still loves to connect with nature—namely through making her own paintbrushes and textures with leaves, bark, flowers, and anything else she may find while walking outside.



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FAITH LIKE A CHILD:

Embracing Our Lives as Children of God

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“With a delightful sense of humor, which often brought tears to my eyes, and a profound wisdom of the heart shaped by the wonders and wounds of her own pilgrimage through life, Lacy Finn Borgo invites readers to welcome their own childhood self. As we follow her carefully crafted suggested practices, she helps us to discover what it may mean to live with the faith of a child. We realize afresh that we can never ever be separate from the Great Love who knitted us together in our mother’s womb and who hasn’t put down those knitting needles ever since. Most especially, Lacy Borgo’s words help us to know ever more deeply the truth of Jesus’ words that, unless we become like children, we will not experience the joyful realities of God’s presence within our everyday lives.”

—**TREVOR HUDSON**, author of *Discovering Your Spiritual Identity: Practices for God’s Beloved* and *Seeking God: Finding Another Kind of Life with St. Ignatius and Dallas Willard*

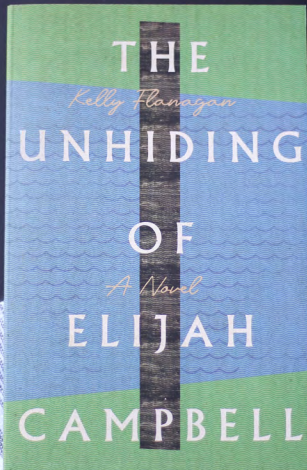


LACY FINN BORGO is the author of [Spiritual Conversations with Children](#) and the children’s book [All Will Be Well](#). She teaches and provides spiritual direction for the Renovaré Institute and the Companioning Center. She especially loves meeting with children at [Haven House](#), a transitional facility for families without homes. Lacy holds a doctor of ministry in leadership and spiritual formation and a certificate in spiritual direction from Portland Seminary.



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THE UNHIDING OF ELIJAH CAMPBELL:

A Novel

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WINNER OF THE ILLUMINATION BOOK AWARD
AND THE NAUTILUS BOOK AWARD



KELLY FLANAGAN

(PhD, Pennsylvania State University) is a clinical psychologist, popular speaker, and the author of *The Marriage Manifesto*, *Loveable*, and *True Companions*. He has also written for publications such as *Christianity Today*, *Reader's Digest*, and *Huffington Post*, and he has appeared on the *TODAY Show* with his daughter.

In psychologist Kelly Flanagan's non-fiction works (*Loveable*, *True Companions*), he drew from clinical insight to explore the spiritual depths of identity and relationships. Now, in this debut novel, he weaves a page-turning and plot-twisting tale that brings new life to those insights, along with fresh revelations about personal growth, spiritual transformation, and the dynamics of interpersonal relationships.

"Tuesdays with Morrie meets *The Shack* in *The Unhiding of Elijah Campbell*. A pitch-perfect page-turner of a story about one man's dismantling and reconstruction as he collides with his past. Authentic, heart-rending, absorbing, and wise, this book hits the bull's-eye of psychological and spiritual relevance. I closed the cover with new clarity, new conviction and, I hope, new capability to forgive and love."

—**CHERYL GREY BOSTROM**, author of *Sugar Birds*



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BLOOD FROM A STONE:

A Memoir of How Wine Brought Me Back
from the Dead

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ANDRÉ SIMON FOOD AND DRINK BOOK AWARD LONGLIST

“This is the story of how wine brought me back from the dead.” Thus begins Adam McHugh’s transition through the ending of one career—as a hospice chaplain and grief counselor—into the discovery of a new life in wine among the grapevines of the Santa Ynez Valley of California. He writes, “As you will see, I reached into the old, old story of wine in order to find my new story, which begins, as so many wine love stories do, in the French countryside. Most stories about religion and drink are stories of recovery. I’m not sure if mine isn’t a story about recovery too.”

“Adam McHugh’s stunning memoir, Blood from a Stone, brings a sideways beatitude: Blessed are the lonely, the detached, the fired, the tired, and the spiritually hungry. They will see God if they’re paying attention and willing to be surprised. Read, savor, and listen for the low hum of deep faith in this personal story of a man who writes with a keen awareness of grief and a self-deprecating honesty. You’ll leave with a renewed longing for food and meaning, cheese and history, and wine you can’t pronounce.”

—EMILY P. FREEMAN, author of *The Next Right Thing*



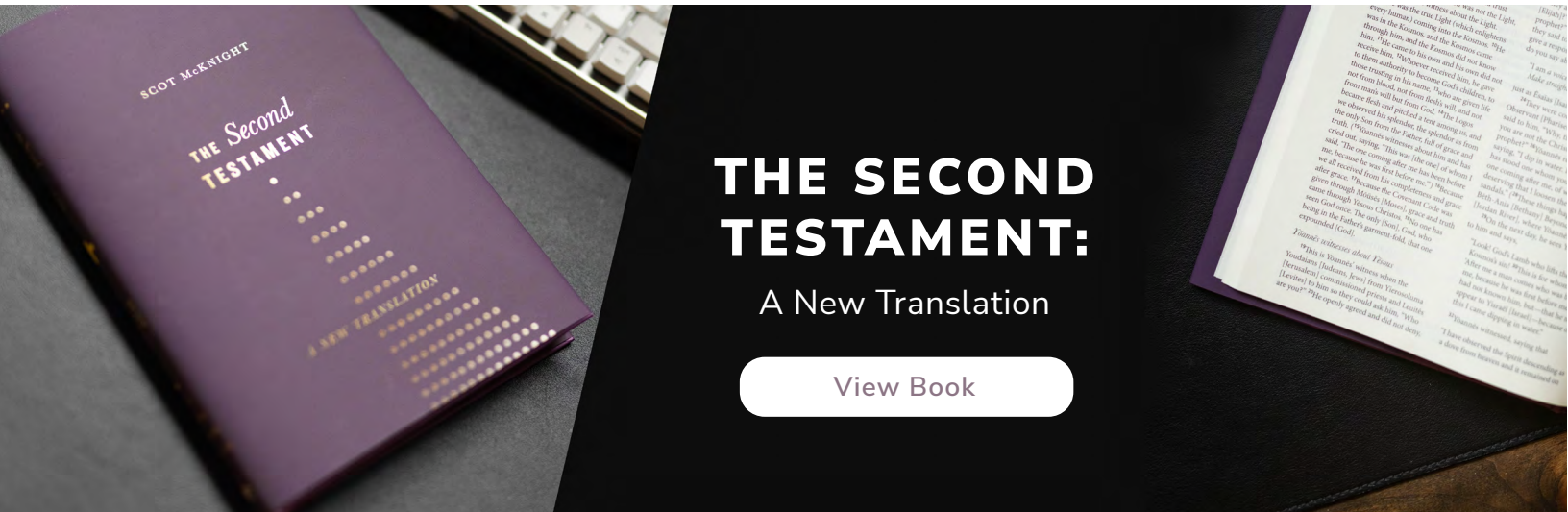
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THE SECOND TESTAMENT:

A New Translation

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SCOT McKNIGHT

(PhD, University of Nottingham) is Julius R. Mantey Chair of New Testament at Northern Seminary in Lombard, Illinois. He is the author of many books, including *Reading Romans Backwards*, *Pastor Paul*, *The King Jesus Gospel*, and commentaries on James, Galatians, and 1 Peter. He is also the coeditor of the Story of God commentary series and general editor of the forthcoming second edition of the [Dictionary of Paul and His Letters](#).

New Testament scholar Scot McKnight offers a translation of the New Testament with a daring approach to the ancient text. Clever in its expression and at times stunning in its boldness, *The Second Testament* will challenge readers to experience God's Word anew.

*God blesses the beggars in spirit because theirs is Heavens' Empire.
God blesses the grievors because they will be consoled.
God blesses the meek because they will inherit the land.
God blesses the ones hungering and thirsting for the rightness because they will be satisfied. (Matthew 5:3-6)*

"Startling. Scot McKnight's translation flips and scatters our settled habits of thought about the New Testament. McKnight's striking prose in The Second Testament compels the reader to un-hear and then re-hear Scripture's message. I highly recommend it, because after the shakedown, you'll find that you've encountered God's Word afresh."

—**MATTHEW W. BATES**, author of *Why the Gospel?* and professor of theology at Quincy University



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SAVORING SCRIPTURE:

A Six-Step Guide to Studying the Bible

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Drawing from his experience training students to study the Bible, Andrew Abernethy provides a holistic method that helps readers listen carefully to what God was saying to the original audience and what God is saying to us today. The goal, Abernethy says, is to encounter God and to be shaped by the Word as we savor its richness.

“Andrew Abernethy has produced an incredibly accessible and stimulating guide for how to study the Bible. You don’t have to be a scholar of Hebrew or Greek, or an expert on ancient Egypt or Rome, as Abernethy shows, all you need is a teachable heart and a desire to learn. If you have that, then Abernethy has a great plan to help you get the most of your study of Holy Scripture, to have your way illuminated by the guiding light of God’s Word.”

—**MICHAEL F. BIRD**, academic dean and lecturer in theology at Ridley College in Melbourne, Australia



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