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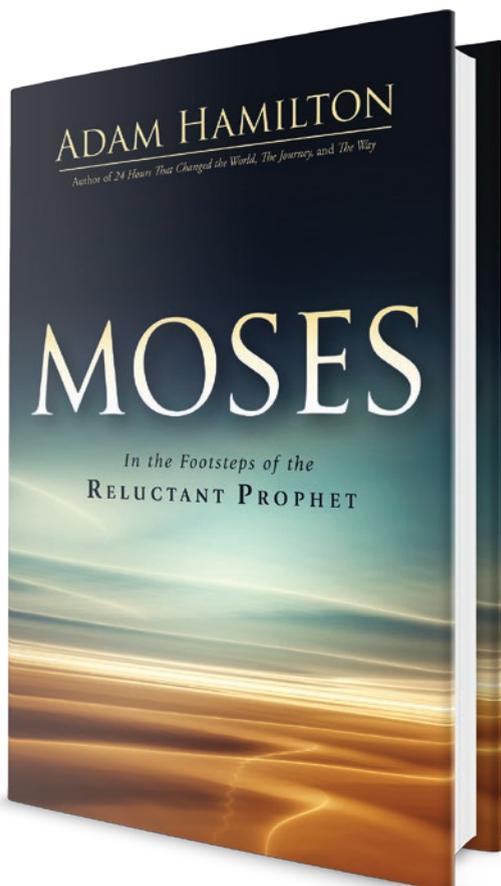
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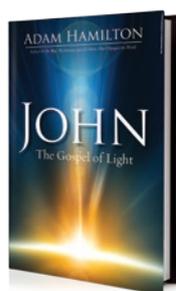
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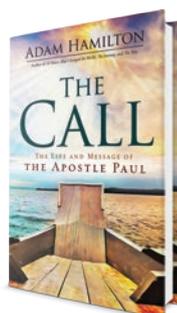


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Turn your reluctance into boldness by walking in the footsteps of Moses.

MOSES

In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet

ADAM HAMILTON

Retrace the life of Moses from his modest birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, from herding flocks in Midian to leading his people out of Egypt.

Join Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of life had successfully fulfilled the role he was given.

Turn your own reluctance into boldness as you examine the significant challenges facing Moses and how God shaped his character and life in powerful ways.

Additional components for a six-week study include a comprehensive Leader Guide and a DVD featuring author and pastor Adam Hamilton.

KEY FEATURES

- Readers will feel as though they are in Egypt following the life of Moses and understanding more about the context of the lands he lived in.
- Readers will examine the life of this reluctant prophet and understand the significance to their lives today.
- Videos filmed on location in Egypt, Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness areas where Moses lived and traveled.
- Large print edition available.

Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. The Church Report named Hamilton's congregation the most influential mainline church in America, and he preached at the National Prayer Service as part of the presidential inauguration festivities in 2013 and was appointed to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Hamilton is the best-selling and award-winning author of *The Call*, *The Journey*, *The Way*, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, *John*, *Revival*, *Not a Silent Night*, *Enough*, *When Christians Get It Wrong*, and *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, all published by Abingdon Press. Learn more about Adam Hamilton at AdamHamilton.org.

Stop living instantly and start living intentionally... in as little as seven days.

7 DAYS TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Find Focus Through Intentional Living

JOSH MOODY

When did being "too busy" and "going through the motions" become a way of life? It's no surprise that the rush between meetings and e-mails, sports practices and church functions is tiring, even exhausting. It's time to stop running and start following.

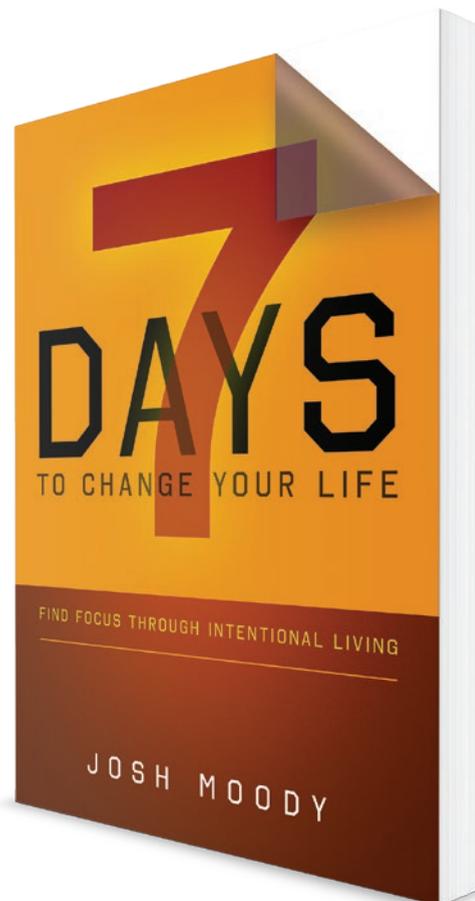
Jesus's call to "Follow Me" was not just an invitation to faith; it was a prescription for living well. Walking through the seven "Follow Me" statements in the Gospel of Matthew, author Josh Moody explores Jesus's teachings of hope, life, truth, freedom, humility, greatness, and glory in *7 Days to Change Your Life*. In each statement and with each teaching, Jesus gets closer to Calvary and closer to the cross, and you get closer to finding a focus for your life—no matter how hectic it may be.

Although following Jesus is not a new concept to believers, following Jesus *completely* becomes difficult when life moves faster and faster. Organized to be read a chapter a day, Josh meets you in your busy, hectic schedule and reveals a biblical plan to revitalize your life in as little as seven days.

KEY FEATURES

- Accessible structure; chapters can be read in any order.
- Solidly based on Scripture, expounding on a specific biblical passage in each chapter.
- Easy-to-read to accommodate the hectic lives of the target audience.
- Author demonstrates the difference between living instantly and living intentionally.
- Allows readers to readily access biblical teaching that is both incredibly profound and immensely practical.
- Includes instant application for life.

Josh Moody is the Senior Pastor of College Church in Wheaton, Illinois, which is listed by *The Church Report* as one of the fifty most influential churches in America. Josh is also the President and Founder of God Centered Life ministries. He and his wife, Rochelle, have four beautiful children. Learn more about Josh at GodCenteredLife.org.



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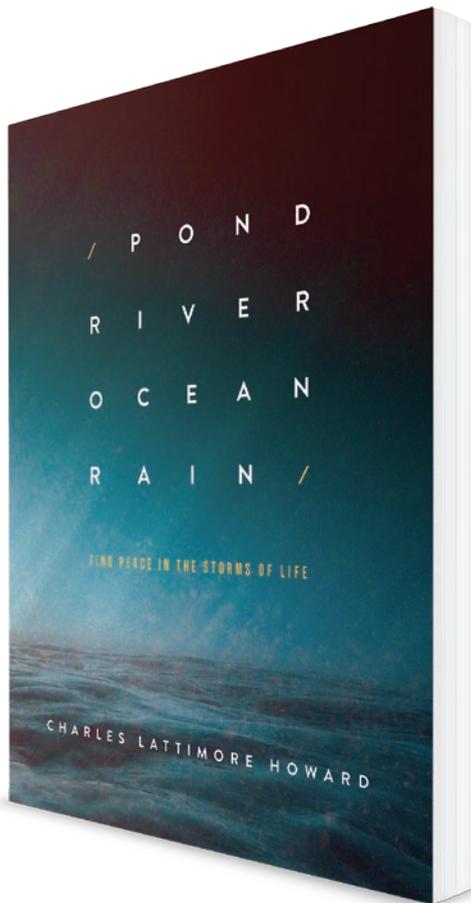


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Calm the storms of your life with the presence and power of God.

POND RIVER OCEAN RAIN

Find Peace in the Storms of Life

CHARLES LATTIMORE HOWARD

For those who seek to find new depths in their spiritual lives, *Pond River Ocean Rain* helps readers wade into the beautiful water that is God through stories, questions, and accessible illustrations.

Feel the Living Water wash over you while contemplating chapters on stillness (such as a pond), the full trust in God's will (much like the rush of a river), peace within mystery (as experienced in the depths of the ocean), and the movement of God's relentless love for us (the refreshing rain we receive).

Pond River Ocean Rain, like all bodies of water, is simple, occasionally wild, and consistently beautiful. And there are depths that, when explored, reveal abundant life for all who jump in.

KEY FEATURES

- 45 short, insightful essays on spiritual life.
- Provoking questions for reflection.
- Poetic style of writing that may also appeal to readers who don't typically read devotions.

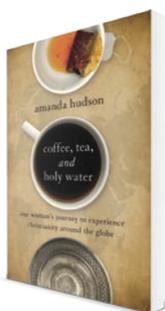
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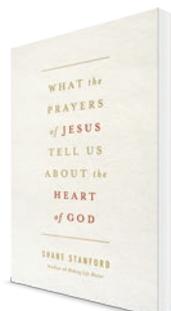


Charles Lattimore Howard is the University Chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania, his alma mater. He is a contributor to multiple publications, including: *The Huffington Post*, *Christianity Today*, *Sojourners Magazine*, *Black Arts Quarterly*, *Black Theology: An International Journal*, *DailyGood*, *Urban Cusp*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, and *Slate*. Charles lives in Philadelphia with his wife and best friend, Dr. Lia C. Howard and their three daughters.

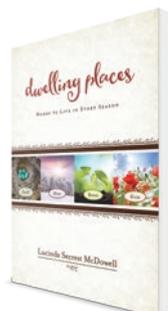
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SHALOM FOR THE HEART

Torah-Inspired Devotions for a Sacred Life

RABBI EVAN MOFFIC

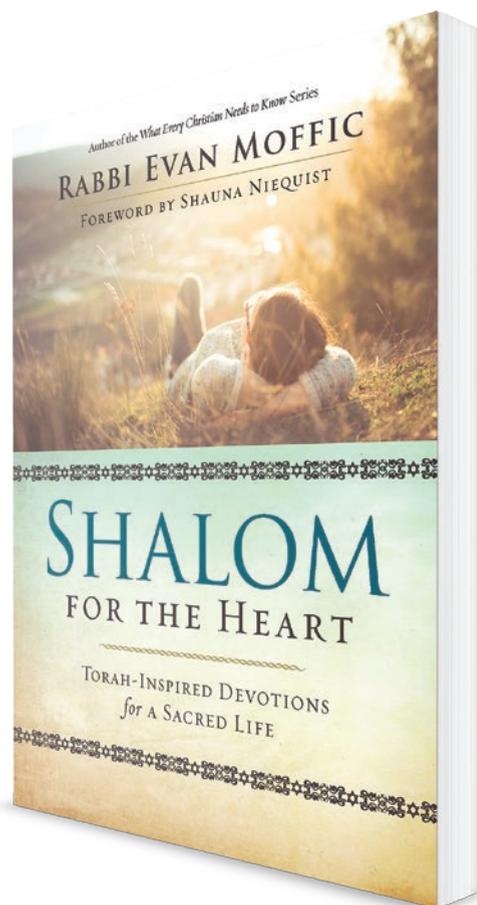
Jewish dedication and commitment to studying Scripture is nothing short of inspiring. Jews have long been known as careful examiners of the Bible, dedicated to understanding and growing from God's Word. In traditional synagogues, the Torah is read three times per week, and each week, one of the Torah portions is examined. These encounters not only allow Jews to study God's instruction for faith but also provide valuable inspiration for living that faith in the everyday.

In *Shalom for the Heart*, popular author and speaker Rabbi Evan Moffic reveals the wisdom of the Torah for today's Christians. Beautifully written Torah-inspired devotions are offered to encourage readers throughout the year. Through his readings, Moffic invites Christians to engage in a study pattern of the Jewish founders of the faith, to grow deeper in relationship with Jesus, and find meaning, comfort, and direction for our lives.

KEY FEATURES

- Uses Jewish teaching to provide inspiration to Christians.
- Based on the Bible verses from each of the 54 Torah portions.
- Teaches a Jewish model for weekly Bible reading.
- Offers meaning, comfort, direction, and inspiration for our lives.

Evan Moffic is lead rabbi of Congregation Solel, a synagogue of 500 families. He blogs regularly for *Beliefnet.com*, *Huffingtonpost.com*, and *MichaelHyatt.com*. Over the last six years, he has officiated at more than 200 interfaith weddings, giving him familiarity with the sensitivities and interests of Christian families in Judaism. He has brought new understanding of the Jewish heritage to churches and Christian groups, including the largest Catholic and Presbyterian churches in Chicago, Illinois, where he lives with his wife and children.

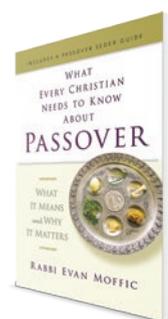


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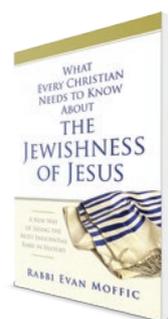
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MOTHERPRAYER

Lessons in Loving

BARBARA MAHANY

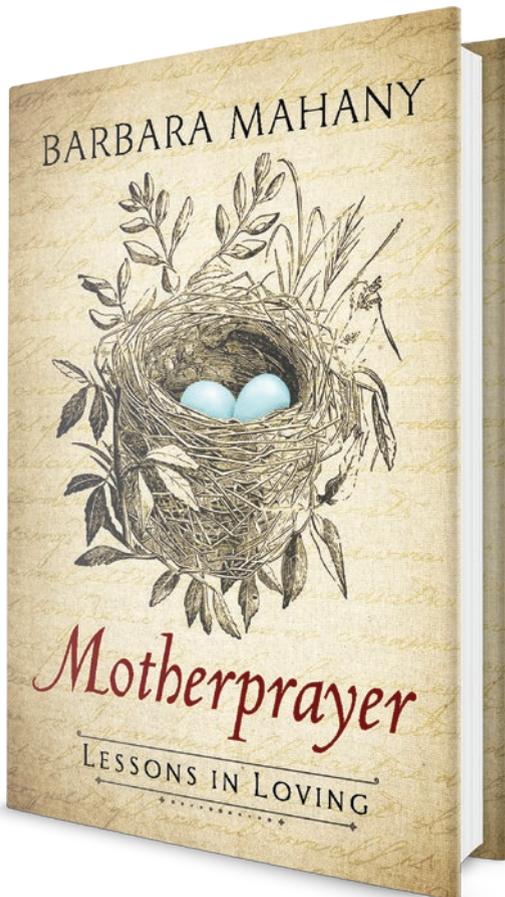
Barbara Mahany writes, "Mothering was my crash course in love. Love of the sort I call Divine. Love in the way we yearn to be loved: Without end. Without question. Without giving in to exhaustion. Love with a big and boundless heart. Love with eyes and ears wide open. Love even when it's not so easy."

In *Motherprayer*, Mahany generously shares personal love letters on the mysteries and gifts of mothering, interspersed with family recipes and gentle essays, all offering beautiful lessons in how to love, and how to love breathtakingly. In her bracingly honest style, Mahany lifts up the everyday—the hard, the glorious, the laughter, and the tears—and invites readers to pay attention, cradle our loved ones in prayer, and see the sacred lessons in loving.

KEY FEATURES

- Invites readers to discern the divine in their lives, actions, families, and situations.
- Distills the Holy through ordinary experience making it immediate and profound.
- By a popular *Chicago Tribune* columnist and 30-year staff writer, with direct connections to newspaper and media columnists nationwide, as well as Martha Stewart and NPR connections.
- Probes the nooks and crannies of life through a magnifying lens in search of God.
- Offers support and inspiration to mothers of all ages and to those who mother outside the traditional role.

From the front pages of *The Chicago Tribune* to her revered page-two column, **Barbara Mahany** has opened her heart and told her stories and the stories of her family's life that have drawn in thousands of readers for decades. Bracingly honest and heartachingly daring, she explores the sacred mysteries with a voice recognizable and clear. Barbara is a sought-after speaker, retreat leader, and writing teacher. She lives with her husband, Blair Kamin, and two sons in Wilmette, Illinois. Learn more about Barbara at BarbaraMahany.com.



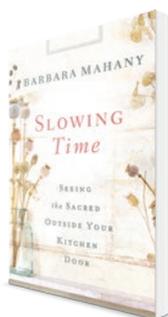
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Who would you become if you decided to let Hope be your theme song?

HOPE SINGS

Risk More. Dream Bigger. Fear Less.

SUSANNA FOTH AUGHTMON

Following God on our journey of faith can be a journey in the dark. Oftentimes, we don't know where we are going or where we will end up. Sometimes we feel completely lost. We get caught up in fear or anxiety. But Faith has a best friend named Hope. Hope shows up when we get to know the effervescent character of the One who loves us most of all.

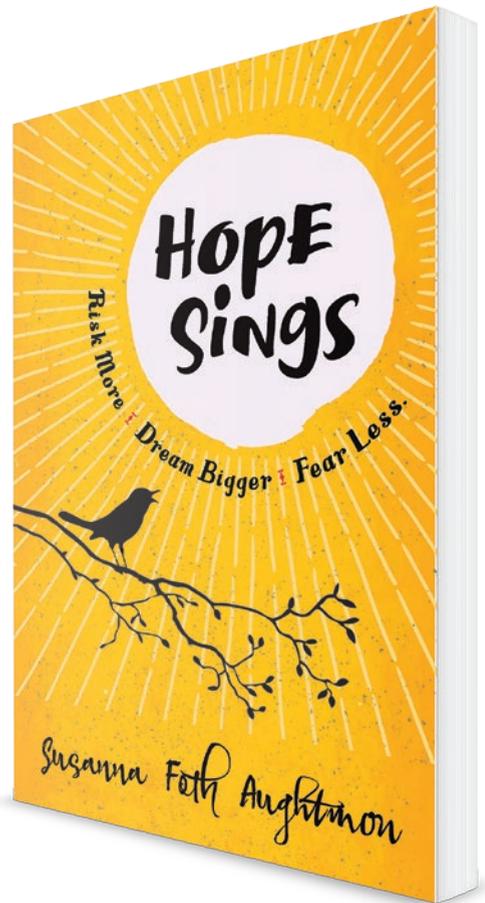
In Aughtmon's new book, *Hope Sings*, the reader is invited to follow God on a faith journey. God wants us to reach for dreams that are out of our grasp. To fight for impossible causes. To believe for the miraculous. To hold on to Him when all else seems lost.

God wants us to put our hope in Him. In His character. In His mercy. His peace. His grace. His worthiness. His faithfulness. His ability to restore. His healing power. His authentic goodness. Our hope is in the One who calms seas and breathes life back into the dead. His voice is singing out, bringing light into the dark, inviting us to join Him in His everlasting song of hope.

KEY FEATURES

- Uses humor, historical examples, Bible stories, Scripture, and daily insights into real life, revealing how we find true hope.
- Emphasizes that hope is found in the process of knowing who God is.
- Reminds us that we have real hope, not in the circumstances surrounding us or in the plans that we have laid but in the character of the One who is leading us on this journey of faith.

Susanna Foth Aughtmon is the author of *All I Need Is Jesus & a Good Pair of Jeans*, *My Bangs Look Good & Other Lies I Tell Myself*, *I Blame Eve*; contributor to *Mornings with Jesus*; co-author of *Chasing God*, *Need You Now*, *A Trip Around the Sun* and *One Dress. One Year*. She is married to Scott and mother to three amazing children. Susanna is also the lead pastor of Pathway Church in Redwood, California. Learn more about Susanna at tiredsupergirl.blogspot.com.



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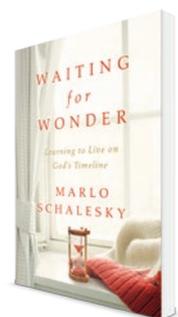
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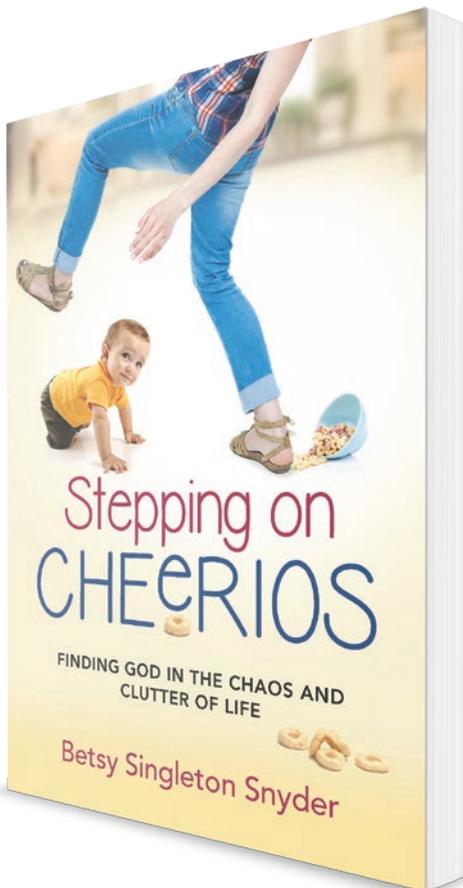


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Family life is beautiful and motherhood is a privilege, but it ain't no picnic!

STEPPING ON CHEERIOS

Finding God in the Chaos and Clutter of Life

BETSY SINGLETON SNYDER

Being a mother isn't easy. Sometimes it's hard to experience a personal connection with God and community when you are caught up in the chaos of just "doing family".

Independent and self-sufficient, author Betsy Singleton Snyder lived a full and busy life as a pastor, missionary, and wife of a United States Senator. She had her first child at age 44, then at 47 she found out she was carrying triplets. Suddenly finding herself overwhelmed is an understatement.

Stepping on Cheerios is a collection of funny, warm, and charming tales from the frontlines of parenthood, written for women who are juggling to accomplish everyday feats of work, motherhood, marriage, church, and more. It's a comical story of one woman's realization that her crazy life is a gift and how she found the grace in it.

KEY FEATURES

- Shows how God works in our lives no matter what comes to us.
- Shows how family support and faith get us through the ups and downs of life.
- Prompts readers to reexamine priorities and life choices regarding work and family.
- Tools to lead a small group study.

Betsy Singleton Snyder is an ordained UMC pastor, missionary, writer and mommy blogger. She and her husband, former Congressman Dr. Vic Snyder, live in Arkansas with their four sons, Penn (6), Wyatt, Sullivan and Aubrey (4). Learn more about Betsy at littlerockmamas.com.

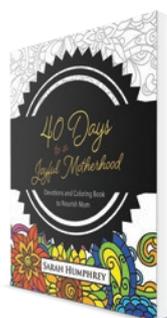
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BIBLE SISTERS

A Year of Devotions with the Women of the Bible

GENNIFER BENJAMIN BROOKS

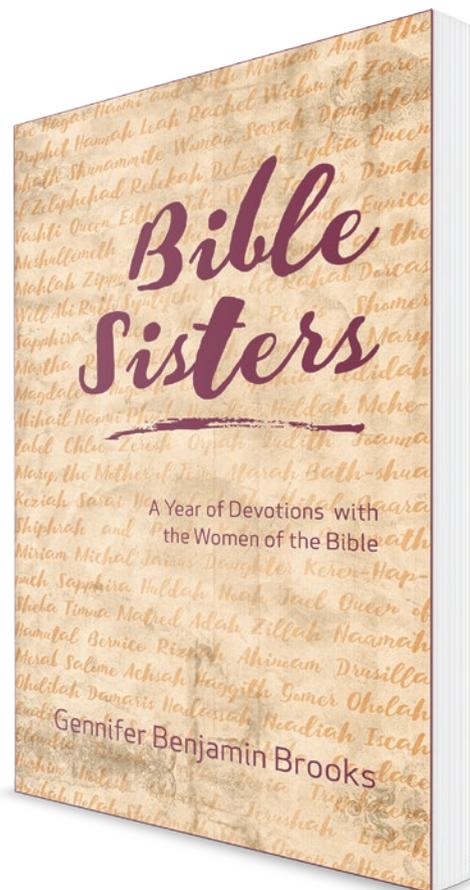
These Bible passages, reflections, and prayers will lead women through the Bible, from Eve to the women at the empty tomb and in the early church.

Bible Sisters is perfect for daily personal devotions or for small group discussions that explore women's perspectives in the Bible. This volume is also an excellent companion resource to *The CEB Women's Bible* (ISBN 9781609261887).

KEY FEATURES

- Learn about and from the named and unnamed women of the Bible.
- Explore the Bible in a year, from Eve to the women at the empty tomb.
- Reflect on women's perspectives in the Bible.
- A Bible verse, a reflection, and a prayer on a different woman in the Bible for every day of the year.
- Compact format.

Gennifer Benjamin Brooks is Ernest and Bernice Styberg Professor of Preaching and director of the Styberg Preaching Institute, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois. Her Ph.D. is in liturgical studies from Drew University, and she is an elder in full connection, New York Conference, The United Methodist Church.



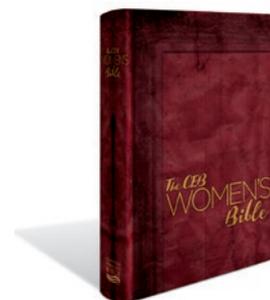
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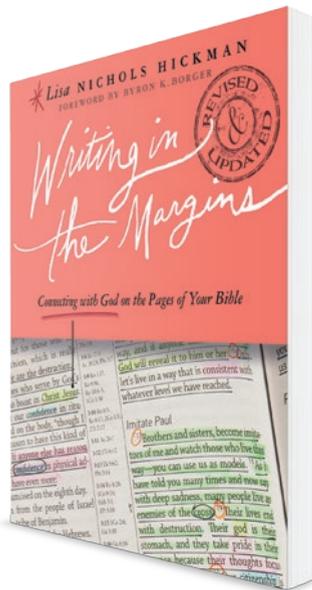


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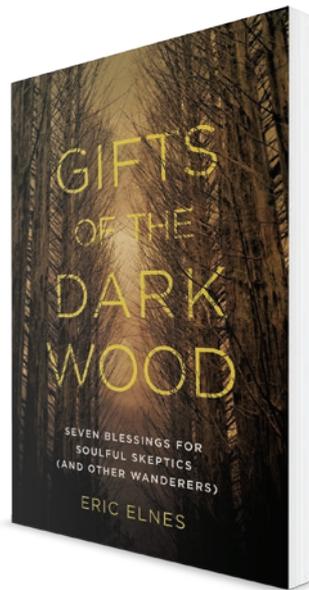
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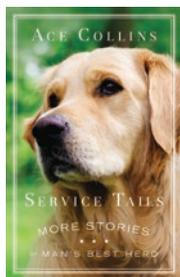
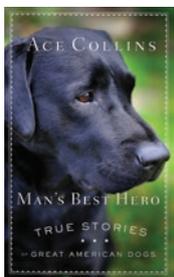


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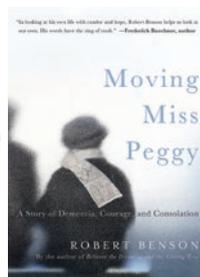
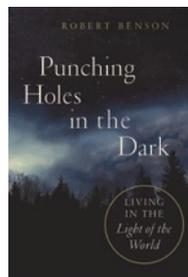


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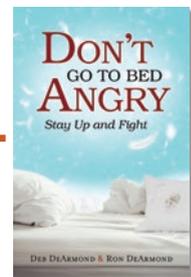
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Why did their differences matter so much?

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DEBORAH RANEY

Link Whitman has settled into the role of bachelor without ever intending to. Now he's stuck in a dead-end job and, as the next Whitman wedding fast approaches, he is the last one standing. The pressure from his sisters' efforts to play matchmaker is getting hard to bear as Link pulls extra shifts at work, and helps his parents at the Chicory Inn.

All her life, Shayla Michaels has felt as if she straddled two worlds. Her mother's white family labeled her African American father with names Shayla didn't repeat in polite—well, in any company. Her father's family disapproved as well, though they eventually embraced Shayla as their own. After the death of her mother, and her brother Jerry's incarceration, life has left Shayla's father bitter, her niece, Portia, an orphan, and Shayla responsible for them all. She knows God loves them all, but why couldn't people accept each other for what was on the inside? For their hearts?

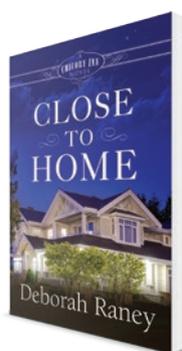
Everything changes one icy morning when a child runs into the street where Link nearly hits her with his pickup. Soon he is falling in love with the little girl's aunt, Shayla, the beautiful woman who runs Coffee's On, the bakery in Langhorne. Can Shayla and Link overcome society's view of their differences and find true love? Is there hope of changing the sometimes ugly world around them into something better for them all?

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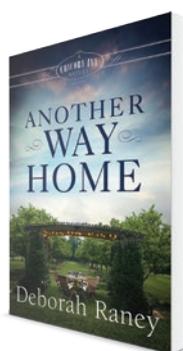
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Deborah Raney's books have won numerous awards including the RITA, National Readers' Choice Award, HOLT Medallion, the Carol Award, and have twice been Christy Award finalists. She and her husband, Ken, recently traded small-town life in Kansas—the setting of many of Deb's novels—for life in the (relatively) big city of Wichita. Visit Deb on the web at DeborahRaney.com.

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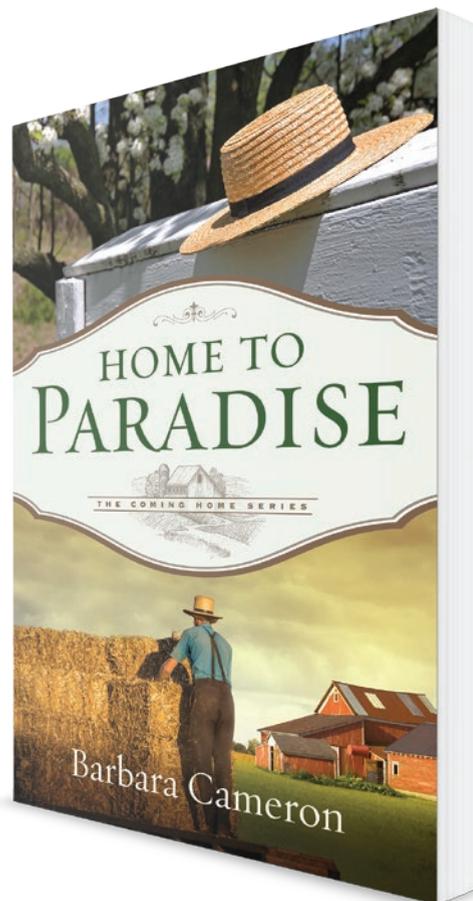
Rose Anna Zook has watched her two older sisters marry two Stoltzfus men and has always thought she and John, the third Stoltzfus brother, would marry, make a home together, and have children. But John has other ideas. He's enjoying his *Rumschpringe* in the *Englisch* world a little too much and isn't interested in returning to the Amish community—especially to marry.

Rose Anna is determined to bring her man back into the Amish fold. John is equally determined to live his life free and unencumbered. Who will win this battle of wills? Will love prevail?

KEY FEATURES

- Final book in three-book The Coming Home Series from best-selling author Barbara Cameron.
- Inspirational read sure to delight Amish fiction fans and readers of heartwarming Christmas tales.
- *Library Journal* calls Cameron "a gifted storyteller."
- Cameron's writing has earned Christian Retailing's Best Fiction Award as well as support from other best-selling Amish authors, including Suzanne Woods Fisher and Cindy Woodsmall.

Barbara Cameron has a heart for writing about the spiritual values and simple joys of the Amish. She is the best-selling author of more than 40 fiction and nonfiction books, three nationally televised movies, and the winner of the first Romance Writers of America Golden Heart Award. Her books have been nominated for Carol Awards and the Inspirational Reader's Choice Award from RWA's Faith, Hope, and Love chapter. Barbara resides in Jacksonville, Florida.



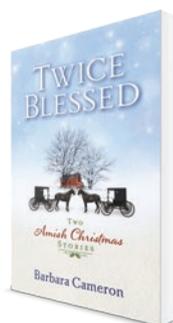
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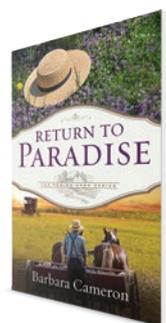
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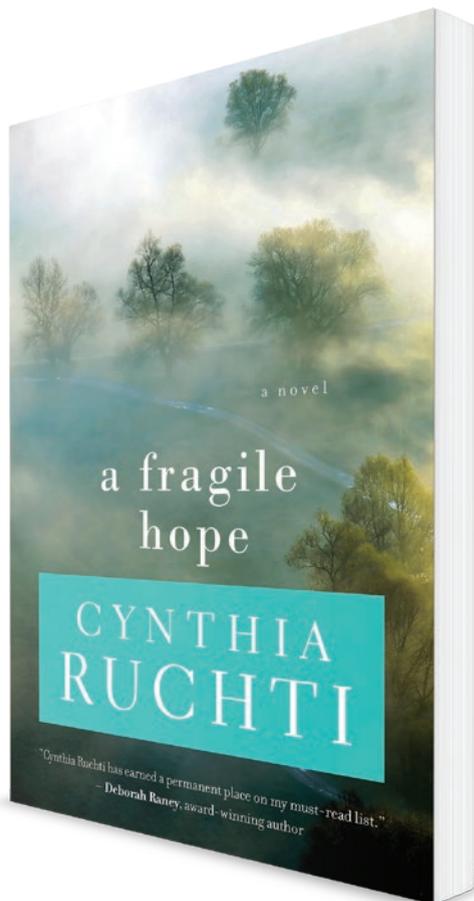


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Feeling betrayed, confused, and ill-equipped for a crisis this crippling, Josiah reexamines everything he knows about the fragility of hope and the strength of his faith and love. Love seems to have failed him. Will what's left of his faith fail him, too? Or will it be the one thing that holds him together and sears through the impenetrable wall that separates them?

KEY FEATURES

- Highly anticipated sixth novel from author-on-the-rise Cynthia Ruchti.
- Author has received recognition from numerous award programs: RT Reviewers' TOP PICK, PW Starred Review, Selah Awards winner, Christian Retailing's Best Fiction Awards, CLASSEminars Award of Excellence, Golden Scroll Awards, and more.
- *Publishers Weekly* touts Ruchti's plots as exquisitely detailed and beautifully written.

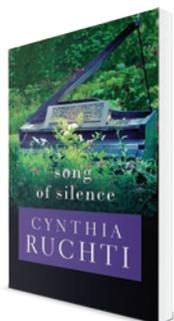
Cynthia Ruchti tells stories *hemmed in hope*. She's the award-winning author of 18 books and a frequent speaker for women's ministry events. She serves as the Professional Relations Liaison for American Christian Fiction Writers, where she helps retailers, libraries, and book clubs connect with the authors and books they love. She lives with her husband in central Wisconsin. Visit her online at CynthiaRuchti.com.

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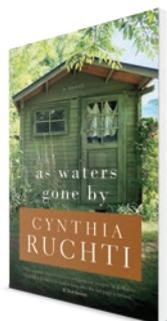
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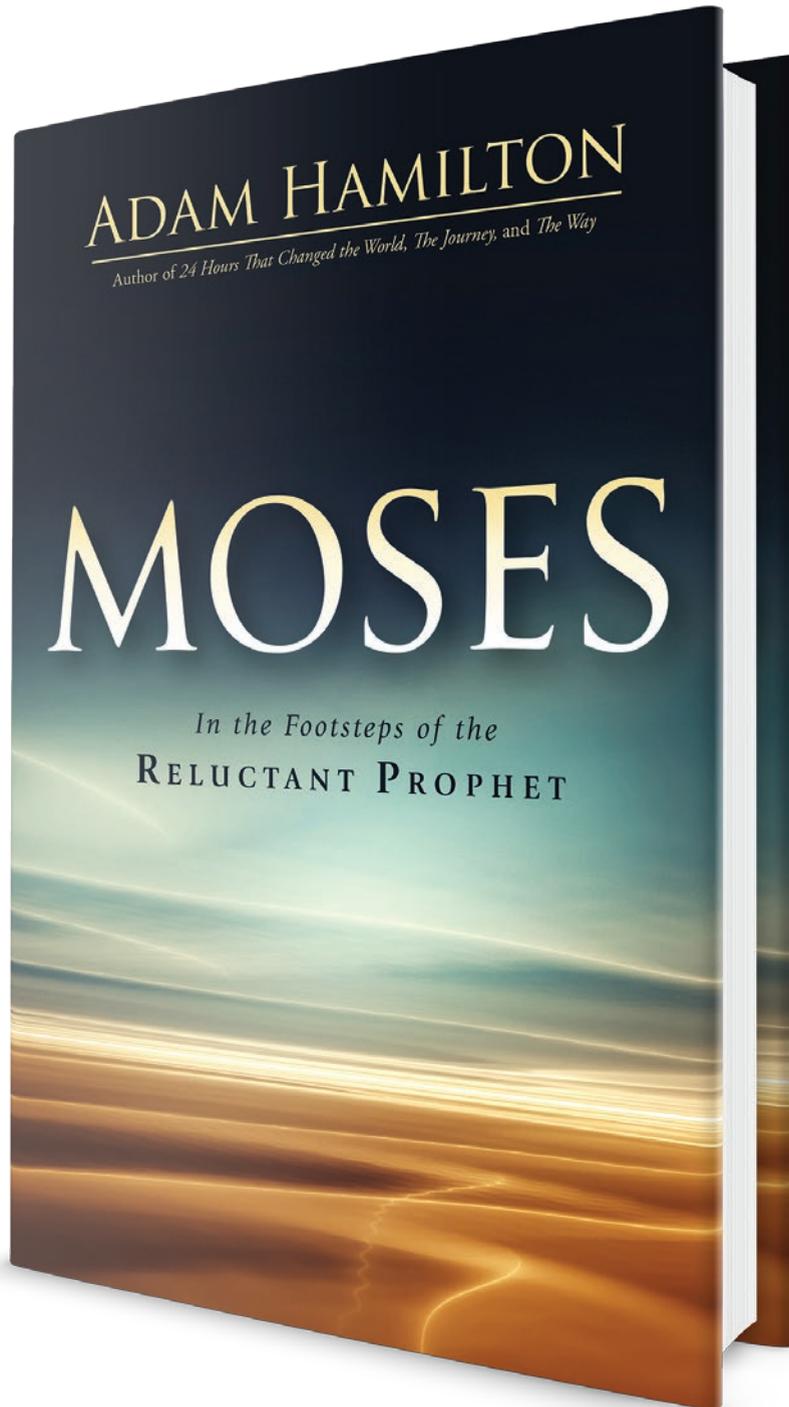


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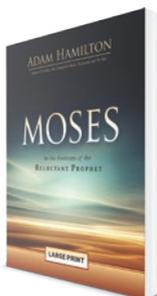


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Turn your own reluctance into boldness as you examine the significant challenges facing Moses and how God shaped his character and life in powerful ways.

Additional components for a six-week study include a comprehensive Leader Guide and a DVD featuring author and pastor Adam Hamilton.

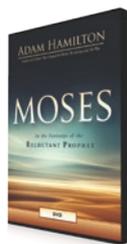
KEY FEATURES

- Readers will feel as though they are in Egypt following the life of Moses and understanding more about the context of the lands he lived in.
- Readers will examine the life of this reluctant prophet and understand the significance to their lives today.
- Videos filmed on location in Egypt, Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness areas where Moses lived and traveled.
- Videos feature Adam Hamilton in 10-12 minute sessions and are closed captioned.

Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. *The Church Report* named Hamilton's congregation the most influential mainline church in America, and he preached at the National Prayer Service as part of the presidential inauguration festivities in 2013 and was appointed to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships in 2016.

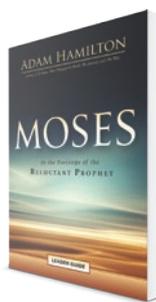
Hamilton is the best-selling and award-winning author of *Half Truths*, *The Call*, *The Journey*, *The Way*, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, *John*, *Revival*, *Not a Silent Night*, *Enough*, *When Christians Get It Wrong*, and *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, all published by Abingdon Press. Learn more about Adam Hamilton at AdamHamilton.org.

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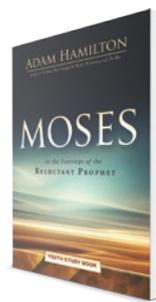
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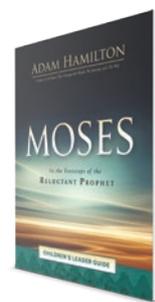
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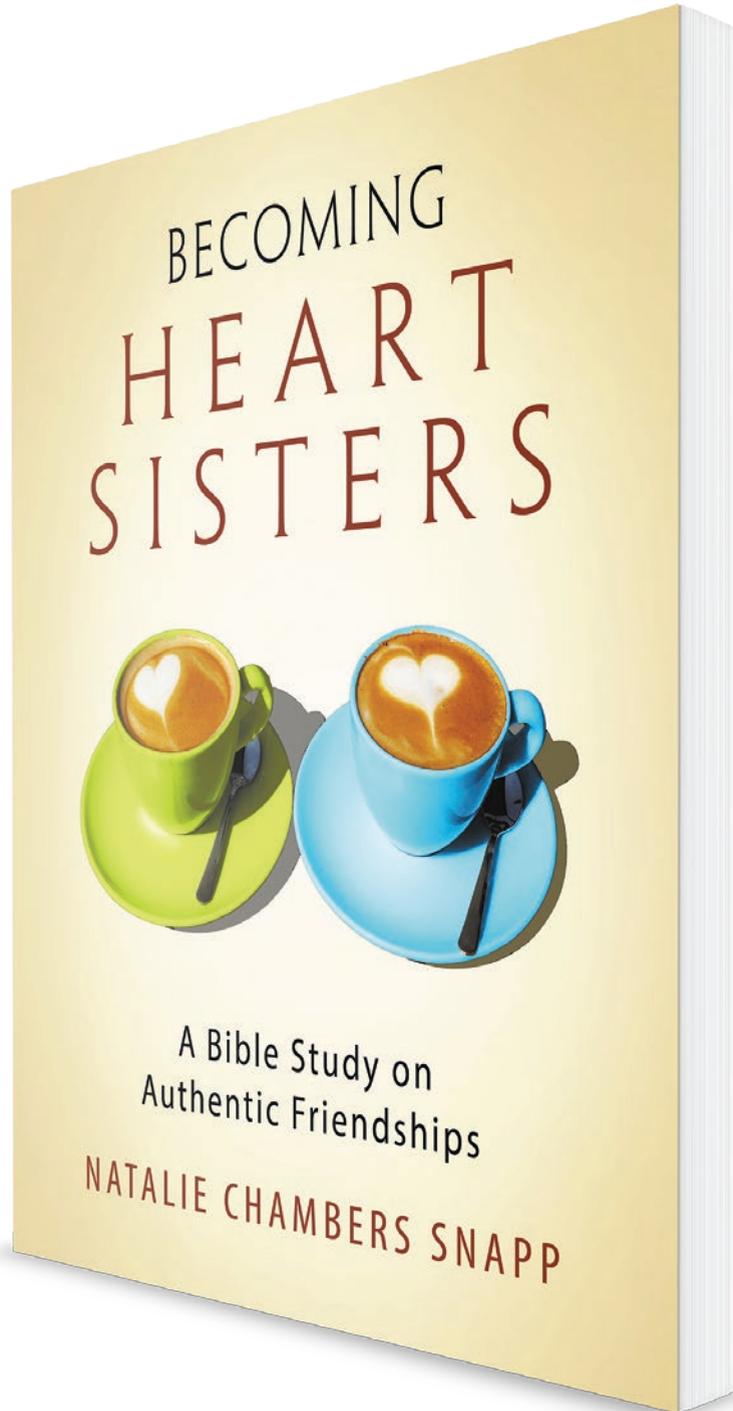


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Friendships with other women are as important to our mental, physical, and spiritual health as rest, exercise, and prayer. We don't just want friends—we need friends. God created us for relationship. Yet despite being more connected than ever before, we struggle to feel connected. From the false intimacy of social media to busyness and relational conflict, there are many challenges to developing authentic relationships.

If you've ever been hurt by a friend, struggled to balance friendship with everyday life, seen a friendship end too early, or longed for deeper and more authentic friendships, this Bible study is for you. As Natalie leads you in a deep exploration of timeless truths in the Old and New Testaments, you will learn how to develop and nurture the kind of enriching and satisfying friendships that build up the body of Christ and bring honor to God. Personal testimonies and stories of successes and failures add a level of authenticity that is refreshing and insightful. As you learn to cultivate God-honoring relationships, you will become more like Christ and demonstrate His love to a broken world.

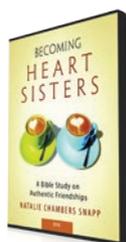
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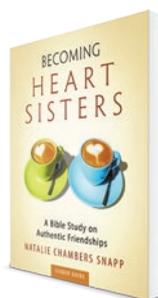
- Deep study of Scripture's principles for God-honoring friendships.
- Help for navigating conflict, setting boundaries, and learning to forgive.
- Combines in-depth study of Scripture with testimonies and stories that "ring true".
- Highlights the do's and don'ts of authentic friendships.
- Great for helping women's groups form stronger and deeper relationships.

Natalie Chambers Snapp is an author and speaker who is passionate about sharing the grace, mercy, and truth of God's love. She is the author of *Becoming Heart Sisters: A Bible Study on Authentic Friendships* and the book *Heart Sisters* and has written for various blogs and online devotionals, including Proverbs 31. She lives in West Lafayette, IN. Visit her at NatalieSnapp.com.

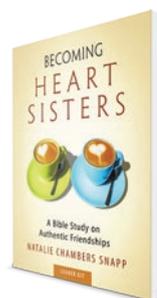
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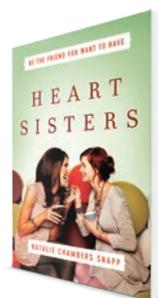
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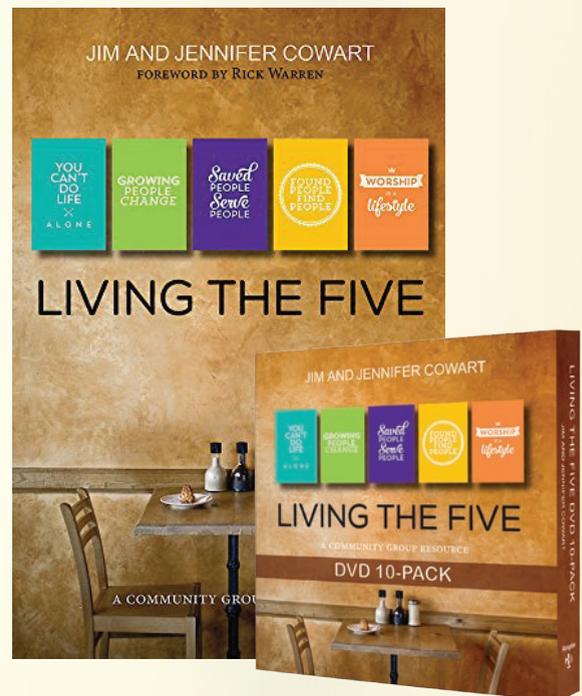


Thousands of churches are using community groups to take their message into homes or other places beyond the walls of the church. With these new resources, **JIM AND JEN COWART** offer church leaders the system they developed to expand their church outreach from 76 community groups to over 250 in just 18 months.

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Growing people change their hearts and lives.

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The six sessions offered in the study are:

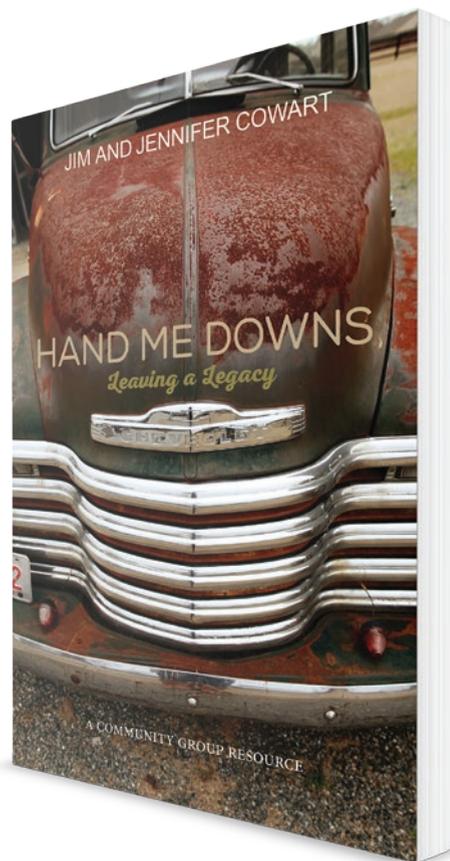
- Session One: Leaving a Legacy
- Session Two: Modeling Holy Habits
- Session Three: Breaking Bad Cycles
- Session Four: Living with Integrity
- Session Five: Playing Well With Others
- Session Six: Doing God's Will

Hand Me Downs Participant and Leader Book and DVD are packed with Scripture-based lessons and easy-to-follow instruction, equipping anyone who is willing to lead or host a community group.

KEY FEATURES

- Second in a series of community group resources: a follow up to the Cowart's *Living the Five* principles study.
- Focuses on integrity or integration of the whole person.
- Participants will acquire new healthy habits and replace self-destructive addictive behaviors.
- Helps participants realize that they are throughout life leaving a legacy.
- Easy-to-follow companion DVD walks any small group through the study.
- DVDs are available in affordable 10-packs to make it easy for a church to multiply community groups and give each group a copy of the DVD.

Jim and Jen Cowart lead Harvest Church, a United Methodist congregation, in middle Georgia. Harvest has been repeatedly named by *Outreach* magazine as one of the fastest-growing congregations in the nation. The Cowarts have a deep love for God's people and enjoy doing ministry in creative ways.



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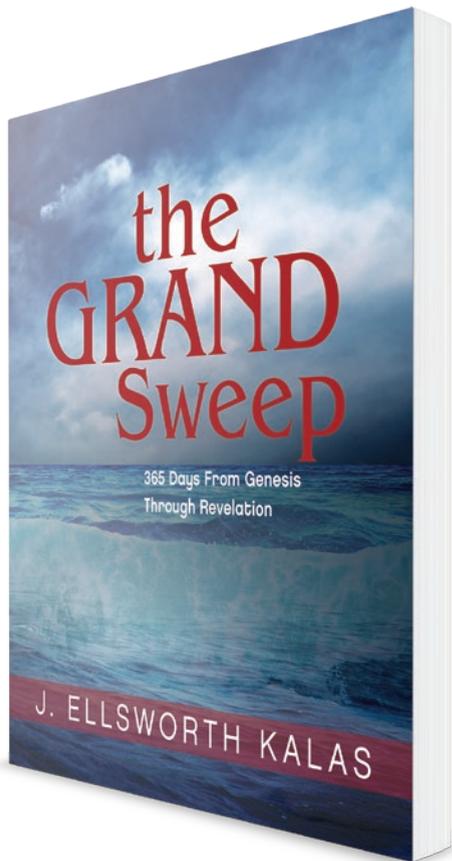


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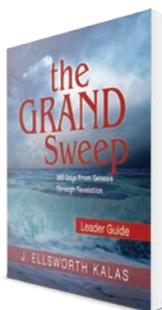


KEY FEATURES

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J. Ellsworth Kalas (1923-2015) was the author of over 35 books, including the popular Back Side series, *A Faith of Her Own: Women of the Old Testament*, *Strong Was Her Faith: Women of the New Testament*, *I Bought a House on Gratitude Street*, and the *Christian Believer* study, and was a presenter on DISCIPLE videos. He was part of the faculty of Asbury Theological Seminary since 1993, formerly serving as president and then as senior professor of homiletics. He was a United Methodist pastor for 38 years and also served five years in evangelism with the World Methodist Council.

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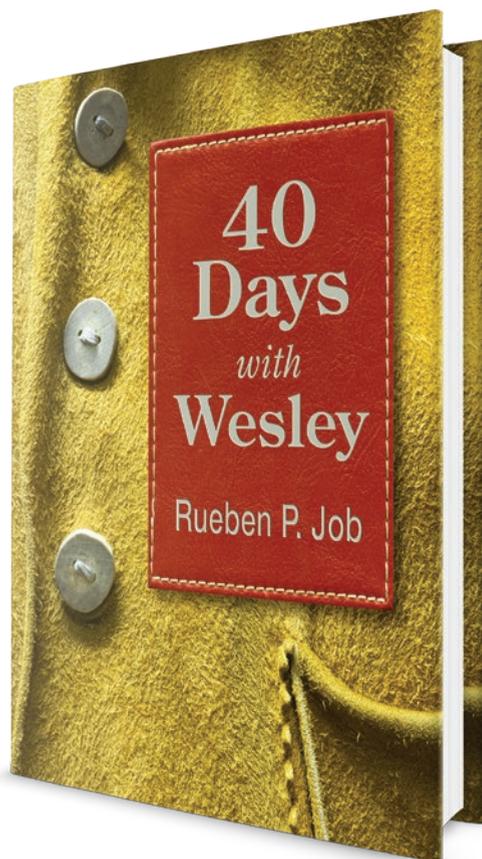
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In an accessible, inviting format, this forty-day devotional experience weaves inspirational readings on faith and prayer with quotes and excerpts from John Wesley. Each selection offers a simple daily pattern of reflection with a prayer, scripture, a short reading, quotes from John Wesley, and a blessing to take with you through the day. Even those new to Wesley or a daily prayer guide will find this book an easy read for reassurance and inspiration. Those familiar with Rueben Job's writing will be delighted to find selections of his writing from the past two decades in a new format.

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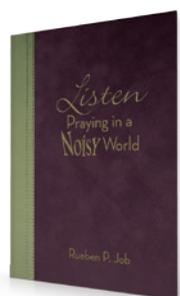


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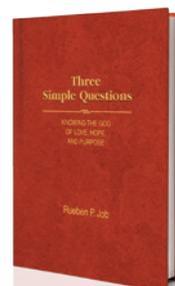
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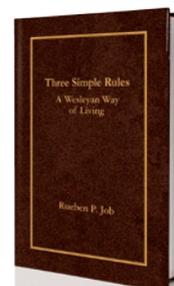
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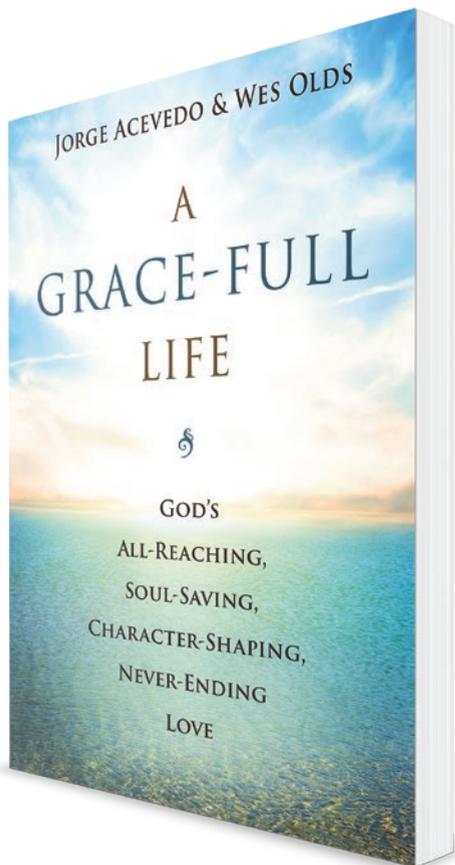


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Grace is God's all-reaching, never-ending, game-changing love for you and me. In this series, Jorge Acevedo and Wes Olds examine God's Word and discover how grace works in our lives and in our world. A *Grace-Full Life* seeks to answer the questions: In what ways is God an ever-present God?, Why does God want to have a personal relationship with me?, How can I fully experience and respond to God's grace?, How can I die well surrounded by God's grace?

Themes include:

- Prevenient grace: God's wooing or drawing grace
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- Sanctifying grace: God's grace that makes us more like Jesus
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Additional components for a four-week study include a comprehensive Leader Guide and a DVD featuring authors Jorge Acevedo and Wes Olds.

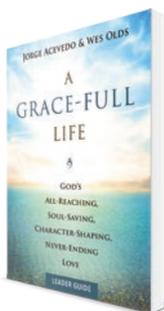
KEY FEATURES

- Readers will explore the various forms of God's grace and it how it works in their lives.
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- Book can be a stand-alone resource or combined with the DVD and Leader Guide for a four-week study.
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Jorge Acevedo is the Lead Pastor at Grace Church, a multi-site United Methodist congregation in Southwest Florida. Jorge led a group of young clergy in the creation of the book and Bible study *Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas*. He is author of *Vital: Churches Changing Communities and the World*, and is a contributor to *Circuit Rider* magazine, *Good News* magazine, and *Our Faith Today*.

Wes Olds is an ordained United Methodist pastor. Prior to coming to Grace Church in 2006, Wes began a multi-cultural, urban church called The Rock-La Roca in Lexington, KY and co-founded Lexington's "Room in the Inn", a ministry of hospitality and shelter for homeless men. Wes is a leadership coach for Spiritual Leadership, Incorporated (SLI) training pastors on creating generative leadership environments and speaks across the country. Wes is a graduate of The University of Kentucky and received his Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary.

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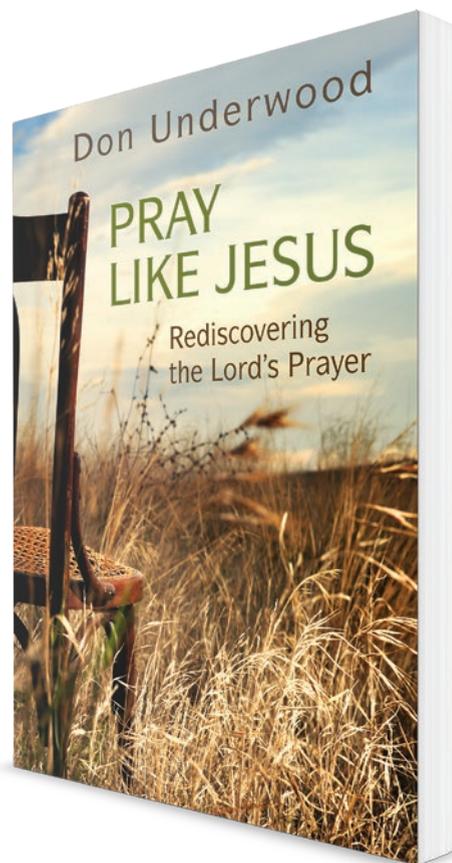
The Lord's Prayer is the most famous prayer in the world and is remarkably simple and brief. In only 70 words Jesus covers the breadth of the Christian message and experience. Most Christians already know it by heart and can easily recite it. In fact, that might be part of the problem—it is so well known and easily recited that most of us never even think about the words as we rattle them off silently or in a corporate worship setting.

In *Pray Like Jesus*, pastor and author Don Underwood reexamines the content of the Lord's Prayer and discovers within it insightful spiritual guidance for developing a rich devotional life. At the end of each chapter, he suggest ideas for making the prayer a part of daily spiritual disciplines.

KEY FEATURES

- Readers will carefully examine the contents of the Lord's Prayer to discover rich spiritual guidance.
- Readers will find within the Lord's Prayer a discipline for daily practice and devotion.
- Perfect for Christians in all walks of their spiritual journey.
- Book can be a stand-alone resource or combined with the Leader Guide for a six-week study.

Don Underwood is in his 30th year as Senior Pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Plano, Texas. He is the author of a popular weekly blog and author of the *The Long View: Reflections on Life, God, and Nature* a collection of his much loved weekly essays.



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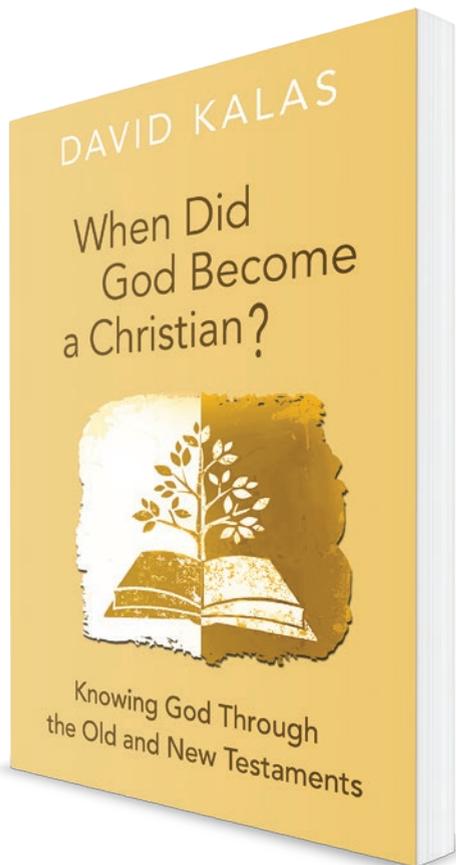


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Why does the God of the Old Testament seem so different from the God of the New Testament? Throughout history, seasoned churchgoers and newcomers to the Christian faith have all struggled with this question.

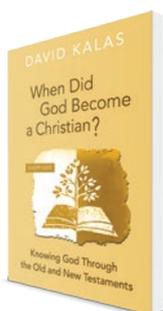
In *When Did God Become a Christian?*, David Kalas identifies some common experiences, troublesome passages, and natural reactions that we all encounter while reconciling the God of both the Old and New Testaments. In twelve chapters, Kalas explores the unity of Scripture, biblical history, and the two primary attributes of God, love and holiness, to help readers clarify the integrity of the nature of God. With a better understanding of the Bible's unity and of God's integrity, they will come to love, worship, and trust God more.

KEY FEATURES

- Readers will learn how to reconcile the difference in the nature of God as depicted in the Old and New Testaments.
- Readers will learn that God's holiness and love are not in competition with each other but rather work together to clarify the integrity and nature of God.
- Perfect for Christians in all stages of their spiritual journey.
- Book can be a stand-alone resource or combined with the Leader Guide for a six-week study.

David Kalas is pastor of First United Methodist Church, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Born and raised in Wisconsin, David is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Union Theological Seminary of Virginia. David was a contributing author to *Sermons on the Gospel Readings* and authored *Savior on a Cross Lent 2005*.

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MATT MIOFSKY

We all dream of being happy. If we could just lose the extra weight, get the job, buy the house, we could truly be happy. But over time, it begins to seem as though lasting happiness is unattainable. Despite our best efforts, true happiness will never be a reality for us. So how do we find lasting happiness and contentment in our lives? Maybe the answer isn't in our own lives at all.

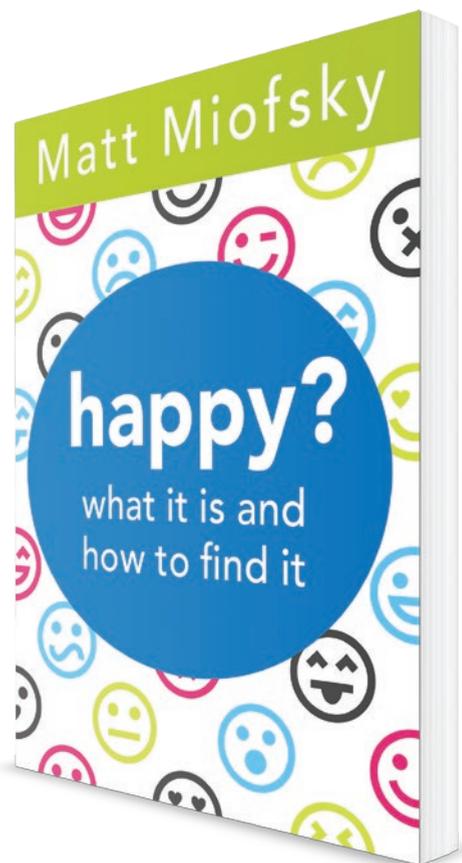
Matt Miofsky connects the existential question, "Am I happy?" with basic theology and unexpected biblical texts. Starting with the book of Ecclesiastes, Miofsky considers if any "thing" can make us happy, then moves to explore the value of relationships, a forgiving lifestyle, living in the present, feeling gratitude, and learning to release control.

Additional components for a four-week study include a comprehensive Leader Guide and a DVD featuring author and pastor Matt Miofsky.

KEY FEATURES

- Readers will start with the words of Solomon from Ecclesiastes to see what the Bible says about happiness.
- Through basic theology and selected biblical texts readers will learn how to find last happiness and contentment in their lives.
- Book can be a stand-alone resource or combined with the DVD and Leader Guide for a small group, four-week study.
- DVD includes four session videos featuring Matt Miofsky in 10-12 minutes sessions.

Matt Miofsky is Lead Pastor of The Gathering UMC, St. Louis MO, a church begun in 2006 with over 1,000 people worship each week across four sites and 8+ services. The Gathering was founded with a vision of creating a Christian community that is compelling for new generations in St. Louis. Matt gained a degree in Advanced Math and played football at Washington University and then attended Candler School of Theology.



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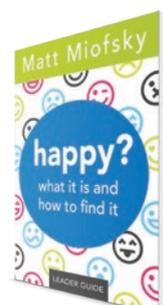
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When God Changes Your Story

JESSICA LAGRONE

The Rewritten Life, based on author Jessica LaGrone's popular Namesake Bible study, is perfect for any small group looking for a powerful and practical biblical study designed for today's busy groups. Six readable chapters explore the transformational power of God through the stories of people in the Bible whose lives—and names—were changed forever by God. As you meet Abraham and Sarah, Jacob, Naomi, Daniel, Peter and an unnamed woman, you will discover how God rewrote their stories giving them new names and identities that were in line with God's call on their lives.

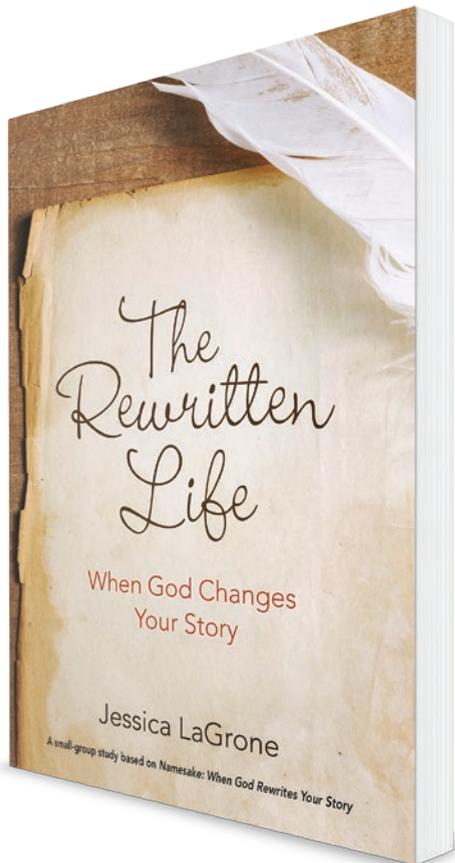
In her own dynamic and engaging teaching style, LaGrone connects the biblical stories to our own lives, showing us that God wants us to be just as intimately involved in rewriting our stories so that we may become and do all that God has planned for us—all for God's glory.

Additional components for a six-week study include a comprehensive leader guide and a DVD featuring author Jessica LaGrone.

KEY FEATURES

- Focus on stories of people in the Bible whose lives were "rewritten" or changed by God—including their names.
- Readers will learn how God can rewrite their stories, bringing transformation in their own lives.
- Participant Book can be used with the DVD and Leader Guide for a small group, six-week study.
- DVD has six video segments of approximately 10 minutes each.

Jessica LaGrone is Dean of the Chapel at Asbury Theological Seminary and an acclaimed pastor, teacher, author, and speaker who enjoys leading retreats and events at churches throughout the United States. She is the author of *Namesake: When God Rewrites Your Story*, and *Broken and Blessed: How God Used One Imperfect Family to Change the World*. She and her husband, Jim, have two young children.

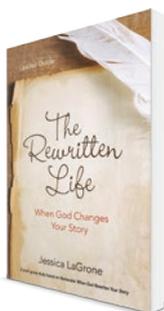


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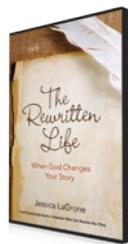
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NICK CUNNINGHAM

Forward is a seven-session small group study based on 2 Peter 1:3-11 and the virtues lifted up in this passage: Moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, affection for others, and love. There is a strong focus on actively pursuing a godly life...it's not just resistance to sin that matters, but an active pursuit of goodness and love, fully living into the new life that Christ offers believers. *Forward* helps Christ-centered small groups take the next step. They learn how to push one another forward in their shared life together. Pushing one another forward means helping one another grow in faith, knowledge, and actions consistent with a Christian life.

Inside the study you will find:

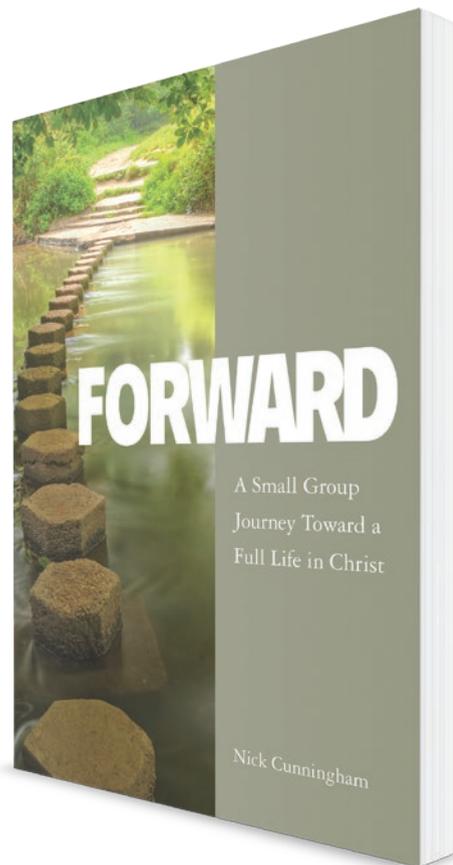
- Reflections from the author on the virtues listed in 2 Peter 1:3-11.
- Questions for individual response and prompts for creative interaction.
- Space to record individual and group responses.
- Descriptions of group activities based on the weekly lesson.

As a sequel to Cunningham's study *One: A Small Group Journey Toward Life-Changing Community*, *Forward* follows the same format, including a participant book with teaching content and interactive elements; a leader guide; and video. Small groups that have not previously used *One* will enjoy *Forward* as a guide for developing Christian virtues with the support and partnership of others.

KEY FEATURES

- Each of the seven sessions explores a Christian virtue, allowing individuals and groups to take practical actions to grow in these virtues.
- Interactive participant book allows space for individual and group response.
- Personal questions facilitate deep, meaningful relationships as group members help one another move forward in their relationship with Christ.

Nick Cunningham is the Adult Discipleship Director at Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church in Lexington, South Carolina. He previously served as the teaching pastor at Ginghamburg Church in Tipp City, Ohio. He is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at United Theological Seminary. In addition to *Forward*, Nick is the author of *One: A Small Group Journey Toward Life-Changing Community*. Nick and his wife, Lindsey, live in Lexington, South Carolina with their three children, Rowan, Gwen, and Selma.



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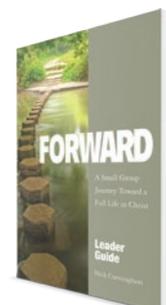
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WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Seeing Your Life Through God's Eyes

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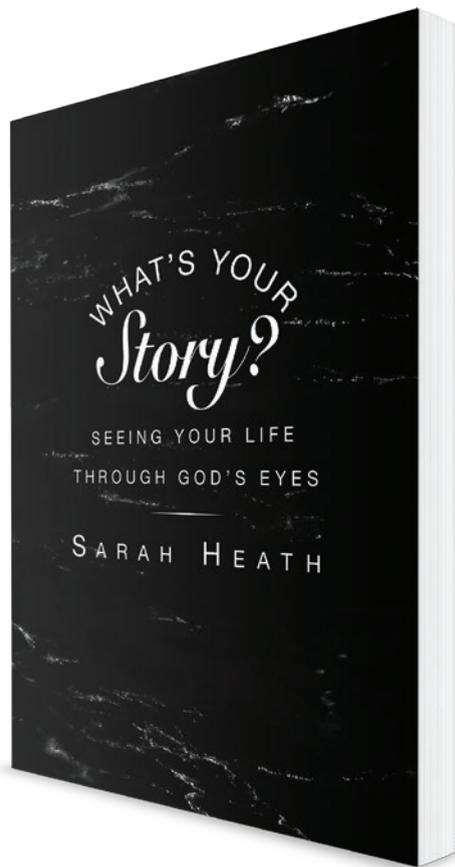
What's Your Story? helps participants understand their lives as part of a bigger narrative by seeing them through God's eyes. This four-session small group study focuses on the Joseph story, exploring connections between Joseph's life and the lives of Christians today. The book contains opportunities and space for creative journaling, to encourage them to explore their own life stories in the same way. Joseph accomplishes great things in Egypt, but only when he sees his story as a part of God's story does he truly recognize the significance of what he has done and what God is doing through him. In exploring these dimensions of the Joseph story, participants discover how to see their own lives through God's eyes, learning how to co-create with God the kind of life that would be a page-turner.

The accompanying video features individual stories illuminating Joseph's story, illustrating the main ideas of each session, and sparking further reflection and discussion. By participants seeing their story as part of God's story, they will find deep meaning in their lives, and will be inspired to tell their stories to others as a way of witnessing to God's love and presence in the world.

KEY FEATURES

- Video-based small group sessions connect the Joseph story, stories of individuals, and the lives of readers and group participants.
- Ample opportunities for creative, guided journaling.
- Thoughtful explanation and reflection from the author about the meaning and significance of the Joseph story.

Sarah Heath is the pastor of a new church start in Costa Mesa, California. With roots in Canada and Mississippi, she is a graduate of Duke Divinity School and an ordained elder in the California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. She previously served as the Teaching and Preaching Site Pastor for the Rancho Santa Margarita campus of Shepherd of the Hills UMC in Southern California. An actor, artist, author, and speaker, Sarah has many gifts that enable her to share God's love with others. She writes about her insights on the topics of finding our identity in Christ and using our unique gifts to serve God and others. Sarah has a passion for music, traveling, acting, creating art, watching and participating in sports, and enjoying all with which God has gifted us. Learn more about Sarah and her ministry at www.revsarahheath.com.



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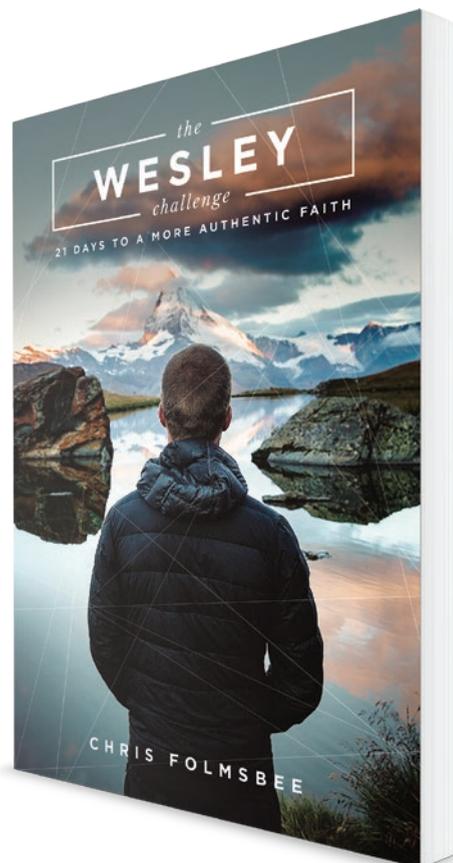
With fast-paced emphasis on graphics and short content bits, the challenge will inspire us to a new kind of commitment—one that is more authentic, vulnerable and soul shaping resulting in thousands of people who have a renewed passion to discover deeper levels of commitment to God and others.

Additional components for a three-week study include a comprehensive leader guide and a DVD featuring author Chris Folmsbee, and a youth study guide.

KEY FEATURES

- Readers will study Wesley’s 21 questions over the course of three weeks designed to draw them closer to God.
- Daily posts and messages and high emphasis on graphics are designed to engage our physical, emotional, and spiritual lives.
- Program includes book, the DVD, Leader Guide and Youth Study Book.
- DVD includes three session videos featuring Chris Folmsbee in 10-12 minutes sessions.

Chris Folmsbee is the director of discipleship at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS. He is the author of numerous books on spiritual formation, practical theology and missional living. He is a sought-after speaker, and consults with dozens of churches around North America each year.



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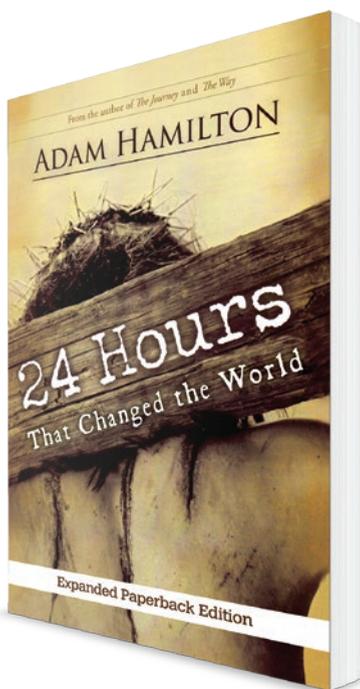
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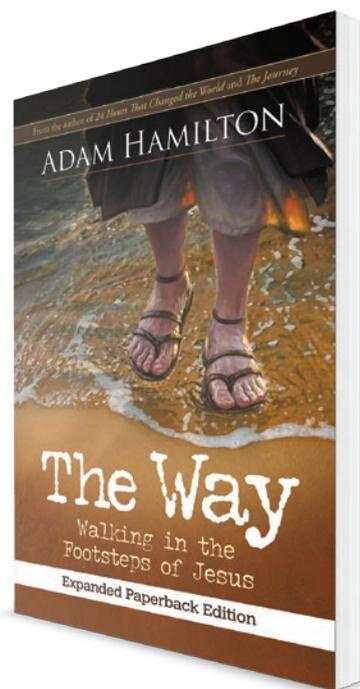
Newly released in paperback, we invite you to journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road. This new edition includes travel notes and photographs from Adam's trip to the Holy Lands.



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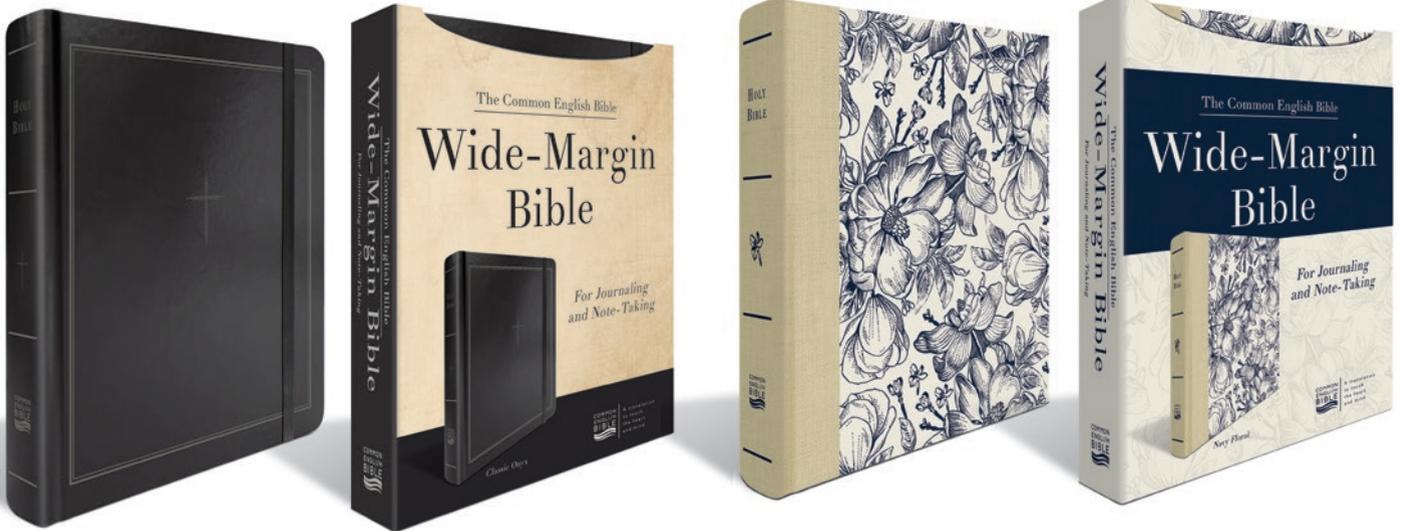
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Psalm 24:2

²⁵ I offer praise in the great congregation because of you;
I will fulfill my promises in the presence of those who honor God.

²⁶ Let all those who are suffering eat and be full!

Let all who seek the LORD praise him!

I pray your hearts live forever!

²⁷ Every part of the earth

will remember and come back to the LORD;

every family among all the nations will worship you.

²⁸ Because the right to rule belongs to the LORD,

he rules all nations.

²⁹ Indeed, all the earth's powerful will worship him;ⁿ

all who are descending to the dust will kneel before him;

my being also lives for him.^o

³⁰ Future descendants will serve him;

generations to come will be told about my Lord.

³¹ They will proclaim God's righteousness to those not yet born,

telling them what God has done.

Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

² He lets me rest in grassy meadows;

he leads me to restful waters;

³ he keeps me^p alive.

He guides me in proper paths

for the sake of his good name.

⁴ Even when I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—they protect me.

⁵ You set a table for me right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil;

my cup is so full it spills over!

⁶ Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live^a in the LORD's house as long as I live.

Psalm 24

A psalm of David.

¹ The earth is the LORD's and everything in it,

the world and its inhabitants too.

² Because God is the one who established it on the seas;

God set it firmly on the waters.

ⁿCorrection; MT *All the earth's powerful have eaten and will worship.* ^oCorrection with LXX; Heb uncertain ^pOr my soul ^aLXX; MT *I will return*

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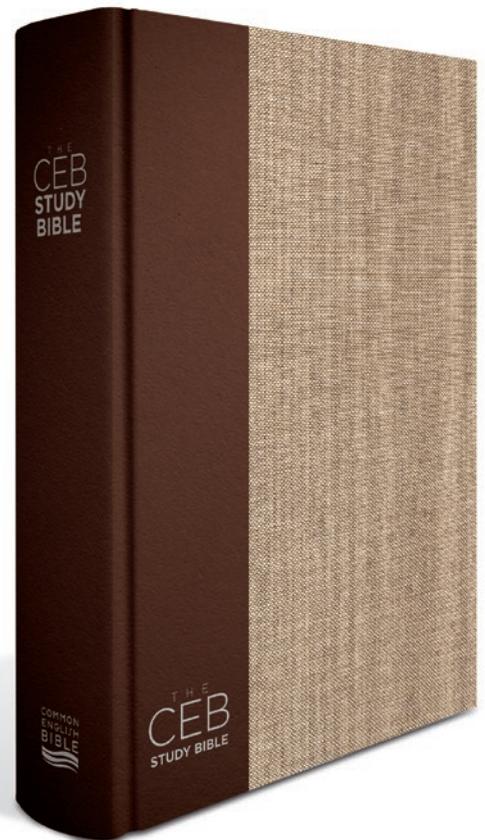
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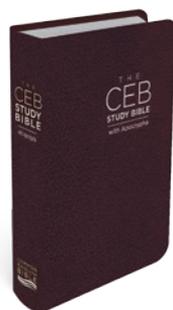
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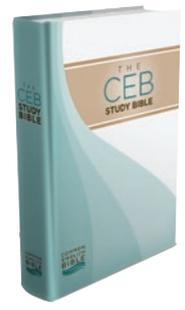
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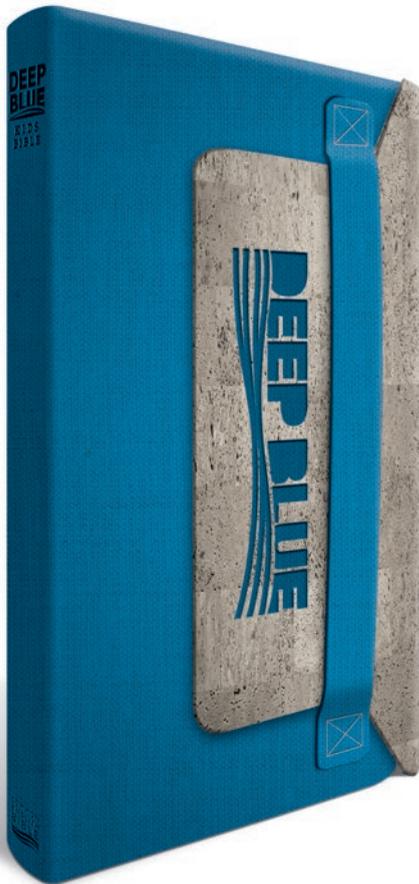


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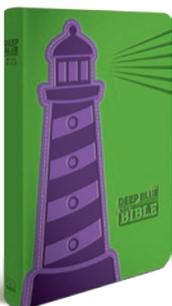
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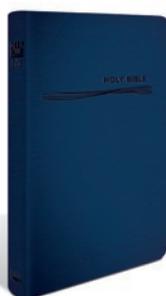
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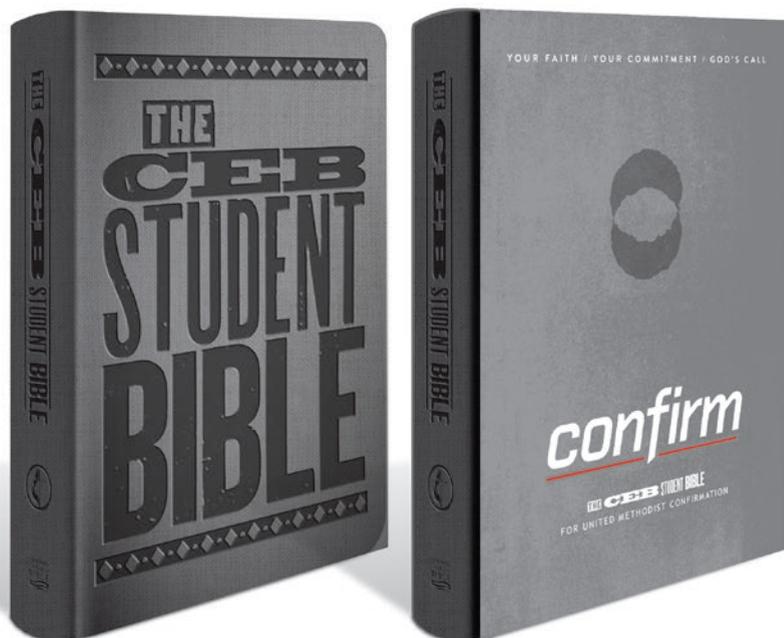


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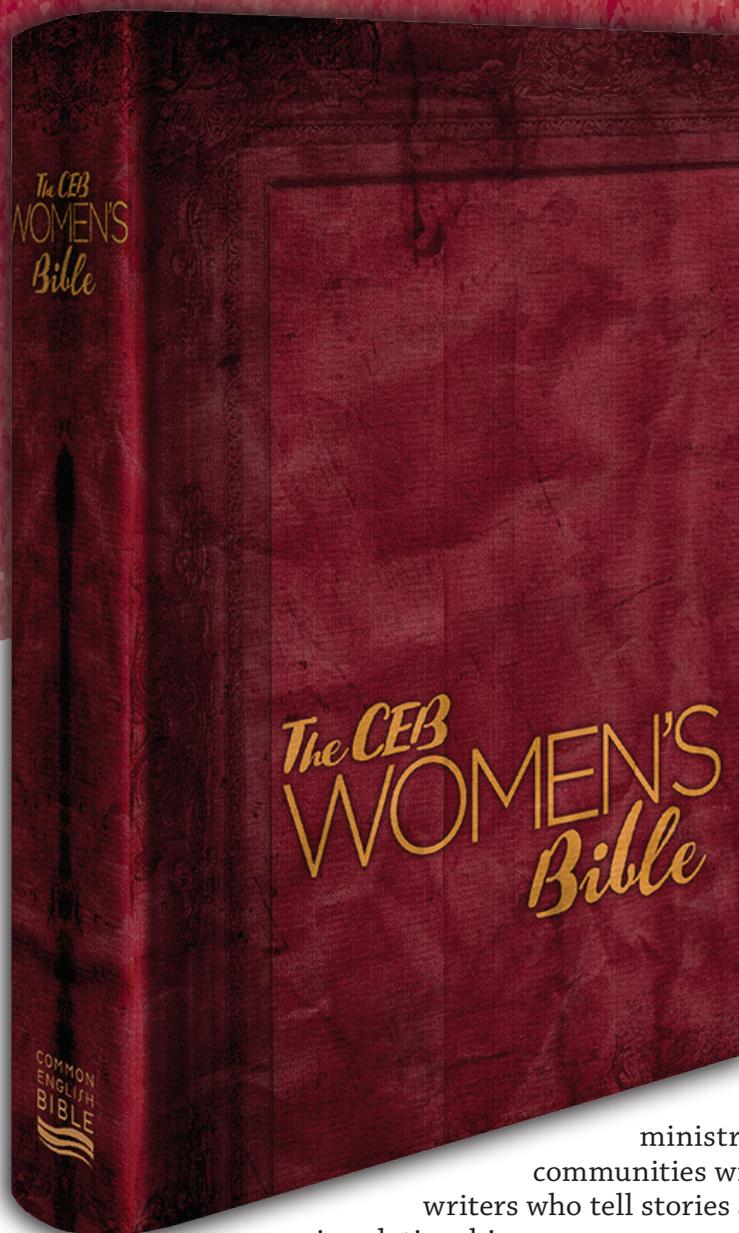
The CEB Student Bible is by and for young people. It invites them into deeper forms of personal and social holiness, helps them make connections between the world of the Bible and their own world, offers resources for engaging the text in personal and group study, and embodies a commitment to taking young people seriously as Christian leaders now, not just in the future. It is a resource that helps young disciples of Jesus Christ as they transform the world.

Included in this special edition are 16 additional pages in the front of the Bible with confirmation-related, official United Methodist material, including a brief historical statement, selections from the Articles of Religion, the Social Creed, and the membership covenant.

KEY FEATURES

- Charcoal leather-like material with the words “The CEB Student Bible” burnished on the cover makes this an attractive gift that students may use for several years.
- Presentation page included so that parents or pastors may commemorate the student’s confirmation.
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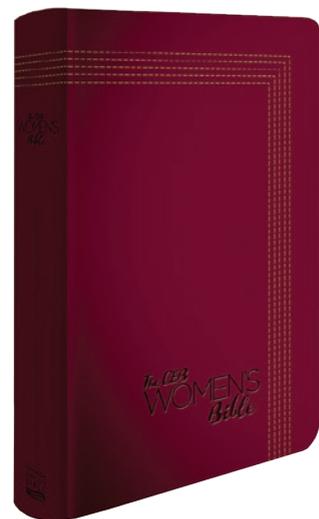
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Based on the *Deep Blue Bible Storybook*, the Christmas edition contains eight Nativity stories retold for children ages 3-6. Each story invites the reader and listener into the experience happening on the pages, and creates space for children to wonder about the people and events that have shaped history.

This Bible storybook contains background information about the book of Matthew and the book of Luke for adults and for children. Included with each story is a question meant to engage the reader and listener with the story. There are also prayers and songs specifically for Christmas.

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KEY FEATURES

- Wonder questions for children.
- Helpful information for parents and teachers as they read with young children.
- Organized to help form biblically literate children.
- Eight Christmas Stories.

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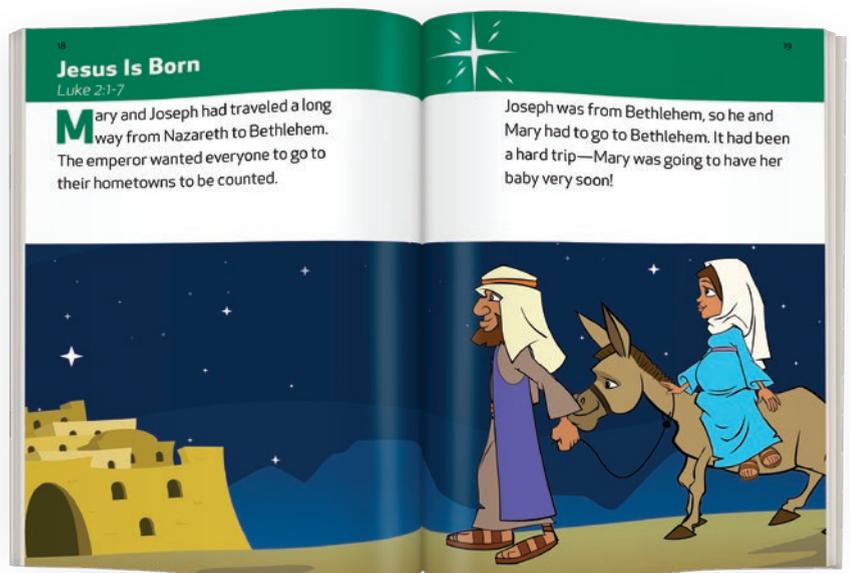
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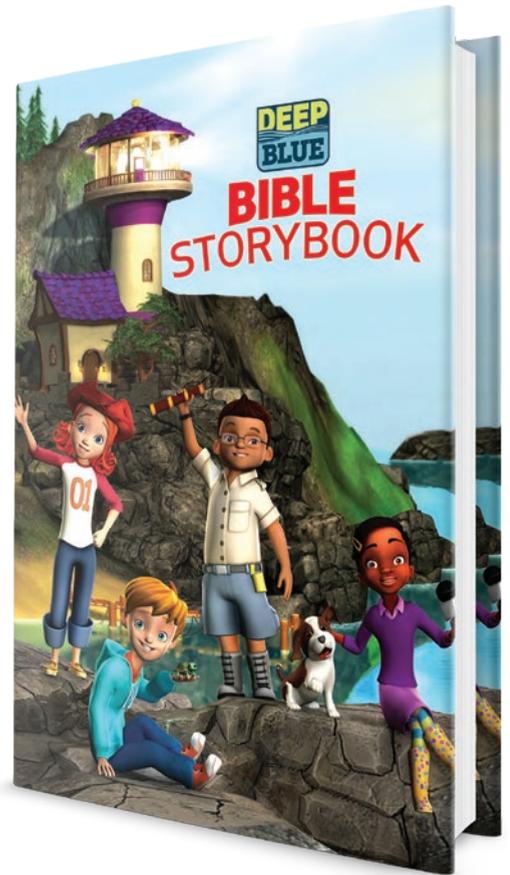
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KEY FEATURES

- Wonder questions for children.
- Helpful information for parents and teachers as they read with young children.
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Affirming our faith at Lent and Easter.

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ADAM HAMILTON

We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs.

In this book for Lent, Easter, and beyond, Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters.

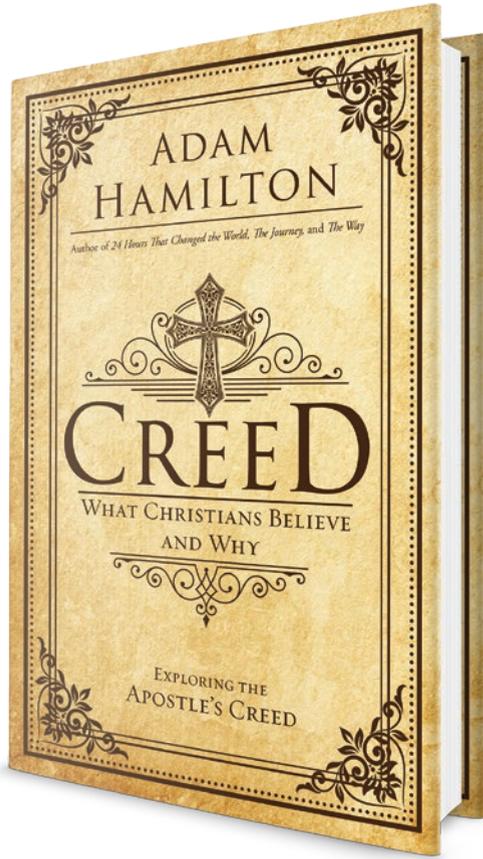
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- The Resurrection of the Body

KEY FEATURES

- In studying the Apostles' Creed, readers will confront and examine their own core beliefs.
- Readers go beyond reciting the words to explore the basics of what we believe.
- Makes an ideal Lenten and Easter study.

Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. Hamilton is the best-selling and award-winning author of *The Call*, *The Journey*, *The Way*, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, *John*, *Revival*, *Not a Silent Night*, *Enough*, *When Christians Get It Wrong*, and *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, all published by Abingdon Press. Learn more about Adam Hamilton at AdamHamilton.org.



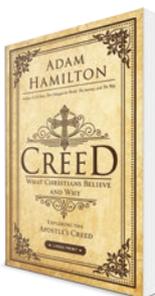
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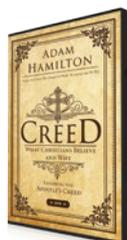
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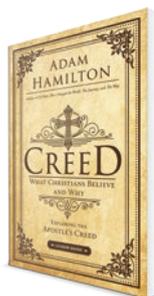
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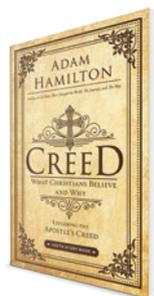
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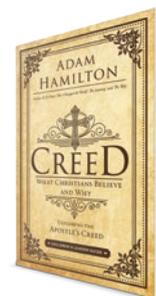
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TOM BERLIN

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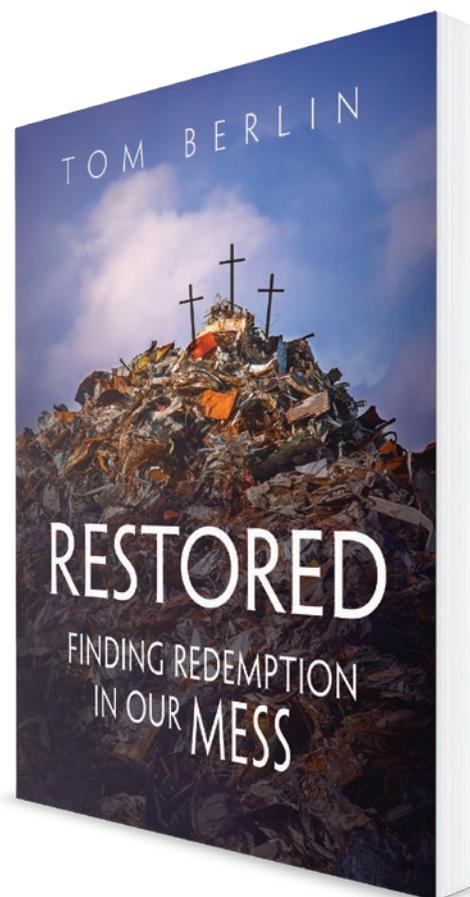
Chapters include:

- This Is a Real Mess
- Who Left This Mess?
- Bless This Mess
- No Messing Around
- Address This Mess
- The Message in the Mess

KEY FEATURES

- Six-week study perfect for Lent.
- DVD features the teaching of Tom Berlin.
- Leader Guide contains everything needed to facilitate each weekly session.

Tom Berlin is Senior Pastor of Floris United Methodist Church in Herndon, Virginia. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech and Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Tom is author of *Defying Gravity: Break Free from the Culture of More*, *6 Decisions That Will Change Your Life*, *6 Things We Should Know About God*, and *6 Ways We Encounter God*. He is coauthor (with Lovett Weems) of *Bearing Fruit: Ministry with Real Results*; *Overflow: Increase Worship Attendance & Bear More Fruit*; and *High Yield: Seven Disciplines of the Fruitful Leader*.

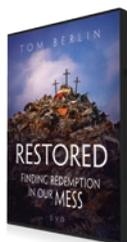


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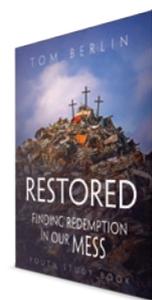
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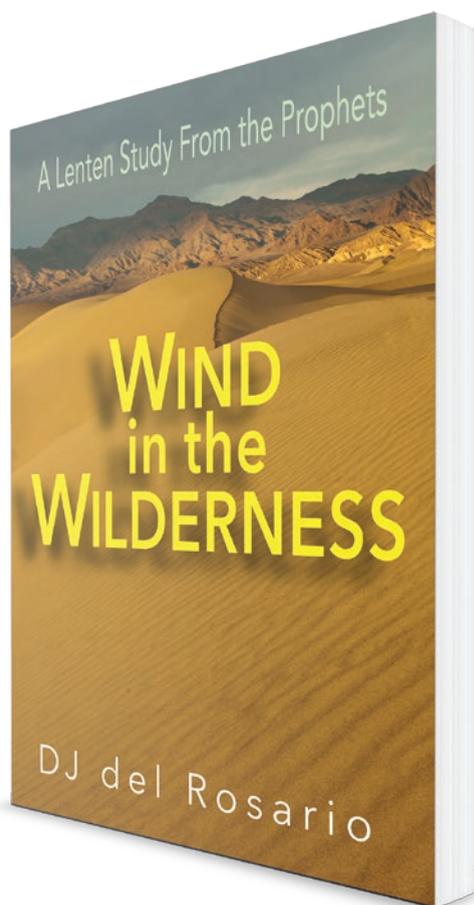
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Living into God's vision of justice.

WIND IN THE WILDERNESS

A Lenten Study From the Prophets

DJ DEL ROSARIO

Though we cannot see the wind, we know it by its effects and interpret it by its results. The same can be said for the work of the Hebrew prophets, who communicated God's vision of justice and faithfulness throughout the history of God's people. As they spoke of this vision, the wind was moving, giving us a hint of Jesus who was to come. This study focuses on the Hebrew prophets and their message of justice, calling readers to turn their attention to issues of justice in today's world. Each chapter explores a different prophet or prophets, highlighting how God's word through them challenged the Israelite people—and us—to live out God's vision of justice. These prophetic messages find their fulfillment in the life and ministry of Jesus, preparing the way for his teaching, healing, death, and resurrection. Readers will not merely study prophecies about Jesus, but will explore the continuity between the prophetic emphasis on justice and Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God.

This Bible study is designed to be used by individuals and small groups during the season of Lent. In addition to the main content, each chapter offers questions for reflection and discussion, a brief prayer, and a focus for the week. The weekly focus emerges from the chapter content and encourages the readers to engage a spiritual practice or do something specific that will help them grow in faith.

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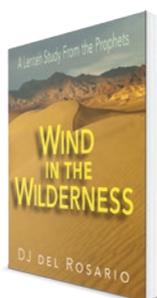
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KEY FEATURES

- Seven sessions, one for each Sunday in Lent and Easter Sunday helps groups and individuals prepare for Easter, which strengthens their relationships with God.
- Study focuses on select Old Testament prophets helps readers see connections between the Old Testament prophets and Jesus.
- Each session includes a Scripture reference, a personal reading, questions for reflection and discussion, a focus for the upcoming week, and a closing prayer to help participants develop Bible study skills, while strengthening relationships with other people in the small-group setting.

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DJ del Rosario is the pastor of Bothell United Methodist Church in Bothell, Washington. An ordained elder in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, DJ has served previously as associate pastor at Faith UMC and pastor of Lynden UMC. He has also served as the Director of Young Adult Ministries, Discernment, and Enlistment at the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and as the Executive Director of Spark12.org. He has spoken, led, and preached at multiple events at the annual, jurisdictional, and General Conference levels. DJ is married and they have three amazing daughters. DJ loves a great cup of coffee, social media, and technology.

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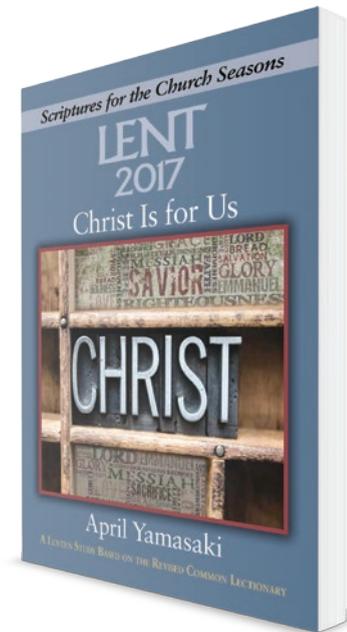
A LENTEN STUDY BASED ON THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY

APRIL YAMASAKI

Christ Is for Us invites readers to explore God's saving and redeeming love through a seven-week study of the Scripture readings for Lent and Easter. Key Bible readings call us to embrace God's salvation and the new life offered to us through Christ.

This study is based on the *Revised Common Lectionary* Scriptures for Year A. Each chapter includes commentary and reflection on readings from the Old Testament, the Epistle, and the Gospel reading for that day. Each chapter also includes questions for personal reflection, questions for group discussion, and suggested activities to facilitate group study.

April Yamasaki is the pastor of Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Abbotsford, British Columbia. She has written several books, including *Spark: Igniting Your God-Given Creativity* and *Sacred Pauses: Spiritual Practices for Personal Renewal*. A graduate of the University of British Columbia, she holds a master's degree in Christian Studies from Regent College in Vancouver. She has taught college courses in Bible and English, and she has led seminars, retreats, and enrichment courses for Christian adults. Her writing may be found online at www.aprilyamasaki.com.



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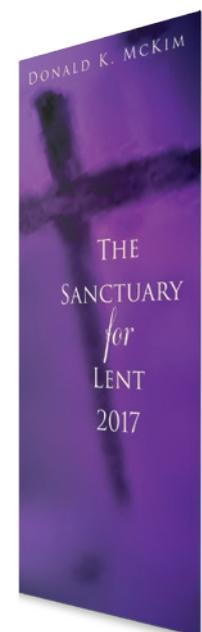
Devotions for each day of Lent.

THE SANCTUARY FOR LENT 2017

DONALD K. MCKIM

The Sanctuary for Lent 2017 contains brief readings for each day in Lent, including a suggested Scripture, a short devotion, and a closing prayer. It is an excellent gift for family, friends, or those with special needs. In keeping with the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of the theses, each day's devotion will include a quote from one of the reformers. Sold in packs of 10, booklets are designed to fit in a #10 envelope, enabling churches to include the booklets in their Lent mailings, especially for those unable to attend services.

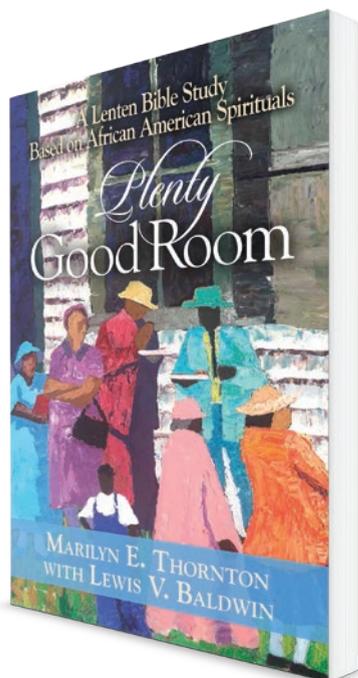
Donald K. McKim served as executive editor for Westminster John Knox Press, as academic dean and professor of theology at Memphis Theological Seminary, and as professor of theology at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. He is the author or editor of more than thirty books.



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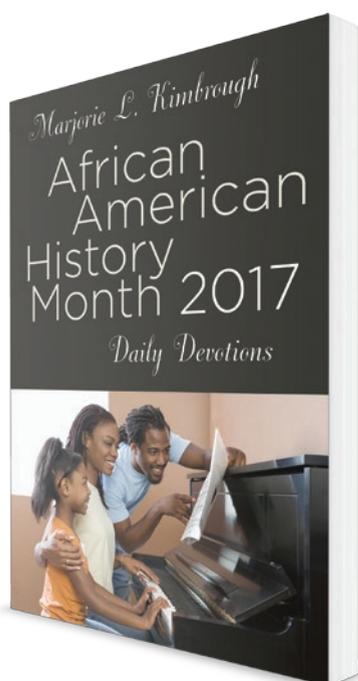
A Lenten Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals

MARILYN E. THORNTON WITH LEWIS V. BALDWIN

This unique study combines an in-depth look at Scripture, American history, and the music and lyrics of six African American spirituals. The six-session study provides biblical, social, and historical analyses of the spirituals: "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit," "This Lonesome Valley," "Bow Down on Your Knees," "Plenty Good Room," "Ain't Dat Good News," and "Were You There?" Leader helps included, providing discussion questions and activities.

Marilyn E. Thornton has music degrees from Howard University and from the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University, as well as an M.Div. from Vanderbilt. She is the lead editor for African American resources for Abingdon Press and serves as Campus Minister of the Wesley Foundation at Fisk University.

Lewis V. Baldwin received his B.A. in History from Talladega College, an M.A. degree in Black Church Studies and a M.Div. degree in Theology at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and a Ph.D. degree in American Christianity from Northwestern University. Currently, he is Professor Emeritus in Religious Studies at Vanderbilt University.



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Marjorie L. Kimbrough is the author of *She Is Worthy*, *Stories Between the Testaments*, *Coffee Break Devotions*, *Coffee Breaks of Faith*, *Accept No Limitations*, and *Strong in Heart*. Formerly Georgia's non-fiction author of the year, Kimbrough was an instructor of philosophy and religion at Clark University and Christian Education instructor at the Interdenominational Theological Center, both in Atlanta. Marjorie Kimbrough lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

A new way to experience the familiar Easter story.

ON THE ROAD TO THE CROSS

Experience Easter With Those Who Were There

ROB BURKHART

The Easter drama plays out on history's stage with magnificent and larger-than-life characters. Yet some of the most important lessons of Easter come from those whose names you may not recognize: Simon the Leper, Malchus, the Centurion at the cross, Cleopas, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, Barabbas, Simon of Cyrene, and Mary Magdalene offer a unique perspective on one of the greatest events in human history. And yet their stories are often overlooked.

On the Road to the Cross allows you to experience Easter through the eyes of the everyday people who witnessed the triumphal entry, saw Jesus drag his cross to Calvary, and cried through Christ's last words. Each new perspective opens the door to a fresh consideration of Easter and its impact on their lives and ours.

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KEY FEATURES

- Offers new insights into the meaning of Easter beyond its significance as a religious celebration to help readers understand that Easter isn't just an event, it's a lifestyle.
- Explores the lives of biblical characters whose experiences with spiritual wounds and inner turmoil are highly relatable to readers today.
- A perfect resource for Lenten sermon series and small group studies.
- Companion leader guide offers session outlines, discussion topics, prayers, and leader tips.

Rob Burkhart holds an M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary, a Ph.D. from Michigan State University and has been a pastor, educator, and denominational leader in the Assemblies of God denomination for more than thirty years. He is the author of *Five Questions of Christmas*, *To Be Like Jesus*, and *Awakening the Sleeping Giant: Maximizing Your Sunday School*. Rev. Burkhart has also published several study guides and contributed to numerous magazines and publications. He speaks frequently in churches, at retreats, and at educational seminars. He is a father and grandfather and lives in Detroit, Michigan.



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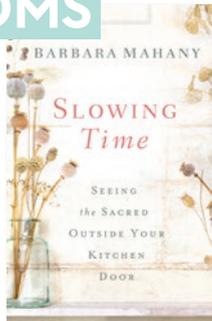


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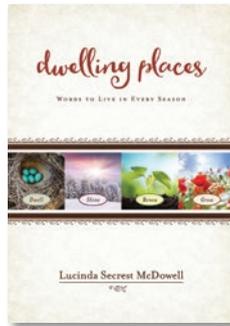
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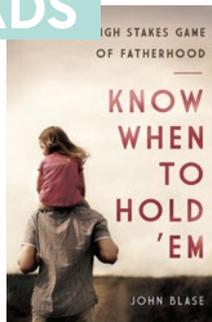
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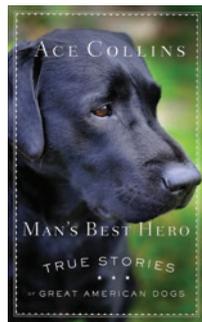
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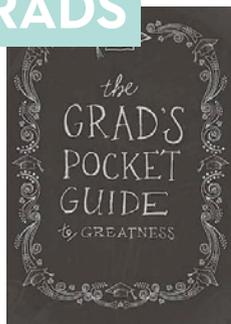
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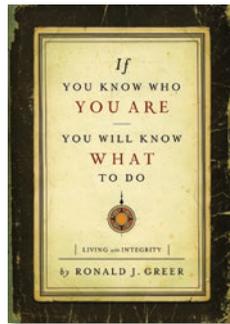
Provides the tools, illustrations, and explanations necessary for making informed decisions about the meaning of the Bible.

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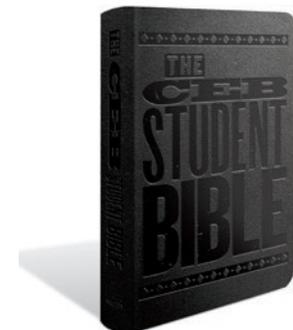
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SMALLER CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY

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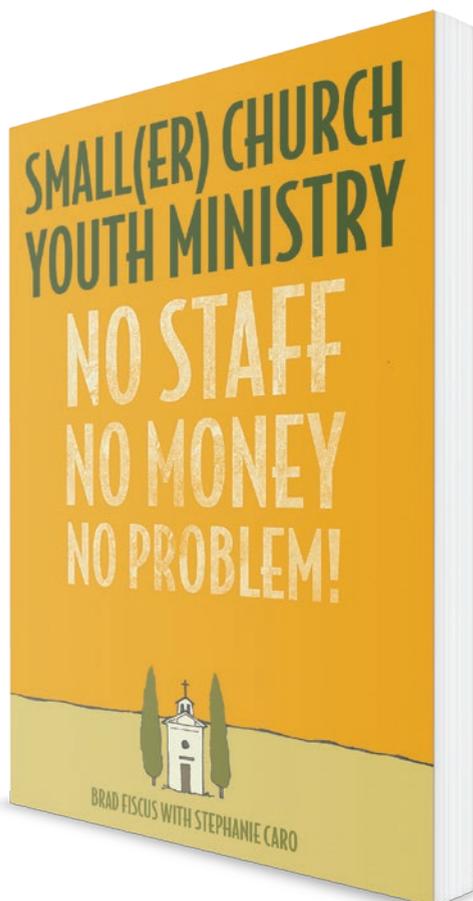
Smaller Church Youth Ministry highlights the big impact small churches can have on the faith journey of their young people. It is designed to encourage and help small churches start, build and lead effective disciple making youth ministry. Topics include a biblical foundation, practical helps, tools and activities.

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Brad Fiscus has been in ministry with teenagers since 1985. He is the Director of Next Gen Discipleship in the Tennessee Conference of The United Methodist Church. Prior to entering professional ministry, Brad enjoyed a career in public education teaching both middle and high school science. In addition to teaching, Brad was a leadership development trainer. Brad and his wife Shelley live in Franklin, Tennessee, have been married for 26 years, and are the parents of two teenagers.

Stephanie Caro has been involved in ministry to youth and youth workers in the local church for over 30 years. Her humorous, straightforward style keeps her busy presenting and coaching at conferences, training events, camps, and churches. In addition to coaching, Stephanie is a Senior Consultant for Ministry Architects and a talented author. Stephanie's latest books are, *Thriving Youth Ministry in Smaller Churches* and *99 Thoughts for Smaller Church Youth Worker*. Stephanie is a contributing author to several youth ministry resources in addition to her regular column "Smaller Church Youth Ministry" in *Group Magazine*. Stephanie and her husband, Steve, live in Houston, TX. All seven of her kids are grown up, and out of the house – praise God!

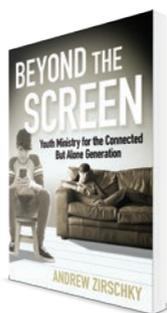


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UNLEASHING THE HIDDEN POTENTIAL OF YOUR STUDENT LEADERS

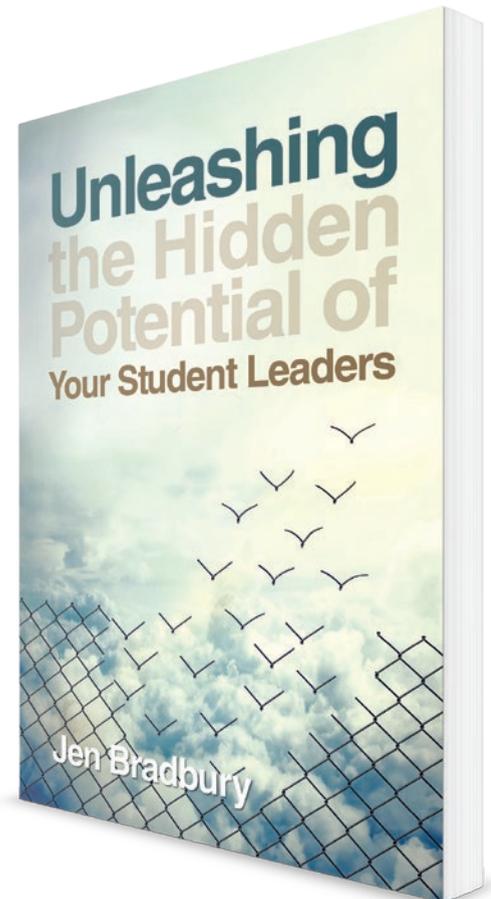
JEN BRADBURY

Unleashing the Hidden Potential of Your Student Leaders lays out a theological and philosophical outline for effective student leadership in a youth ministry context. Additionally, it provides practical tips on how best to create and develop student leaders as well as how to help them transition into leadership positions in the broader church. The book draws from Scripture in general and from Jesus' ministry with his disciples in particular to explore the important work of developing students into leaders. Jen also draws from her own experience as a youth worker to inspire and equip both rookie and veteran youth leaders.

KEY FEATURES

- Theological framework for student leadership.
- Practical tips for how to select, develop, and empower student leaders.
- Guidance on how to connect student leaders with the wider church to help them become the leaders of the future.
- Fills a need for resources to develop student leaders and student leadership programs.
- Develops students into a more mature faith.

Jen Bradbury serves as the director of youth ministry at Faith Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. A veteran youth worker, Jen holds an MA in Youth Ministry Leadership from Huntington University. She's the author of *The Jesus Gap*. Her writing has also appeared in *YouthWorker Journal* and *The Christian Century*.



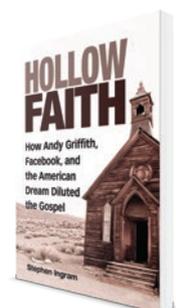
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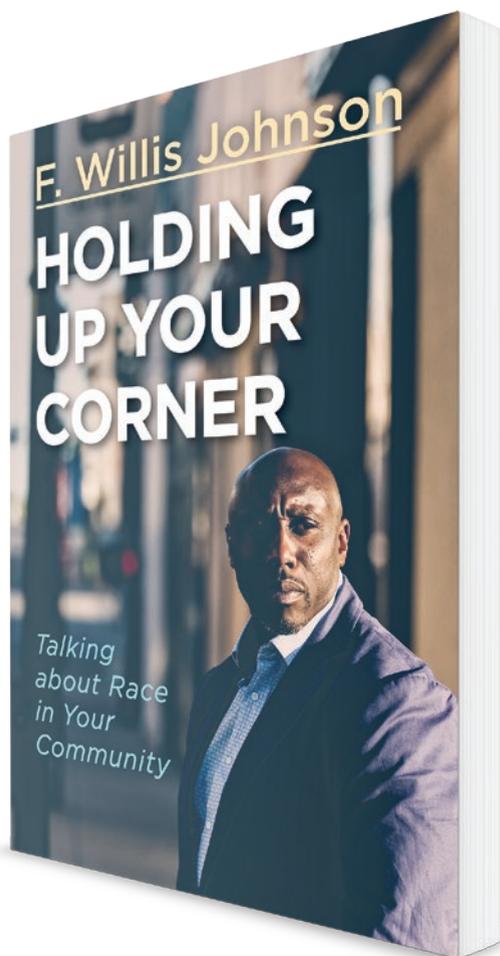


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Lead your congregation to see and solve problems of race and justice in your community.

HOLDING UP YOUR CORNER

Talking about Race in Your Community

F. WILLIS JOHNSON

Holding Up Your Corner: Talking About Race in Your Community, equips pastors to respond with confidence when crises occur, lower their own inhibitions about addressing this topic, and reclaim their authority as prophetic witnesses and leaders in order to transform their communities.

This book provides practical, foundational guidance, showing pastors how to live into their calling to address injustice, and how to lead others to do the same. *Holding Up Your Corner* prompts readers to observe, identify and name the complex causes of violence and hatred in the reader's particular community, including racial prejudice, entrenched poverty and exploitation, segregation, the loss of local education and employment, the ravages of addiction, and more.

The book walks the church leader through a self-directed process of determining what role to play in the leader's particular location. Readers will learn to use testimony and other narrative devices, proclamation, guided group conversations, and other tactics in order to achieve the following:

- Open eyes to the realities in the reader's community—where God's reign/kingdom is not yet overcoming selfishness, injustice, inequality, or the forces of evil.
- Own the calling and responsibility we have as Christians, and learn how to advocate hope for God's kingdom in the reader's community.
- Organize interventions and activate mission teams to address the specific injustices in the reader's community.

KEY FEATURES

- Foundational material provides context and basic starting point for clergy to share with their congregants.
- Examples from a wide variety of churches/leaders makes this a resource for everyone concerned with racial justice.
- Sermon help for pastors who are at a loss on how to preach about these topics.
- Practical material provides ways for the pastor and congregant to act in the short term and plan a long-term approach.



Participant Book: Guided Conversations about Race

Our lives change when we sit with one another and converse. When we share our own stories and listen to another's. Real, honest, vulnerable conversation leads to empathy. It fosters our understanding and sharpens our convictions.

Guided Conversations about Race gives pastors, other leaders, and congregants something practical to do—a way to make actual change in themselves, in their churches, in their communities. It gives leaders and others an effective way to respond, to live out God's call.

The Participant Book includes key points and scripture passages. It also serves as a journal, where participants can reflect and write about their ideas and feelings as they go through the guided conversation experience.

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The DVD includes video clips from clergy and other Christian leaders across the country. Each presenter shares a personal story related to one of the discussion points in the conversation. These stories are meant to open participants to new ways of thinking, to spur their own self-examination, to offer a sense of common experience, and to spur thoughtful dialogue.

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F. Willis Johnson has served in professional ministry in Indiana and North Carolina for the last 15 years. He currently leads Wellspring Church in Ferguson, MO, as senior minister, where thousands have been influenced by his prophetic, faith-filled reflections and strategies on social justice and racial understanding. He counsels Bishops, General Board agencies, Conferences and local churches across the country.

Johnson's writing and lecturing credits range from TIME Magazine, National Public Radio, universities and seminaries, to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History Culture.

Mission is the church's main business!

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The Church's Main Purpose

GEORGE G. HUNTER III

Churches and denominations often appear to settle for a primary objective that is less than what the apostles recommended. If we are honest, most church leaders acknowledge that our institutional sense of purpose is inconsistent, at best. In some places the purpose of the church is quite narrowly defined, and in others the definition is so broad that it seems meaningless.

People wonder, "Is this all there is to the church?" It's a good question, and George Hunter, a longtime keen observer of the church, demonstrates the answer. Hunter's richly descriptive explanation of the missional church will convince leaders and students to recover a clear and consistent sense of purpose.

As we are the stewards of "the faith once delivered to the saints", so we are the heirs of the mission once entrusted to the apostles and their movements. The church's mission, locally and globally, is or should be its main business. The real church is an "ecclesia"—God's called out people whom the Lord shapes into an "apostolate"—and sends out to be publicly present in the world—but not of it. This mission is a serving, witnessing, inviting outreach to all people.

KEY FEATURES

- A thorough view backwards and a clear view forward, showing readers where the church has been, ways we've gone astray, and how to get back on the right path.
- A clear and richly descriptive explanation of the concept of the missional church.
- Fascinating examples throughout.

George G. Hunter III is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Asbury Theological Seminary's School of World Mission and Evangelism, where he served as Dean for 18 years and Distinguished Professor for 10 years. He served as the founding dean of Asbury's E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism. A sought-after speaker and workshop leader, he is one of the country's foremost experts on evangelism and church growth. He has written over a dozen books, including *How To Reach Secular People*, *Church for the Unchurched*, *The Celtic Way of Evangelism*, *Leading and Managing a Growing Church*, *Radical Outreach: Recovering Apostolic Ministry and Evangelism*, *Christian, Evangelical and . . . Democrat?*, *The Apostolic Congregation: Church Growth Reconceived for a New Generation*, and *The Recovery of a Contagious Methodist Movement*—all published by Abingdon Press.



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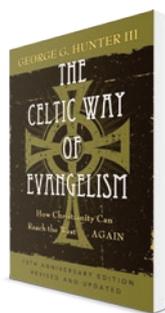
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Effective 21st century preaching demands a more perceptive understanding of both race and Christian faith.

WHO LYNCHED WILLIE EARLE?

Preaching to Confront Racism

WILL WILLIMON

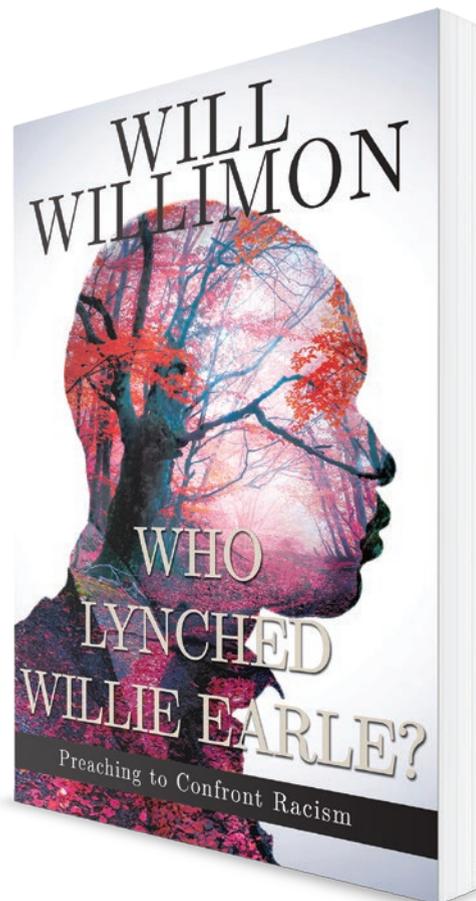
Pastors and leaders long to speak an effective biblical word into the contemporary social crisis of racial violence and black pain. They need a no-nonsense strategy rooted in actual ecclesial life. Will Willimon, uses the true story of pastor Hawley Lynn's 1947 sermon, "Who Lynched Willie Earle?" (a response to the last lynching in Greenville, South Carolina) to illuminate its implications for a more faithful proclamation of the Gospel today.

By hearing black pain, naming white complicity, critiquing American exceptionalism/civil religion, inviting/challenging the church to respond, and attending to the voices of African American pastors and leaders, this book helps pastors of white, mainline Protestant churches preach effectively in situations of racial violence and dis-ease.

KEY FEATURES

- Using a true story and an actual sermon as a test-case response to racial violence, this book assesses both positively and negatively a pastor's homiletic response to a real-life situation.
- This readable and engaging book utilizes the best thought on race and violence in America without scholarly jargon.
- Preachers will gain useful, theologically defensible principles for preaching to social crises, particularly those occasioned by racial violence.

Feeling most at home behind a pulpit, **Will Willimon's** deepest calling is to be a preacher and truth-teller of Jesus Christ. He is Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke University Divinity School and retired Bishop of the North Alabama Conference of The United Methodist Church, after serving for 20 years as faculty member and Dean of the Chapel at Duke University. He lives in Durham, North Carolina. Will Willimon has published many books, including his preaching subscription service on MinistryMatters.com, *Pulpit Resource*, and *Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love*, both published by Abingdon Press.



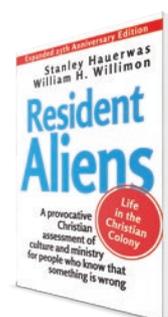
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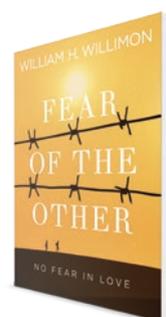
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ADMINISTRY

The Nuts and Bolts of Church Administration

THOMAS F. TUMBLIN

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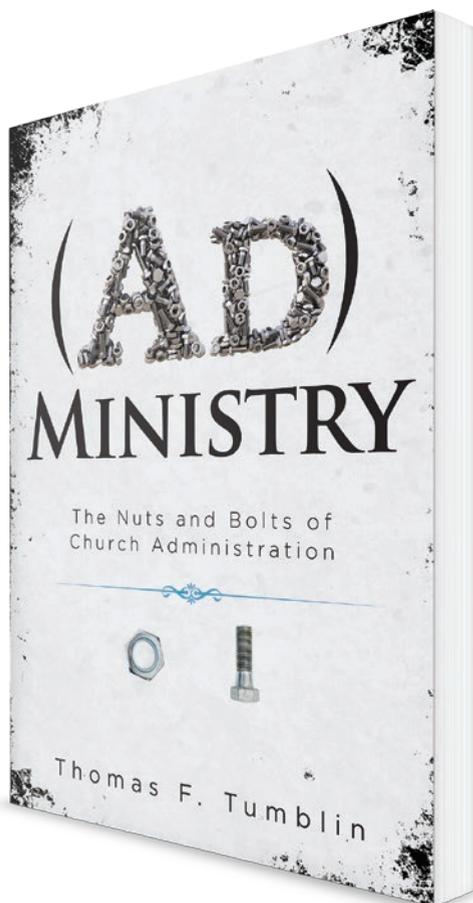
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Includes templates, and samples, including Church Staff Review forms, Staff Growth Plans, Offering Tracking Logs, Financial Statements, Property Inventory Worksheets, and Emergency Procedures Worksheets.

KEY FEATURES

- Readers will acquire needed skill-set and tools to administrate a church.
- Readers will understand administration as part of their ministry and calling.
- Gives helpful and authoritative resources for further reading.

Thomas F. Tumblin is Professor of Leadership, and Associate Provost for Global Initiatives and Academic Affairs at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. His role includes oversight of the strategic goals for church planting and global partnerships. He teaches in the seminary's Master of Divinity, Doctor of Ministry and MA in Leadership degrees. He is a former executive pastor at Ginghamburg UMC near Dayton, OH and an elder and former district superintendent in the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church.

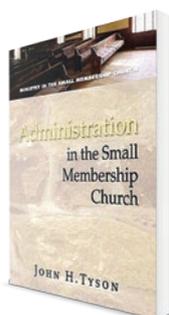


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There are specific processes needed for a growing, competent, compelling congregation.

GEAR UP!

Nine Essential Processes for the Optimized Church

KAY KOTAN

Gear Up! is a practical resource to help church leaders understand the nine processes (support systems) needed for a growing, competent and compelling congregations. This resource identifies the processes that need to be in place, and demonstrates how to create and maintain them. These processes, together, form the fabric of the church. The book guides leaders to identify and develop them.

These nine processes are typically missing or poorly developed in most small to mid-sized congregations. They are not part of the seminary curriculum for most clergy. Our churches have many members who are skilled business leaders, but it can be difficult for laity to translate their business world practices into those that work for a church.

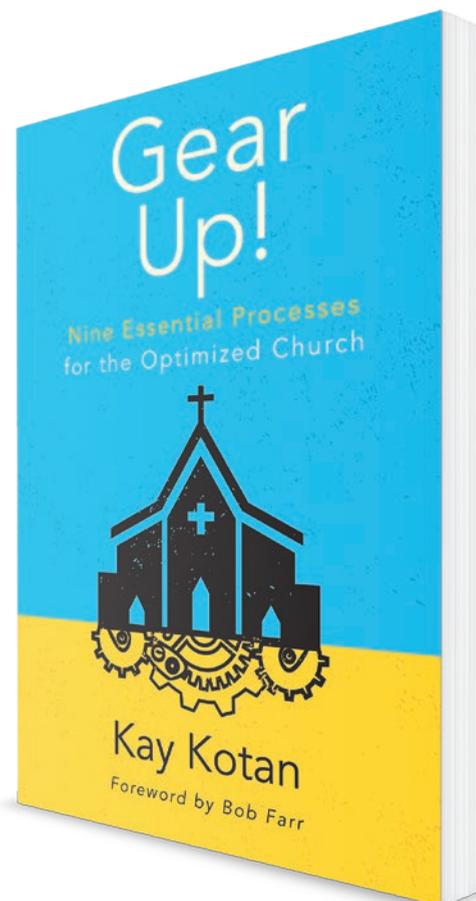
A lack of processes leads to:

- 1) guests not becoming regular attenders, 2) people not moving forward in their faith development, 3) congregants placed in leadership without being equipped, 4) no strategic plan to intentionally live out the mission of the church, 5) poor worship planning and sub-par worship services, and 6) lack of accountability throughout the organization.

KEY FEATURES

- Offers a way for churches to capitalize on their strengths and to take big strides forward.
- Explains the 'why' behind each process, so that leaders understand and can explain them to members and staff.
- Offers specific steps for how to implement each process.

Kay Kotan is a credentialed coach, church consultant, speaker and author. She serves on the Healthy Church Initiative Executive Team for the Missouri Annual Conference of the UMC. Kay resides in Kansas City, Missouri with her husband, Bob and son, Cameron. She has published several books with Abingdon Press, including *The Necessary Nine* and *10 Prescriptions for a Healthy Church* (both with Bob Farr).

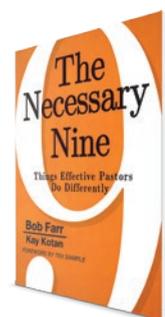


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Learn to lead and flourish in the small church.

SMALL ON PURPOSE

Life in a Significant Church

LEWIS A. PARKS

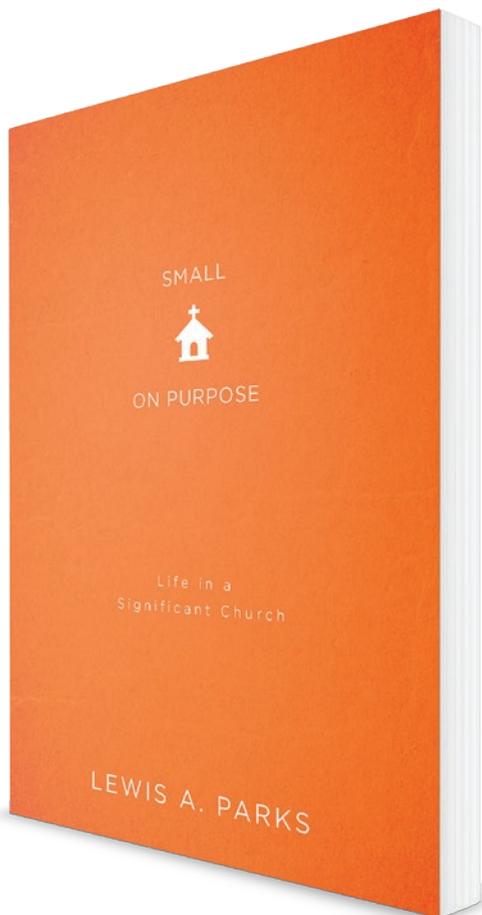
You find yourself in a small congregation. Voices of doubt whisper in your ears: not enough young people, not enough money to keep the building open, not enough programs to attract new persons, and most of all, not enough time to reverse the decline of congregational life. Before you head for the door or settle into a resigned sleepwalk, listen also for the voices of hope coming from without and within.

More is going on in your small congregation than you might think. *Small On Purpose* offers a vision of the small church as a Spirit-animated organism that releases native religious creativity and energy in its worship; makes claims on a future by making plans; and discovers surrogate family ties that bind. This small church learns how to bless rather than curse its location, how to craft beauty and hospitality from its buildings, and how to bequeath its faith to the younger generation. A small church in dynamic equilibrium looks to its past for wisdom, not nostalgia, and projects continuity, not disaster. It has a sense of the value of its story within the larger story of God's project to build a people to be a blessing to the nations.

KEY FEATURES

- Equips small congregations to move from passive resignation to active hope.
- Leads the reader through an exploration of the psychology of life and leadership in a small church.
- Inspires confidence for those in a small church.

Lewis A. Parks is Associate Dean for Church Leadership Development and Director of the D.Min. Program at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. He co-authored *Ducking Spears, Dancing Madly: A Biblical Model of Church Leadership* with Bruce Birch and is the author of *Preaching in the Small Membership Church*, both published by Abingdon Press.

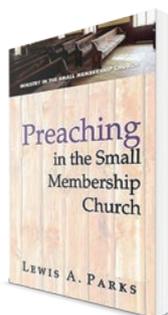


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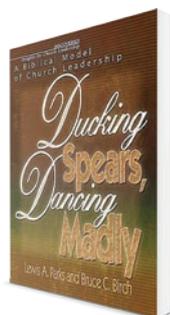
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Learn to stay focused on God's call and God's promises for you as a leader--even when your journey becomes confusing, rocky, or lonely.

LEADERSHIP DIRECTIONS FROM MOSES

On the Way to a Promised Land

OLU BROWN

"What do you mean, you're leaving?"

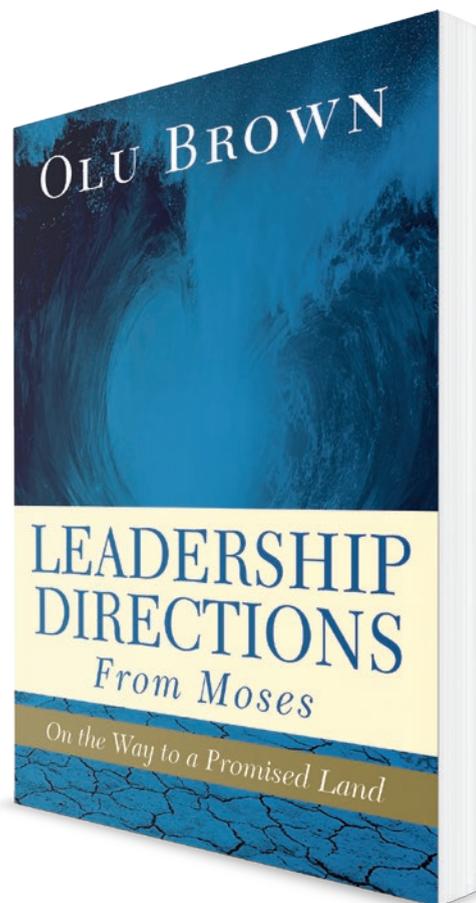
Author Olu Brown shares principles from the story of Moses, to guide leaders through some of the most gut-wrenching situations they will face. *Leadership Directions from Moses* answers the question, "How can I remain effective in answering my own call, when people around me—some of whom are trusted friends and colleagues—will not (or cannot) stay on the journey we've set out to complete? How can I keep moving forward, when the path suddenly becomes so difficult?"

The book covers topics like how to help others leave gracefully, how not to be upended when others choose to leave, how to have difficult conversations, and how to find unexpected opportunity in the challenge of new vacancies. It is full of practical help, including examples from pastors and churches across the US. It is also filled with compassion and wisdom—a pastoral book for pastors facing this difficult, nuanced, and often-emotional topic.

KEY FEATURES

- Practical help for church leaders as they travel through the sometimes-rocky landscape of ministry.
- Encouraging stories from leaders who have navigated difficult passages.
- Scriptural inspiration for leaders to keep their focus on the 'promised land'—the place where God is leading them—no matter what happens along the way.

Olu Brown is founding pastor (in 2007) of Impact Church Atlanta, the fourth fastest growing UM church in the country - 85% growth over five years. He is a frequent speaker at events, especially among young clergy.



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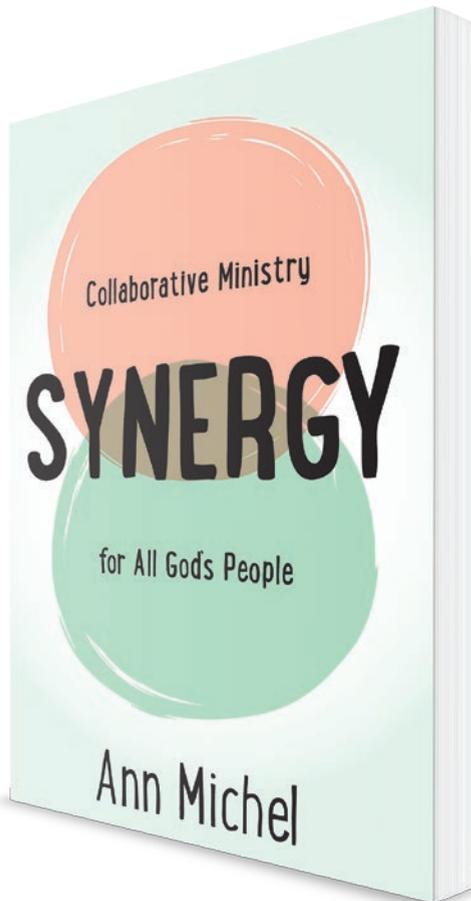


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An inclusive and collaborative paradigm of ministry affirming the work of both lay and clergy servants.

SYNERGY

Collaborative Ministry for All God's People

ANN MICHEL

The people are the church—not just the pastor. Yet, in many congregations there is a heavy imbalance in the ownership of ministry. Clergy and paid staff are seen as God's agents in the world, and congregants as occasional participants. Sometimes, clergy and other leaders perpetuate this imbalance.

Ann Michel presents a more inclusive, collaborative understanding of ministry, which affirms the gifts and calling of both clergy and lay servants. She uses the concept of "synergy" as a theological framework undergirding this approach. Michel lays out an inclusive and collaborative paradigm of ministry affirming the work of both lay and clergy servants.

Synergy also provides practical advice on the day-to-day skills of synergistic or collaborative ministry - how to engage others in ministry, how to build teams, how to manage meetings, how to develop others as leaders, etc. The book helps church workers, paid and unpaid, understand how their ministry relates to the mission of God and the ministry of the church, and provides practical guidance on the interpersonal ministry skills essential to any expression of collaborative ministry.

KEY FEATURES

- Offers practical, actionable content for readers in many different church settings.
- Content is organized in a methodical way, making it easy for the reader to follow and learn.
- Addresses key sub-groups within the audience with targeted help.

Ann Michel is the Associate Director of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. She speaks frequently to church leaders at Lewis Center events and around the country. Dr. Michel is a seminary-educated layperson who has served in the professional ministry since 1994. A native of Illinois, she now lives in Washington DC.

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The surprising, fascinating, and influential story—still unfolding—which helps us understand our own worship.

LOVIN' ON JESUS

A Concise History of Contemporary Worship

SWEE HONG LIM & LESTER RUTH

Lovin' on Jesus: A Concise History of Contemporary Worship is a compact—but thorough—history of changes in North American Protestant worship that occurred in the second half of the twentieth century and that came to be known as "contemporary worship." This scholarly but accessible work reveals a fascinating and complex lineage, which led to the worship forms that are now so common in many Christian worship services across the globe.

Authors Lim and Ruth uncover the rise of this term itself in the early 1990s as the pivot point in the phenomenon's history. They show how "contemporary worship" has multiple points of origin, and how new ways of worship developed along many different lines. The authors trace the rise of the term in the early 1990s, pointing to a new phase in its history: promotion and adoption by mainline congregations. The book documents this phase, as well as the earlier phases, with original source material including personal interviews.

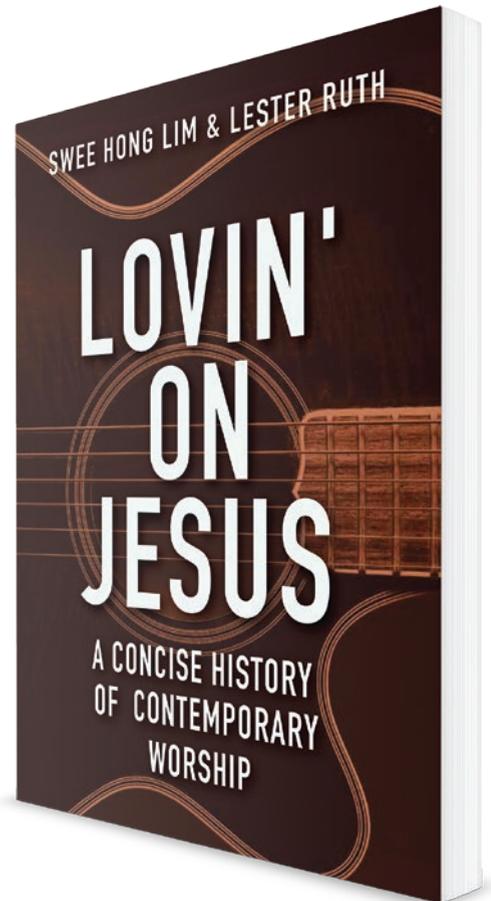
Lovin' on Jesus also tells the story of the ongoing evolution of contemporary worship both within and beyond mainline congregations. It is important to note that the story of contemporary worship includes not only music, but also its other features.

KEY FEATURES

- The first of its kind - a scholarly approach, which is missing in work on the topic thus far.
- Solid resource for in depth study at the seminary level, and accessible for the lay reader.
- Covers all key aspects of worship, not just about worship music.
- For the pastor, worship leader, or layperson.

Swee Hong Lim is the Deer Park Assistant Professor of Sacred Music and Director of the Master of Sacred Music Program at Emmanuel College, Toronto, Canada.

Lester Ruth is the Research Professor of Christian Worship at Duke Divinity School. He is a historian of Christian worship with particular interests in the early church and the last 250 years, especially the history of contemporary worship.

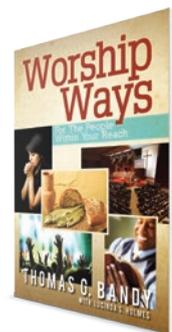


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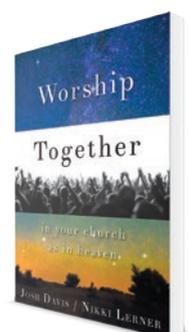
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Offers a simple process and a 'secret' technique for great preaching.

THAT'LL PREACH!

5 Simple Steps to Your Best Sermon Ever

CHARLEY REEB

Experienced preacher, teacher and author, Charley Reeb, gives readers a 5-step plan for writing and delivering a sermon that can transform lives for Christ. He covers preparation, sermon structure, storytelling, and how to 'preach with presence'. He examines lectionary and topical preaching models, and shows the reader how to determine which model to use; he further instructs the reader to use the 5-step plan for each model. Finally, *That'll Preach* offers sermon outlines and full sermons, as examples to illustrate the book's teaching.

The entire book stems from the author's view that sermons must be engaging in order to be effective. This laser focus results in a book that is powerful and immediately useful, concise and purposeful. It is a book for every preacher.

KEY FEATURES

- Lays out a simple 5-step process for putting together an engaging sermon.
- Provides practical step-by-step instruction.
- Shares the secret of great preaching!

Charley Reeb is the Senior Pastor of Pasadena Community Church (UMC) in St. Petersburg, Florida. He teaches homiletics for the Course of Study school at Candler School of Theology, and has served as an adjunct professor of New Testament at Florida Southern College. He often speaks at events and retreats.



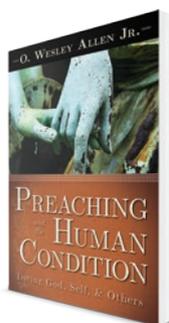
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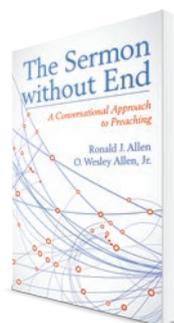
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A new way of making decisions for churches.

THE CHURCH GUIDE FOR MAKING DECISIONS TOGETHER

TERENCE CORKIN & JULIA KUHN WALLACE

Robert's Rules of Order, or the traditional parliamentary style of decision-making used in many churches, can work for simple decisions that are aggregated and passed by consent. For complex and divisive issues, churches need a decision process that does not result in a combative, winner-take-all approach to church life. A vital and healthy congregation yearns for a more collaborative, respectful, encouraging, engaging, and empowering process.

This book on discernment in the church provides a step-by-step guide on how to create a new way of working together. Drawing on tried and tested processes, it advocates for a consensus building approach and showing people how it can work in their setting (local church or judicatory meetings). Readers will learn how to design a consensus building business process for their church meeting while still respecting the denominational and legal requirements under which they must operate.

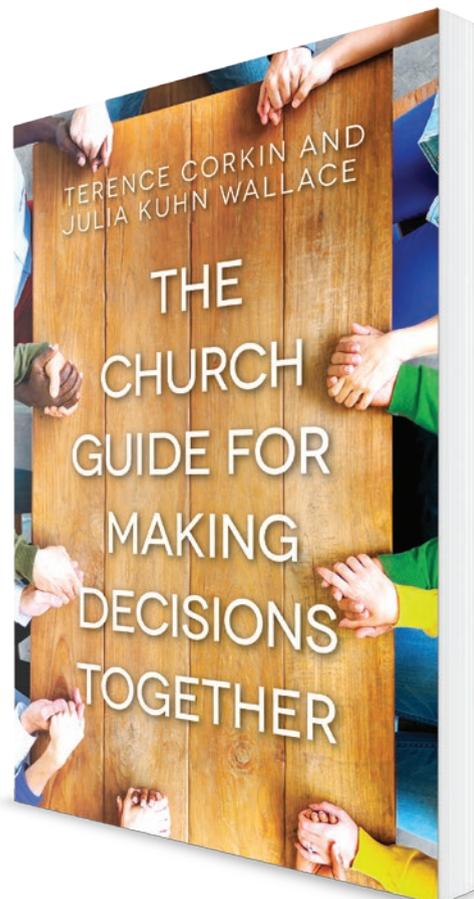
This book is for leaders, members of church boards and committees, and church members who know that there is something wrong with the present system but don't know what to do about it. This guidebook is hopeful, inspiring, and practical.

KEY FEATURES

- Provides a spiritual, easy-to-follow process to make decisions that honor consensus building and sound discernment principles.
- Readers will be able to apply this guide in a manner that is respectful, compassionate and effective.
- Readers will gain the confidence to use this material to resolve matters in a timely fashion instead of allowing conflict to build.

Terence Corkin is an ordained Minister of the Uniting Church in Australia. He served for 15 years as the General Secretary and CEO of the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia. He ran many large meetings for the denomination, and he continues to consult on consensus decision making for congregations and judicatories around the world.

Julia Kuhn Wallace served on the staff of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church. She consults at all levels of the Church in her areas of expertise, including: Mediating Disputes, Assessing Congregational Vitality, Transforming Conflict, and Leading Strategic Change and Visioning.



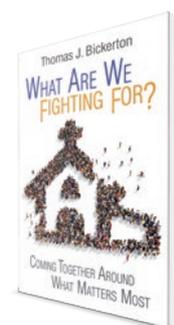
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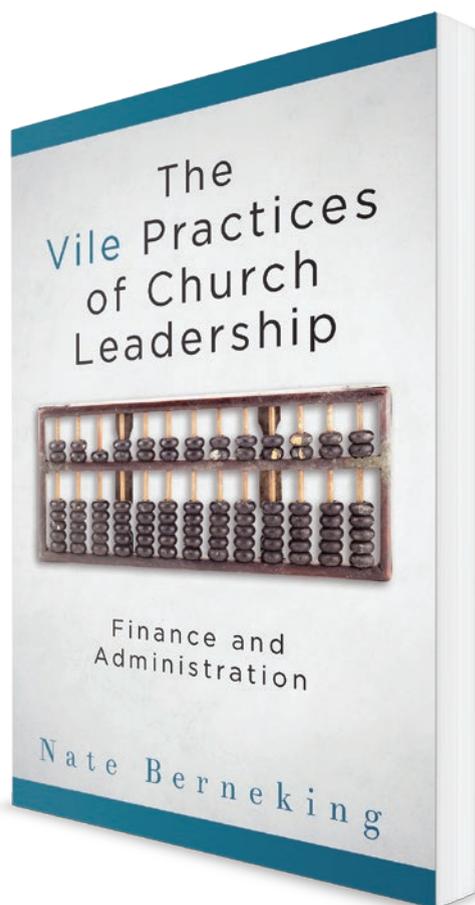


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A primer for every pastor and senior church leader on finance and administration.

THE VILE PRACTICES OF CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Finance and Administration

NATE BERNEKING

Many pastors—just like the rest of the population—lack a basic understanding of financial and administrative matters. Most of us feel unprepared in matters of personal budgeting, health insurance, retirement savings and taxes. Finance and administration are often considered tedious, un-compelling, even 'vile' tasks. But pastors are required to offer leadership around these issues in a congregation. And so, since their pastors are poorly equipped in this area, many congregations struggle with budgeting, accounting, staff management, employee benefits, tax and basic legal matters.

Author Nate Berneking, attorney and MDiv., manages the finance and administration of a large denominational organization, and offers his expert counsel and practical advice here. *Vile Practices* provides theological language to equip pastors and other leaders to translate these matters for themselves, so that they can effectively lead their congregations. The first part of the book explores several personal matters for pastors, from budgeting to taxes. The second part demonstrates how to lead congregations in their own financial and administrative matters.

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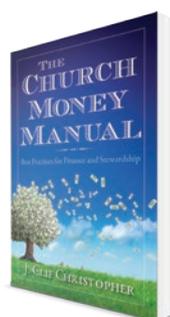
- A brief, but detailed discussion of basic financial and administrative matters that tend to confound many pastors.
- Basic samples of excellent work in a particular topic.
- List of resources for exploring each topic more deeply.
- Gives pastors a better understanding of what it means to develop as a leader charged with ordering a congregation.

Nate Berneking is the Director of Financial and Administrative Ministries of the Missouri United Methodist Annual Conference. He is a member of The United Methodist National Association of Annual Conference Treasurers, and serves on the Executive Committee of that group. He has also served on the Executive Committee of United Methodist Conference Pension & Benefits Officers.

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Renewal of the city church means discovering how the Spirit wants to renew this particular congregation.

A NEW DAY IN THE CITY

Urban Church Revival

DONNA CLAYCOMB SOKOL & ROGER OWENS

Frederich Buechner once wrote, "Dreams of fame and fortune die hard, if they ever die at all." Many mainline urban congregations remember the days of fame and fortune—days when their prominence downtown mattered. Population shifts, the decline of mainline congregations, and demographic changes have robbed many downtown churches of these dreams - but not all churches.

Authors Donna Claycomb Sokol and Roger Owens have pastored urban congregations that have managed to grow again, reversing decades of decline. In *A New Day in the City* they share the stories of the churches they've served, and the lessons they've learned from other successful urban churches and pastors. Their aim is to help others join God in the deep and wide mission of embodying the Kingdom. Along the way, they challenge some clichés about church leadership, offering a fresh perspective on what congregational renewal can look like and how it can become a reality.

The book does not offer easy answers, because churches can't simply replicate what someone else has done. Rather, the book offers the framework for crucial conversations urban churches need to have in order to find their own way to renewal.

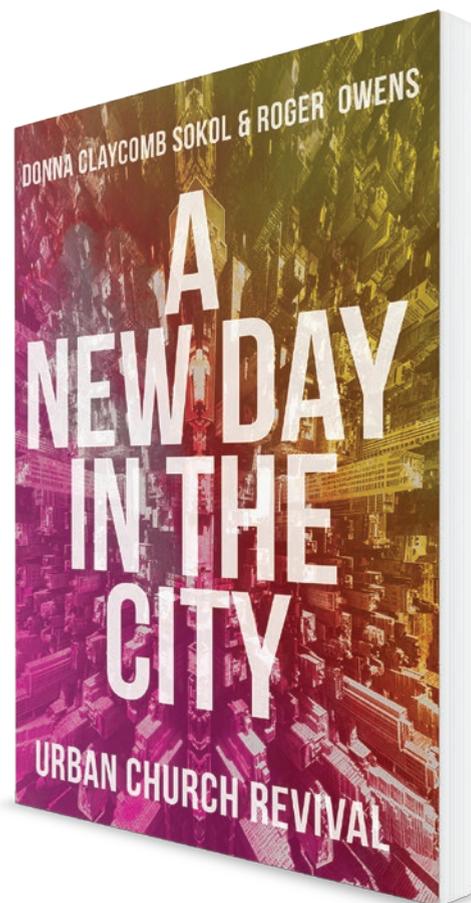
The end of each chapter features a set of practical guidelines for leading a congregation to address the questions that matter most.

KEY FEATURES

- Offers practical wisdom based on real-church experience for church leaders who wish to revitalize churches in cities and large towns.
- Gives the leader/reader tools to utilize the material in teams, with staff and laity.
- Challenges clichés and outdated thinking about church renewal, offering fresh and proven new approaches.

Donna Claycomb Sokol has served as the pastor of Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church in downtown Washington DC since 2005 where she led the congregation through a multi-million dollar property redevelopment and helped the congregation transform from 50 people with an average age of 82 to a growing, diverse congregation that includes an abundance of young adults.

Roger Owens is associate professor of leadership and ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, Roger spent eight years as a pastor in North Carolina.



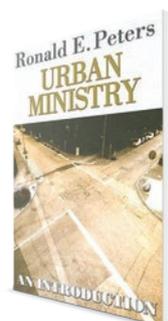
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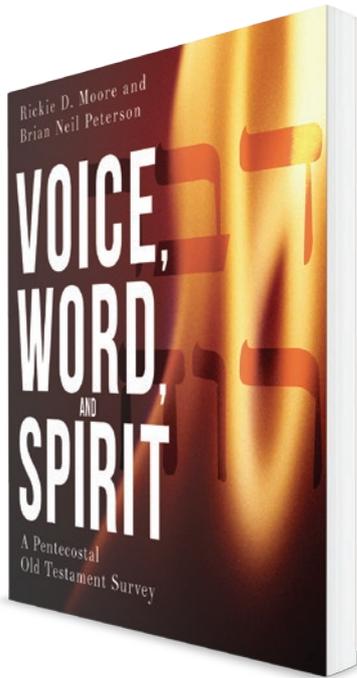


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VOICE, WORD, AND SPIRIT

A Pentecostal Old Testament Survey

RICKIE D. MOORE & BRIAN NEIL PETERSON

Pentecostalism is a movement that, in a little over a century, has encircled the globe and, either directly or indirectly, has impacted and influenced every quarter of Christendom. At its heart the movement bears witness to a contemporary experience of divine-human encounter in line with the prophetic claims of the Old Testament and the Pentecost testimony of the New—indeed an encounter with the power/the presence/the Spirit of God that is radically transformative enough, at both personal and corporate levels, to evoke a new way of seeing the world and, with it, a new way of reading the Word.

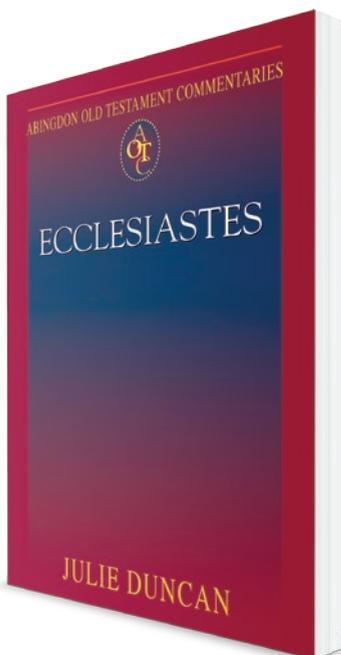
It is time for offering a survey of Scripture, and the Old Testament in particular, that speaks both from and to the manifold global context of Pentecostal faith and practice.

Rickie D. Moore is Chair of the Department of Theology and Professor of Old Testament at Lee University.

Brian Neil Peterson is assistant professor of Old Testament at Lee University.

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An up-to-date, readable commentary on the book of Ecclesiastes, illustrating its relevance for modern readers.

ABINGDON OLD TESTAMENT COMMENTARIES: ECCLESIASTES

JULIE DUNCAN

The Abingdon Old Testament Commentaries provide compact, critical commentaries on the books of the Old Testament for the use of theological students and pastors. These commentaries exemplify the tasks and procedures of careful interpretation, to assist students of the Old Testament in coming to an informed and critical engagement with the biblical texts themselves.

The present volume gives an up-to-date, readable commentary on the book of Ecclesiastes. The commentary covers critical issues section by section while emphasizing the larger theological and literary issues in Ecclesiastes and illustrating its relevance for modern readers.

Julie Duncan is associate professor of Old Testament at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois.

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Nogalski's introduction to the prophets invites modern readers to hear these scrolls through the processes that shaped them.

INTRODUCTION TO THE HEBREW PROPHETS

JAMES D. NOGALSKI

Following the Hebrew canon, the author offers a basic introduction, which includes critical issues such as authorship, unity, dates of composition and revision, and structure. Drawing upon current scholarship, Dr. Nogalski shows how these issues are relevant to the theological themes and movements that help characterize the text and hold meaning for us.

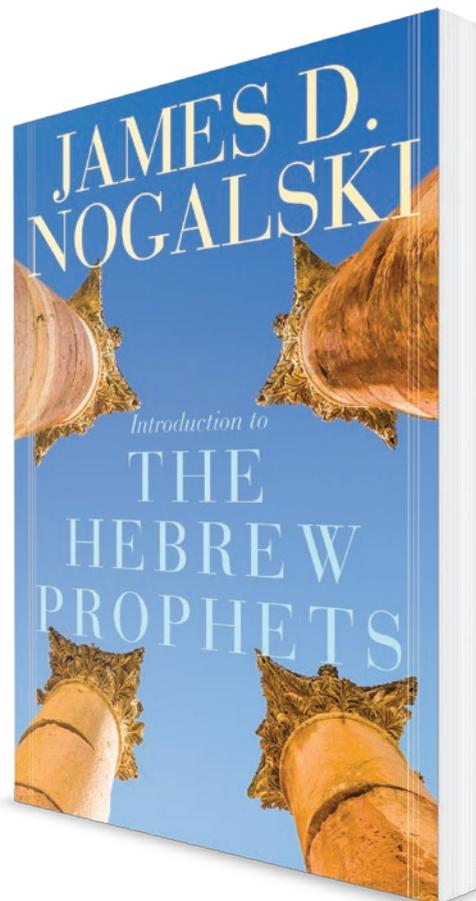
The last decades have seen many changes when it comes to the study of the four Latter Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the book of the Twelve). Among others, these changes have identified a greater role for the prophetic scroll - not merely the prophetic character - as a vehicle for conveying the prophetic message. Nogalski's introduction to the prophets invites modern readers to hear these scrolls through the processes that shaped them, to recognize the thematic threads that traverse them, and to react to the words that confront religious and ethical complacency, that speak truth to power, and that offer hope to the oppressed.

Each chapter will include a brief bibliography for further reading and discussion questions to help students focus on key concepts.

KEY FEATURES

- Offers a brief, one volume introduction to the prophets of the Hebrew canon.
- Outlines key facts and themes of prophetic literature in the Old Testament.
- Students will receive knowledge of current scholarship, issues, and relevance of the Hebrew prophets.

James D. Nogalski is Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Religion at Baylor University. Nogalski is best known for his ongoing work in prophetic literature of the Hebrew Bible and is the author of several books on the topic.



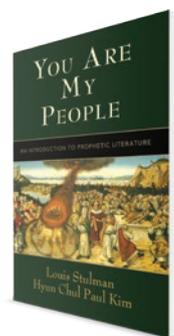
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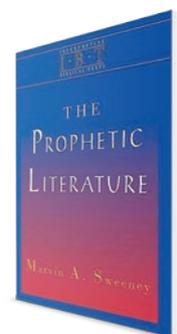
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Educating for faith and justice in a violent world requires an imaginative unlearning and unmaking of the values of violence.

RESET THE HEART

Unlearning Violence, Relearning Hope

MAI-ANH LE TRAN

When the #BlackLivesMatter protest movement burst into dynamic action following the shooting death of young Michael Brown in the fall of 2014 in Ferguson, MO, a good number of clergy and lay leaders in greater St. Louis sprang to action and learned anew what it took to "put some feet to their prayers". However, as improvisational efforts continued to rally and organize churches toward confronting the insidious violence of systemic social injustices in their own backyard, these religious leaders ran head-on into a familiar yet perplexing wall: the incapacity and unwillingness of their faith communities to respond. If the Church's teaching, learning, and practice of faith is purportedly transformative, then where is that faith when it is needed most? If good religious formation had been happening, then why the enduring signs of indifference, paralysis, apathy, exasperation, resistance, symptoms of anesthetized moral consciousness and debilitated hope in the face of pervasive social-cultural violence?

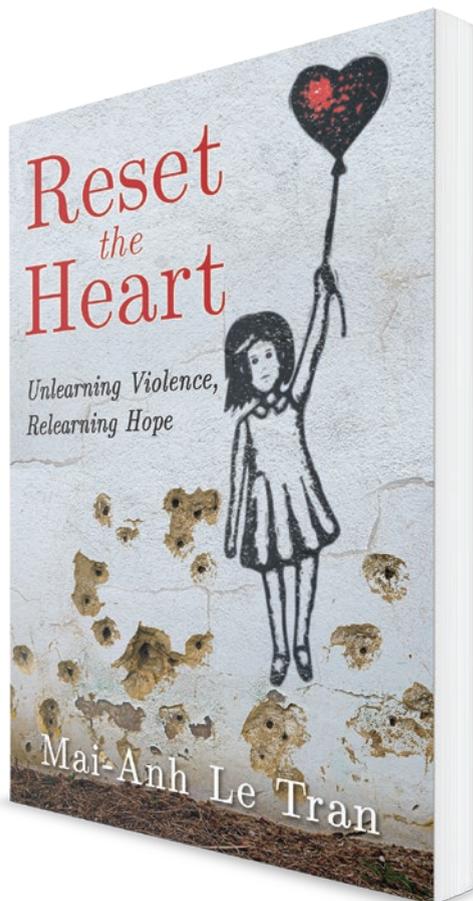
The answer may come in a searing indictment: that Christian faith communities—even those of progressive theological persuasions—are still held under dominant cultural captivity – such that the stories and practices of the faith have effectively become obstacles to action for hope and change.

This book addresses the above practical concerns with three questions: 1) What does it mean to educate for faith in a world marked by violence? 2) How are Christian faith communities complicit in the teaching and learning of violence? and 3) What renewed practices of faith and educational leadership yield potential for the unlearning and unmaking of violence?

KEY FEATURES

- The book presses the question, if violence is learned, then how must the Church teach people to unlearn violence?
- This book challenges theologies that do not offer concrete clues for how to translate theological visions into actionable faith.
- Readers will learn from the practical wisdom used by Christian faith communities in the greater St. Louis area that struggled to respond to the violent outbreaks in recent times.

Mai-Anh Le Tran is Associate Professor of Christian Education at Eden Theological Seminary. She is a member of the Curriculum Review Committee of The United Methodist Church and The United Methodist Publishing House as well as the International Association of Practical Theology. The focus of her writings has been local/global intersections of race, gender, and class in religious identity formation and practices. Her current research focuses on religion, education and violence.

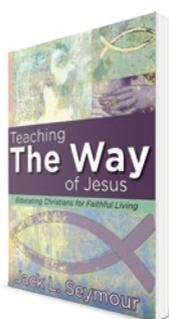


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LUTHER VS. POPE LEO

A Conversation in Purgatory

PAUL R. HINLICKY

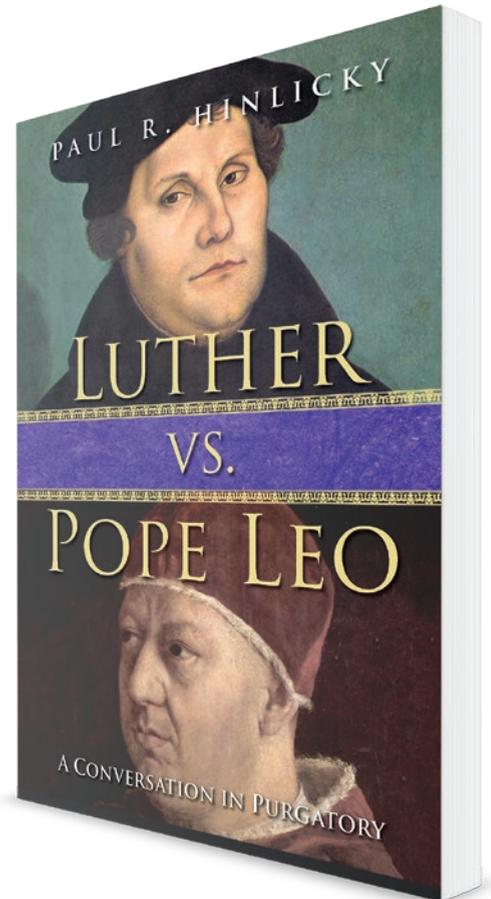
Martin Luther and Pope Leo X awake in heaven. It is the year 2017 and they have been asleep since the posting of the 95 Thesis in 1517. Naturally, they are disoriented upon waking. To their mutual chagrin not only does each discover the other face to face in heaven, but they learn that by divine decree they are roomed together indefinitely. The Pope's first reaction to the news is to gather that this is his purgatory for the sins of the Medicis. Luther despairs that he is in hell: "It was works after all," he surmises.

Discussing the key issues that divided Catholics and Protestants and birthed a Reformation 500 years ago, this book tells a story: the author's imaginary reconciliation in heaven between Martin Luther and Pope Leo X who work through the issues that divided them in their historical encounter. Luther and Leo become the creative instruments of a renewed commitment to Protestant-Catholic ecumenical reconciliation (as signaled by the Joint Declaration on Justification by the Vatican and the Lutheran World Federation in 1999 and subsequently subscribed to by The United Methodist Church). Yet this fantasy—a genre chosen for its teaching potential and popular appeal—is a well-grounded one, with extensive annotation in the endnotes and explanation in the Afterword. The notes and Afterword solidly ground all the assertions put on the lips of Luther and Leo in the text with documentation/references and offer a compelling argument for the theology that imagines their heavenly reconciliation.

KEY FEATURES

- Readers will learn how and why the Church divided and how Protestantism came into being.
- Readers will have a deeper understanding of the importance of key theological concepts.
- Explains and gives the historical context for justification by faith, authority in the church, and the relation and distinction between the Spirit and the Bible.

Paul R. Hinlicky (Ph.D., Union Theological Seminary) is an internationally-known theologian who has published more than seventy articles and many books. He is an authority on the theology of Martin Luther and how Luther's theology has played out in history since the time of the Reformation. He also works on the re-integration of Reformation and Patristic theology, and ecumenical and interfaith dialogue. He is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

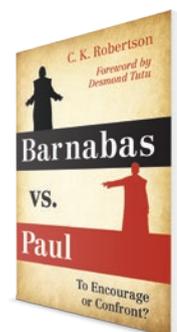


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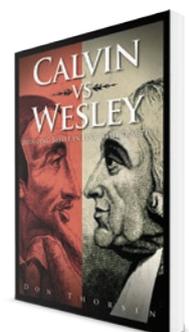
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How do Methodists share good news in such a way that people receive it and respond to it?

OFFERING CHRIST

John Wesley's Evangelistic Vision

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After decades of conversation serving up a mosaic of understandings of Wesleyan evangelism (focusing on proclamation, initiation, and embodiment), Jack Jackson offers a clearer portrait of Wesley's evangelistic vision, understood through the lens of "offering grace."

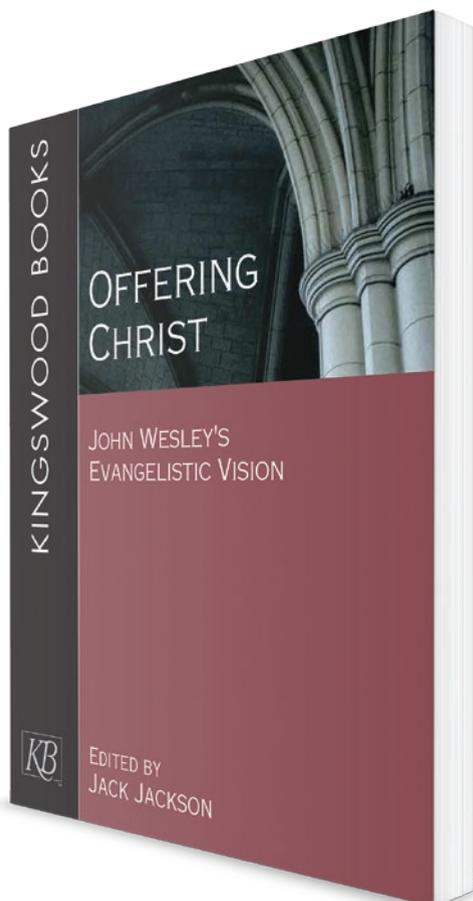
Any discussion of Wesley's vision of evangelism must center on the proclamation of the story of God in Christ. But for John Wesley evangelism was much more than preaching for conversion. This book offers a fresh conception of Wesley's evangelistic vision by analyzing his method of gospel proclamation. Wesley was not constrained by the truncated vision of evangelism that has been dominant since the late nineteenth century, one that all too often centers on group preaching with a sole emphasis on conversion. Rather, he stressed a number of practices that focus on a verbal proclamation of the gospel.

These practices occur in a variety of settings, only one of which is public preaching, and result in a number of responses, only one of which is conversion. Of crucial importance for current theological students, clergy, and church leaders around the world, the book demonstrates that visitation, for the purpose of spiritual direction and evangelism, was in many ways the critical leadership and pastoral practice of early British Methodism. This book offers important insights into early Methodism that inform both contemporary practices of evangelism and Christian leadership for both clergy and laity.

KEY FEATURES

- Gives readers the first book-length study linking the types of, venues for, and responses to proclamation in early British Methodism.
- Shows readers the critical role of proclamation in class meetings and visitation.
- Readers will have resources for reframing contemporary ministry in light of early Methodist theology and practice relating to preaching, leadership, discipleship, and evangelism.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Glenn "Jack" Jackson III is the E. Stanley Jones Associate Professor of Evangelism, Mission, and Global Methodism at Claremont School of Theology. He is an Elder in the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church, serving a number of churches over his fifteen years in pastoral ministry. He teaches regularly in the Cal-Pac Course of Study and previously in Candler School of Theology's Florida Course of Study program.

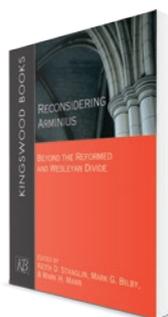


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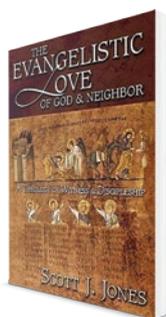
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John Wesley's robust view of the Church and Christian life is rooted in a Trinitarian theology of love, wonder, and praise.

TRIUNE LOVE

John Wesley's Theology

K. STEVE MCCORMICK

God is with us and in us for the redemption of the world, the New Creation gathered into God's life as it mirrors and participates in the glory of God's love. With a Trinitarian approach firmly in view, this book maps John Wesley's understanding of the connections and trajectories of God's Triune love as it illuminates what is unique to each of Wesley's salient doctrines of the Christian life.

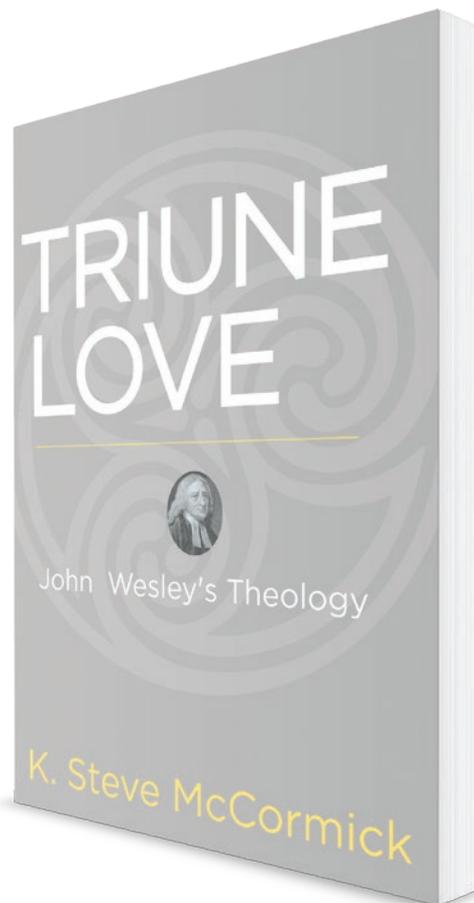
At a very early age, the Church of England began to form and shape John Wesley's vision of God with its abiding faith and rich theological narrative that drank deeply from the Church catholic. Eventually, what emerged was a catholic spirit—the universal love of God—that connects all Christians to the Church and gives to them the necessary "means of grace" to participate in the "hope of glory."

What did John Wesley do to make his Christian Anglican heritage his own? Wesley assimilated the 'Way' of the "Primitive Christian Faith" into his own synthesis of the "Scripture Way of Salvation." Moreover, Wesley would connect his "Scripture Way of Salvation" to God's promise of "New Creation," and then hold these two together with his doxological vision of a missional ecclesiology. "Methodist Connexionalism" was the Trinitarian lynch pin to hold his twin doctrines of soteriology and eschatology together.

KEY FEATURES

- Gives an introduction to the theology of John Wesley.
- Readers will understand the importance of Wesley's view of theology for Christian living.
- Readers will have a firm grasp on the basics of John Wesley's life and thought.
- Shows how Wesley believed theology and Christian living intersected.

K. Steve McCormick Ph.D., is Professor of Historical Theology and William M. Greathouse Chair for Wesleyan-Holiness Theology at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

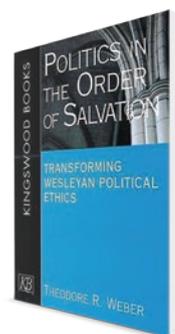


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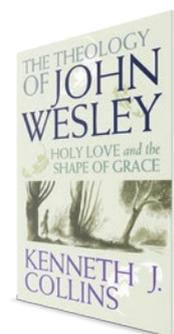
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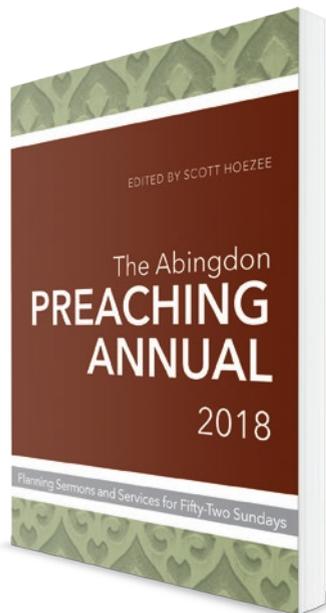


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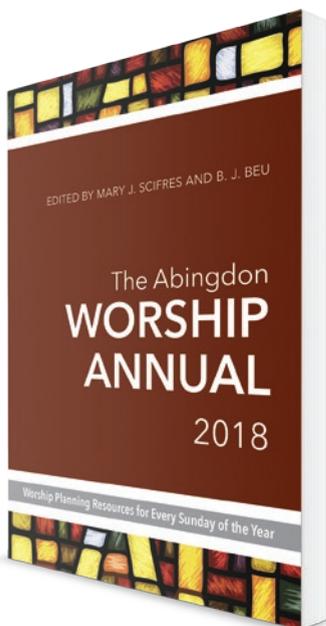
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Mary J. Scifres serves as a consultant in leadership, church and culture, worship, and evangelism from her Laguna Beach, California home. Her books include *Prepare!*, *The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner*, and *Searching for Seekers*.

B.J. Beu is senior pastor of Neighborhood Congregational Church in Laguna Beach, California and is a graduate of Boston University and Pacific Lutheran University.

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- Eight or more suggested hymns for each service keyed to United Methodist worship resources.
- Complete lectionary text of the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings using the Common English Bible or New Revised Standard translations.
- Reproducible worship planning forms.
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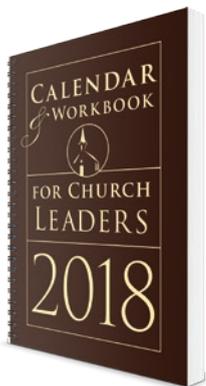
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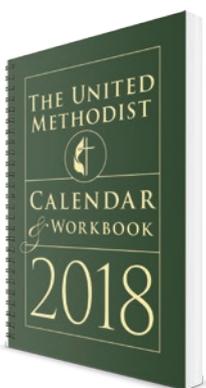


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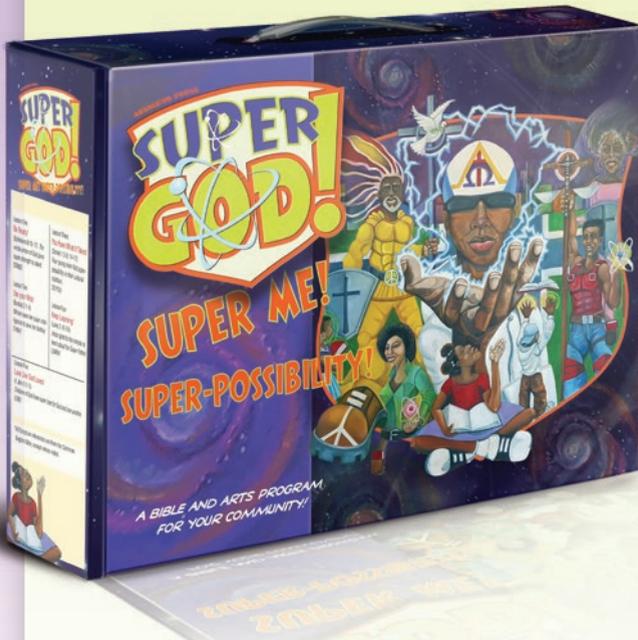
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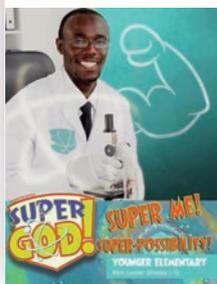
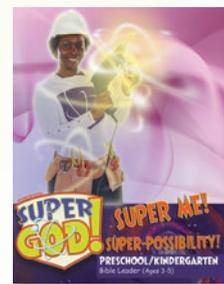
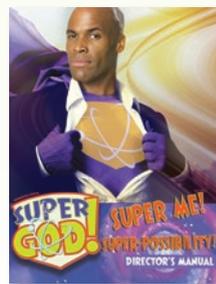
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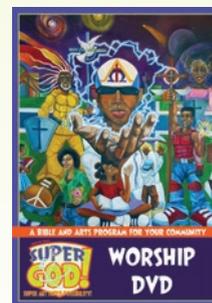
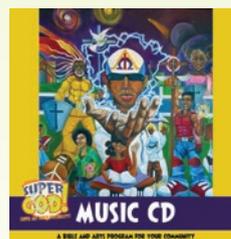


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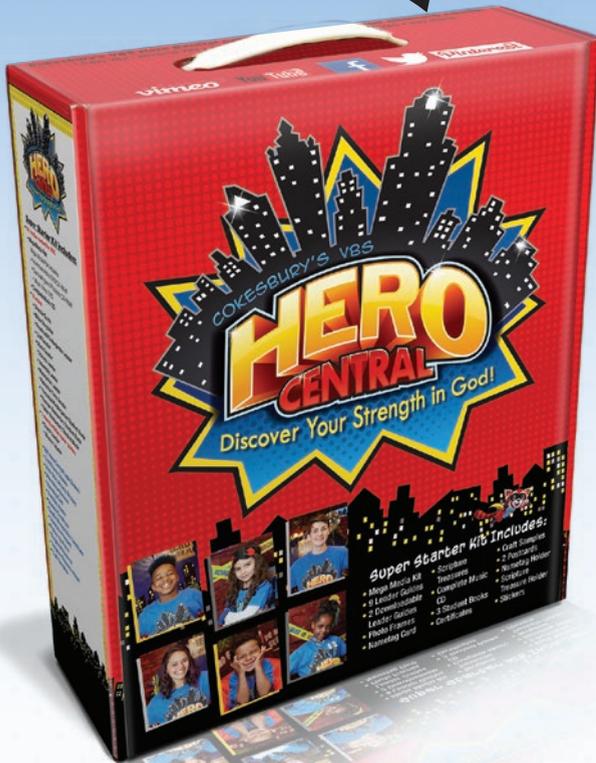
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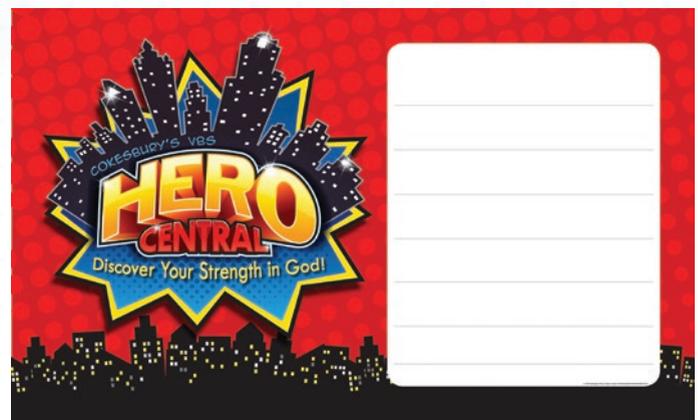
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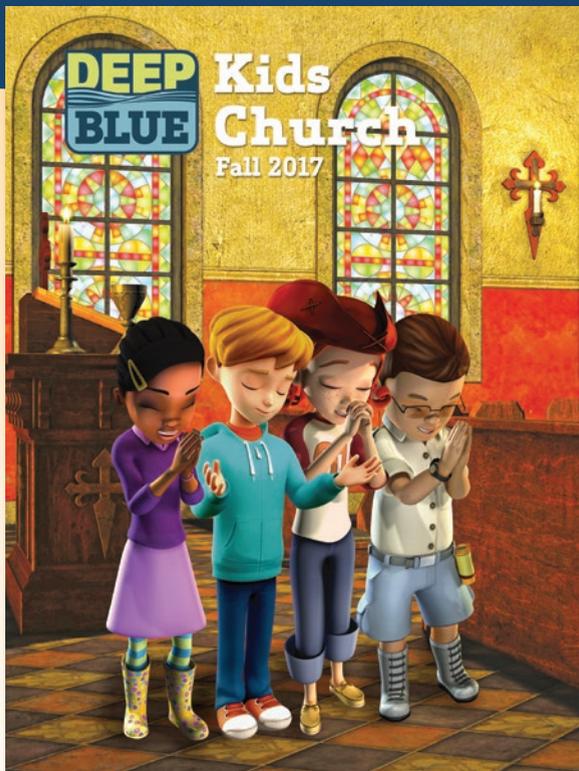
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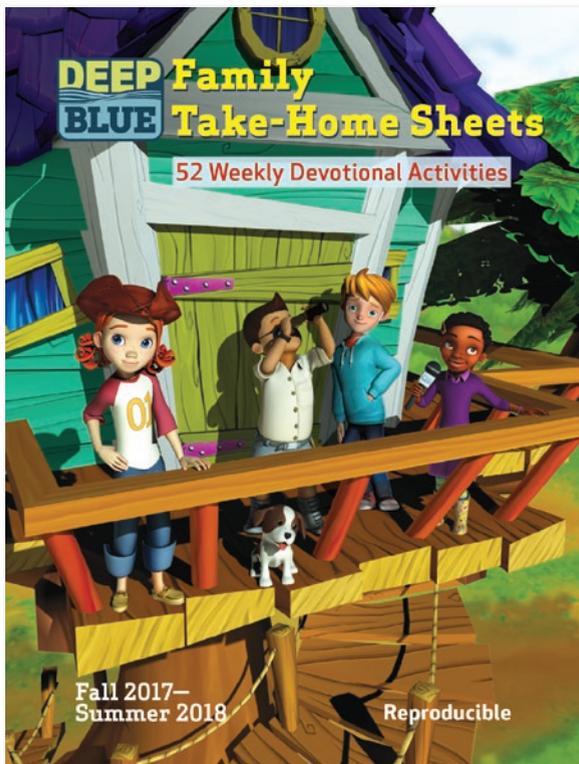
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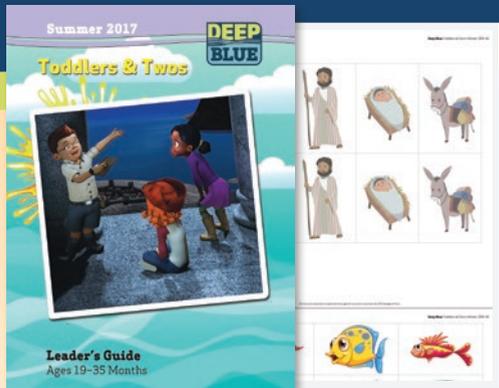
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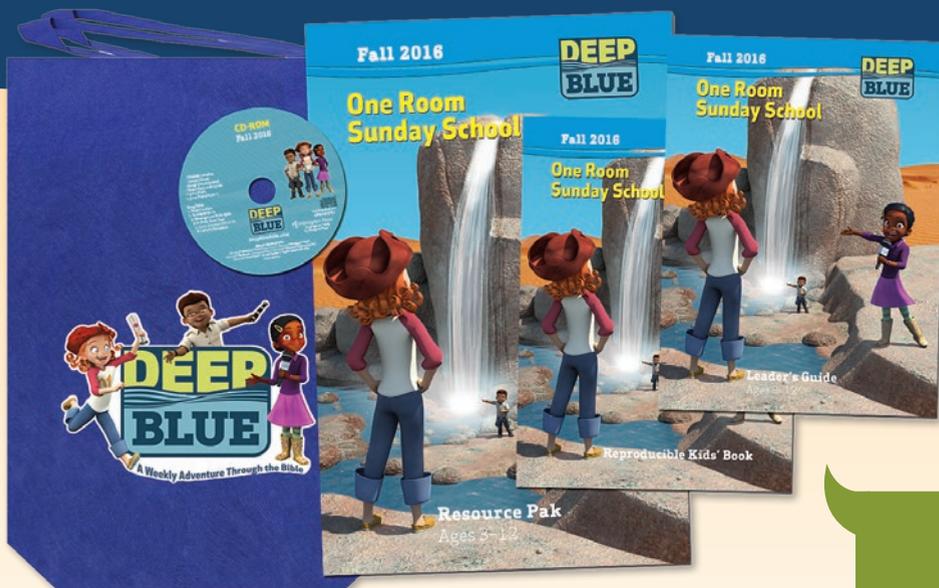
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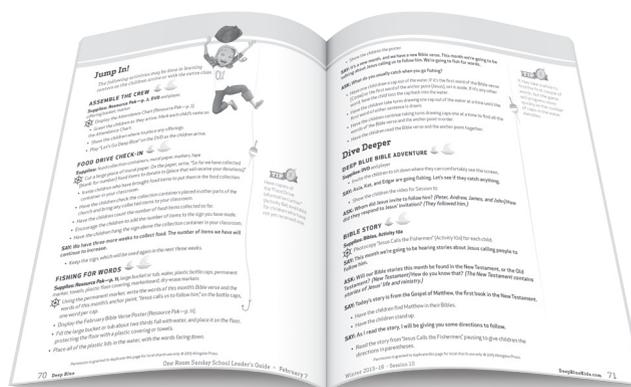
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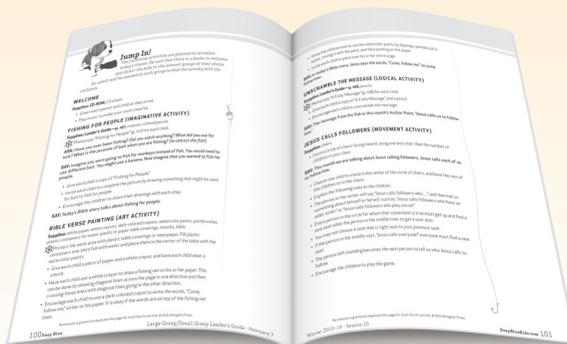
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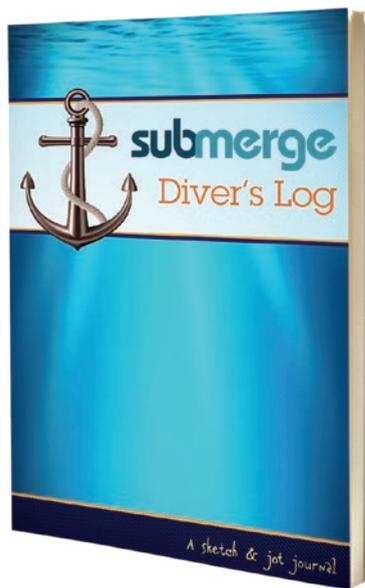
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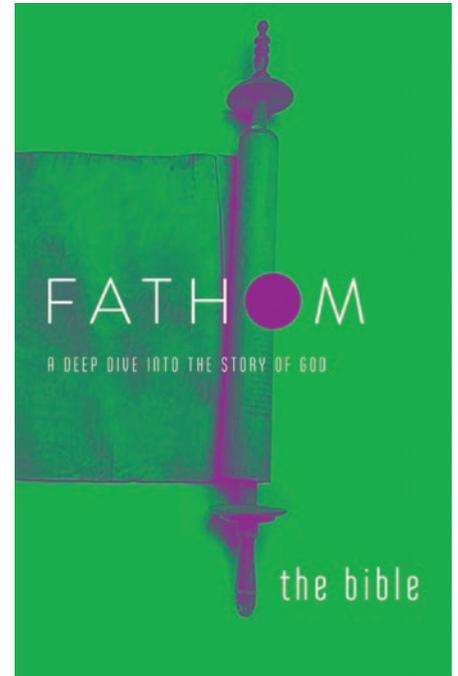
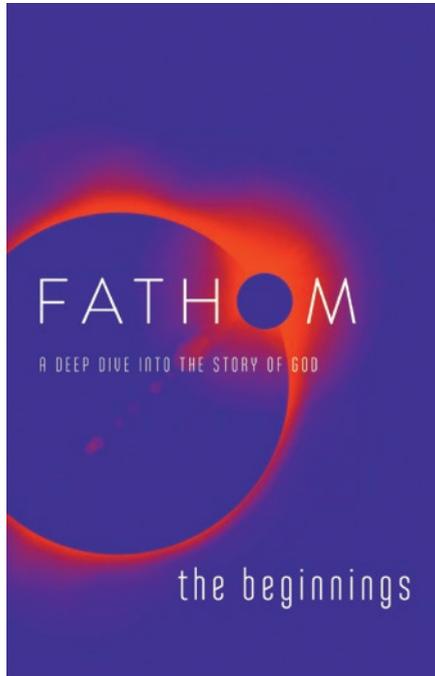
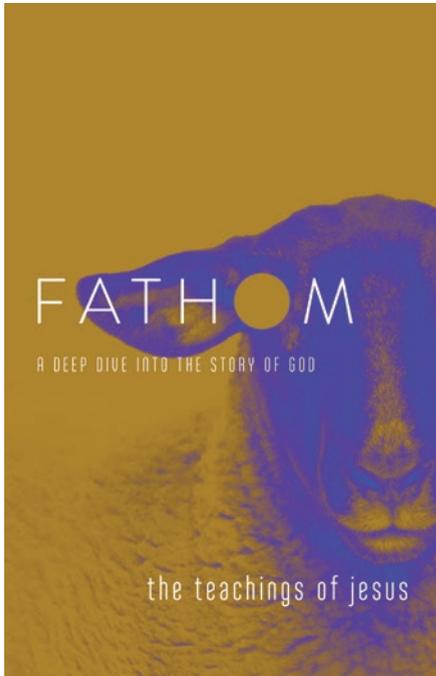
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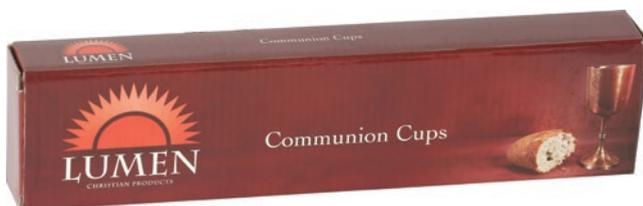
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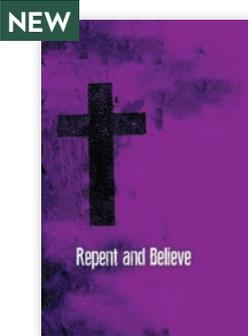
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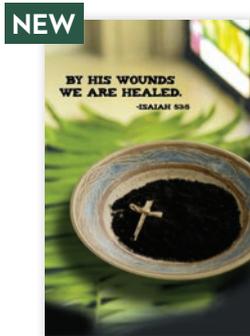




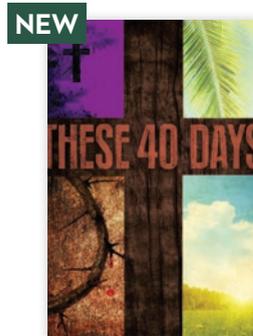
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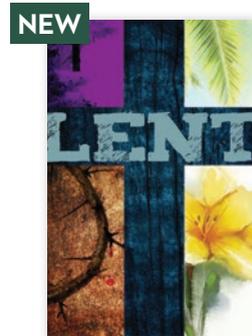
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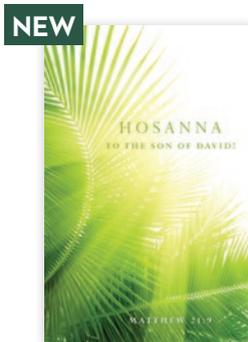
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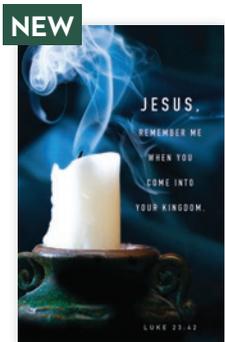
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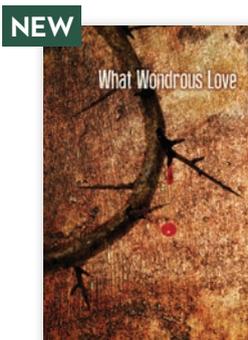
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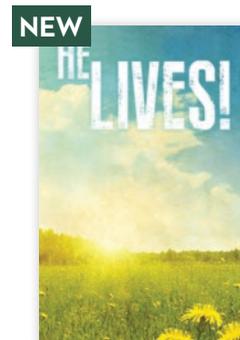
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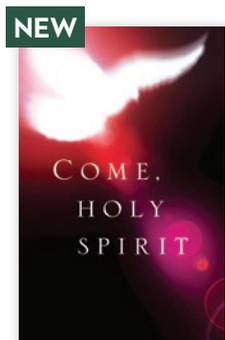
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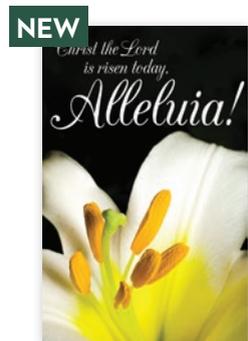


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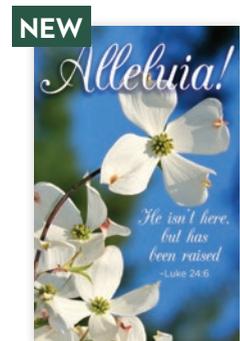
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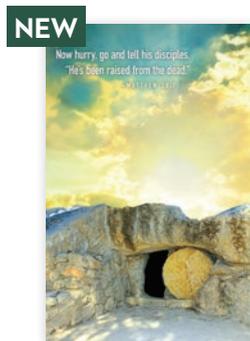
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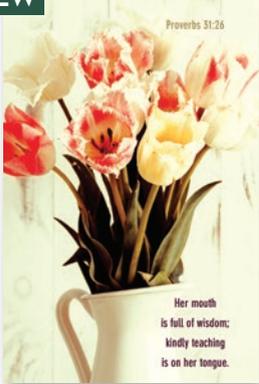
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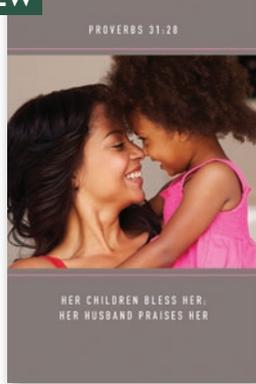
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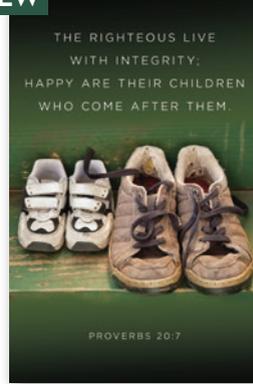
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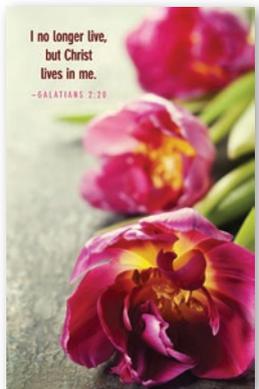


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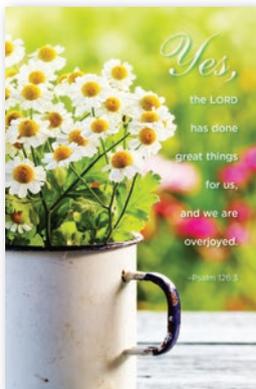
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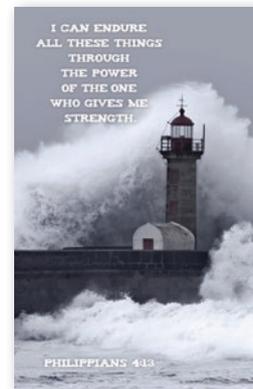
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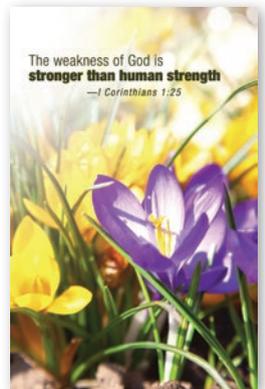
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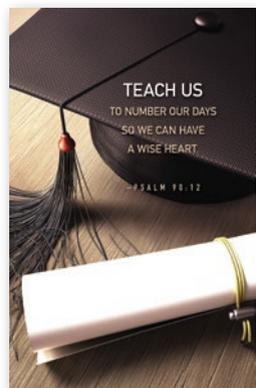


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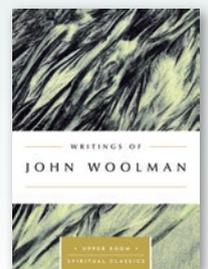
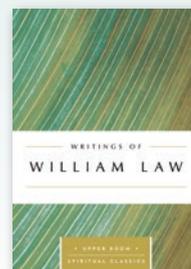
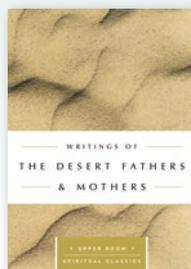
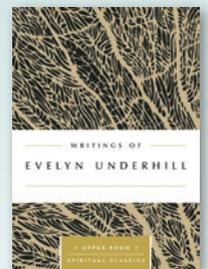
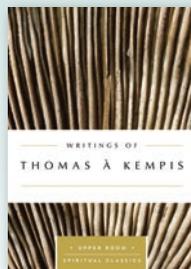
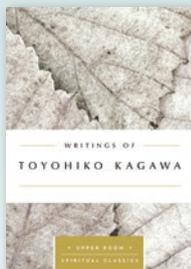
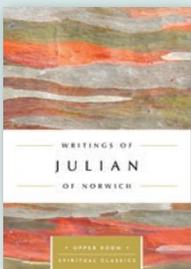
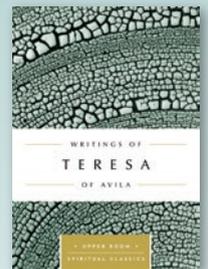
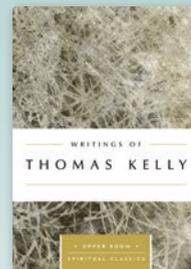
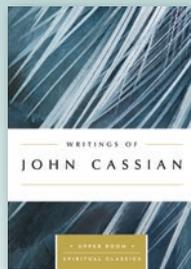
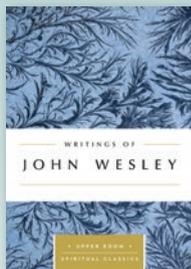
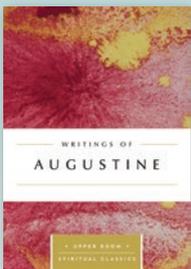
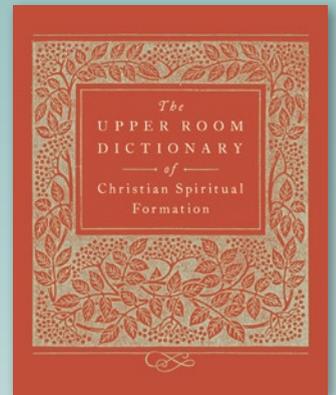
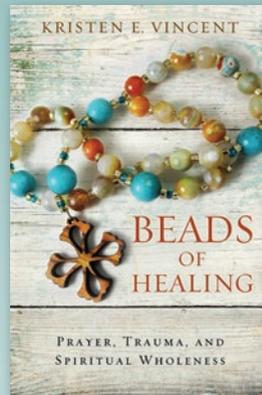
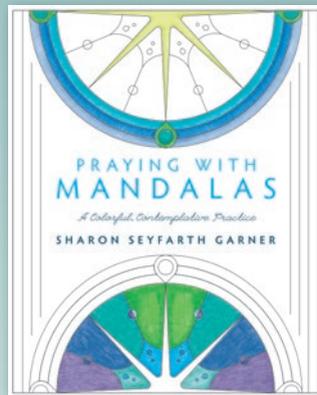
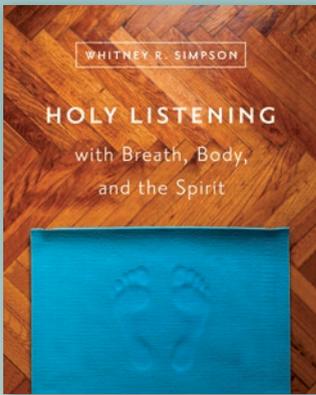


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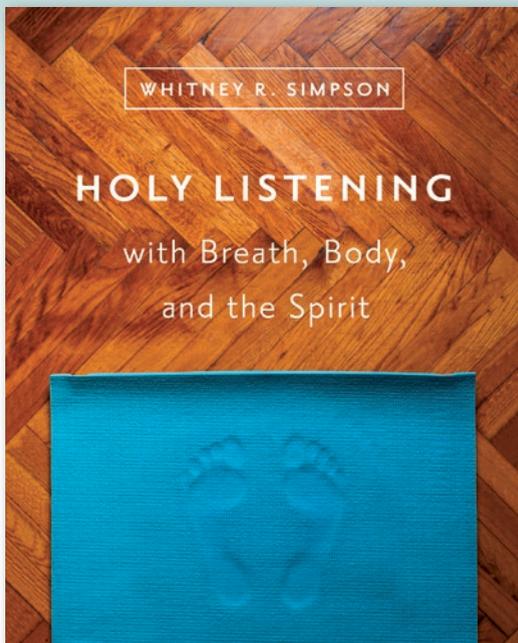


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Find out how to listen with your body and spirit to the wisdom of God

Holy Listening with Breath, Body, and the Spirit

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Many of us long to hear God's voice, yet often we overlook the great wisdom God gave us in our bodies. There is a deep connection between our bodies and spirits. What might happen if we listened more deeply to the wisdom of our bodies? How might that change the way we listen to God?

A stroke at age 31 forced Whitney Simpson to slow down and listen more deeply to her body. During her journey toward healing and wholeness, she found several ancient practices helpful in listening to God and her body: *lectio divina*, yoga, breath prayer, essential oils, and reflection. Ultimately she found God's peace.

Listening with the entire body, not just with our ears, may seem like a strange concept. Yet God created the body and the breath to give us life. We don't have to experience a crisis to learn to listen to God's activity in and around us. We can slow down and use the gift of our breath and our bodies to listen for God anytime and anywhere.

This 40-day prayer book guides us to listen more closely to God with our bodies. Each day includes scripture, yoga postures, breath prayers, essential oils, and reflection questions.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Those interested in spiritual health and wellness of their bodies
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- Those new to yoga and/or essential oils as spiritual practices

KEY FEATURES

- A powerful personal story of healing
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A Colorful, Contemplative Practice

Sharon Seyfarth Garner

Coloring books aren't just for kids anymore. In recent years adult coloring books have become popular. Many grownups have discovered that coloring can quiet their thoughts and reduce anxiety. Sharon Seyfarth Garner found that coloring offered her a new way to pray. She felt especially drawn to mandalas—beautiful circular designs containing geometric patterns.

Contemplative coloring is a simple, enjoyable, and tangible way for adults to “be with God on purpose,” as Garner defines prayer. *Praying with Mandalas* blends the relaxing practice of coloring with the ancient spiritual practices of *lectio divina* (savoring the words of scripture), intercessory prayer, centering prayer, and Examen (seeing God in the events of our daily lives).

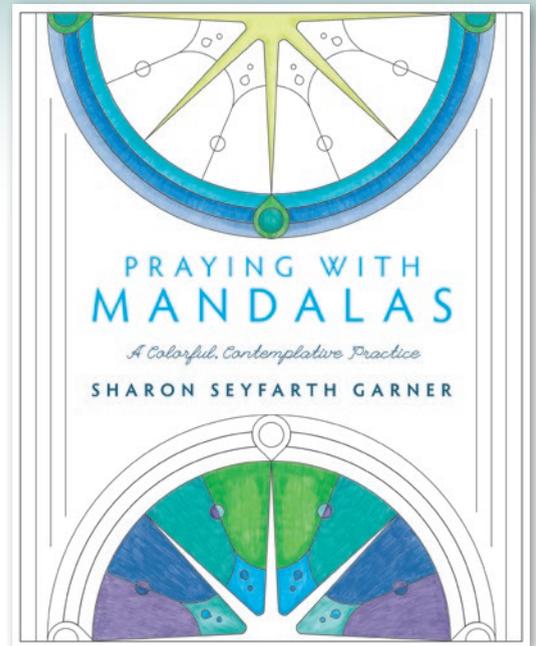
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TARGET AUDIENCE

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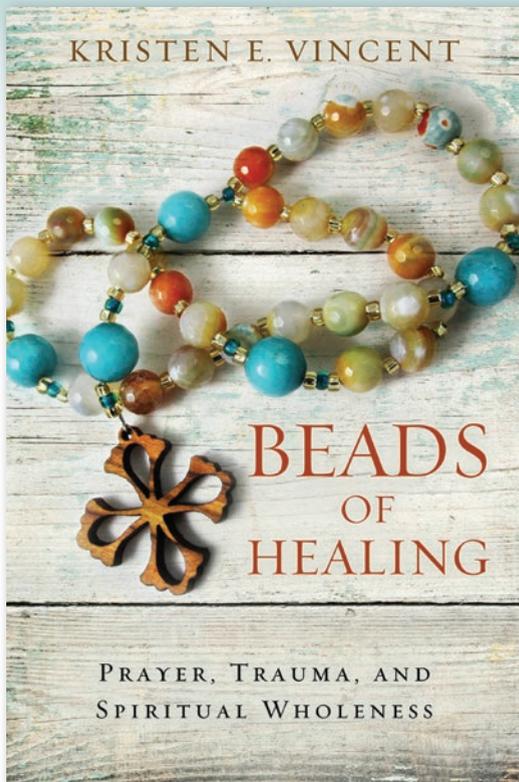


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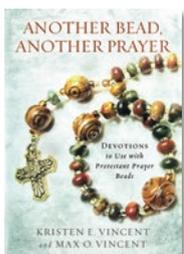


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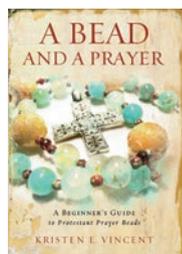


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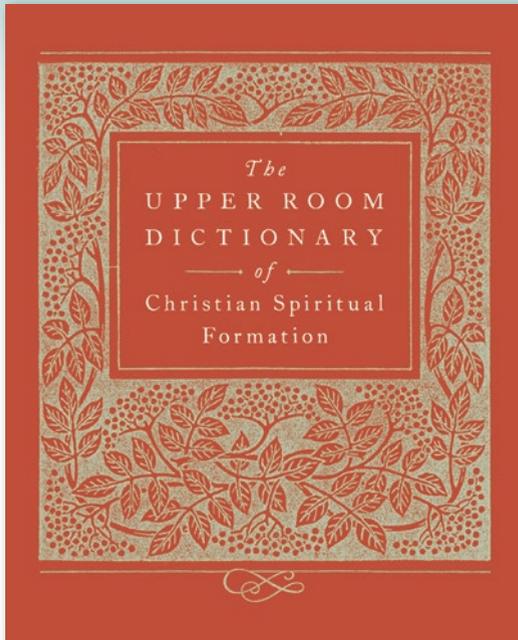
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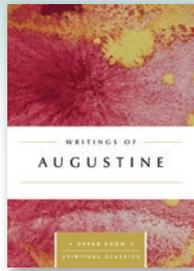
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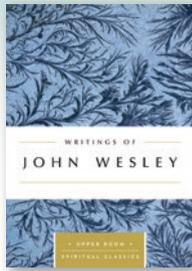
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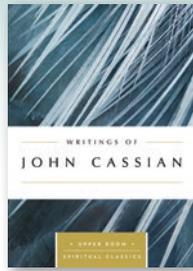
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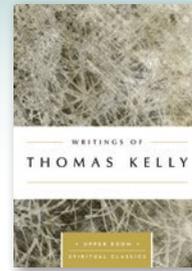
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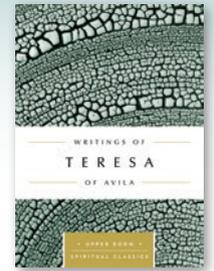
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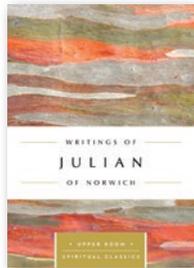
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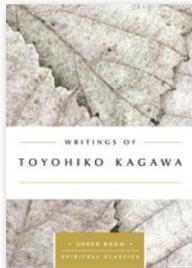
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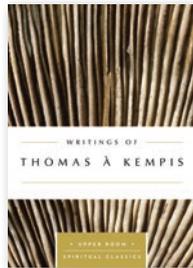
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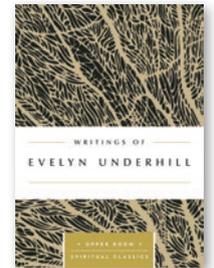
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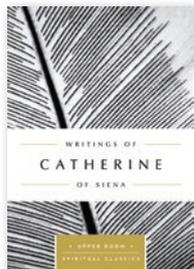
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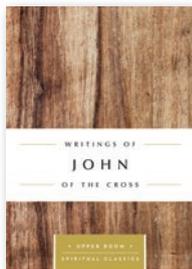
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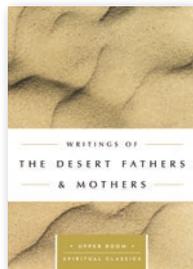
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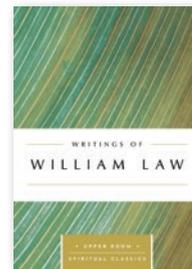
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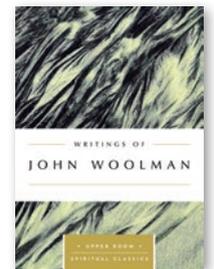
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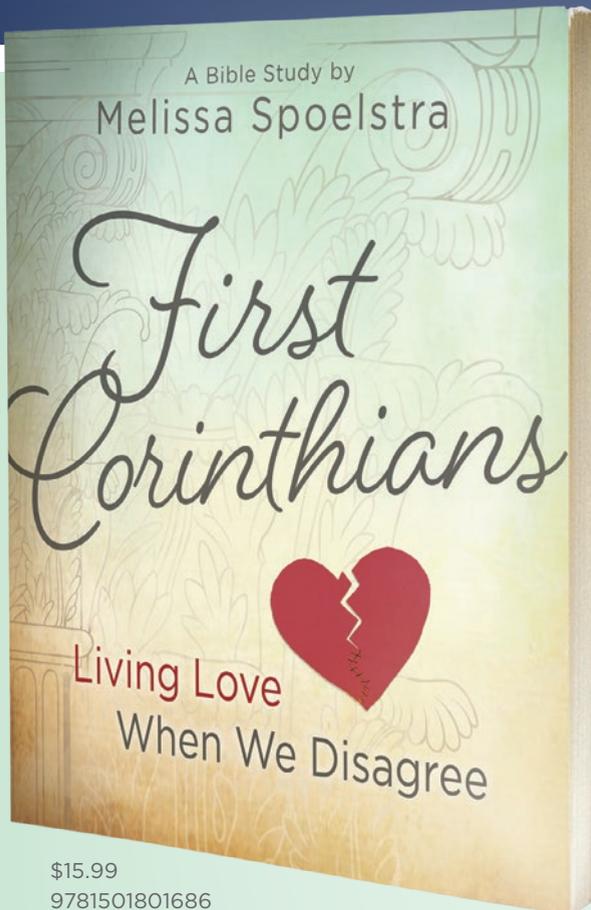
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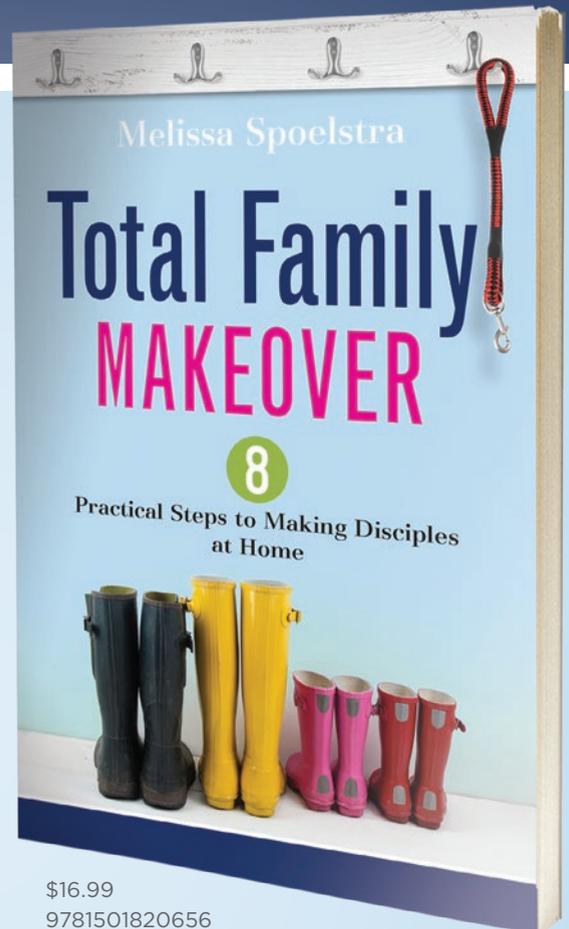
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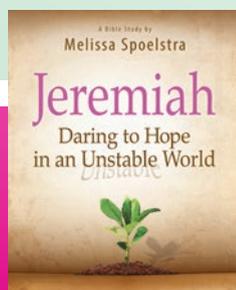
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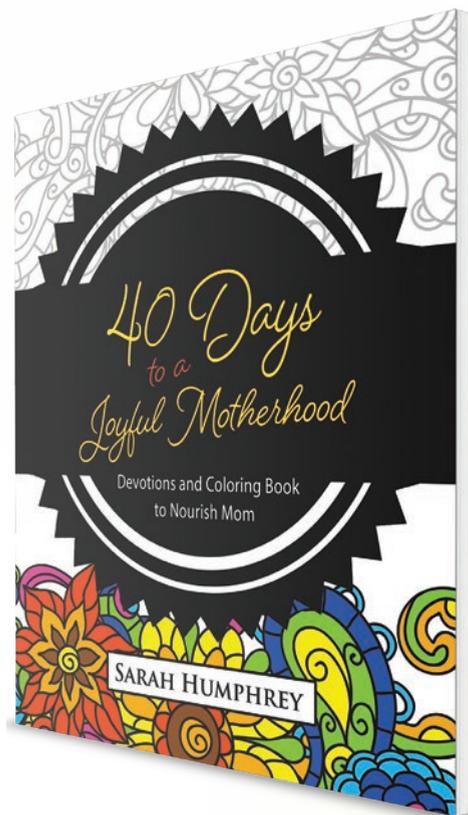
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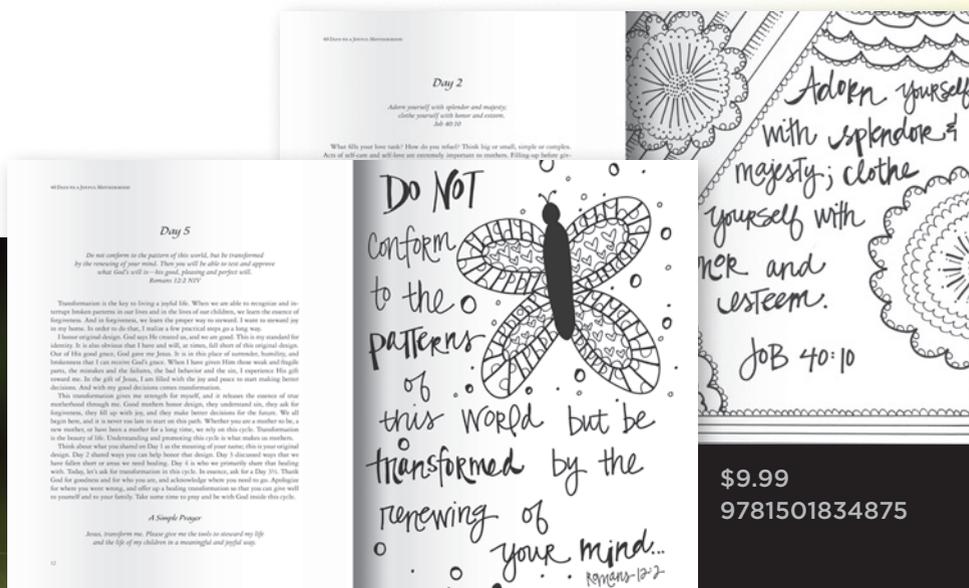


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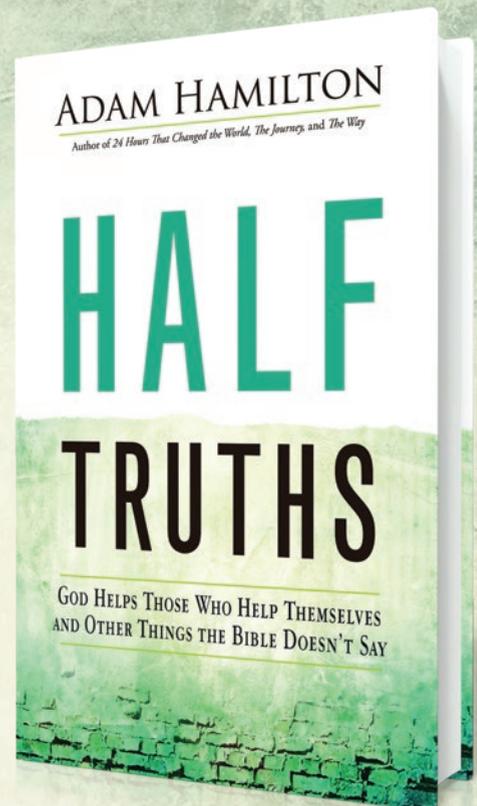
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