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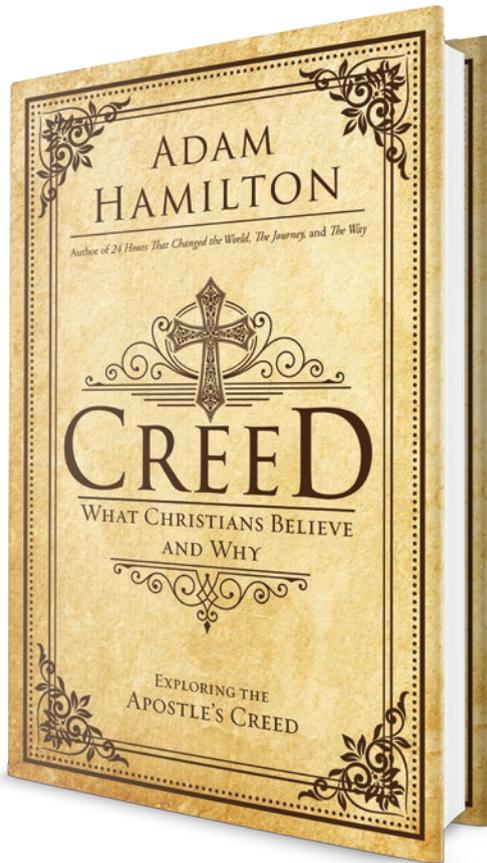
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Exploring the Apostles Creed at Lent and Easter.

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What Christians Believe and Why

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.

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.

Chapters include:

- Is There a God?
- Jesus: More Than a Rabbi?
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- Death's Funeral
- Holy? Catholic? Church?
- The Forgiveness of Sins
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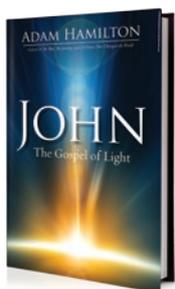
KEY FEATURES

- Readers go beyond reciting the words to explore the basics of what we believe.
- In studying the Apostles' Creed, readers will confront and examine their own core beliefs.
- Rather than focus on what drives us apart, individuals and churches will seek what brings us together as Christians.

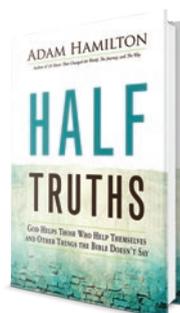
Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. *The Church Report* named Hamilton's congregation the most influential mainline church in America, and he preached at the National 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 *The Call*, *The Journey*, *The Way*, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, *Revival*, *John*, *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.

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True stories of the courage, faith, and loyalty of remarkable service dogs.

SERVICE TAILS

More Stories of Man's Best Hero

ACE COLLINS

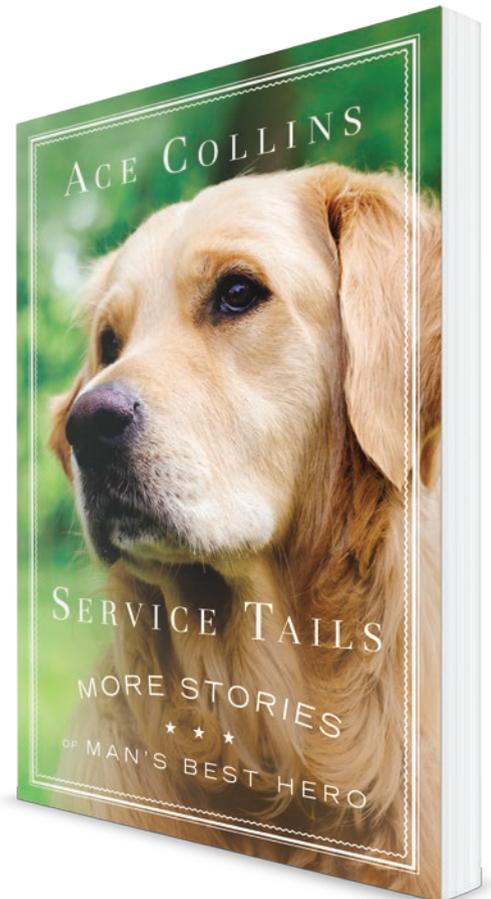
Dogs are more than just family pets or canine companions. For some, they are brave servants warding off danger and rescuing their humans from the grip of illness, danger, or even death. For some, dogs are heroes.

In *Service Tails: More Stories of Man's Best Hero*, prolific author (and lifelong dog lover) Ace Collins returns with another collection of short, dramatic stories about dogs that have gone the extra mile in service to their owner. These inspiring true tales show how tactful training and the remarkable bond between the dog and its owner led these service animals to perform unselfish actions—and even great sacrifice—to put another's life above their own. These exceptional, fearless dogs demonstrate a courage, faith, and loyalty that every human (and especially dog lovers) can respect and admire.

KEY FEATURES

- Presented in a “drama in real life” writing style made popular by *Reader's Digest*.
- Heart-tugging true stories woven with interesting facts and statistics to show the truly remarkable accomplishments of service dogs and their trainers.
- Collins is Lassie's official biographer and a lifelong dog lover.

Ace Collins defines himself as a storyteller. He has authored more than sixty books that have sold more than 2.5 million copies. His catalog includes novels, biographies, children's works as well as books on history, culture and faith. He has also been the featured speaker at the National Archives Distinguished Lecture Series, hosted a network television special and does college basketball play-by-play. Ace lives in Arkansas. Learn more about him by visiting AceCollins.com.



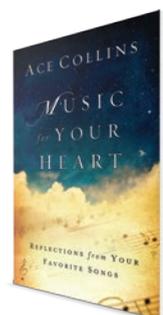
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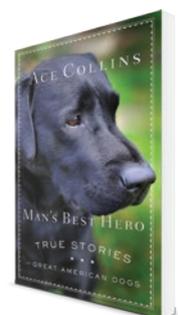
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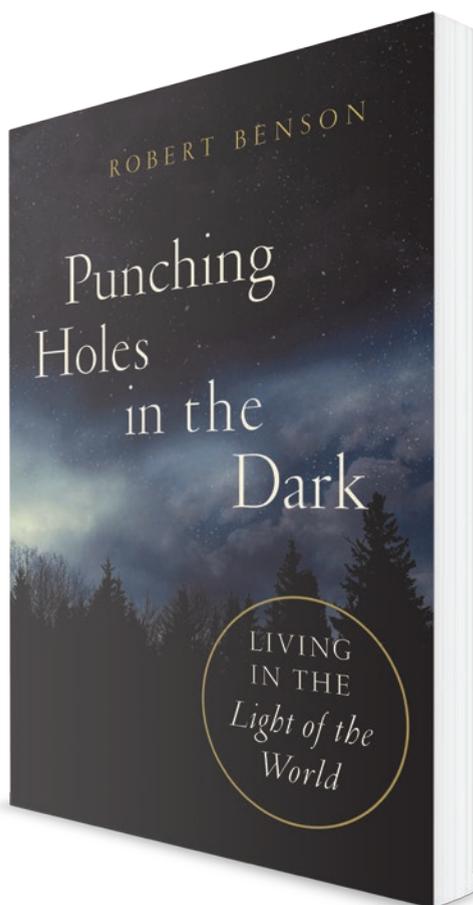


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A personal and compelling dare to pierce the dark and find the light.

PUNCHING HOLES IN THE DARK

Living in the Light of the World

ROBERT BENSON

Look around these days and it's hard to see much evidence of God's light on earth. Even for those of us who believe in it, long for it, and keep ourselves busy proclaiming it, the Kingdom on Earth is relatively easy to miss. And yet there's hope.

Darkness may be all around us, but light is here as well. In this artful blend of observation and inspiration, critically acclaimed writer Robert Benson challenges readers to cling to the Gospel's promise that the light of the world is here and darkness will not overcome it (from John 1:5). Perhaps it will be seen in a neighbor caring for the sick or in a brave soul who steps up to protect the vulnerable or even as a hint of hope in someone's noonday conversation. Though difficult to see, the light is here. We need only to punch holes in the dark to reveal profound brilliance.

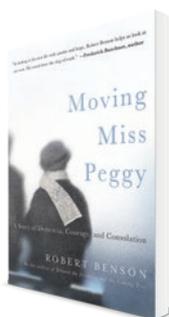
In his honest, compelling voice and destined to become a classic, Benson digs deep into his own experiences to demonstrate how to search wisely and seek compassionately so we might live fully and give fully in the Light of the World.

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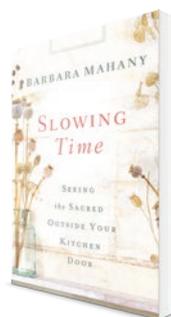
- An eloquent and compelling new book from a critically acclaimed writer and spiritual teacher.
- Spiritual encouragement to search out the good in a predominantly dark world.
- Author described as "at the top of his game" (Phyllis Tickle), with writing that is "charming" and "eloquent" (*Publishers Weekly*), "down-to-earth" (*The New York Times Book Review*), and "ring[ing] with truth" (Frederick Buechner).

Robert Benson is a critically acclaimed writer who has published nine works on the contemplative life, including *Moving Miss Peggy*, *Living Prayer* and *A Good Life*. He is a graduate of the Academy for Spiritual Formation and a member of the Friends of Silence and of the Poor, an international ecumenical prayer community. He leads retreats and workshops on prayer, writing, and the contemplative life around the country. He lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

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A Hobbit-like journey into the Bible to learn how to topple the giants in your life.

JESUS AND THE BEANSTALK

Overcoming Your Giants and Living a Fruitful Life

LORI STANLEY ROELEVELD

We live in unsettling, challenging times. Everywhere we look, we see giant problems: giant obstacles to sharing faith, giant barriers to peaceful lives, giant strongholds of fear. But what if you knew eight small secrets to unlocking a strength big enough to overcome whatever obstacle life may bring?

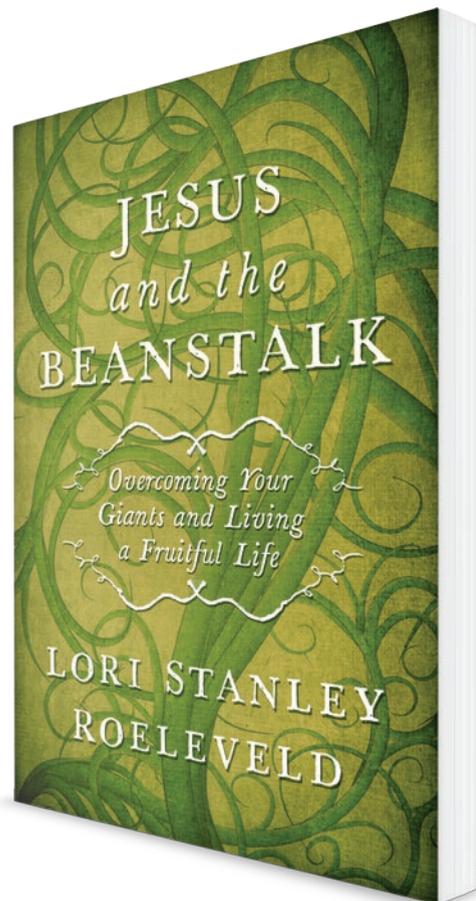
Using allegory and a bit of humor, *Jesus and the Beanstalk* explores a passage in 2 Peter 1 to uncover eight truths that will help you unleash a larger-than-life faith. Author Lori Stanley Roeleveld shows you how to tap the power of a God who is stronger than any beanstalk and bigger than your biggest giants, as she guides you through an exploration of the keys to a fruitful and effective life. In this creative, refreshing perspective on spiritual growth, you will discover an unyielding strength when you arm yourself with faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, affection for others, and love.

It only took David three stones to fell his giant. You don't have to live in a fairy tale to tackle yours.

KEY FEATURES

- A fun and inspiring approach to spiritual growth that uses popular culture trends to appeal to today's readers.
- Provides practical tools to motivate readers to apply biblical teaching from 2 Peter 1 to their everyday life.
- Easily adaptable for small groups, ministry teams, and discipleship workshops.

Lori Stanley Roeleveld is a disturber of hobbits who enjoys making comfortable Christians late for dinner. She's author of *Running from a Crazy Man (and Other Adventures Traveling with Jesus)* and *Red Pen Redemption*. She writes at LoriRoeleveld.com and spends her free time slaying dragons.

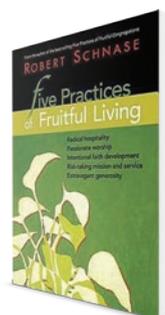


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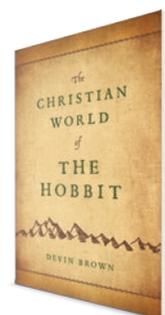
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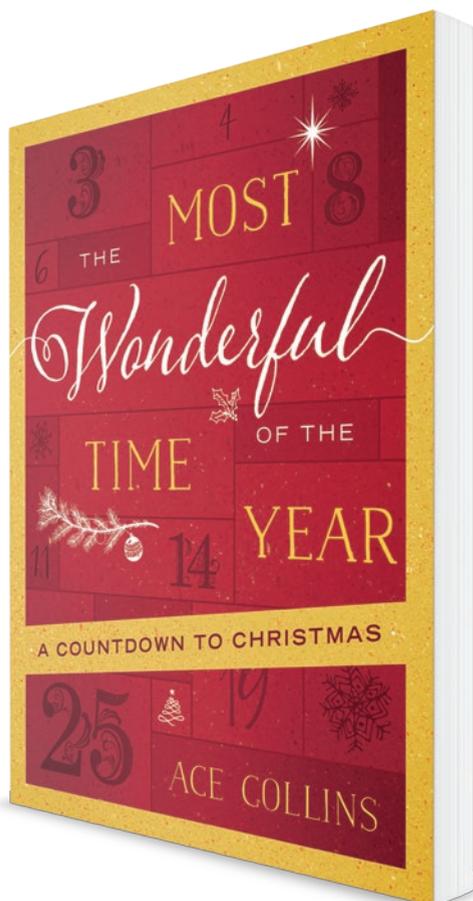


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Make the most of the most wonderful time of the year.

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR

A Countdown to Christmas

ACE COLLINS

The month of December is filled with joy and wonder as we anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. For both the young and the young at heart, there is no season that can compare to the Christmas season. Celebrate this year with a countdown through the month.

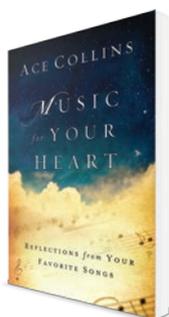
From December 1 to New Year's Eve, these inspirational readings of stories behind popular Christmas traditions, carols, and movies will rid you of the overpowering stress that can come with this season and reawaken the wonder, joy, and magic that is Christmas. Best-selling author Ace Collins will capture your imagination, reawaken precious traditions, and shine a light on opportunities to use the real spirit of the season to make each day of December more memorable and meaningful.

KEY FEATURES

- From the best-selling author of *Stories Behind the Best-Loved Songs of Christmas* and *Stories Behind the Great Traditions of Christmas*.
- Heartwarming stories will ease seasonal stress and refocus attention on the real reason for the season.
- A creative countdown from December 1 to New Year's Eve.

Ace Collins defines himself as a storyteller. He has authored more than sixty books that have sold more than 2.5 million copies. His catalog includes novels, biographies, children's works as well as books on history, culture and faith. He has also been the featured speaker at the National Archives Distinguished Lecture Series, hosted a network television special and does college basketball play-by-play. Ace lives in Arkansas. Learn more about him by visiting AceCollins.com.

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Because God's timing is so rarely our own.

WAITING FOR WONDER

Learning to Live on God's Timeline

MARLO SCHALESKY

It's easy to believe God when a promise is new. It's hard when the years pass and nothing changes. It's even harder when desperation strikes, your plans backfire, and still God does not fill the emptiness. But what if, in this waiting, God is calling us to more?

Join author Marlo Schalesky on a unique, contemplative journey to reveal the wonder that is often missed when we find ourselves struggling to wait well. Walking through the life of the biblical character Sarah, one who knows what it means to wait, you will discover a glimpse of God's character that will give you strength to keep hoping and praying for the desires of your heart.

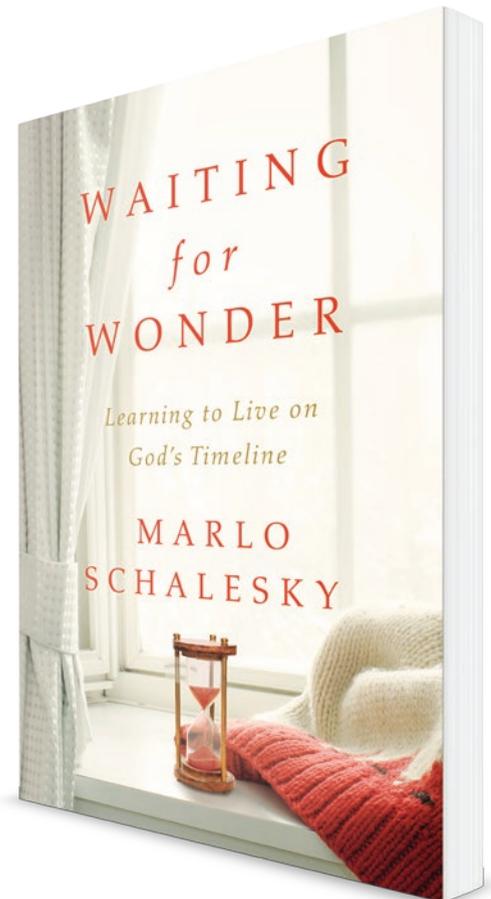
Waiting for Wonder is a journey into the heart of God where you will wrestle with personal questions, think deeply about God's true character, and learn to appreciate his divine work as you discover your own path to the promised land. Recapture your hope, restore your soul, and renew your vision of a wondrous Savior when you learn to live on God's time.

Leader guide also available.

KEY FEATURES

- Highly relatable for anyone who has ever had plans gone awry, expectations thwarted, or lost hope in a God who doesn't seem to act when and how they want.
- A hopeful revelation of a God who is determined, breathtaking, and beyond all our plans.
- Uniquely weaves biblical story with insightful teaching to give hope and encouragement for a dynamic faith walk that is vibrant in the face of disappointment and struggle.
- 6-week leader guide with discussion questions, activities, prayers, and leader tips is also available

Marlo Schalesky is an award-winning author of ten books, including *Wrestling with Wonder: A Transformational Journey Through the Life of Mary*. A regular speaker and columnist, she has also published nearly 1,000 articles in various Christian magazines, including *Focus on the Family*, *Today's Christian Woman*, *In Touch*, and *Marriage Partnership*. Marlo lives with her husband, six young children, nine horses, two dogs, five cats, two parakeets, ten rabbits, two chinchillas, three hamsters, and a bunch of fish in a log home in Salinas, California. Find out more at VividGod.com.

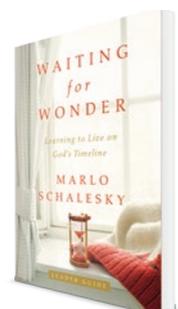


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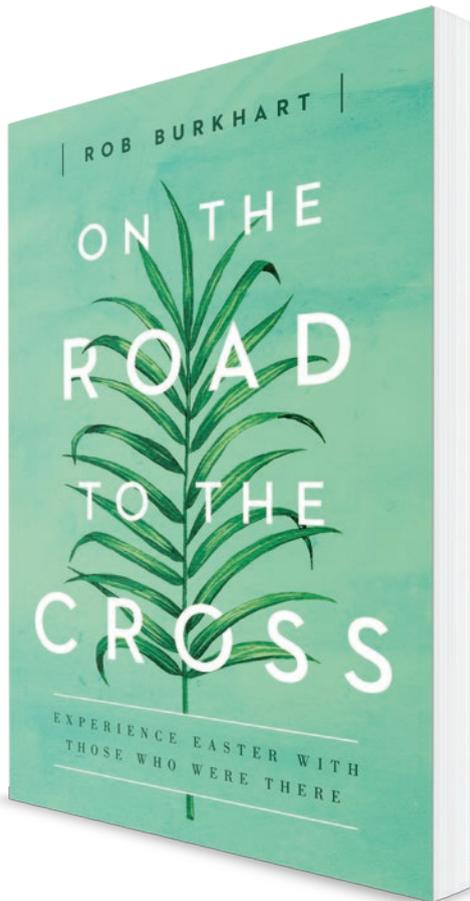


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A new way to experience the familiar Easter story.

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.

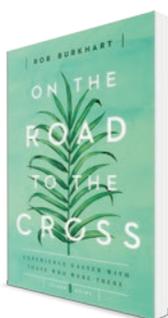
Leader guide also available.

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 helps.

Rob Burkhart 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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A practical approach to helping your children learn what it means to be followers of Jesus.

TOTAL FAMILY MAKEOVER

8 Practical Steps to Making Disciples at Home

MELISSA SPOELSTRA

Proverbs tells us to train up our children in the way they should go, but if we're honest, some days it's a battle just to get them dressed and ready for school on time. How can you mold their hearts when sometimes you can't even find their shoes?

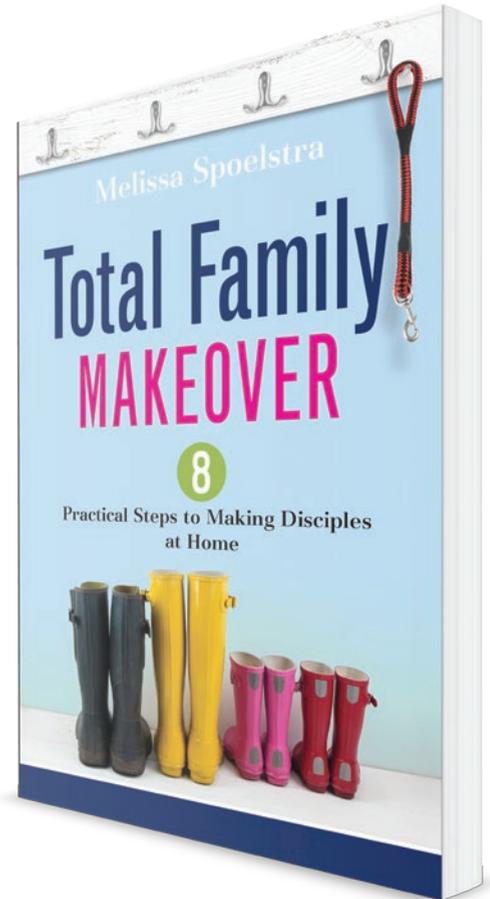
Throughout the Gospels, Christ lived by example and helped his disciples learn through teaching and hands-on training. When you stop measuring your parenting success on your child's daily activities and instead focus on modeling what it's like to live like Jesus, your children can learn the same way.

In *Total Family Makeover*, author Melissa Spoelstra gives parents a spiritual training course to run when it comes to family discipleship. She provides eight key areas to model: prayer, Bible study, mentoring, community, serving, rest, generosity, and evangelism. Whether your children are babes in arms or teenagers getting ready to leave the nest, making disciples at home starts with YOU! Give your family a makeover with this practical approach to helping your children learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

KEY FEATURES

- Teaches parents to be intentional in modeling family discipleship.
- Provides practical hands-on ideas, including prayer guides, service worksheets, and suggestions to unplug from media.
- Shows how small changes can yield big makeovers—for your entire family.

Melissa Spoelstra is a popular women's conference speaker, Bible teacher, and writer who is madly in love with Jesus and addicted to the study of His Word. Her passion is helping other women to seek Christ and know Him more intimately through serious Bible study, attentiveness to the Holy Spirit, and a tenacious dependence on God at all times, even through the storms of life. She lives in Dublin, Ohio, with her pastor husband and four kids. Melissa is the author of *Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World*. Learn more about Melissa at MelissaSpoelstra.com.

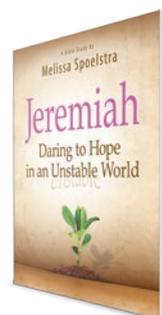


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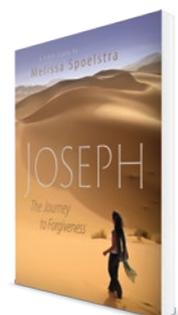
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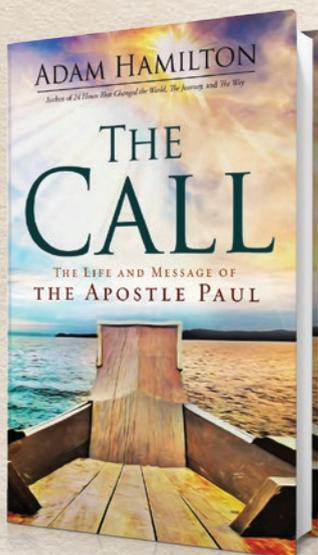
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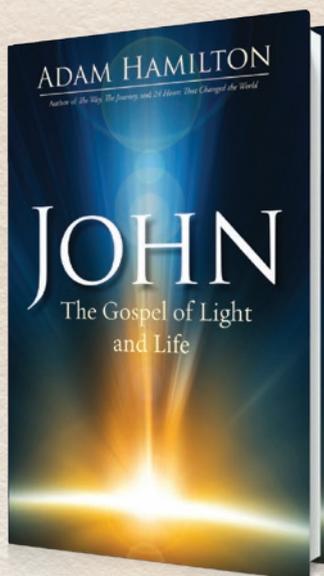
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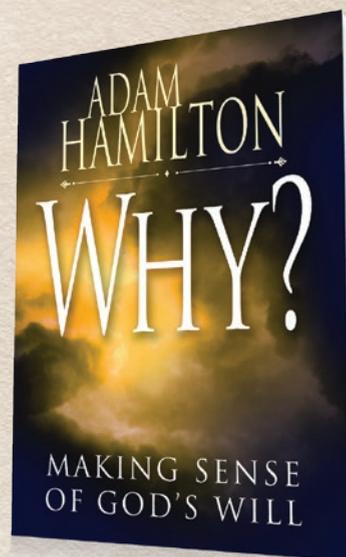
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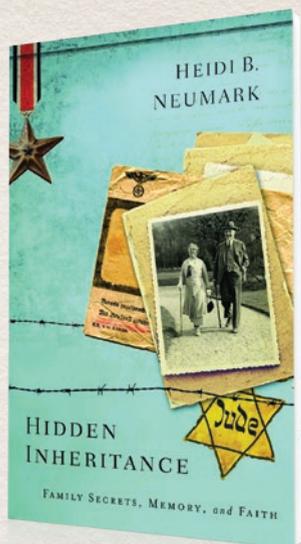
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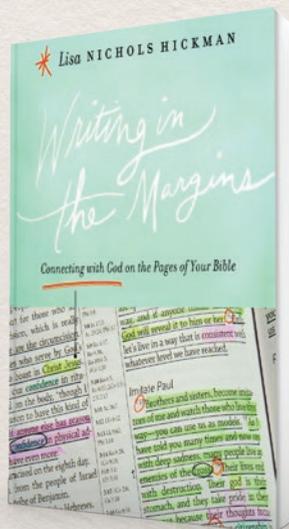
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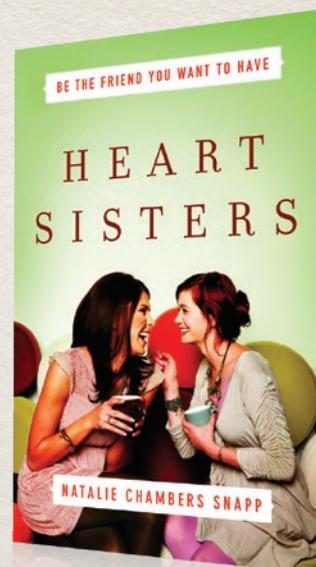
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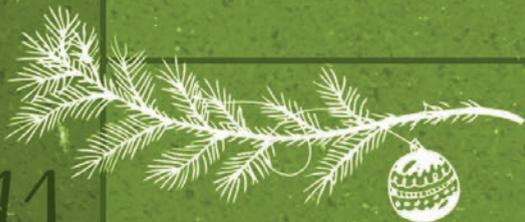
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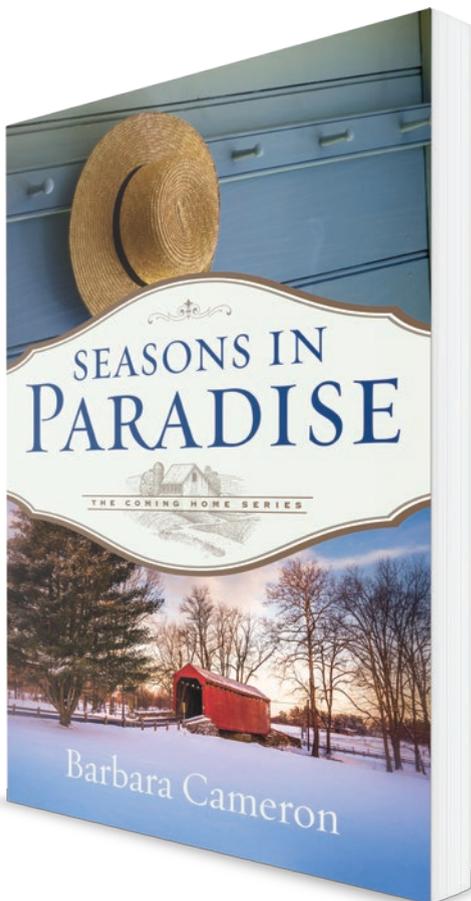
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Highly anticipated second book in The Coming Home Series from best-selling Amish author Barbara Cameron.

SEASONS IN PARADISE

BARBARA CAMERON

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, 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

- 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 several 4- and 5-star reader reviews as well as support from other best-selling Amish authors, including Suzanne Woods Fisher and Cindy Woodsmall.

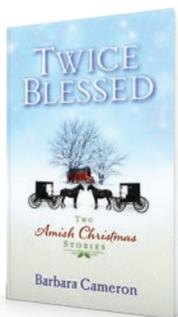
Barbara Cameron has a heart for writing about the spiritual values and simple joys of the Amish. She is the best-selling author of more than 40 fiction and nonfiction books, three nationally televised movies, and the winner of the first Romance Writers of America Golden Heart Award. Her books have been 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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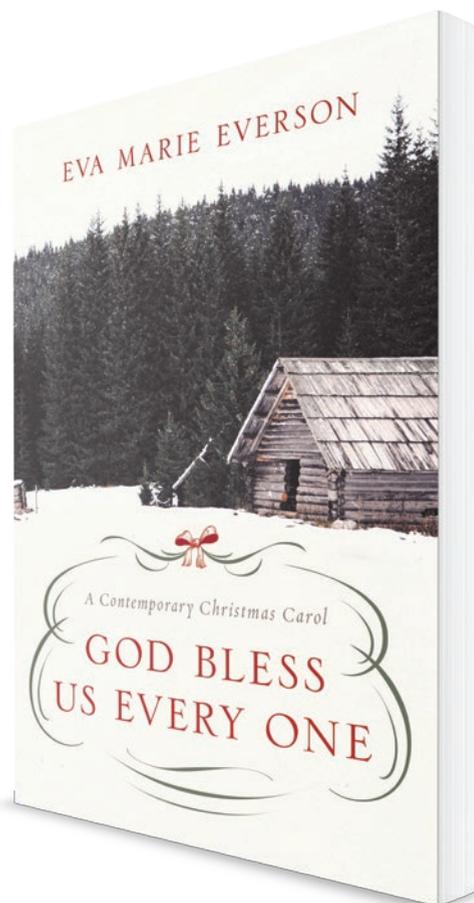
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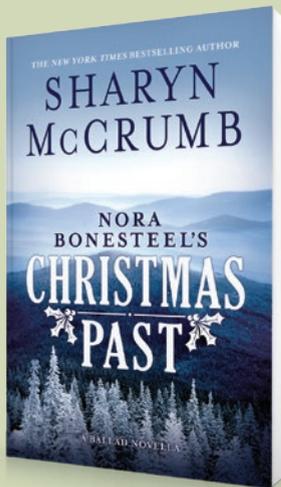
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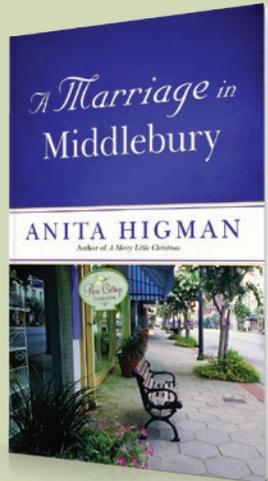
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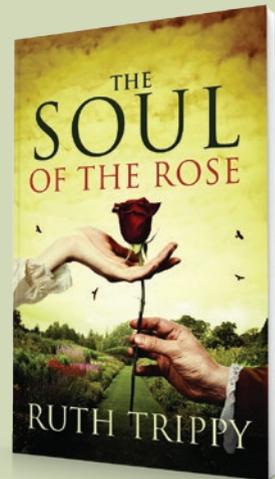
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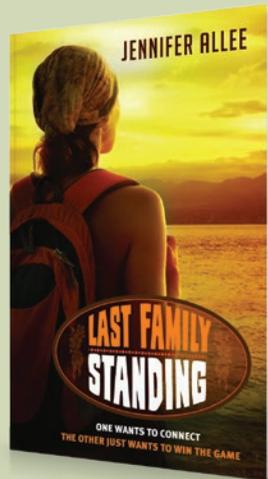
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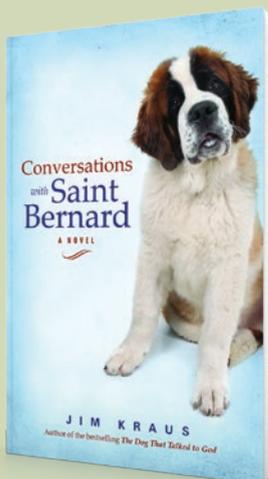
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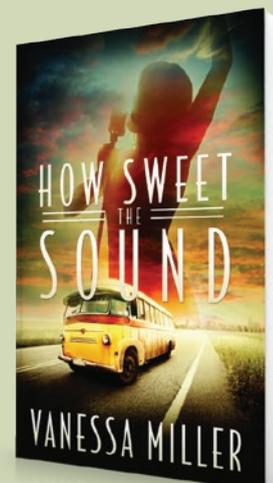
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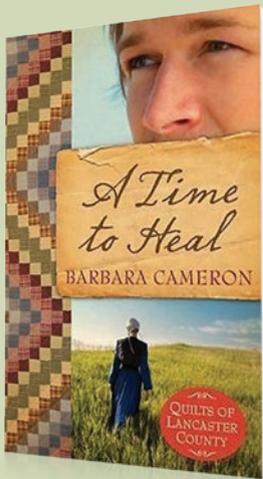
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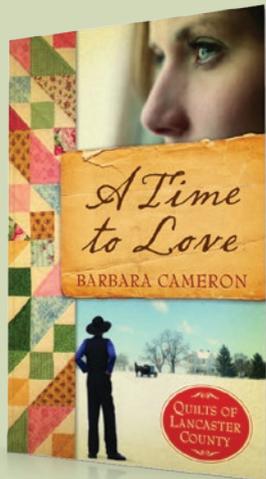
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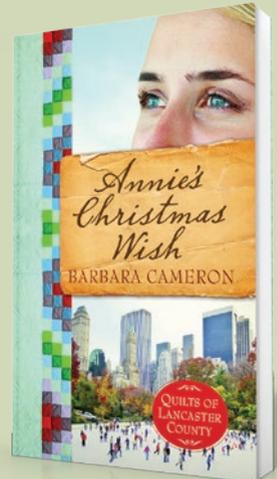
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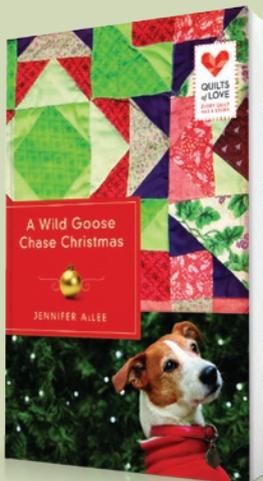
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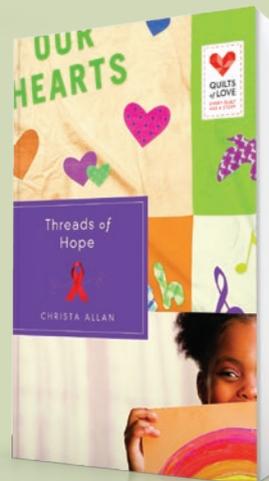
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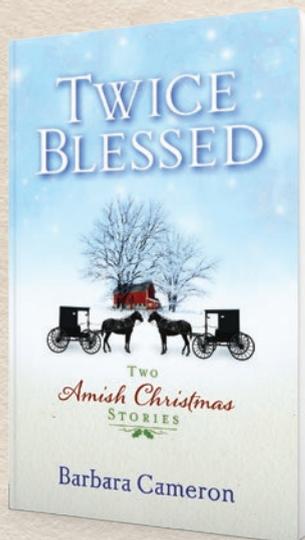


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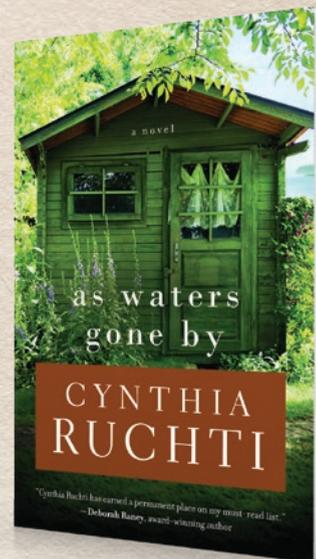
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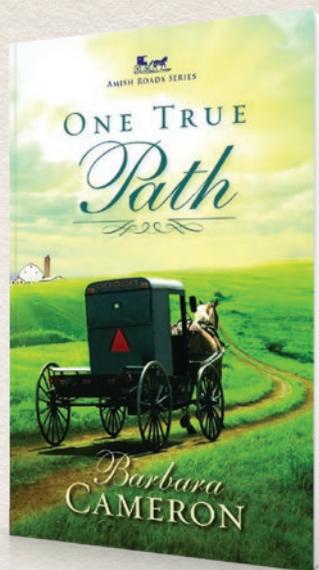
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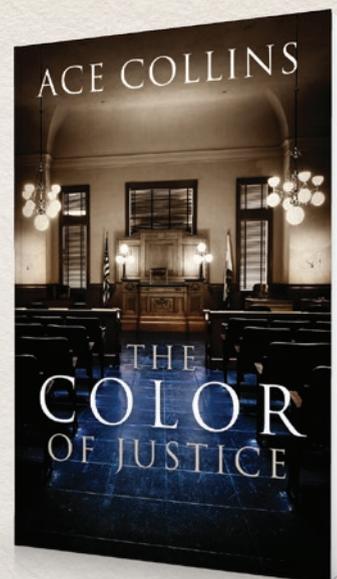
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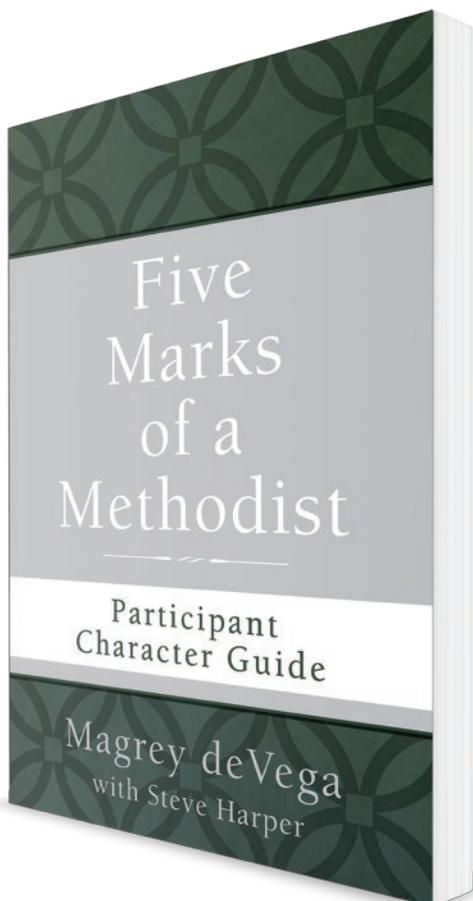
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Magrey deVega is the Senior Pastor at Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa, Florida. He is the author of *Awaiting the Already: An Advent Journey through the Gospels*. He is also the Leadership Editor for *Covenant Bible Study*, overseeing the weekly small group classroom experience. He has written leader’s guides and program manuals for numerous small group materials including *Counterfeit Christianity: The Persistence of Errors in the Church; Earn. Save. Give: Wesley’s Simple Rules for Money*; and *Five Marks of a Methodist: The Fruit of a Living Faith*. He is a graduate of United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, and Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, and he is the father of two daughters, Grace and Madelyn.



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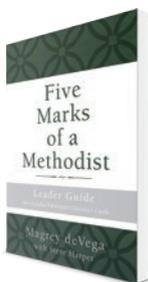


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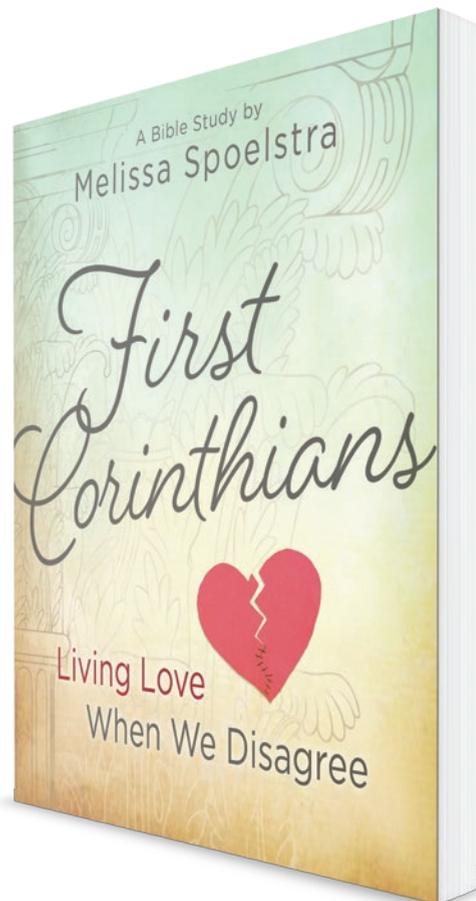
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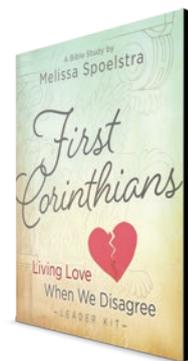
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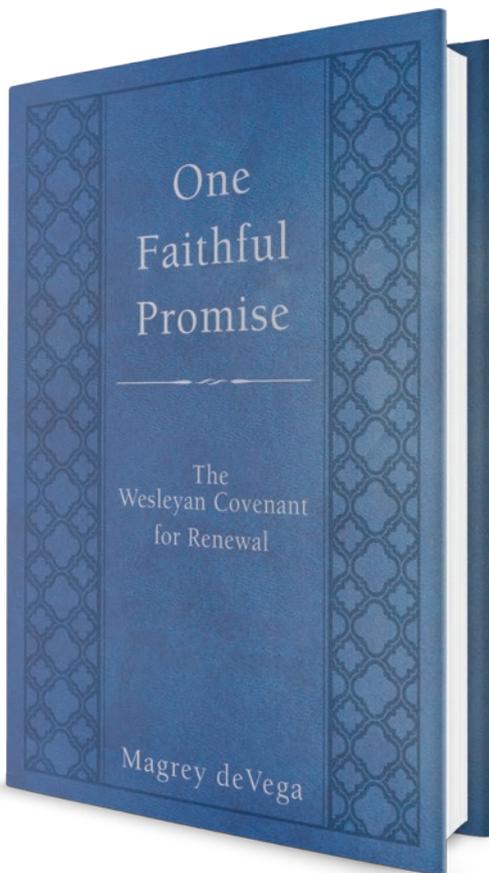
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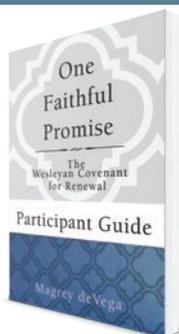


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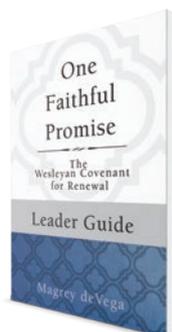
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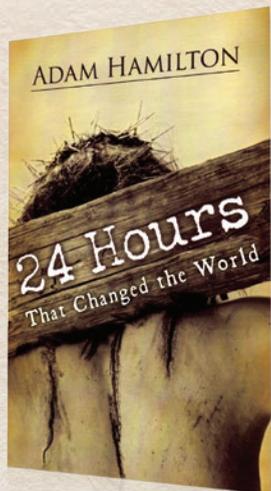


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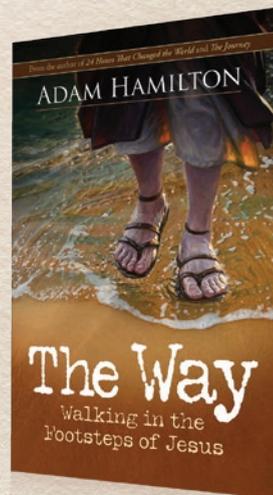
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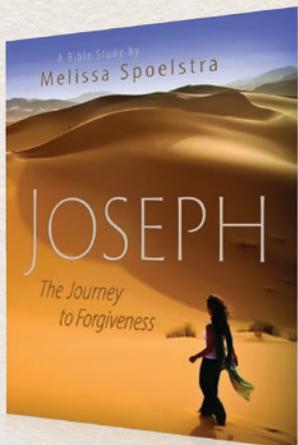


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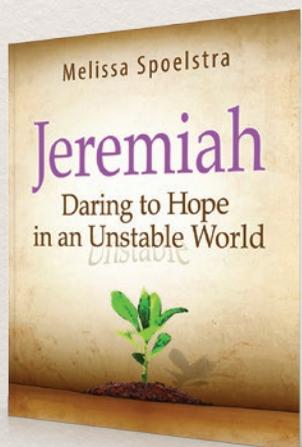


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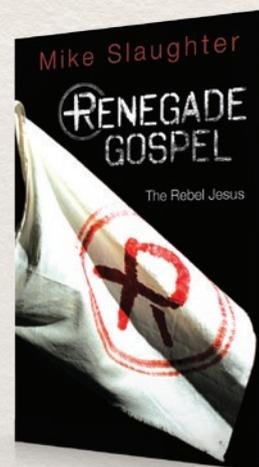
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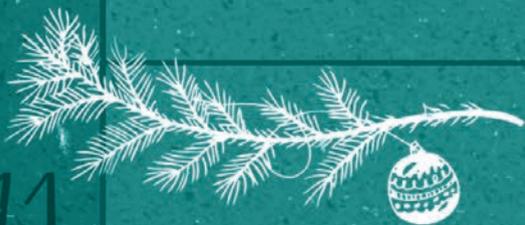
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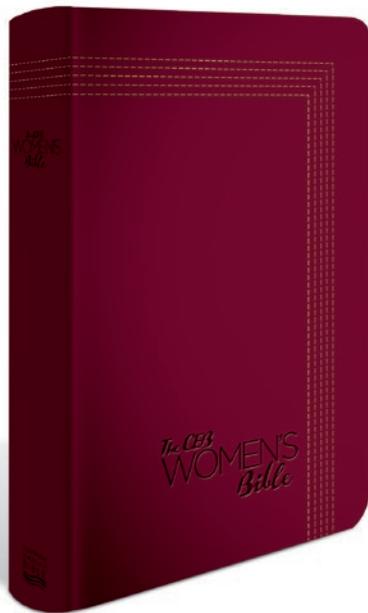
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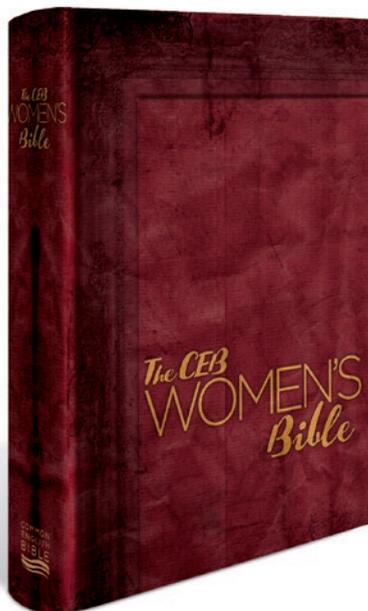




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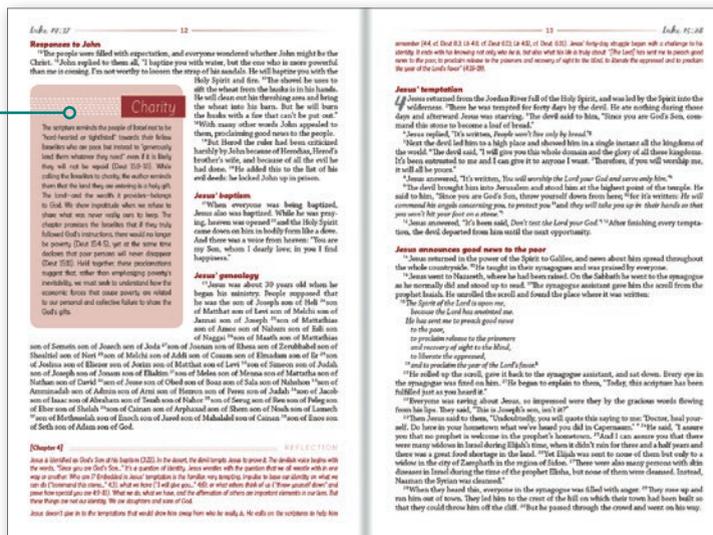
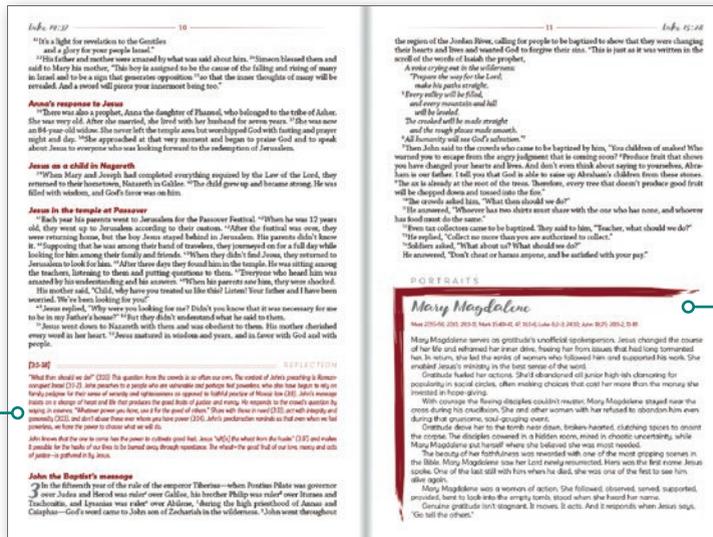
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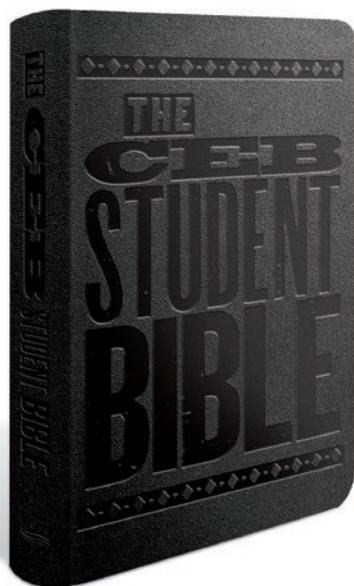
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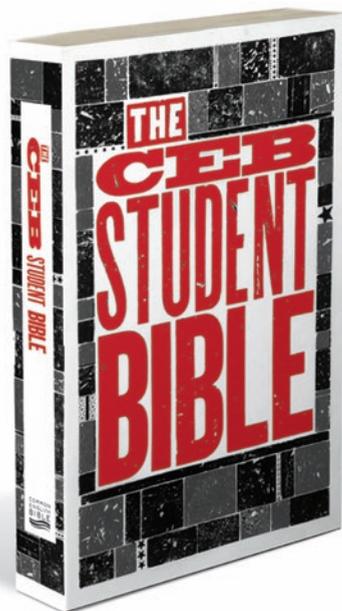




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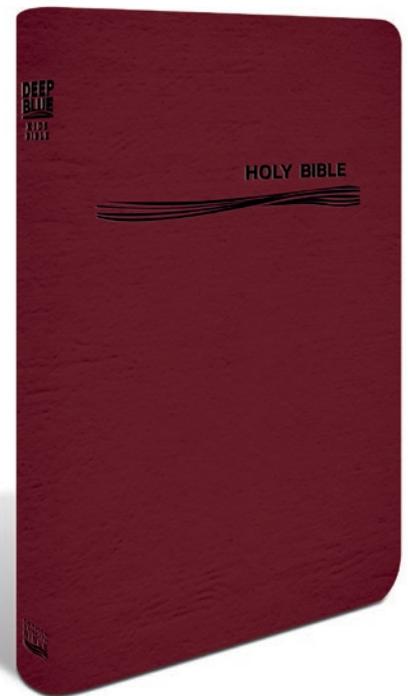
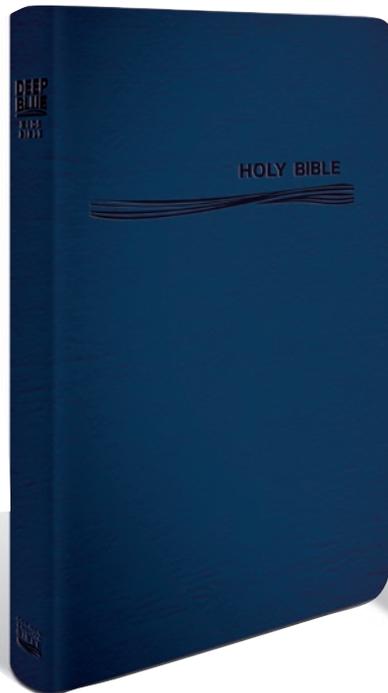
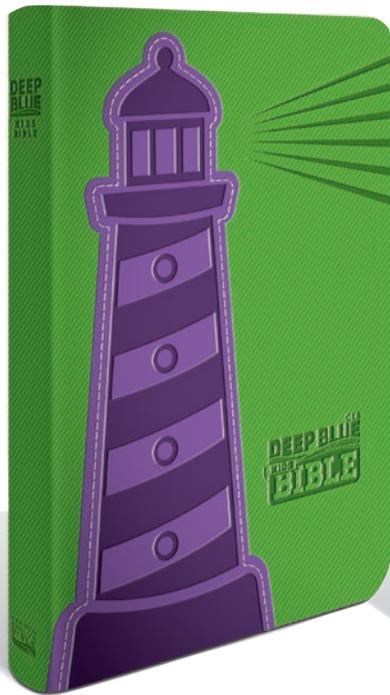
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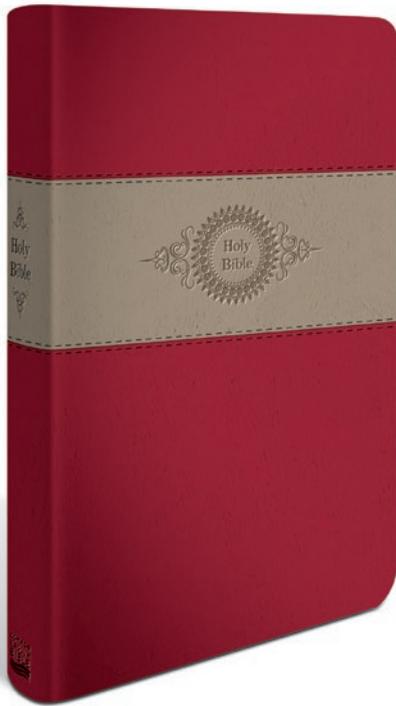


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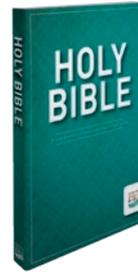
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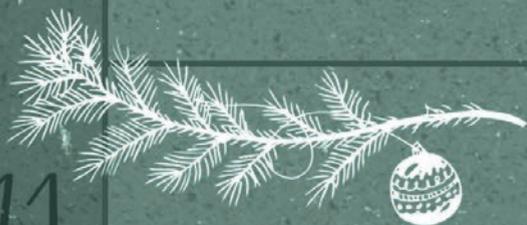
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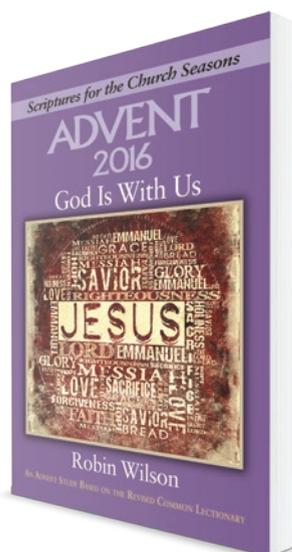
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Dale Clem is pastor of Monte Sano United Methodist Church in Huntsville, Alabama. He is the author of *Winds of Fury* and *Circles of Grace*.

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Robin Wilson is Co-Senior Pastor of Dauphin Way United Methodist Church in Mobile, Alabama. Robin has served as the director of ministerial services in the Alabama-West Florida Conference, and she is a member of the Board of Directors for Discipleship Ministries. Robin is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Duke Divinity School.

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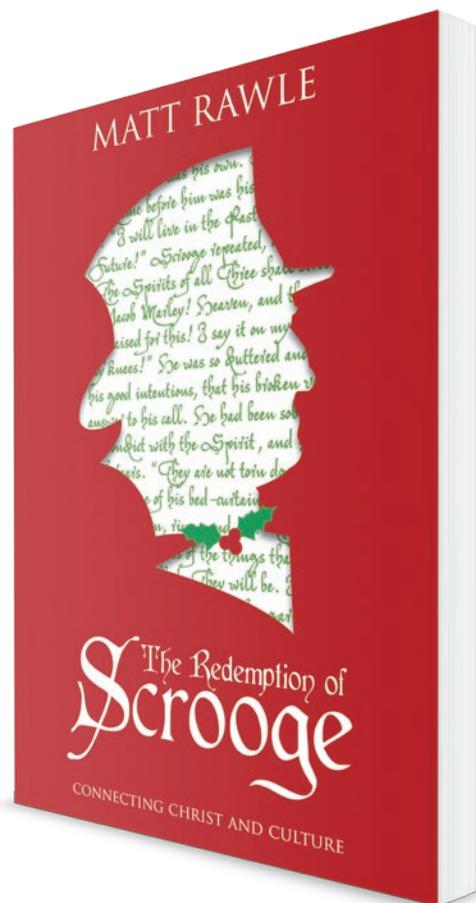
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Matt Rawle is Lead Pastor at The Well United Methodist Church in Ponchatoula, LA. Matt is an international speaker who loves to tell an old story in a new way, especially at the intersection of pop culture and the church. He is the author of a new series of books titled *The Pop in Culture Series*. The series includes *The Faith of a Mockingbird*, *Hollywood Jesus*, and *The Salvation of Doctor Who*.



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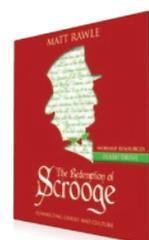
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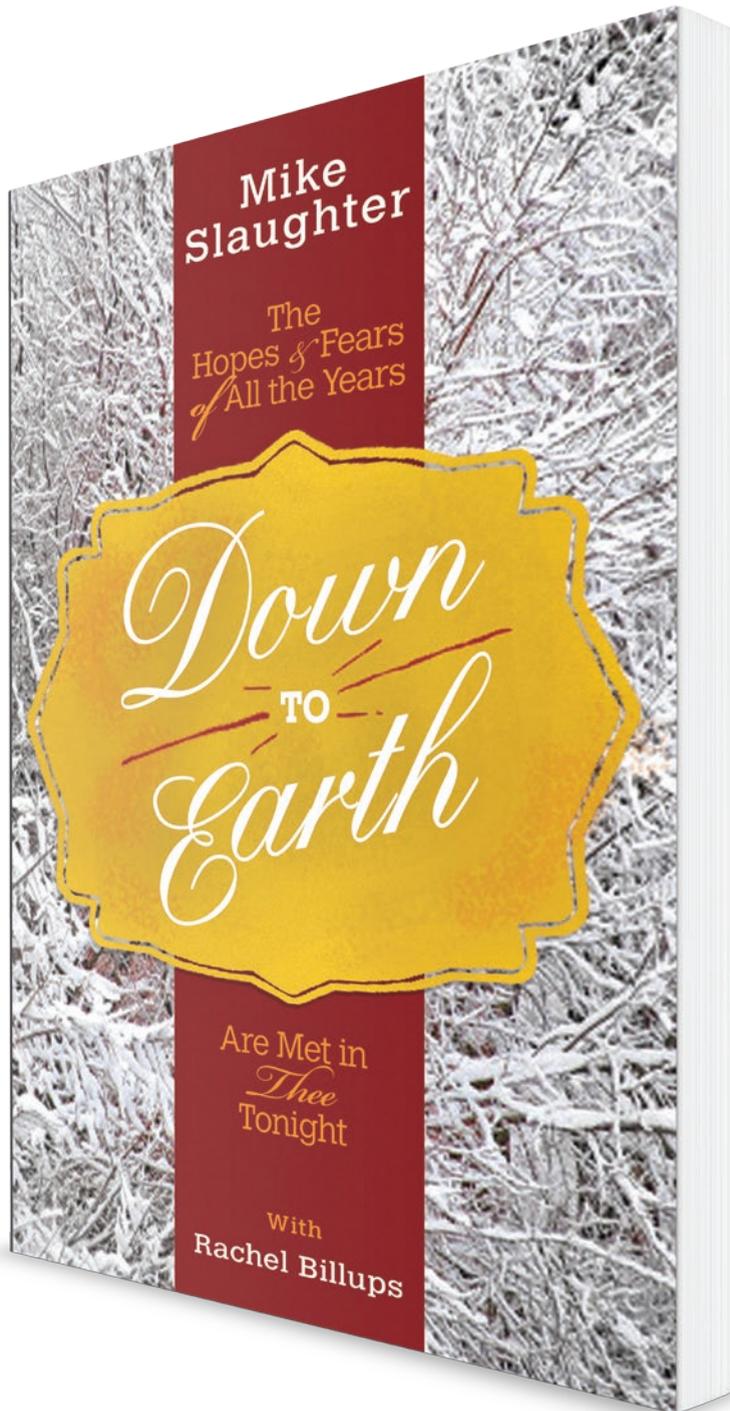
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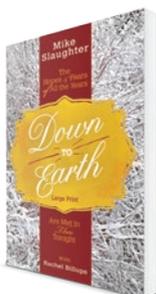
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The Hopes & Fears of All the Years Are Met in Thee Tonight

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Nothing in all the vast, created universe could prepare us for God coming down as a helpless infant, or for Jesus the son of God intentionally positioning himself as a mere servant, identifying with the lowest of lows. It's enough to confound the mind, to make the heart contrite. This Advent, God's great surprise changes everything.

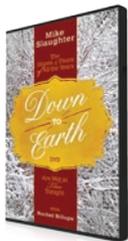
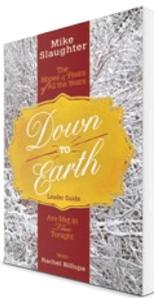
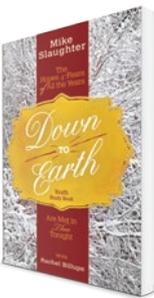
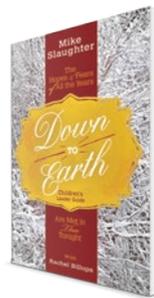
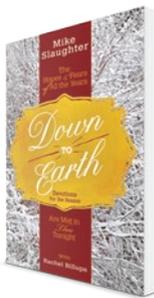
KEY FEATURES

- Four-week study perfect for Advent.
- Includes DVD featuring Mike Slaughter in 10-12 minutes sessions.
- Church-wide program with Leader Guide, youth and children's resources, and Devotions for the Season.

Mike Slaughter is the lead pastor at Ginghamburg Church. Under his leadership, Ginghamburg Church has become known a leader in missions, and early innovator of small group ministry, the Church "media reformation," and cyber-ministry. Mike is the author of multiple books for church leaders, including *Change the World, Dare to Dream, Renegade Gospel, A Different Kind of Christmas, Spiritual Entrepreneurs, Real Followers, Momentum for Life, UnLearning Church, and Upside Living in a Downside Economy*

Rachel Billups serves as the Executive Pastor of Discipleship and as part of the preaching team for Ginghamburg Church in Tipp City, Ohio. Rachel is an Ordained Elder within the United Methodist Church and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Bible/Religion and History from Anderson University and a Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School. Before joining the Ginghamburg team, Rachel served as the lead pastor of Shiloh United Methodist, a multi-site church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

Opening the Gifts of God's Grace

JAMES W. MOORE

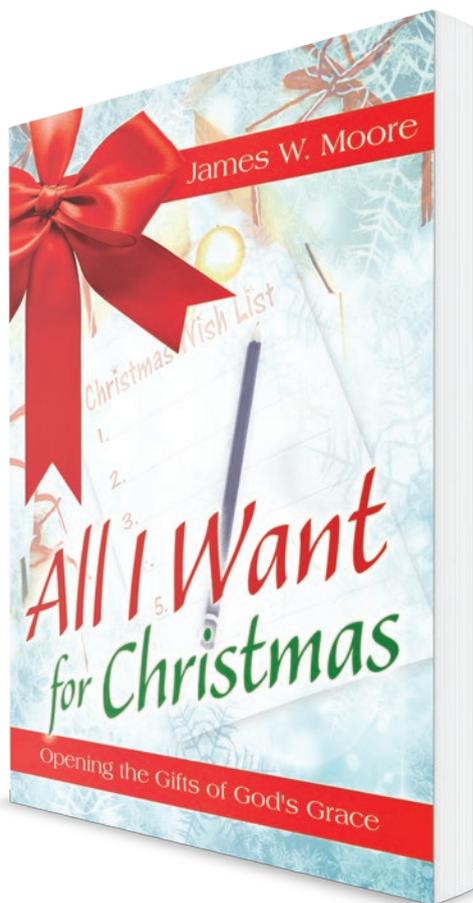
From the time the Wise Men came to bring gifts, Christmas has been a time of giving gifts to our loved ones, to the less fortunate, to the church, to favorite charities, to family, to friends, and even to our pets. In the best spirit of Christmas we give and receive Christmas gifts, remembering the greatest Christmas gift of all...God's gift of the Christ Child, God's gift to us of a Savior.

As we give and receive Christmas gifts, it is incredibly important to remember that the best Christmas gifts are wrapped in heaven. Unfortunately, sometimes we concentrate so much on the gifts we want to give to and receive from each other that we miss the special gifts Christmas has for us. Christmas has some amazing gifts for us, but the truth is that we need the miracle of God's grace to see them, feel them, hear them, wrap our arms around them, and celebrate them. This study asks a very personal question: "What are the gifts you would really like to receive from Christmas this year?" And that is what this book is all about: our thoughts and ruminations about the amazing, life-changing gifts Christmas has for us!

KEY FEATURES

- Five chapters, one for each week of Advent and one for Christmas.
- Each chapter includes a key Scripture reading, questions for reflection and discussion, a focus for the week, a brief prayer, and daily devotional readings.
- Leader Guide and DVD available for group study.
- Youth and children's components available for an all-church study.

James W. Moore is a best-selling author of more than 40 books and an acclaimed pastor and ordained elder in The United Methodist Church. He has led congregations in Jackson, Tennessee; Shreveport, Louisiana; and Houston, Texas. In 2006, after 50 years of active ministry, he retired from full-time ministry and moved to the Dallas area, where he currently serves as Minister-in-Residence at Highland Park United Methodist Church. He and his wife, June, live at Heritage Ranch in Fairview, Texas.



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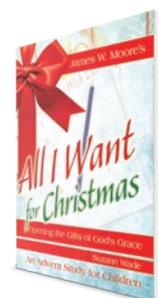
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God works in unexpected ways.

UNDERDOGS AND OUTSIDERS

A Bible Study on the Untold Stories of Advent

TOM FUERST

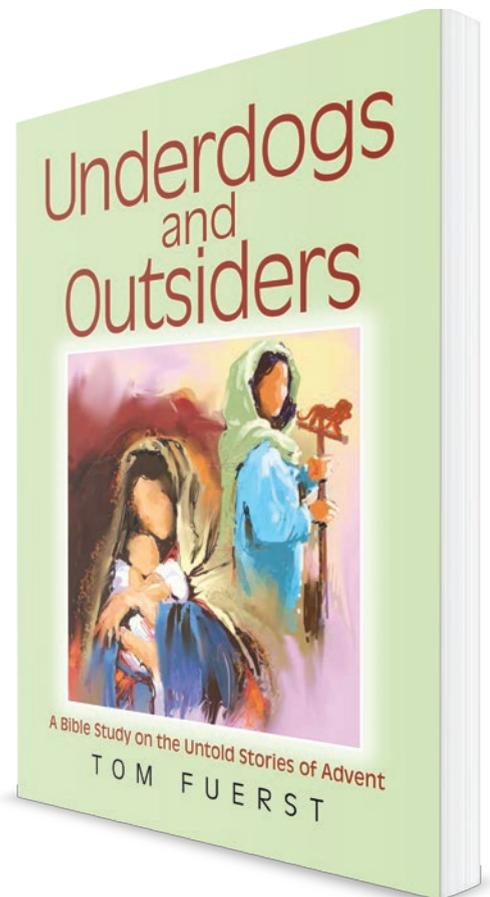
The Bible is full of surprises. At every turn, from the beginning of the Old Testament right through the end of the New, we find God working in unexpected, even strange ways to bring about God's purposes. During Advent, remembering this strange history of God working in our world helps us look forward to the birth of God's Son, Jesus. As if to remind us of this, the Gospel of Matthew presents a genealogy of Jesus before telling the story of his birth, including subtle references to the times God worked through unlikely people.

Matthew names five women in the family tree of Jesus: Tamar, a forgotten daughter-in-law and widow; Rahab, a prostitute; Ruth, a foreigner; the wife of Uriah, an adulteress; and of course Mary, a young virgin. This Advent study explores the stories of each of these five women, showing how they all played a pivotal role in God's purposes. By learning about these underdogs and outsiders, readers will uncover new dimensions of the story of God's people and how that story comes into focus in the hope for the Messiah. Through the Old Testament stories the Gospel draws upon, Matthew reminds us to look for God in unexpected places during this Advent season.

KEY FEATURES

- Five sessions, one for each Sunday in Advent and one for Christmas.
- Each session includes a Scripture reference, a personal reading, questions for reflection and discussion, a focus for the upcoming week, and a closing prayer.
- Focuses on key Old Testament stories.

Tom Fuerst is the Associate Teaching Pastor at Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. A graduate of Hannibal-LaGrange University, Tom received a Master of Arts in from the University of Missouri and a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. A teacher and a pastor, Tom has a passion for helping others understand the Bible. Tom is a family man who loves Jesus, his wife, and their three children. To learn more about Tom, check out his blog at tom1st.com.



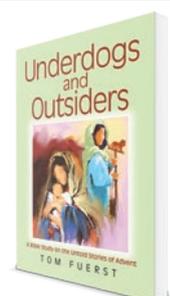
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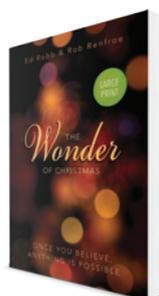
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Once You Believe, Anything Is Possible

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No other time of the year captures our imagination as much as Christmas: God coming into the world on a dark winter's night; a baby's cry that would change the course of human history; the heavens bursting into song; the certain hope that God will have the last word over our brokenness. This season fills our hearts with the wonder that anything is possible. This year, rediscover the true wonder of Christmas by sharing the love of Christ with others. Each chapter centers on one meaningful element, looking to the Christmas story and the stories of real people today to offer inspiration and ideas for reflecting the light of Jesus at Christmas and throughout the year.

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The Wonder of Christmas is also perfect for a four-week, all-church study and includes resources for all ages, teaching video, worship ideas and visuals, and preaching guides. All areas of church life weave together for a wonder-filled Advent celebration. The adult study book is the centerpiece of the program, serving as the adult small group resource and the source of content for worship planners and leaders.

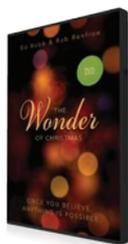
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- Complete church-wide program with resources for all ages.
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Ed Robb is Senior Pastor at The Woodlands UMC in Houston, Texas. Serving the church for more than thirty years, his vision and leadership have led the church to become one of the fastest growing churches in Methodism, with over 10,000 members.

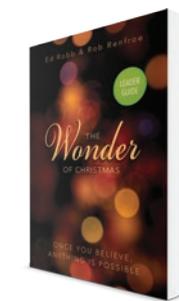
Rob Renfroe is Pastor of Discipleship at The Woodlands UMC in Houston, Texas, leader of the popular men's Bible study Quest, attended by over 300 men, and the author of *The Trouble with the Truth* and *A Way Through the Wilderness*. He also is President of Good News—a national organization committed to the doctrinal integrity and spiritual renewal of The United Methodist Church.

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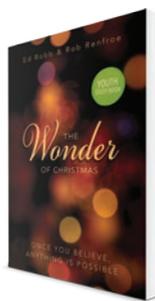
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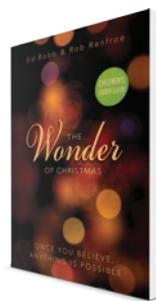
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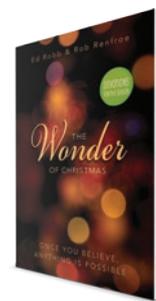
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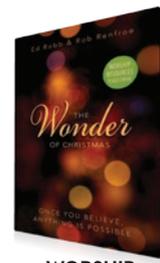
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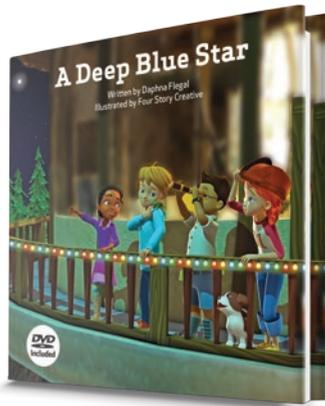
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Daphna Flegal is a diaconal minister in The United Methodist Church. She is a certified laboratory leader in the area of young children and has worked with preschool children for more than 20 years. Daphna is currently the lead editor for children's curriculum. She lives in Nashville, Tennessee.



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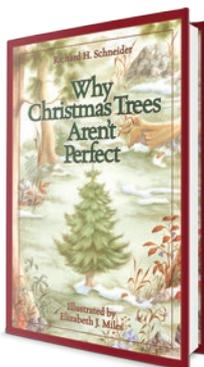
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Karen Whiting is an award-winning author of eighteen books. She is the former community producer and host of a television series, *Puppets On Parade*, for TV. She has written over 500 articles and short pieces for more than sixty publications. Whiting has been a guest on dozens of radio shows, a number of television shows, and has guest hosted a radio show for parents.



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Richard H. Schneider has been a journalist and author for more than 50 years and has written more than 20 books for adults and children. A former senior staff editor at *Guideposts*, an interfaith inspirational magazine, he is a World War II veteran. He is a resident of Rye, NY, where Schneider served as vice commander in the American Legion and a lay leader of the Rye UMC.

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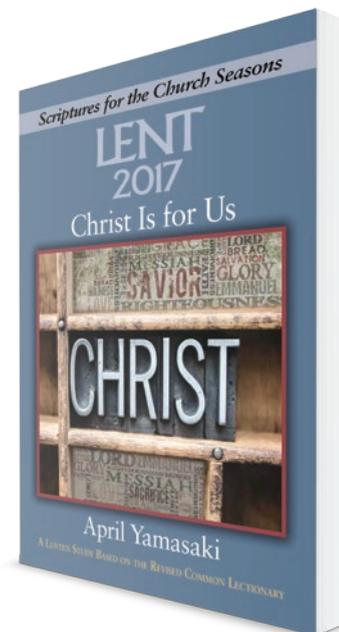
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April Yamasaki is the pastor of Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Abbotsford, British Columbia. She has written several books, including *Spark: Igniting Your God-Given Creativity* and *Sacred Pauses: Spiritual Practices for Personal Renewal*. A graduate 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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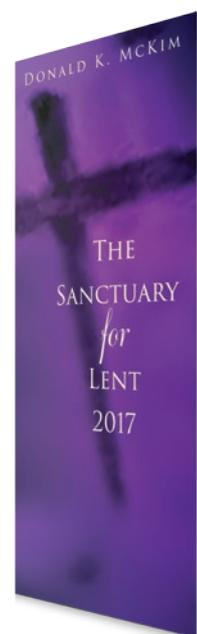
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THE SANCTUARY FOR LENT 2017

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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.

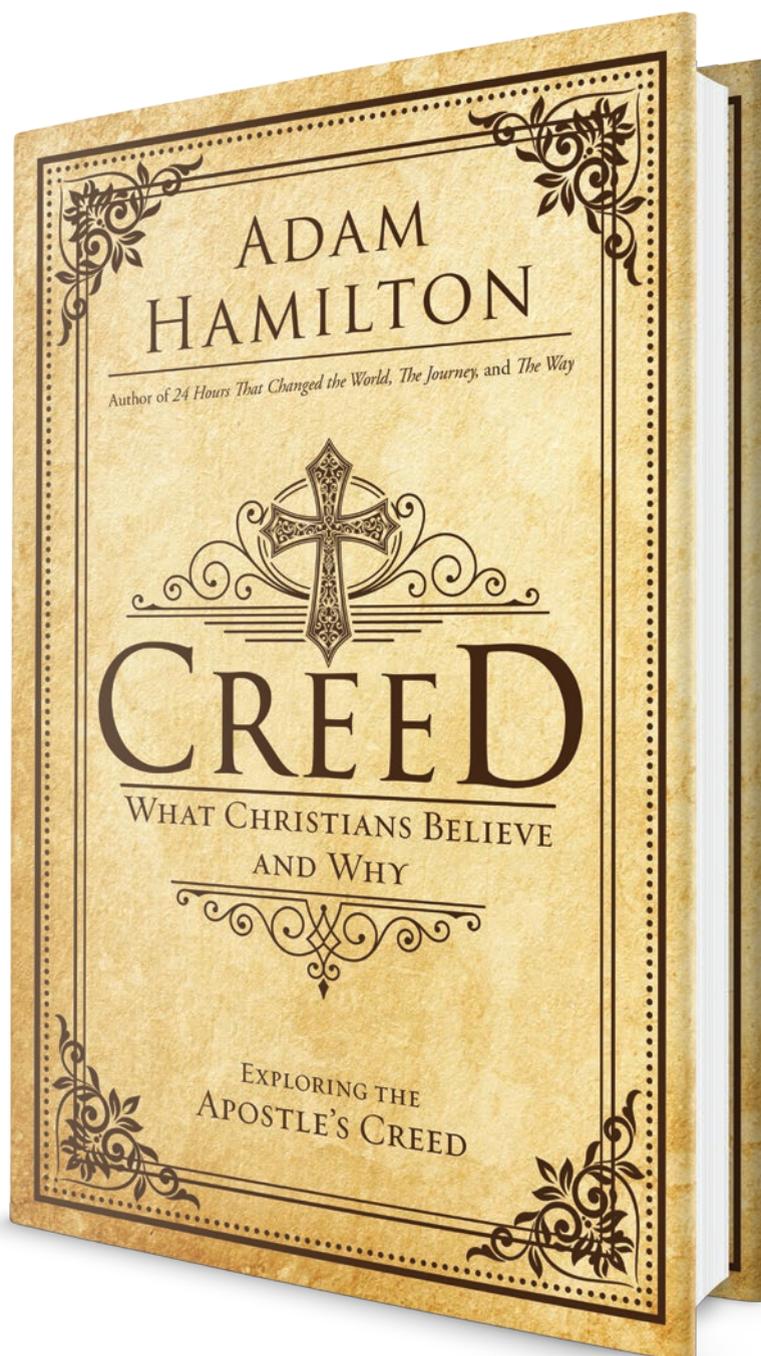


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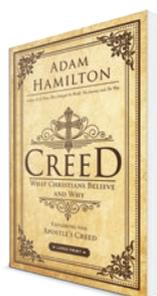
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ADAM HAMILTON

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 six-week study 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.

Chapters include:

- Is There a God?
- Jesus: More Than a Rabbi?
- The Holy Spirit: A Rushing Mighty Wind
- Death's Funeral
- Holy? Catholic? Church?
- The Forgiveness of Sins
- The Resurrection of the Body

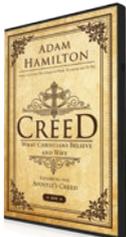
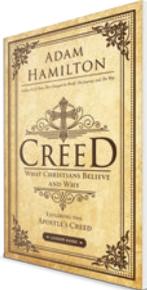
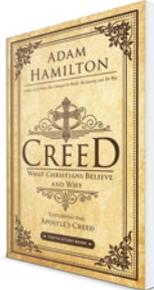
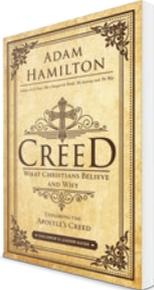
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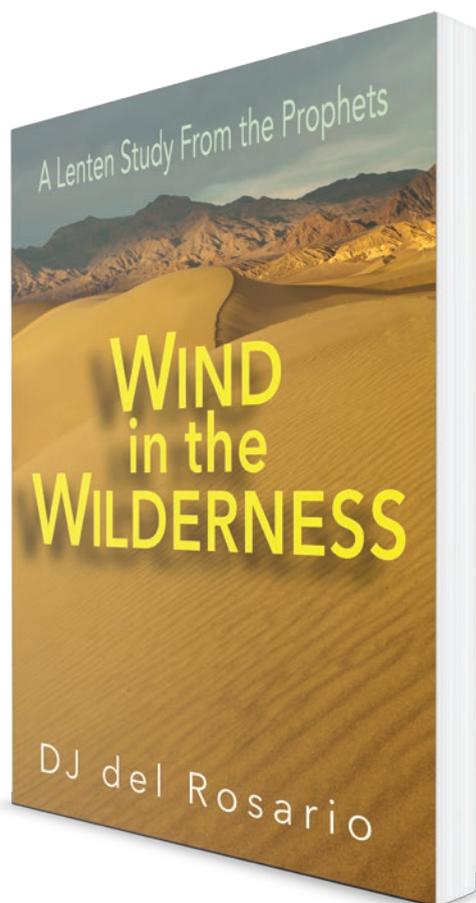
- In studying the Apostles' Creed, readers will confront and examine their own core beliefs.
- Readers go beyond reciting the words to explore the basics of what we believe.
- Rather than focus on what drives us apart, individuals and churches will seek what brings us together as Christians.
- Makes 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. *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 *The Call*, *The Journey*, *The Way*, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, *Revival*, *John*, *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.

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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 thematic Bible study is designed to be used by individuals and small groups during the season of Lent.

KEY FEATURES

- Seven sessions, one for each Sunday in Lent and Easter Sunday.
- Each session includes a Scripture reference, a personal reading, questions for reflection and discussion, a focus for the upcoming week, and a closing prayer.
- Focuses on select Old Testament prophets.

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.

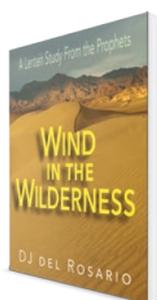
He has spoken, led, and preached at multiple events at the annual, jurisdictional, and General Conference levels. DJ met his best friend and wife in seminary, and they have three amazing daughters. DJ loves a great cup of coffee, social media, and technology.

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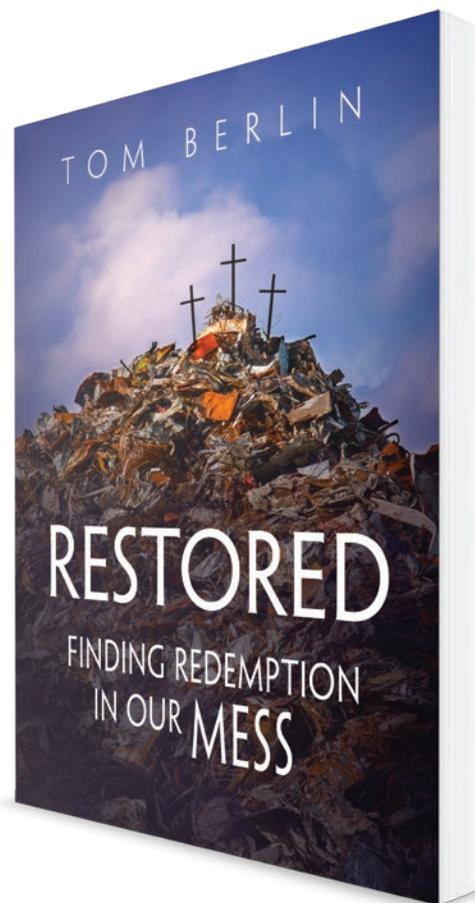
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KEY FEATURES

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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 and Bear More Fruit*; and *High Yield: Seven Disciplines of the Fruitful Leader*.

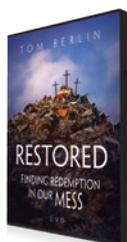


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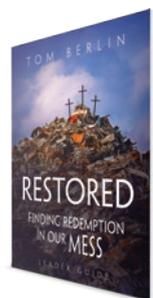


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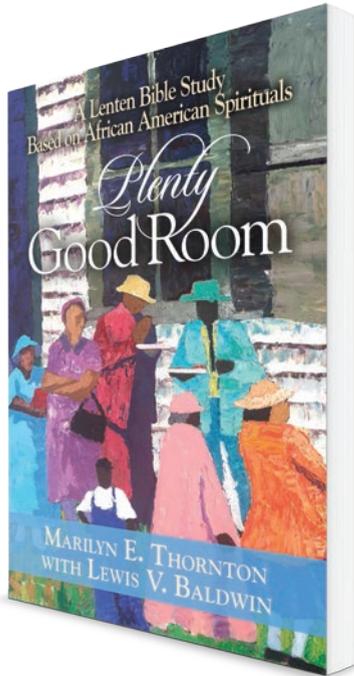
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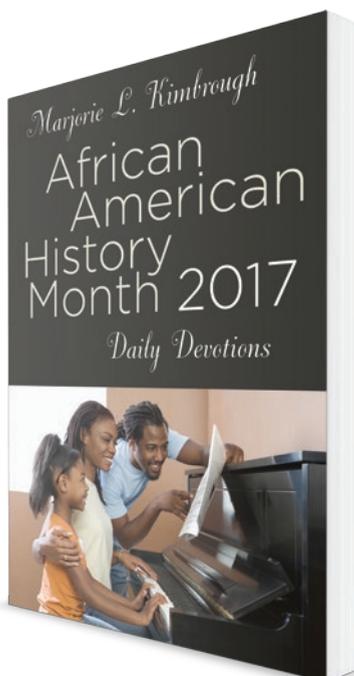
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Lewis V. Baldwin received his B.A. in History from Talladega College, an M.A. degree in Black Church Studies and a M.Div. degree in Theology at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and a Ph.D. degree in American Christianity from Northwestern University.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

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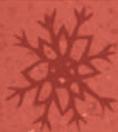
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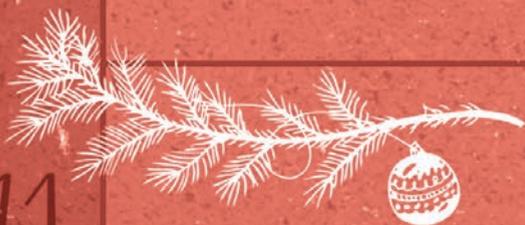
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Schnase shows readers how to become a permission-giving church.

JUST SAY YES! PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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ROBERT SCHNASE

In *Just Say Yes!* Robert Schnase shows church leaders how to unleash people for fruitful ministry. He teaches leaders to spot their own nay-saying, and gives specific instructions for reversing the culture of 'No' that has become so prevalent in many churches. Step by step, Schnase shows readers—pastors, other church leaders, and congregants—how to make significant change in their attitude and actions, to become a permission-giving church.

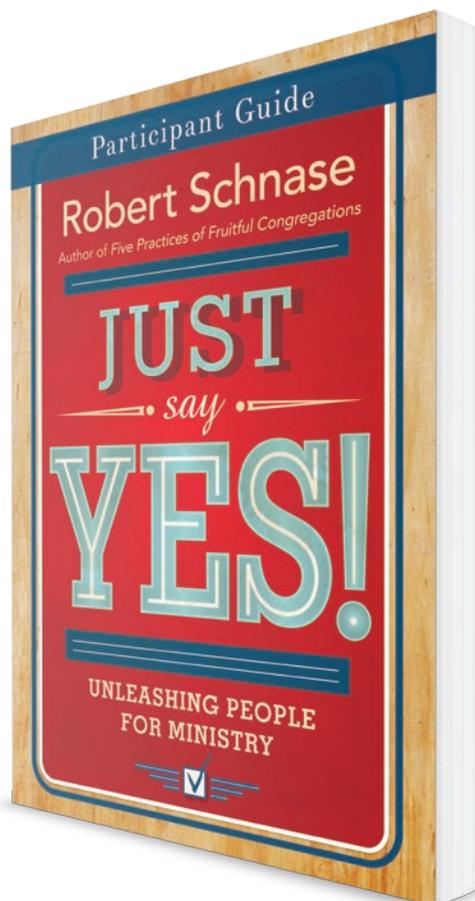
This set of resources is the next step.

- The **Leader Guide** gives church leaders what they need in order to begin implementing the principles in the original book.
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KEY FEATURES

- Leader Guide, videos and PowerPoint slides provide everything a pastor or other leader needs to facilitate a church-changing experience with the leaders in their congregation.

Robert Schnase is bishop of the Missouri Conference of The United Methodist Church. Schnase is the author of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, a best-selling book on congregational ministry that has ignited a common interest among churches and their leaders around its themes of radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity. *Five Practices* has reached a global community with translations in Korean, Spanish, Russian, Hungarian, and German. Robert is also the author of *Cultivating Fruitfulness*, *The Balancing Act*, *Five Practices of Fruitful Living*, *Ambition in Ministry*, *Seven Levers*, and *Testing and Reclaiming Your Call to Ministry*. He lives in Columbia, Missouri.

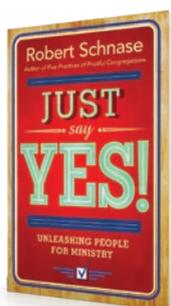


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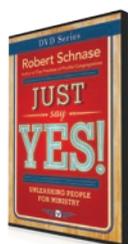
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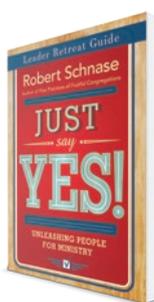
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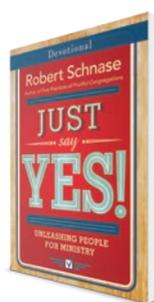
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Grow Your Church by Building New Relationships.

BOB FARR & KAY KOTAN

In their book *Get Their Name*, authors Bob Farr and Kay Kotan showed how church leaders and congregants can become outward-reaching people who share their faith with others in natural, genuine ways, drawing people to Christ. The companion Workbook helps readers to study and reflect upon the book, chapter by chapter. The Workbook focuses on the reader's understanding of the Get Their Name approach to faith sharing. The book and workbook have already fostered change in churches across the US.

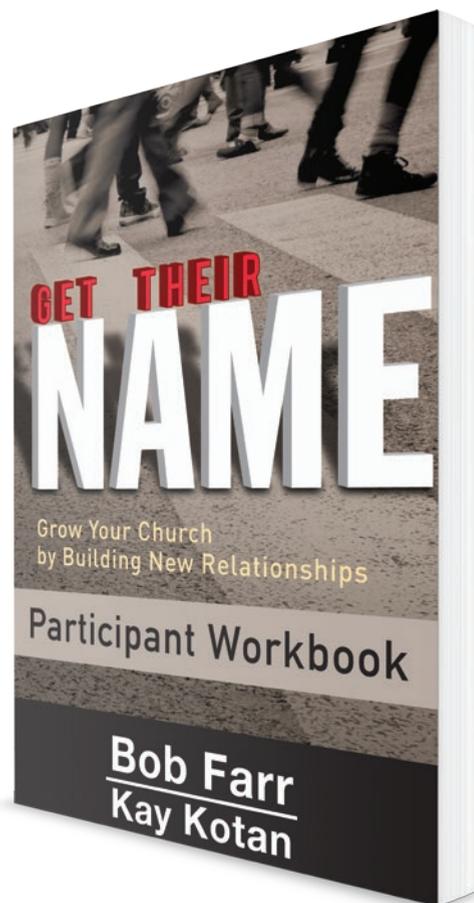
This new set of resources is the next step for church leaders, with a focus on *implementation* of the Get Their Name approach. It includes everything a pastor or other key leader needs to facilitate a two-part experience for the entire congregation.

KEY FEATURES

- The **Participant Guide** is for everyone who participates in the Get Their Name study, and is formatted with ample space for writing and reflection.
- The **Coordinator's Guide** is a complete manual for the pastor or other church leader seeking to facilitate the entire Get Their Name experience in their congregation
- The **DVD** includes a conversation-starter video for each week of the study.

Bob Farr is director of congregational excellence in the Missouri Conference of The United Methodist Church. Frequent speaker and seminar leader, he is also the author of *Renovate or Die: 10 Ways to Focus Your Church on Mission*, both co-authored with Kay Kotan, published by Abingdon Press.

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.



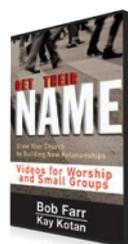
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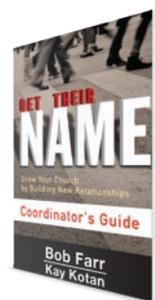
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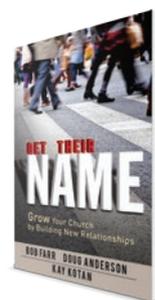
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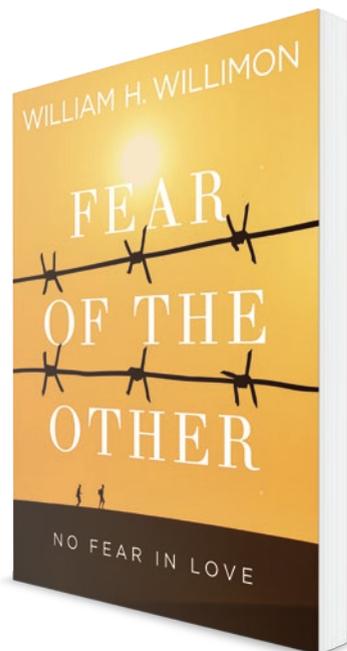


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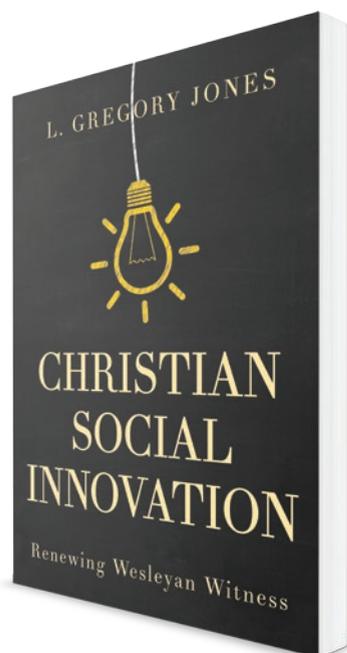
FEAR OF THE OTHER

No Fear in Love

WILLIAM H. WILLIMON

In this simple, no non-sense book, reliable spiritual guide, Will Willimon, invites readers to consider the Gospel command to love (and not merely tolerate) those considered to be “Other” or outside mainstream Christian culture. Rooted in the faith of Israel and the Christian story and vision, Willimon brings a non-technical, Wesleyan perspective to bear on what may be the hardest thing for people of faith to do: keeping and loving the Other as Other.

Feeling most at home behind a pulpit, **William H. Willimon’s** deepest calling is to be a preacher and truth-teller of Jesus Christ. Willimon 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.



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Everybody seems interested in innovation and entrepreneurship these days. Start-ups are generating new jobs, creating wealth and providing solutions to longstanding problems. People are also aware that old-line social institutions need innovative approaches that provide renewal, re-establish trust and cultivate sustainability.

What do faith communities have to do with innovation and entrepreneurship? Faith communities have their own need for innovation, demonstrated in a growing interest in starting new churches, developing “fresh expressions” for gatherings of community and discussions about how to cultivate a renewed sense of mission.

L. Gregory Jones is Professor of Theology at Duke University Divinity School. A noted scholar, teacher, and church leader, he is the author or editor of eleven books, including the acclaimed *Embodying Forgiveness*. He writes a regular column, “Faith Matters,” for *The Christian Century*, for whom he is also an Editor-at-Large. He and his wife, the Reverend Susan Pendleton Jones, have three children: Nathan, Ben, and Sarah, they live in North Carolina.

Discover your purpose, passion, and mission for your retirement years.

AT THE CROSSROADS

Leadership Lessons for the Second Half of Life

CLAYTON SMITH & DAVE WILSON

Churches are full of people who are approaching or entering retirement. These congregants are asking questions, taking stock of their priorities, and re-thinking their plans for the next phase of life. It can be an unsettling process—or one that leads to deeper fulfillment for the person and greater ministry for the church. As many as 10,000 men and women are retiring each day, and many are anxious about the idea of retirement. *At the Crossroads* offers to guide this important demographic group toward a life of significance.

This six-week, bible-based study offers hope and help. Readers will learn to follow biblical principles. Over the course of this study, readers will conduct a self-inventory to discover their own STRIDES--spiritual gifts, talents, resources, individuality, desires, experience, and seasons of life. They'll consider their God-given purpose in life, and discern what God is calling them to do next, especially how they might serve God's church in new ways.

The appendix includes helpful documents to aid the reader in the entire Crossroads process.

Will the Boomer Generation become a burden or a blessing to our global society? This Bible based six-week small group study offers a very positive and encouraging outcome.

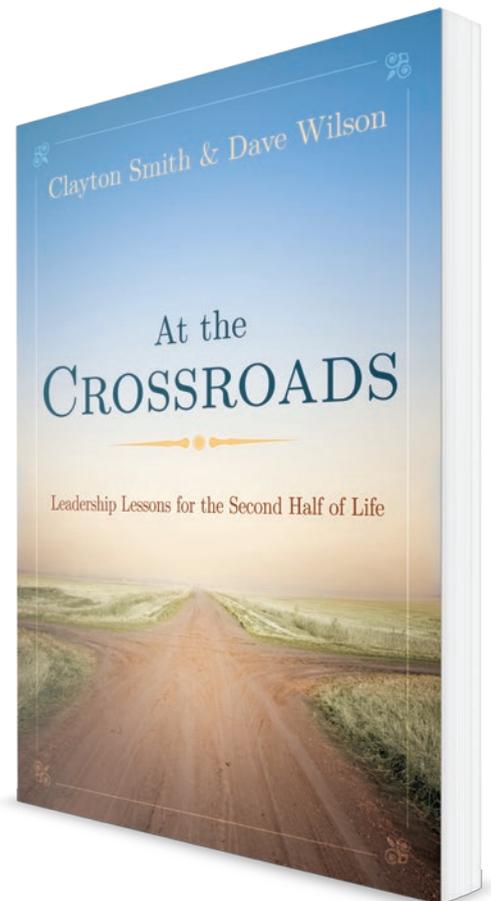
By following biblical principles from the lives of Moses, Abraham, Elijah, Nehemiah, Jesus and Paul, as well as other encouraging Bible passages, participants can discover their purpose, passion, and mission for their retirement years.

KEY FEATURES

- Readers gain a view of a phase of life that is significant and meaningful, full of power and hope.
- The church gains newly invigorated members and leaders who are likely to recommit themselves and their resources of time and money to the church's ministry.
- Addresses felt needs of a growing demographic, adults over 50 who are nearing retirement.

Clayton Smith serves as the Executive Pastor of Stewardship and Generosity at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. He and his wife, Lori, live in Stilwell, Kansas.

Dave Wilson is a lay member of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. Recently retired, he is a lay leader in the Crossroads ministry and conducts discipleship, spiritual growth and education classes.



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Many members of the clergy are committed to their vocation, yet struggle to remain engaged and energized. The pressures of congregational and family commitments take their toll.

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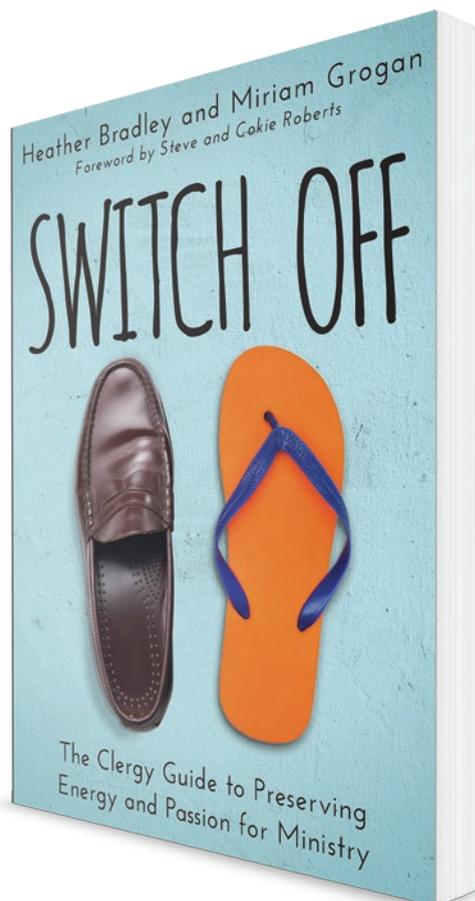
This book will help you examine the roles you inhabit and the roles of others around you. You will also be challenged to look at old problems in a new way and offered tools to unwind the complexities of your personal situation and develop new habits to manage expectations.

KEY FEATURES

- The self-evaluation and steps for improvement lead to more effective ministry and deeper satisfaction.
- Pastors and other church leaders are more effective, resulting in more fruitful ministry.
- The next best thing to having a personal life coach—readers will be motivated, encouraged, and energized.

Heather Bradley has served leaders her entire career. From Fortune 500 Vice President, Human Resources to multi-credentialed executive coach, Heather is an HR turnaround expert, specializing in successful integration mergers and acquisitions. Heather is an avid figure skating fan and was named as a fan blogger by the US Figure Skating Association. She lives in Toledo, OH with her husband Gary and their two rescue kitties, Mr. B. and Jay.

Miriam Grogan is an executive and leadership coach. For more than 15 years, she has worked with professionals at the top of their game to help them be even better. She holds 3 coaching certifications, and a BBA, Finance magna cum laude. In 2004, Miriam appeared on Jeopardy! competing against 74 game winner, Ken Jennings. Miriam lives in Silver Spring, MD, where she and her husband, Sean, raised 6 puppies for Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

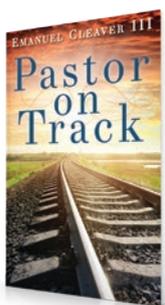


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THRIVING IN THE SECOND CHAIR

Ten Practices for Robust Ministry (When You're Not in Charge)

MIKE BONEM

Second chair leaders play a critical role in churches across the world. They serve in paid and unpaid capacities, and include laity, ordained clergy, bi-vocational, licensed local pastors and others who lead significant ministries, but who are not the lead or senior pastor.

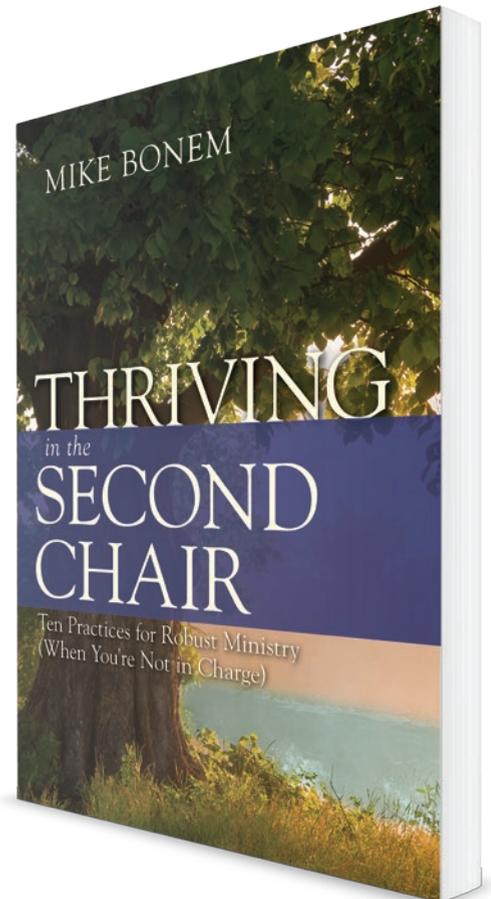
Mike Bonem, author of *Leading from the Second Chair*, takes that important work to the next level, with *Thriving in the Second Chair*. Here, Bonem points readers beyond their external circumstances to the ways they can act and think differently. He highlights ten key factors that will help second chair leaders do more than just survive. These deep “springs” will enable them to *thrive*, so that their lives and ministries are fulfilling, vital, and sustainable.

The first three springs relate to the single most important professional relationship for any second chair leader – their relationship with the first chair. The next four look at some of the most common and essential aspects of the second chair’s job. The final three springs are arguably the deepest and most important. They enable second chairs to thrive even if they’re struggling with the first seven. These three springs offer help for staying spiritually anchored, overcoming loneliness, and becoming re-energized.

KEY FEATURES

- Readers will understand the factors that contribute to their ability to thrive.
- Readers will be equipped to take practical steps toward more effective and satisfying ministry.
- A simple, relatable central concept, the Key Factors to Thrive runs throughout the book.

Mike Bonem is an author, consultant, speaker, church leader, businessperson, husband and father. He loves to help ministries and their leaders grow in effectiveness to reach their God-given potential. Mike’s books include *In Pursuit of Great and Godly Leadership* and *Leading from the Second Chair*. He has spoken across the country and internationally on topics related to ministry leadership and congregational effectiveness. Mike has an MBA from Harvard Business School and a breadth of experience in ministry and business, including 11 years as an executive pastor, consulting with Fortune 100 companies, and leading a start-up business.

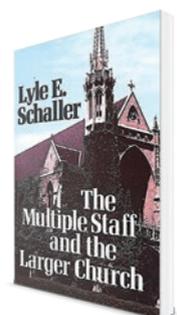


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The Practical Art of Ministry Leadership

BILL EASUM & SCOTT MUSSELMAN

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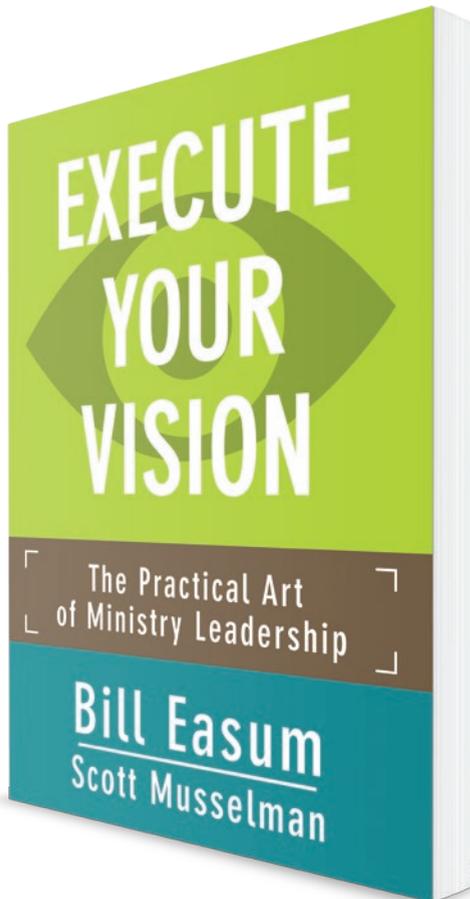
Packed with information, practical steps, essential principles, and points for deeper reflection, this book empowers us for ministry and equips us to bring our ideas to fruition.

KEY FEATURES

- Addresses a critical but often-overlooked aspect of leadership: the ability to implement and take action, to put plans into place.
- Chapters and sections are brief, concise, easy to read.
- Full of practical, realistic, actionable suggestions.

Bill Easum is President of The Effective Church Group, a church consulting and coaching firm. One of the most widely sought advisers on congregational health and vitality in North America, he has over 30 years of congregational experience, with approximately 25 years' experience as a pastor. He has published several books with Abingdon Press, including *Preaching for Church Transformation*.

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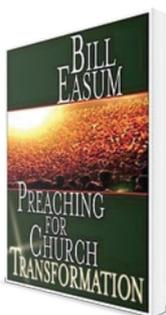


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This book is for any pastor, church planter or lay leader struggling to do ministry with a lack of financial resources but hungry to reach the lost with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

FUNDING MINISTRY WITH FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISHES

ROSARIO PICARDO

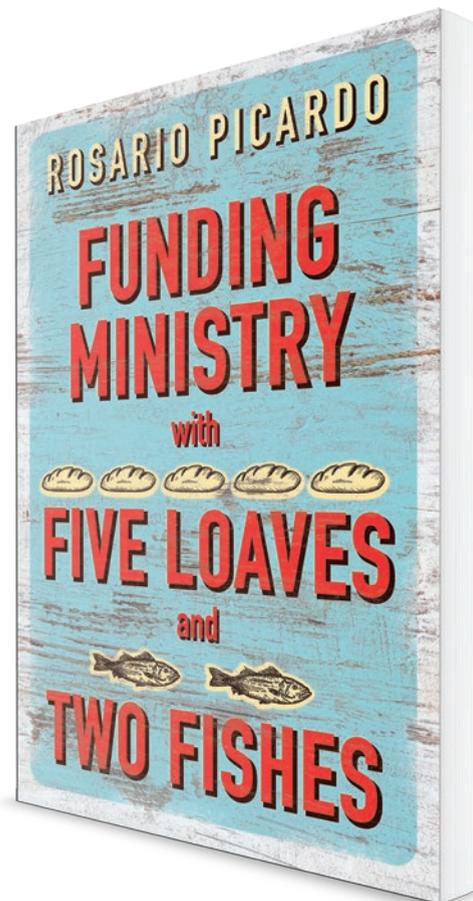
Clergy are trained to preach, teach, and lead a congregation in spiritual matters. However, there is very little training for clergy when it comes to the “business” matters of the church—finances, debt reduction, fundraising, and building maintenance. The added and sometimes unexpected load for clergy can become cumbersome and extremely stressful. In addition, the decline of the church and the passing of key funders of churches leave many pastors with dying churches and few resources to do anything about it.

Author Rosario Picardo has been in this very position. As a pastor, Picardo launched a church in a movie theater with no people and very little financial support. He also revitalized a dying congregation in a deteriorating physical structure. Through trials and failures, innovation and entrepreneurial thinking, God provided, and Picardo learned new ways for reaching the least and lost, and for growing disciples. In *Funding Ministry with Five Loaves and Two Fish*, Picardo shares the lessons he’s learned with confidence that other leaders can do the same. He demonstrates how, step by faithful step.

KEY FEATURES

- Provides practical ideas and solutions to dealing with decreasing financial resources.
- Offers hope that God is still using the church.
- Practical applications and fresh ideas.

As Ginghamburg’s Executive Pastor of New Church Development, **Rosario (Roz) Picardo** partners with Senior Pastor Mike Slaughter and the leadership team to dream and deploy new faith communities within the Ginghamburg community of churches.



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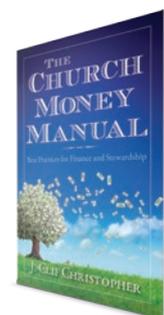
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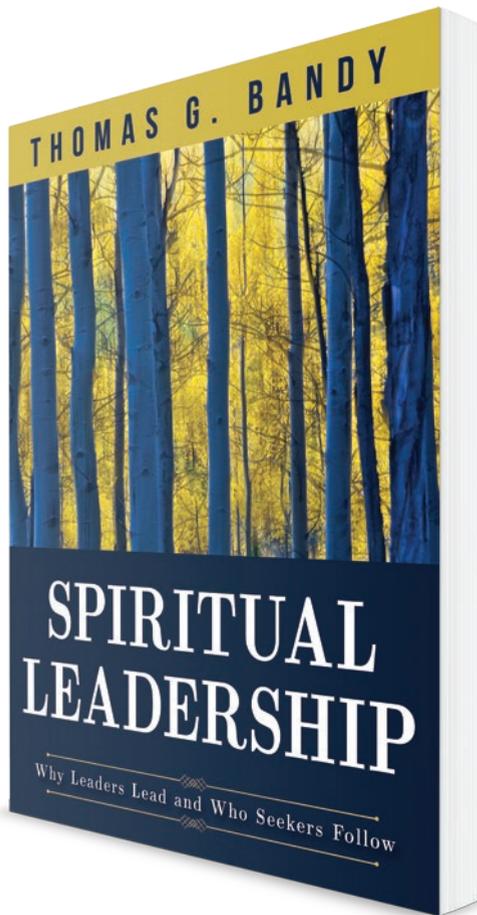


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Knowing your “type” will help you know who will be attracted to your leadership style.

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Why Leaders Lead and Who Seekers Follow

THOMAS G. BANDY

Certain kinds of people gravitate toward certain kinds of leaders. There are exceptions and degrees of commitment, of course. People (as individuals) are complicated and changeable. On the other hand, people (as groups) are remarkably consistent and predictable. There are patterns. The typical follower of this leader has these characteristics. The typical follower of that leader has those characteristics.

There are trends. Certain kinds of people are more responsive to certain kinds of leaders. Certain kinds of leaders seem to be more empathic toward, and understanding of, certain kinds of people. They seem to know some contexts, certain needs, and distinct attitudes better than others. If you follow the career of a leader, you can anticipate who they will gather around them and where they will be most effective.

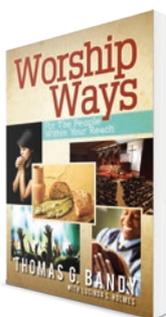
In *Spiritual Leadership*, Tom Bandy shows us how these dynamics are at work in the leadership of churches and ministries. He demonstrates how people—both leaders and followers—are shaped by their anxieties and needs, and how these characteristics can cause spiritual leadership successes and failures. Bandy walks the reader through extensive evaluations, helping the reader/leader to understand what sort of leadership they might best provide to meet the spiritual needs of the people around them.

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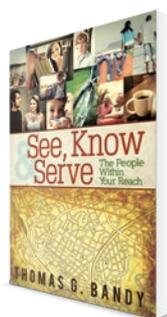
- Equips ministers to be the leaders most desperately needed in their distinct communities.
- Recognizes the unique needs of people in a community.
- Charts and illustrations make the detailed information clear and easy to digest.

Thomas G. Bandy is an internationally-recognized church consultant and leadership coach. He works across the spectrum of church traditions, denominations, congregations, contexts, and cultures. Tom coaches transforming and transitioning congregations, church plants, multi-site and cross-cultural churches, and faith-based nonprofits. He is the president of Thriving Church Consulting LLC and can be found in his virtual office at ThrivingChurch.com. He is the author of several books on congregational leadership.

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Open the floodgates to mission-worthy change in your congregation, creating a spiritual force that moves through your entire community.

FLOOD GATES

Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church

SUE NILSON KIBBEY

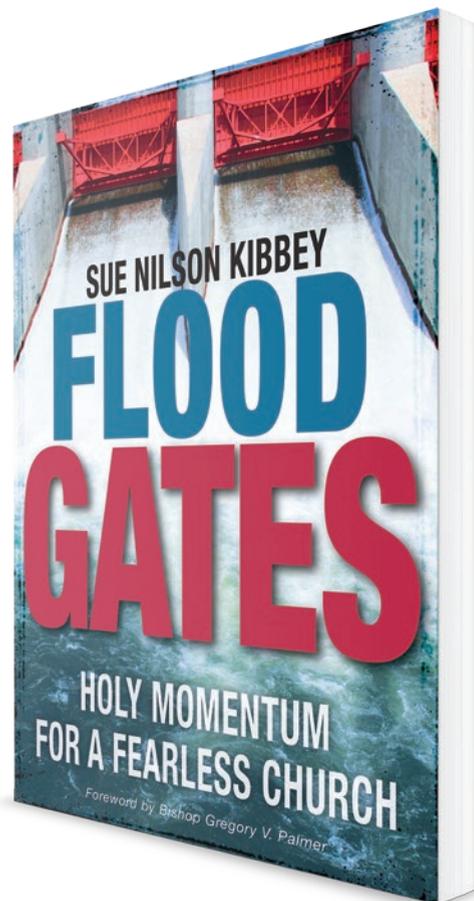
Sue Nilson Kibbey follows up the Abingdon Press leadership classic, *Ultimately Responsible*, with her latest experience-based research about how your congregation can make the shift from plateau or even decline - to opening the flood gates of spiritual upsurge. This resource is a practical “how-to” guide for pastors and church leaders who dream about releasing holy momentum in their current setting.

Whatever your church’s history, setting or mission field, you can set the stage to unleash the floodgates of a Breakthrough Prayer Initiative, learn the skills of making an urgent case for change, shift your church’s culture to “ubiquitous discipleship,” identify and deploy new leaders and other key crucial catalysts. All of these have the potential to transform your congregation into a fearless, Spirit-driven church that will make new spiritual history for Christ in your own mission field and beyond.

KEY FEATURES

- When these core triggers are implemented and practiced, a congregation moves from being a sedentary, inwardly-focused church to an outward-moving, contagious tool of the message and mission of Christ!
- The book is user-friendly, and designed to be used by teams of people as well as read by individuals.
- Each chapter includes implementation steps.

Sue Nilson Kibbey is an ordained United Methodist elder who serves as the Director of the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI) for the West Ohio Conference, a comprehensive 360-degree training and coaching effort that assists congregations and their pastors to jump-start a new life cycle of fruitfulness. Kibbey served as executive pastor of Ginghamburg United Methodist Church in Tipp City, Ohio for 10 years, where she teamed with Pastor Mike Slaughter to create and deploy the vision of the church as well as provide oversight of the staff and all discipleship/mission initiatives. Sue is also the creator of the Ministry by Strengths program, which helps leaders connect into individualized areas of ministry service passion, and is an adjunct professor for ministry leadership at United Theological Seminary. She is a speaker, trainer, consultant and coach across the country.

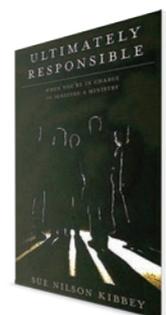


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Sermons often suffer from a lack of adequate analysis and presentation of the human condition.

PREACHING AND THE HUMAN CONDITION

Loving God, Self, & Others

O. WESLEY ALLEN JR.

Sermons often fail to connect with people, because they seem to skirt around or float above the human condition. They aim at high and noble ideals, but ignore the hearer's real life needs and their real (and sometimes difficult) circumstances. Sermons too often devolve into messages of self-help, or offer only a sliver of the good news of Jesus Christ, because the "bad news" of the world is de-emphasized or ignored altogether. In *Preaching and the Human Condition*, O. Wesley Allen uses the pericope in which Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment (Mk 12:28-31) as a lens for preachers. He proposes that we explore the human condition cumulatively from three different perspectives in our weekly preaching.

"Love God" suggests a perspective in which the human condition is seen in relation to a broken relationship between humanity and God (vertical).

"Love neighbor" suggests a perspective in which the broken relationship is between humans and others (horizontal).

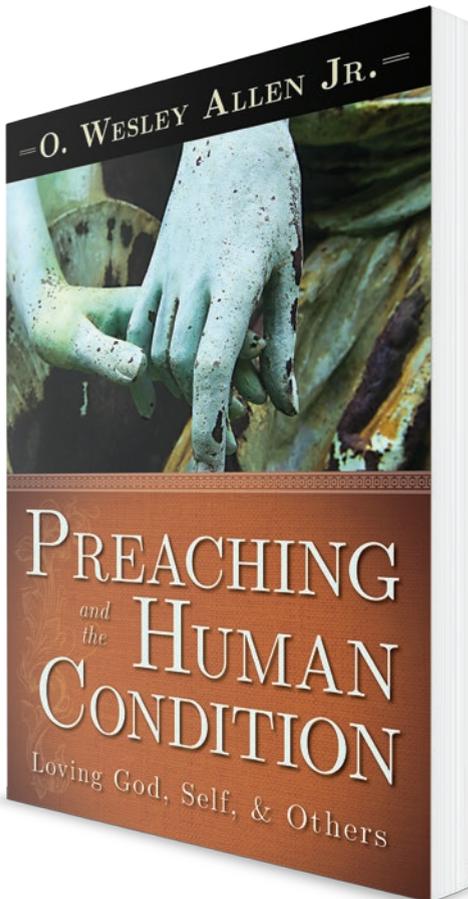
And "as yourself" suggests a brokenness in relationship to one's self (inner).

In individual chapters, the author unpacks each perspective theologically, suggests practical homiletical approaches to preaching from that perspective, and provides a sample sermon.

KEY FEATURES

- Helps preachers and preaching students to effectively address the human condition in their preaching ministry.
- Offers practical instruction to build the reader's skill.
- Uses a framework that is inviting and useful for preachers, students, and scholars from multiple theological backgrounds (Loving God, Neighbor, Self).

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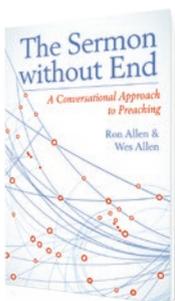


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The church can learn from secular society how to “be the church.”

THE SACRED SECULAR

How God Is Using the World to Shape the Church

DOTTIE ESCOBEDO-FRANK & ROB RYNDERS

This book addresses the question, ‘Is Being Spiritual Better Than Being Religious’? Or, to put it another way, is the church important any longer? If we believe it is, then how do we show, tell, and embody that today?

Our urban cores are undergoing a renaissance. People, especially young people, are ditching the suburbs in search of more interesting and compelling ways of living. Cities now offer an escape from planned and gated communities, big box stores, and chain restaurants. Urban centers offer local, community-based coffee shops, bars, and businesses. Restaurants offer farm-to-table experiences and a place where people can meet their neighbors. Instead of going to the movie theatre on a Friday night, urbanites experience art shows and the local music scene where they engage in a more creative way of living.

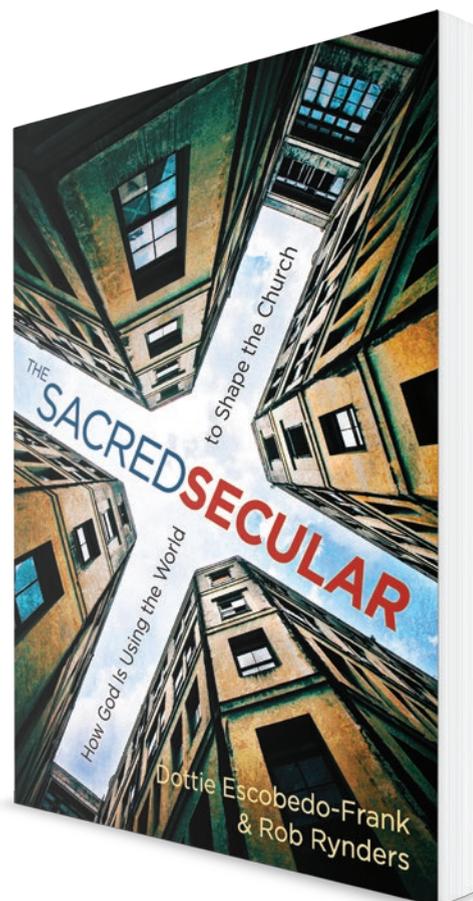
The escape from suburbia, however, also includes an escape from organized religion. Today’s mega-church isn’t much different from the big box store experience, an experience urbanites reject. Yet, they aren’t rejecting religious beliefs and have in many ways adopted new religious practices, whether they know it or not. The gathering spaces and the ways they gather may look different, however, this new urban “religion” brings with it a deep commitment to community building, sustainability, and compassion for one’s neighbors - all practices and beliefs found at the core of Jesus’ teachings.

KEY FEATURES

- Includes real life examples from leaders who have figured out (at least in part) how to show, tell, and embody authentic Christianity today.
- The content is compellingly topical, with a sense of urgency.
- Offers stories of hope from across the church.

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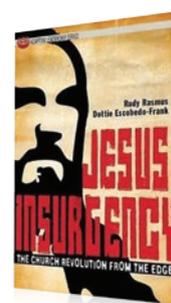
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THE E-GIVING GUIDE FOR EVERY CHURCH

Using Digital Tools to Grow Ministry

RICHARD ROGERS

The purpose of this book is to help churches raise more money for ministry and mission by better using electronic media.

Although philanthropy in the US is growing, churches continue to receive a declining portion of that philanthropy. Part of the challenge is that America is becoming significantly less dependent on paper currency (cash and checks) yet the church continues to count on paper currency as their primary media for donations. There have been warning signals for several years. Many churches face shrinking budgets and membership and are beginning to ask the right questions. The author's goal is to capture this teachable moment with a resource that will encourage pastors and church leaders to utilize tools already available to change the trajectory of their resourcing; because nothing is more important than what God has called them to do.

The banking and electronic giving industries have not made it easy for churches to understand their services or fees. This book will take the confusion and fear away and open churches to new possibilities.



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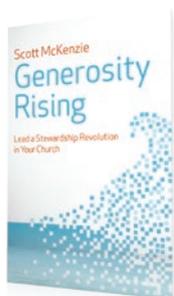


KEY FEATURES

- Churches struggle with having enough financial resources to accomplish what they believe God wants them to do. Here is a workable plan for getting started or taking additional steps.
- Expert counsel for an urgent need from one of the nation's most trusted sources on issues of finance in the church.
- Covers the key topics every church must address related to digital finance, providing a solid, sustainable framework.

Richard Rogers is Senior Ministry Strategist with Horizons Stewardship. He joined Horizons in 2010 after 20 years as a leader in Industry and the local church, including 9 years in management with a Fortune 500 company. He has served as Administrator and Minister of Education in a growing local church, where he oversaw a \$4 million campus relocation and two subsequent building projects as well as several successful capital campaigns. Under his leadership the church's operating budget increased by 70%. Richard now partners with pastors across the country to secure resources for funding vision and growth in churches.

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Theology matters to our lives, and it matters to the life of the world.

HOLDING FAITH

A Practical Introduction to Christian Doctrine

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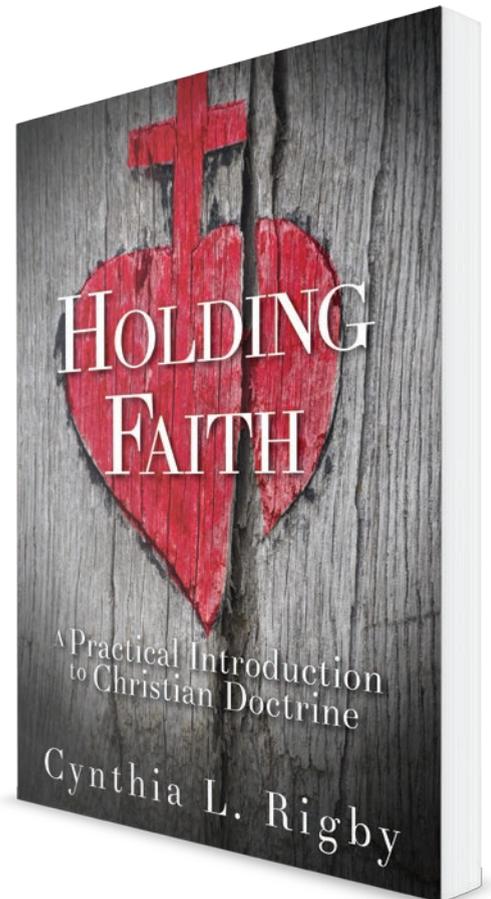
Luther once wrote: “Faith takes hold of Christ and has Him present, enclosing Him as the ring encloses the gem.” The idea that we hold faith because faith holds us, and that faith holds us because faith holds Christ, is vital. We hold faith as we seek to know Christ better, exploring Christian doctrines and deepening our understanding of the impact and relevance to our day-to-day lives. Faith holds us as we respond to Christ’s calling, negotiate life’s challenges, and join in the work of bringing in God’s kingdom.

The book conveys the content of core Christian doctrines and then addresses the “so what?” of each, its take away, how it matters to our everyday living, and how it shapes our spiritual and ethical practices. Using theological literature and Scripture but also current events, sociology, fiction, and movies, the author shows that theology matters. It matters to our lives and it matters to the life of the world. How we understand theology and its core beliefs has an impact on who we know ourselves to be and how we relate to God and to one another. *Holding Faith* concretely shows how various and diverse understandings of particular doctrines play out in relation to the way lives are lived and ethical systems put forward. It holds that some approaches to Christian doctrine are preferable to others, making persuasive arguments for better approaches. Scripture is consistently used and sourced throughout the book as arguments are developed.

KEY FEATURES

- Readers will be able to integrate head, heart, and action.
- Readers will see how thinking about the tenets of the Christian faith can impact daily living.
- Readers will understand the basics of Christian faith and have ways to talk about their beliefs.

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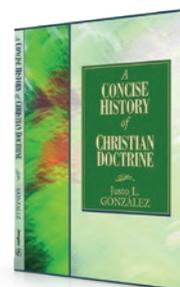
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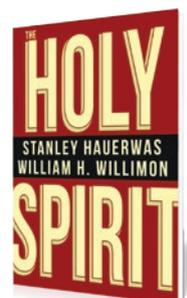
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The body of Christ can and does exist virtually and makes embodied difference in the lives of those who are hurting.

THE VIRTUAL BODY OF CHRIST IN A SUFFERING WORLD

DEANNA A. THOMPSON

We live in a wired world where 24/7 digital connectivity is increasingly the norm. Christian megachurch communities often embrace this reality wholeheartedly while more traditional churches often seem hesitant and overwhelmed by the need for an interactive website, a Facebook page and a twitter feed. This book accepts digital connectivity as our reality, but presents a vision of how faith communities can utilize technology to better be the body of Christ to those who are hurting while also helping followers of Christ think critically about the limits of our digital attachments.

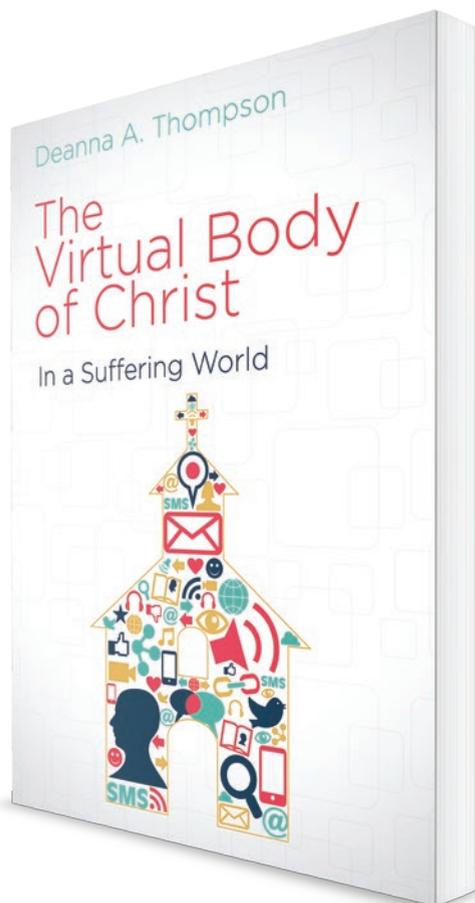
This book begins with a conversion story of a non-cell phone owning, non-Facebook using religion professor judgmental of the ability of digital tools to enhance relationships. A stage IV cancer diagnosis later, in the midst of being held up by virtual communities of support, a conversion occurs: this religion professor benefits in embodied ways from virtual sources and wants to convert others to the reality that the body of Christ can and does exist virtually and makes embodied difference in the lives of those who are hurting.

The book neither uncritically embraces nor rejects the constant digital connectivity present in our lives. Rather it calls on the church to a) recognize ways in which digital social networks already enact the virtual body of Christ; b) tap into and expand how Christ is being experienced virtually; c) embrace thoughtfully the material effects of our new augmented reality, and d) influence utilization of technology that minimizes distraction and maximizes attentiveness toward God and the world God loves.

KEY FEATURES

- Readers will better recognize how digital or augmented reality permeates our lives.
- Readers will appreciate that the body of Christ has always been a virtual body and will learn to reimagine the body of Christ in virtual ways.
- Readers will see that the virtual body of Christ incarnates healing in the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

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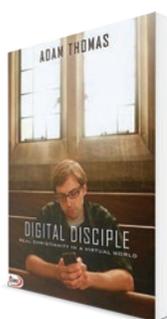


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How New Testament writings construct their presentation of God.

GOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

WARREN CARTER

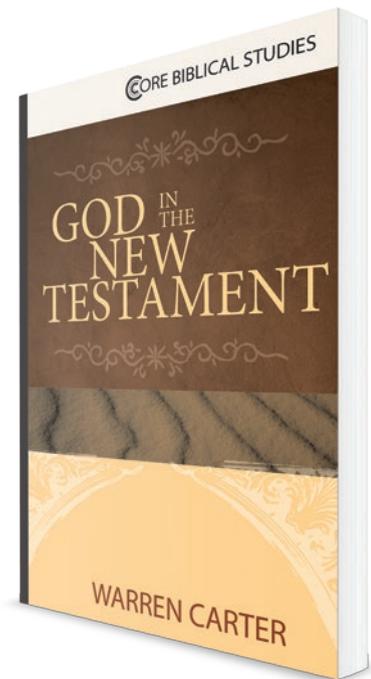
Warren Carter addresses how New Testament writings construct their presentation of God using narrative and thematic approaches. Chapters will discuss Matthew's Gospel, Luke-Acts, John's Gospel (and letters), Paul, post-Pauline letters, Hebrews, and Revelation. In addition there will be a chapter on the Catholic Epistles.

The author uses four questions to show how God is presented:

- How is God presented in relation to Israel?
- How is God presented in relation to Jesus and the Spirit?
- How is God presented in relation to believers/disciples/the church?
- How is God presented in relation to "the world"?

These questions are used to surface the important factors of each writing's emphases.

Warren Carter is Professor of New Testament at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas.



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Learn how to interpret the General Epistles.

THE GENERAL EPISTLES

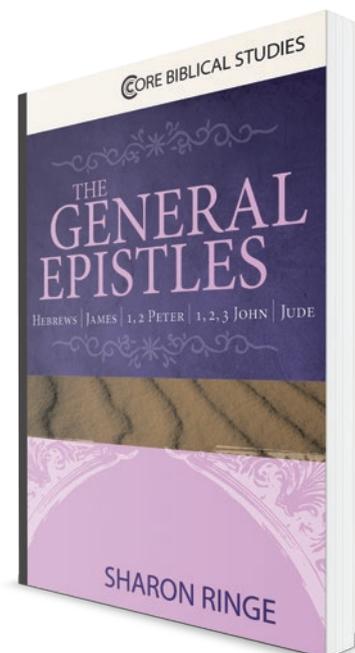
Hebrews; James; 1, 2 Peter; 1, 2, 3 John; Jude

SHARON RINGE

Learn to interpret the General Epistles in order to unlock the meaning of its highly contextual content. This book will introduce and help readers understand the life and times of a variegated and theologically diverse early Church.

The catholic or "general" epistles present several challenges: First, they claim to be addressed to Christians in general, when in fact they are highly contextual. Second, they seem to come from a generation later than that to which Paul's letters are directed. Finally, they are associated with strands of the early church hinted at by the pseudonymous authors, but from which we have no other materials, so figuring out what is received tradition and what is contextual adaptation is difficult

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What a renewed United Methodism might look like.

THE ONCE AND FUTURE WESLEYAN MOVEMENT

SCOTT J. JONES

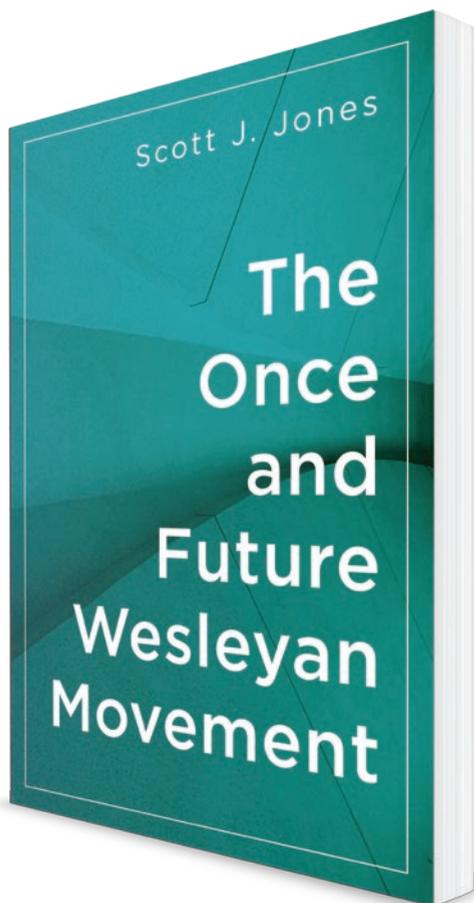
Jones argues that several unique factors remain available to The United Methodist Church today from the period of rapid growth between 1800 and 1840. Drawing on the image of Loren Mead's *Once and Future Church* and Moises Naim's analysis in *The End of Power*, Jones argues that a viable future for United Methodism is to recapture the dynamism of being a movement, with many of the characteristics of early 19th century Methodism coming to the fore. It will draw on three key works about Methodism in the first half of the 19th century: Nathan Hatch's *Democratization of American Christianity*, John Wigger's *Taking Heaven by Storm*, and Gregory Schneider's *The Way of the Cross Leads Home*.

The book talks about how the Wesleyan form of church contains important resources for the future of Christianity. It focuses on the United States and the first half is broadly applicable to all denominations in the Wesleyan tradition. The last half of the book discusses obstacles that are currently preventing The United Methodist Church from achieving its potential. It closes with a hopeful vision of what a renewed United Methodism might look like.

KEY FEATURES

- A provocative analysis of what is broken and how to fix the flaws in United Methodist structures, seminaries, and other systems.

Scott J. Jones is the Resident Bishop of the Great Plains area of The United Methodist Church. He was formerly the McCreless Associate Professor of Evangelism at Perkins School of Theology, where he taught courses in evangelism and Wesley studies. Previous books include *The Wesleyan Way*, *The Evangelistic Love of God & Neighbor*, *Staying at the Table*, and *Wesley and the Quadrilateral*, all published by Abingdon Press.

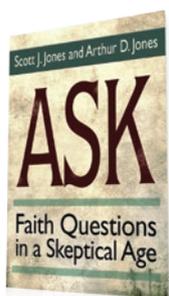


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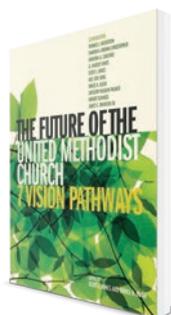
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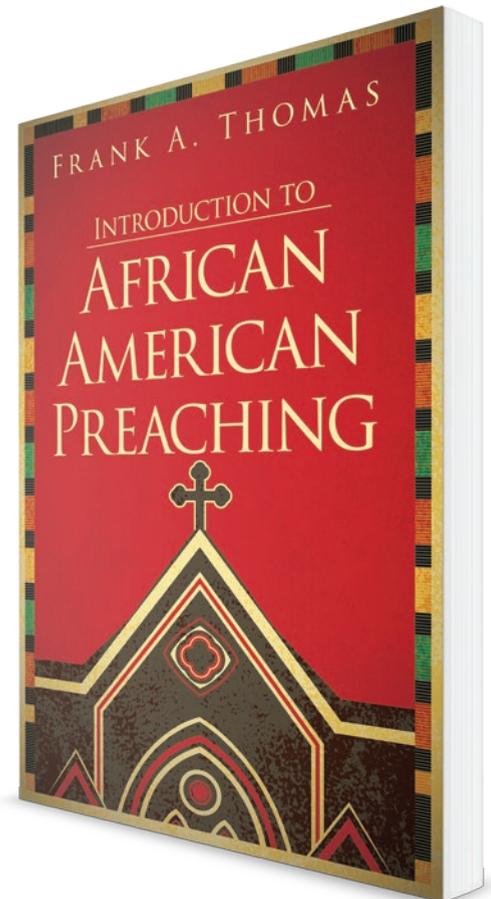
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KEY FEATURES

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Frank A. Thomas is the Senior Pastor of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis, TN. He is a preacher, teacher, scholar, lecturer, author, and coach called to preach and teach nationally and internationally.



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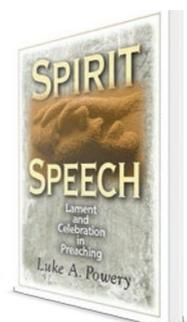
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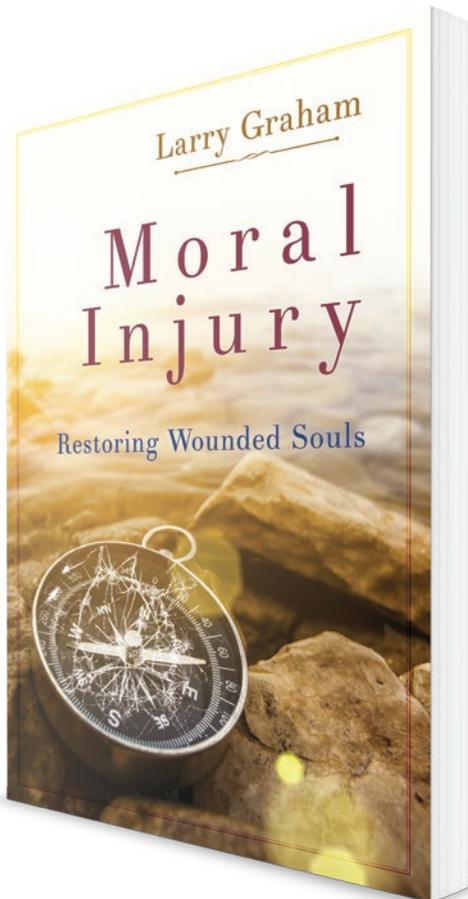
Using vivid examples, the author will look at how various religious communities seek, promote, and achieve personal wholeness and realize the common good. This understanding will inform pastors, so that they can help their congregants and communities become vital agents in a sea of, often, conflicting moral voices. The book will provide resources for identifying core assets, and how to assess the various codes and moral claims interacting within the kaleidoscopic climate in which we live.

Drawing upon neuroscience, narrative spirituality, and collaborative communal engagement, the author gives tools to aid pastors, chaplains, and spiritual caregivers ameliorate the distress caused by dissonance and resulting in moral injury. The book will also provide resources for helping people bear the burdens of moral responsibility and for navigating the sometimes unbearable consequences of particular moral actions. The author concludes with suggestions for helping people suffering from injury to their integrity from misdeeds they endure, either as a result of their own actions or from those actions of others, move toward sustained resilience and more mature moral imagination.

KEY FEATURES

- Gives ways to assess and help people make better choices.
- Provides tools for helping people share and, consequently, bear burdens of shame and guilt.
- Elevates, reclaims, and increases the relevance of the ministry of soul care.

Larry Graham is Professor of Pastoral Theology and Care at Iliff School of Theology in Denver.



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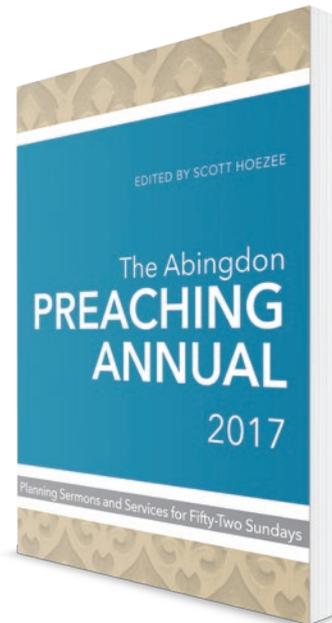
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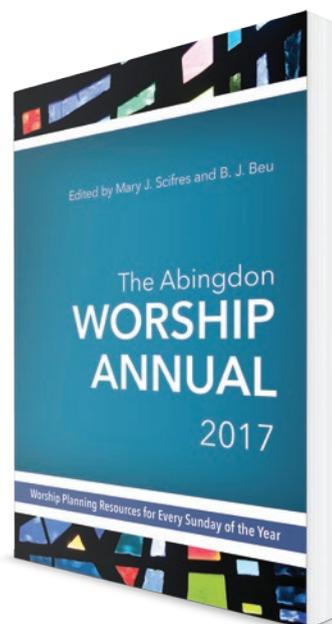
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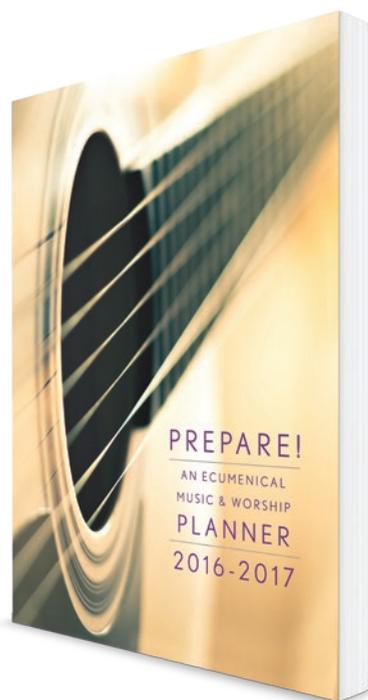
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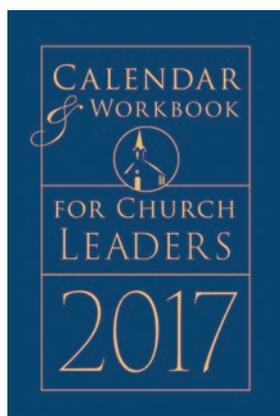
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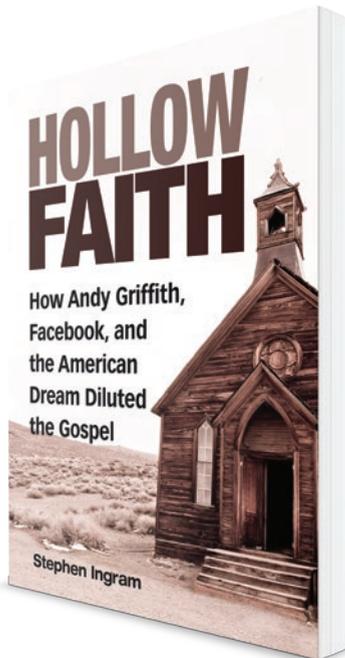
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How Andy Griffith, Facebook, and the American Dream Diluted the Gospel

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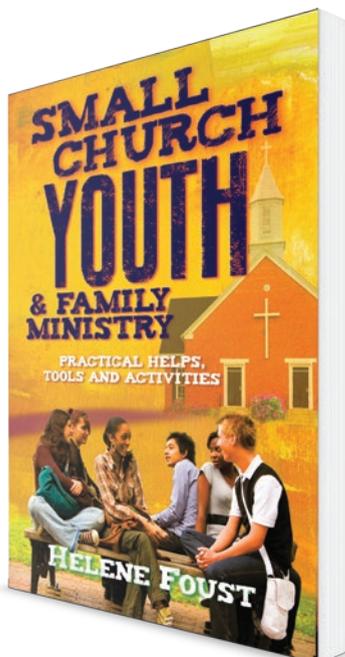
This book for youth leaders, pastors, and parents looks deep into the mirror of pop and church culture and asks the difficult, and often maddening, question, "Are those things we produce and consume defining us?" Author Stephen Ingram explores these themes of moralism, deism, meism, consumerism, pluralism, and therapeutic religion of pop culture, as well as current sociological and psychological data.

Hollow Faith separates the values of the gospel from the cultural norms that have domesticated them including:

How we believe we should act (The Andy Griffith Show)
 How we want to be known (Facebook)
 What we aspire to become (the American Dream)

Ingram says that once we recognize these serious shifts in our faith, we can begin to have discussions, develop plans, and form actions to reclaim the vibrant, life-giving faith of the Bible. Includes a Parents Guide in the back.

Stephen Ingram is a dad, husband, and foodie. He has the joy of serving as the Director of Student Ministries at Canterbury United Methodist Church in Birmingham, AL. Stephen a BA in Religion from



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Helene Foust is an experienced youth worker, working with United Methodist-related campus ministry programs and Wesley Foundation ministries. She is currently responsible for resourcing and networking ministry with youth in congregations across the state of Indiana.

Previously, she was the Minister to Youth and Young Adults at Old Bethel United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. She has also developed youth ministry programs at Milltown United Methodist Church, and has had extensive experience as the Director of Christian Education in Terryville, Connecticut.

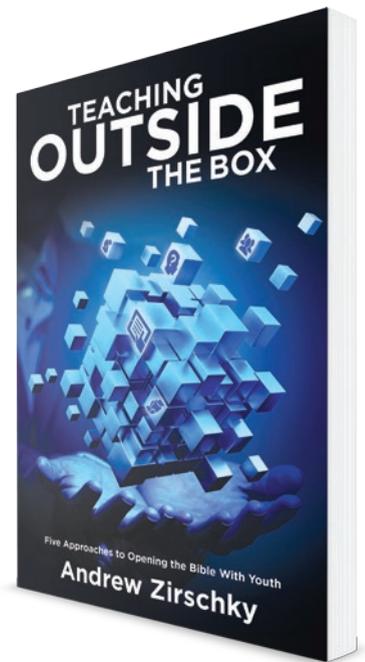
TEACHING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Five Approaches to Opening the Bible With Youth

ANDREW ZIRSCHKY

Rather than tweaking the ways youth ministers communicate the gospel, *Teaching Outside the Box*, explores five distinct approaches to forming youth in the faith—approaches that open youth to experiencing the implications of the gospel in new ways. We'll start by providing a new take on the instructional approach, and then introduce four additional approaches that are likely new to readers: community of faith, interpretive, liberation, and contemplative.

Andrew Zirschky (Ph.D. Princeton Theological Seminary) is Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Youth Ministry at Memphis Theological Seminary and serves as academic director at the Center for Youth Ministry Training in Brentwood, Tennessee. He has 20 years of youth ministry experience at churches in Idaho, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Tennessee.



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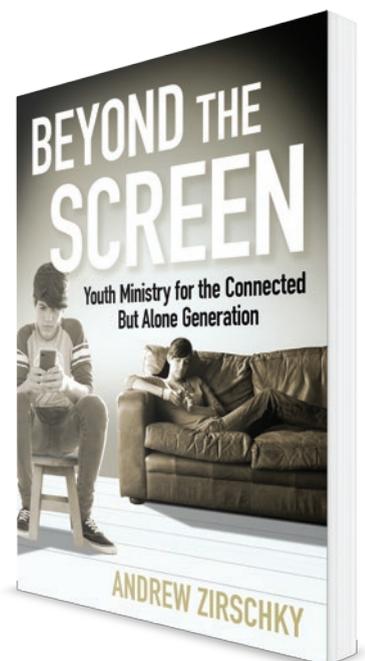
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It's no secret that teenagers are perpetually connected via social media and mobile devices, but while we've analyzed as a culture how youth are connecting we've done less well at understanding why teenagers are drawn to the glow of the screen. *Beyond the Screen* explores the reality that teenagers use these technologies in desperate bid for an intimacy and depth of relationship largely absent from face-to-face society and the church.

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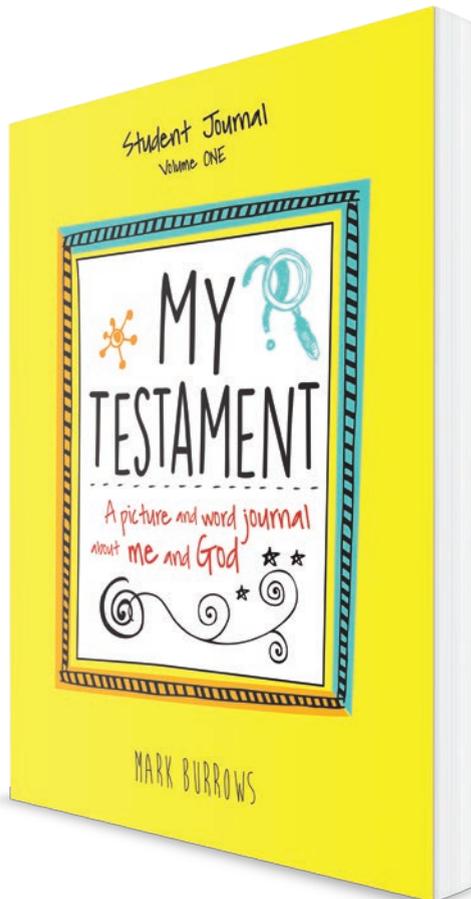
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He received his undergraduate degree in music education from Southern Methodist University, and his graduate degree in conducting from Texas Christian University. Mark is currently the Director of Children’s Ministries at First United Methodist Church – Fort Worth, Texas. Mark lives in Fort Worth with his wife, Nina, and their two daughters, Emma and Grace.

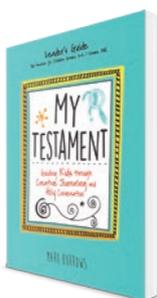


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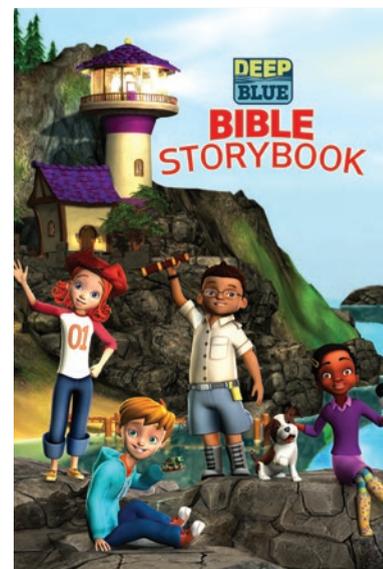
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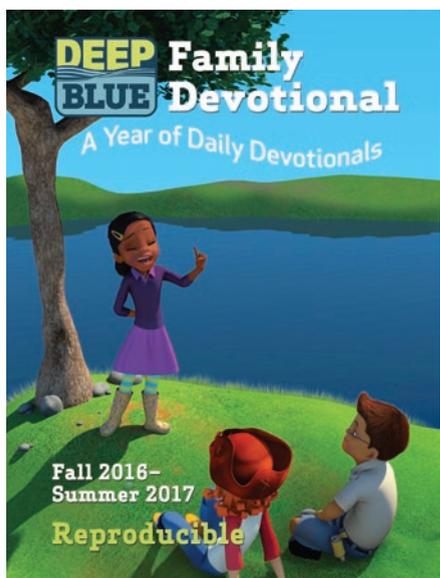
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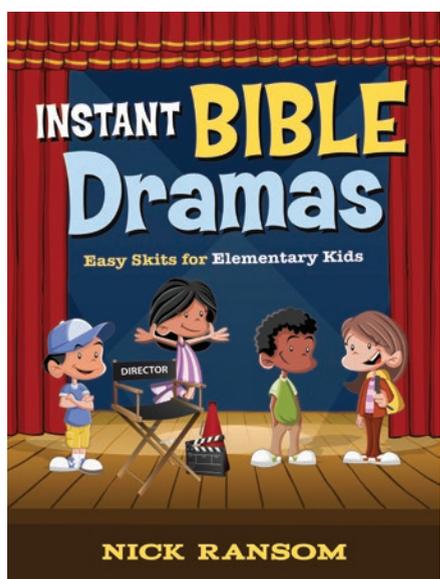
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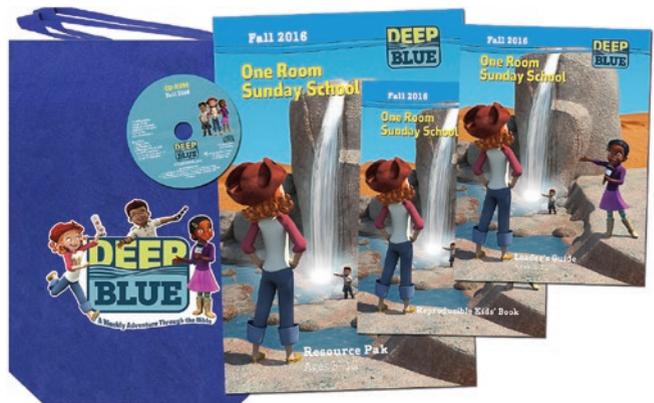
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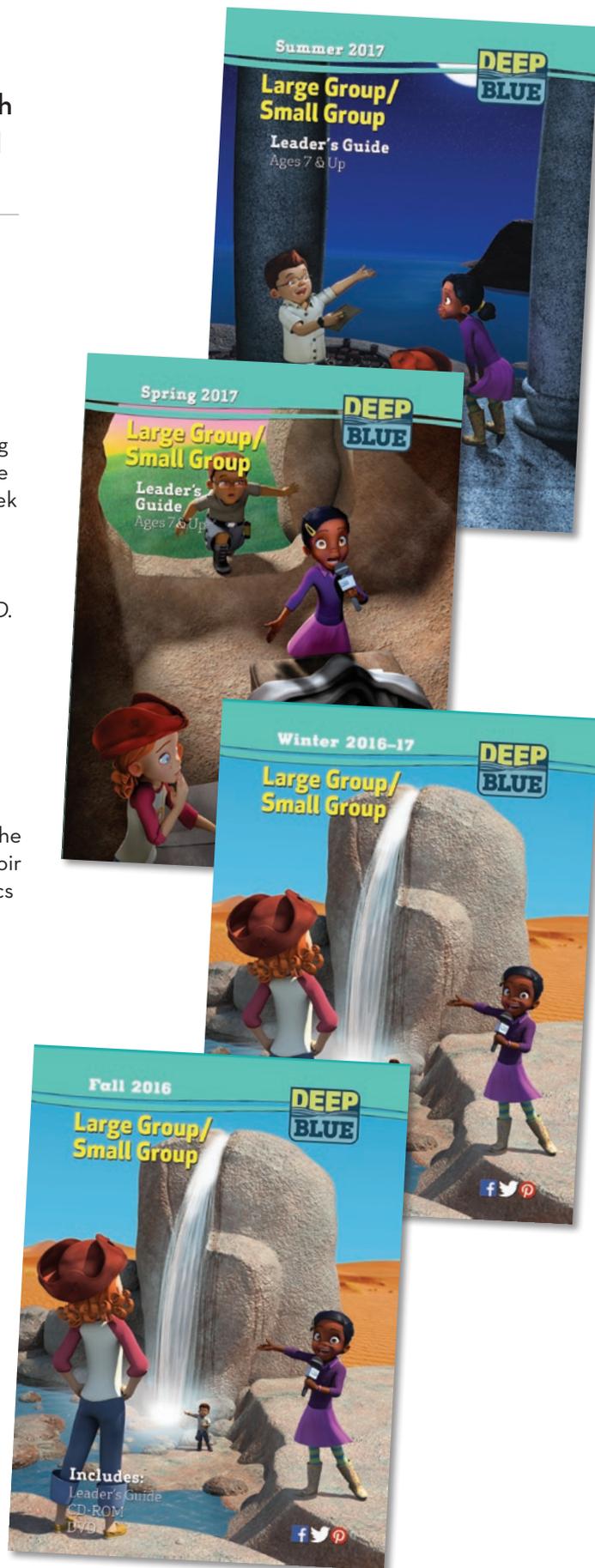
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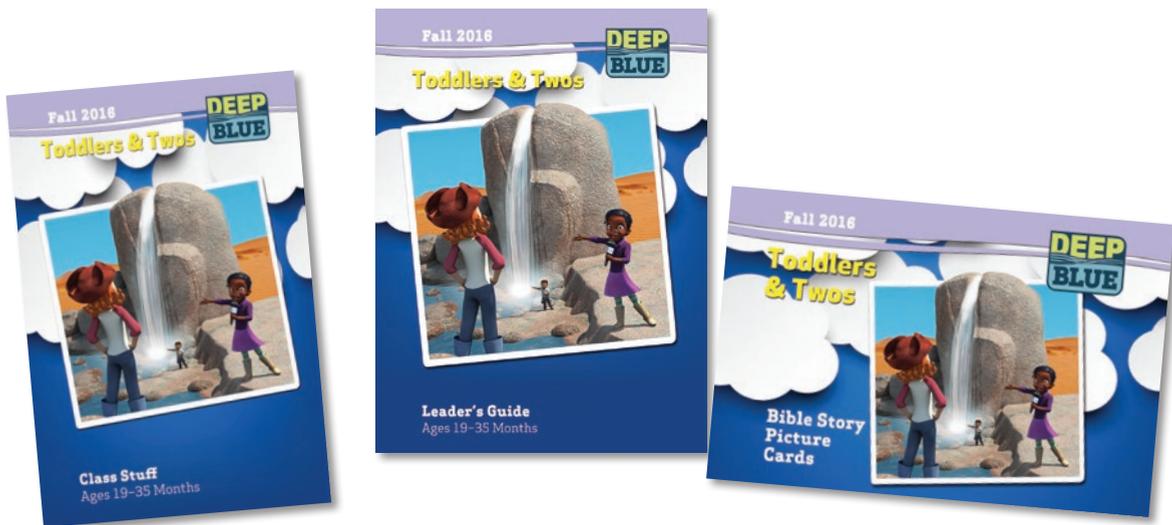
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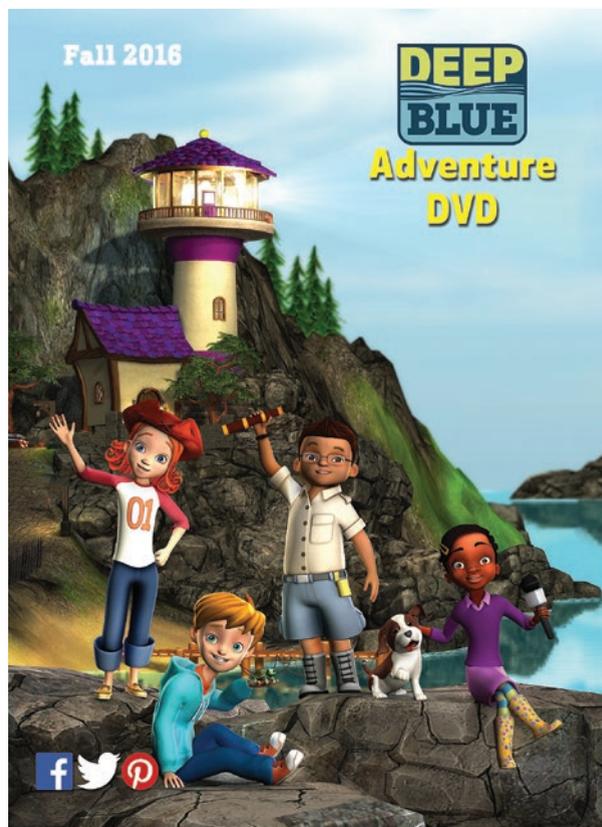
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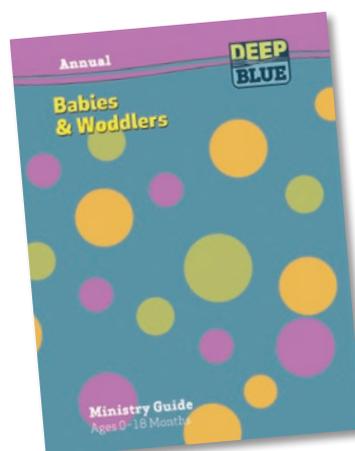
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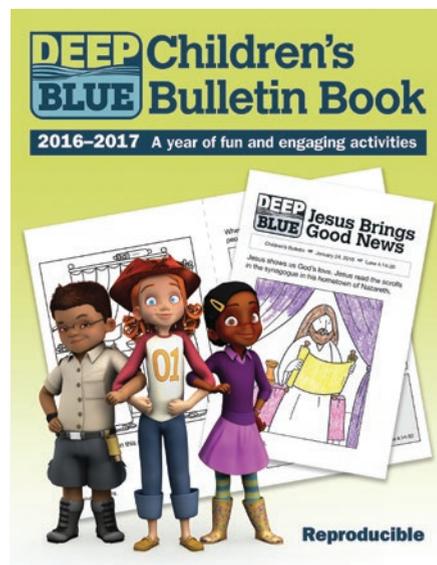
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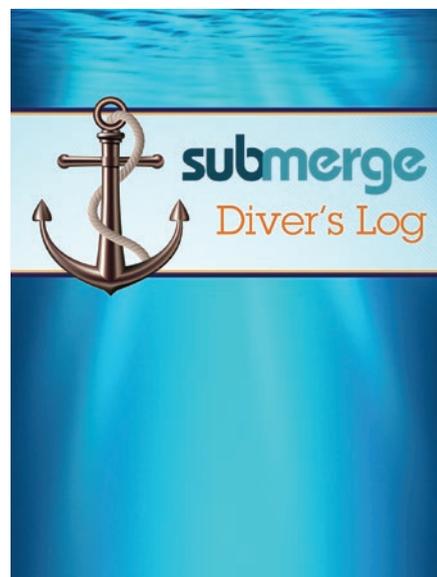


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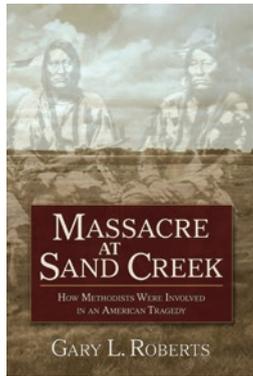
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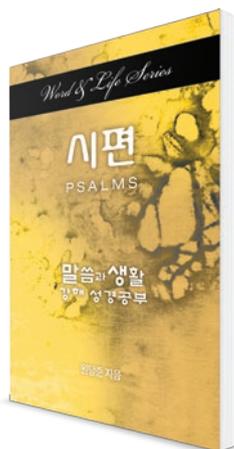
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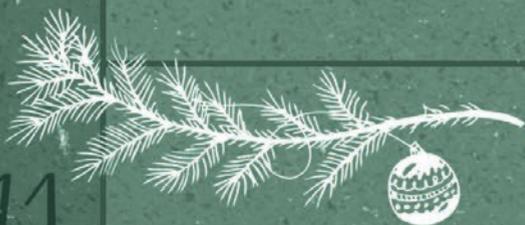
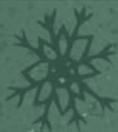
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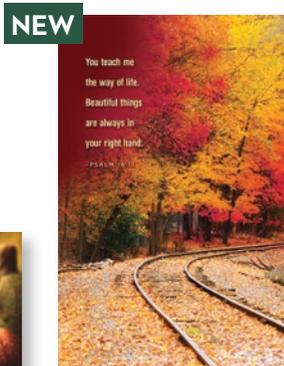
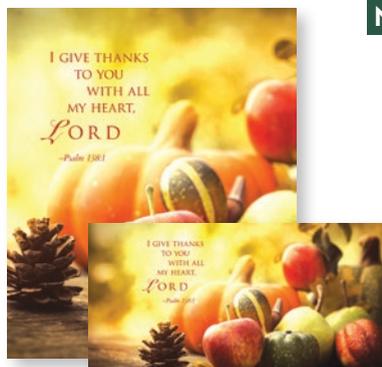
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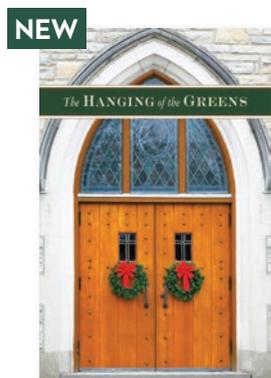
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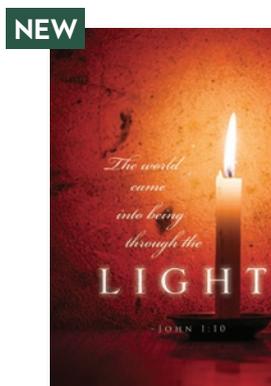
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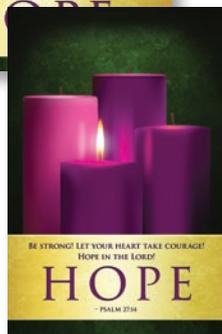
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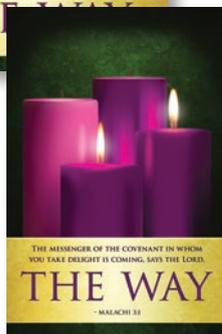
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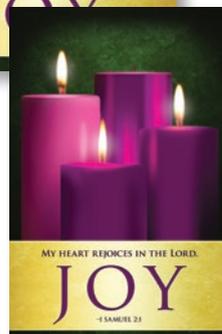
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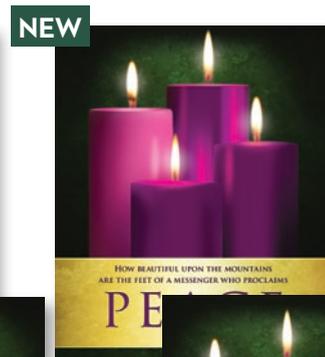
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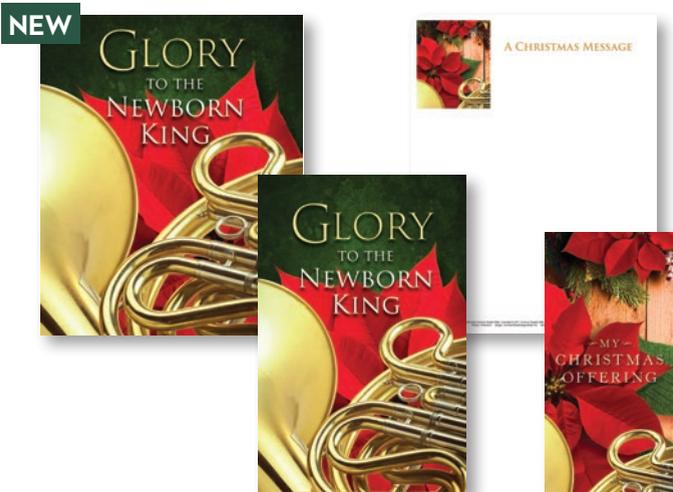
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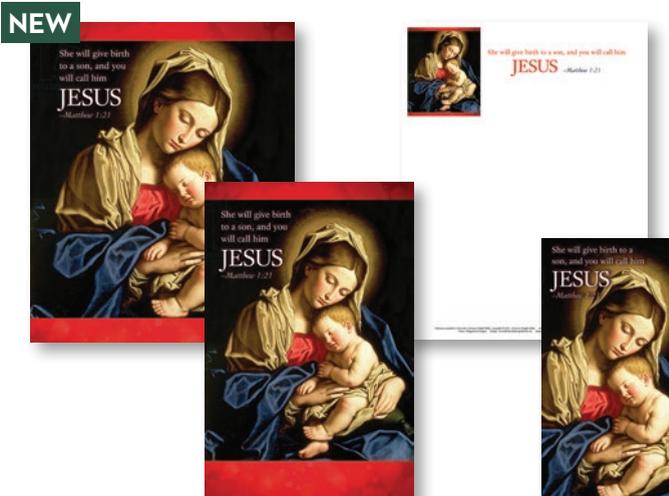


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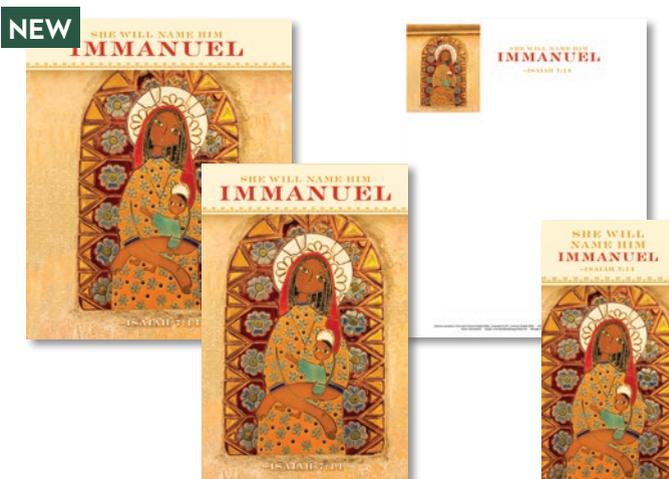
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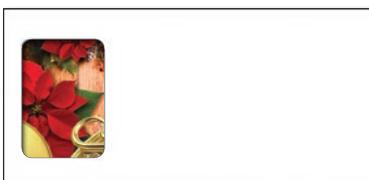


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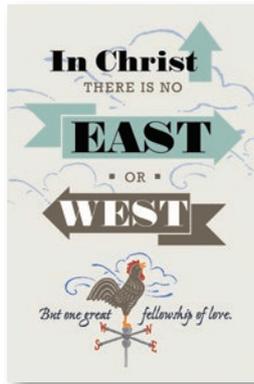


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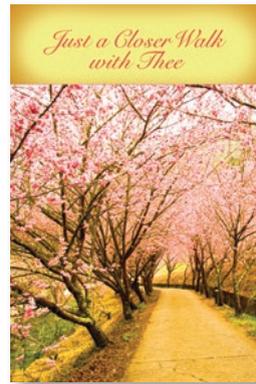
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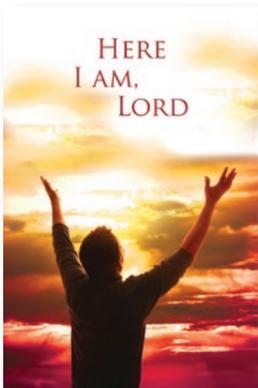
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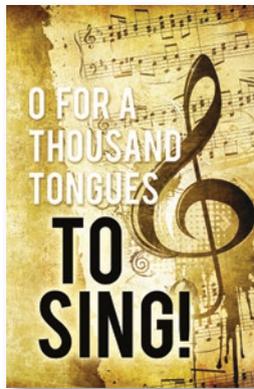
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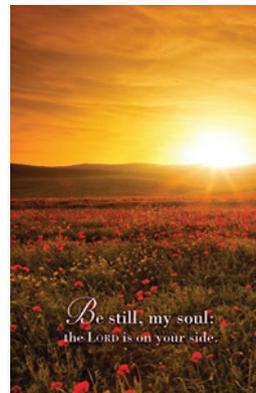
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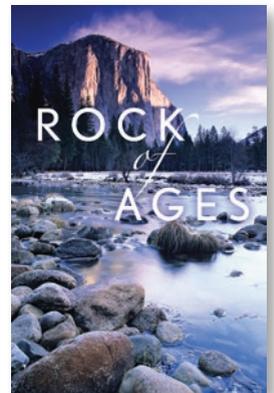
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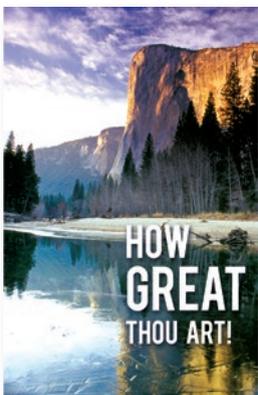
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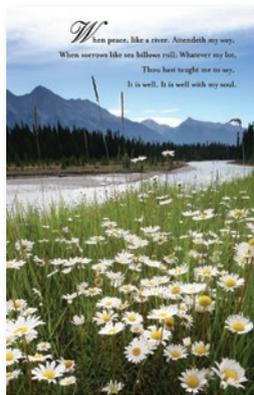
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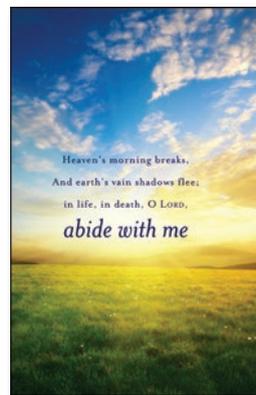
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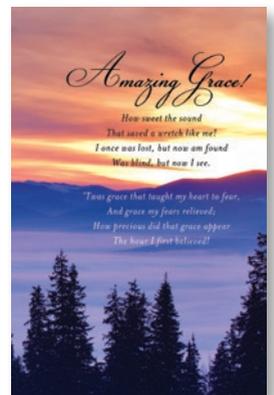
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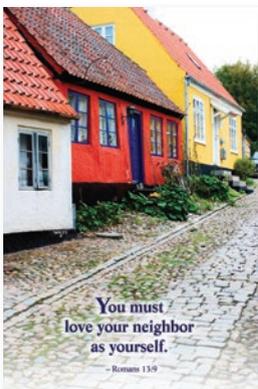
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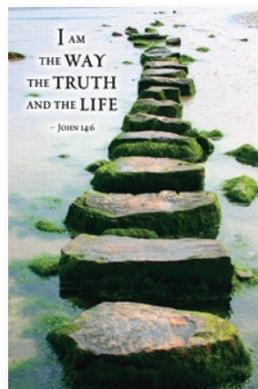
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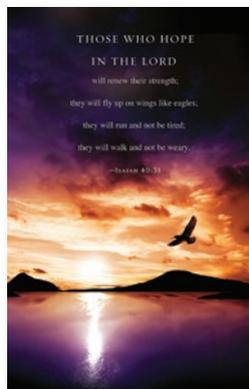
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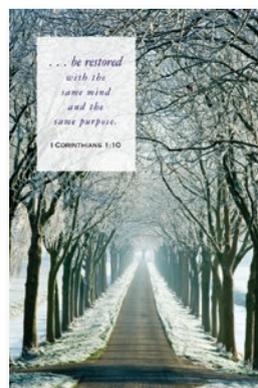
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... be restored
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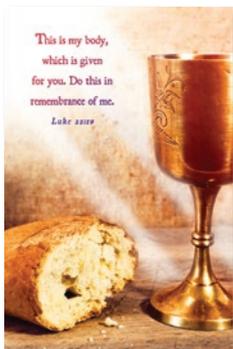
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Footprints
One night I had a dream.
I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the LORD
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For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand.
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When the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that it happened at the very
lowest and saddest times of my life.
This really bothered me and I questioned
the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided
to follow you, you would walk with me all the way.
But I have noticed that during the most
troublesome times in my life, there is only
one set of footprints. I don't understand
why at times when I needed you the most,
you would leave me." The LORD replied,
"My precious child, I love you and I would never,
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When you see only one set of footprints,
it was then that
I carried you."

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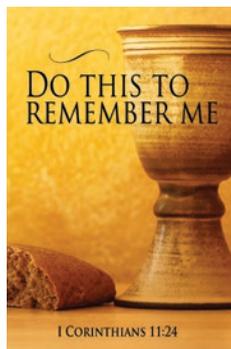
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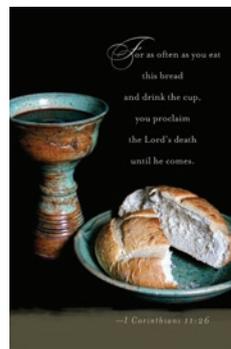
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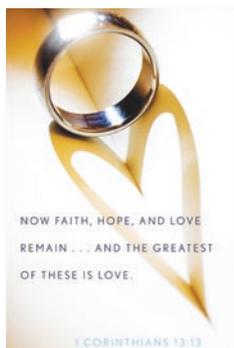


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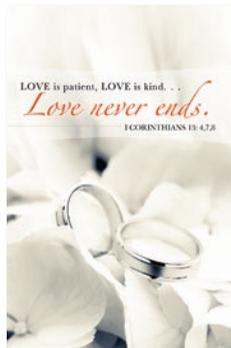


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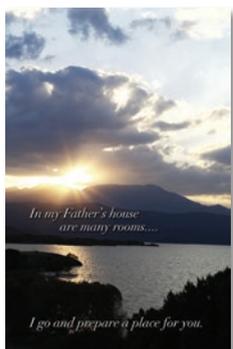
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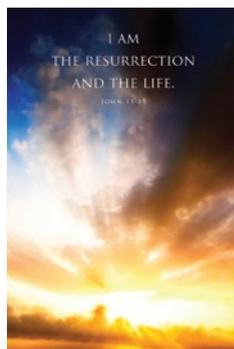
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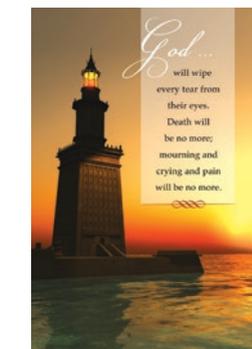
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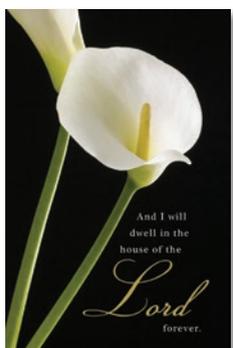
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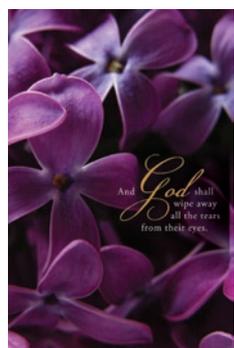
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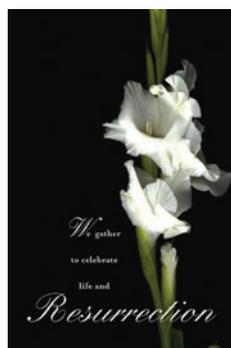
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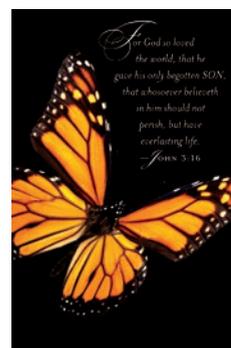
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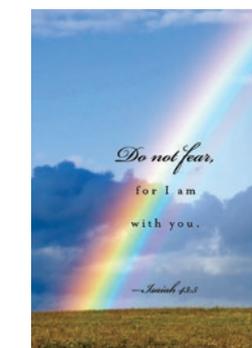
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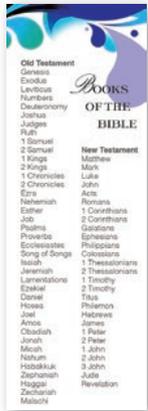


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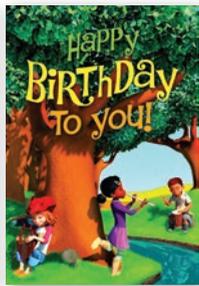
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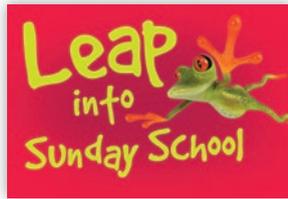
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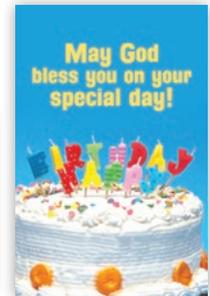
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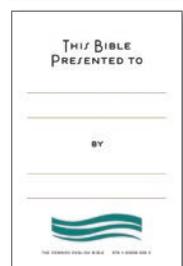


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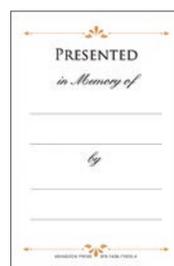


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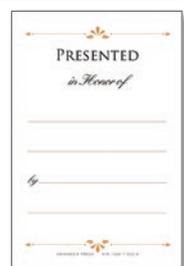


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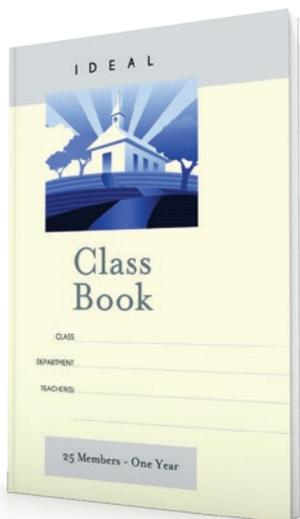
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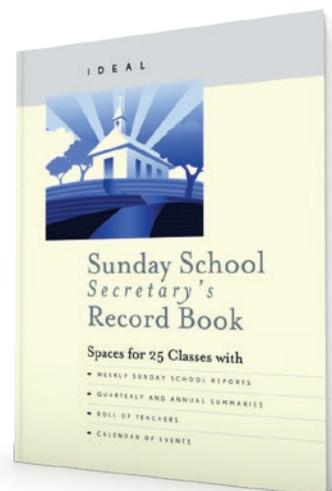
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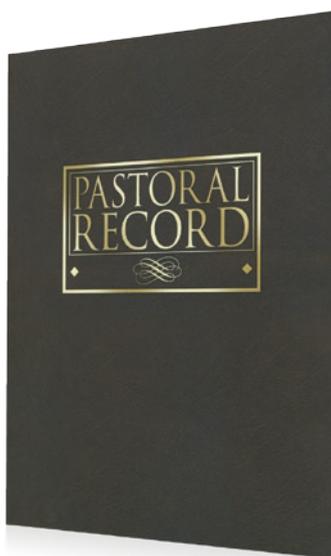
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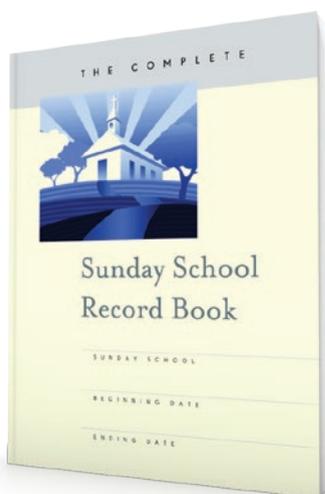
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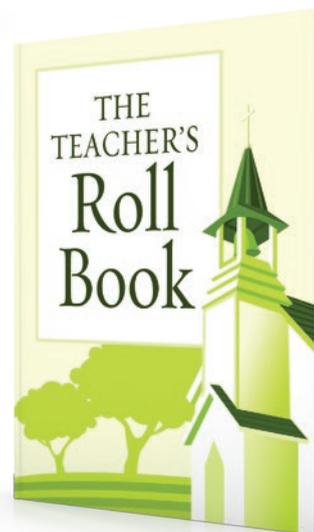
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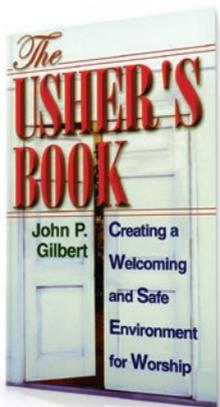
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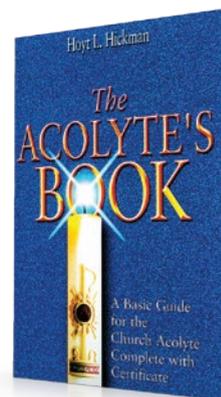


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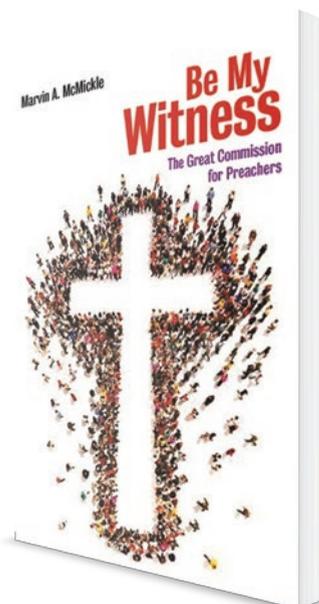
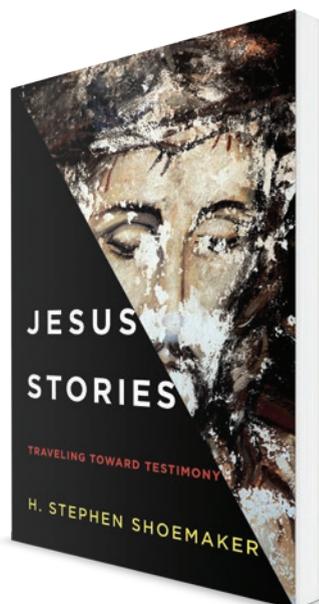
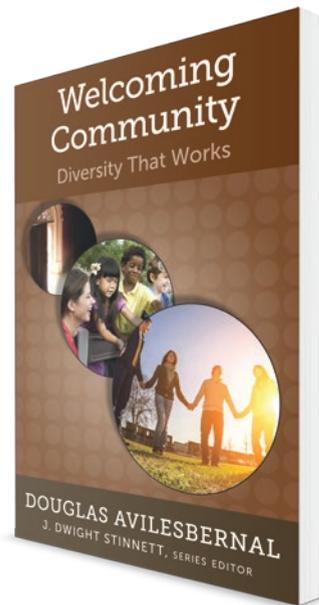
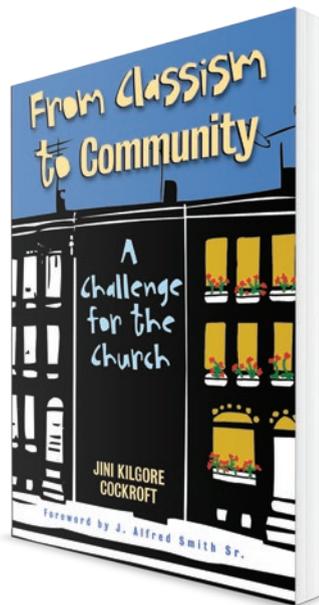
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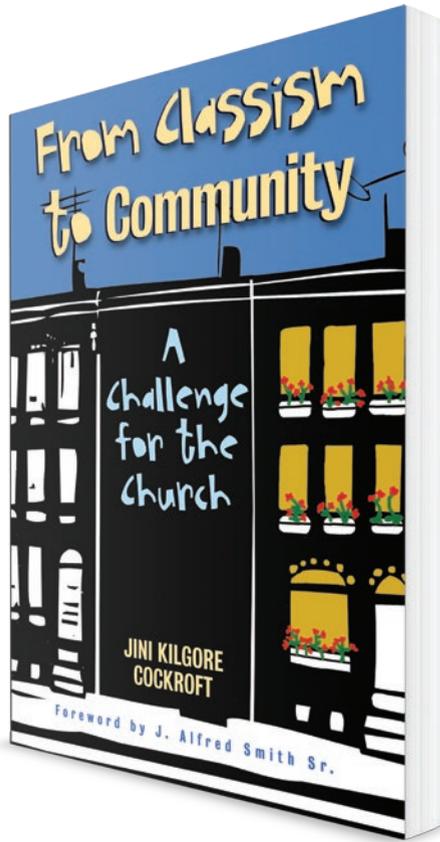


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JINI KILGORE COCKROFT, MDiv, DMin, is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA). In 2008, she and her husband cofounded HighWay Ministries, an urban mission in South Los Angeles that offers spiritual and practical nurture to people with low incomes. Jini has contributed to several Judson Press books including: *Sister to Sister: Devotions for and from African American Women, Volumes 1–2*, *A Servant's Journey: The Life and Work of Thomas Kilgore*, *Those Preaching Women, Volume 2*, and *No Other Help I Know: Sermons on Prayer and Spirituality*. As a teacher, preacher, writer, editor, administrator, and missionary, Dr. Cockroft has dedicated her life to justice and inclusion.

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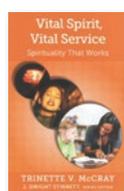
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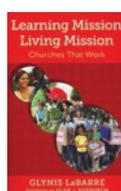
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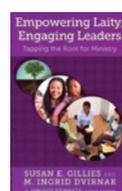
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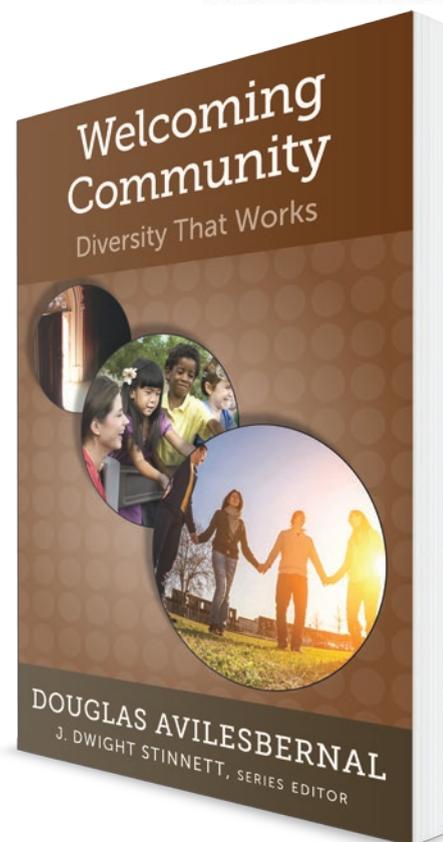
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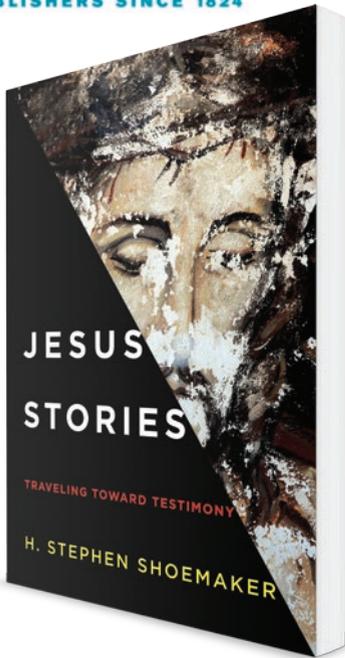


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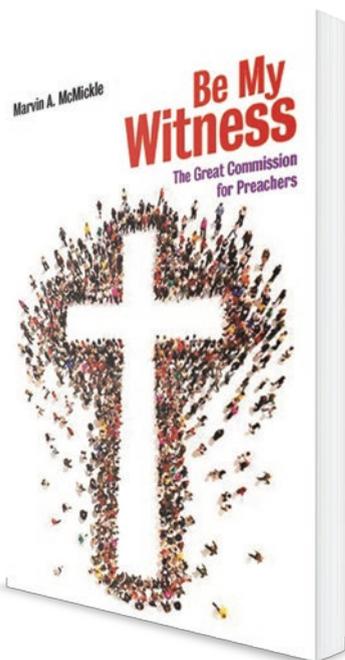
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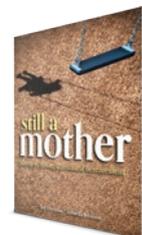
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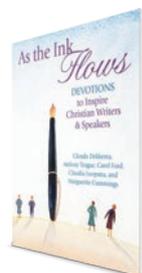
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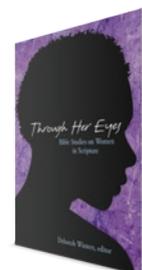
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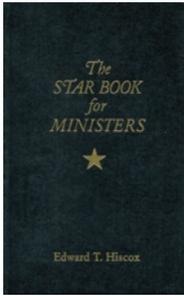
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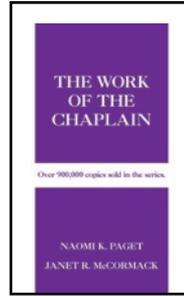
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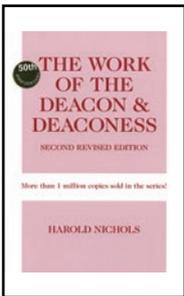
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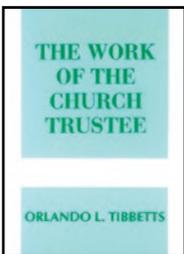
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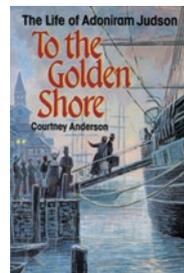
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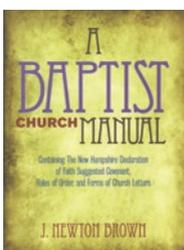
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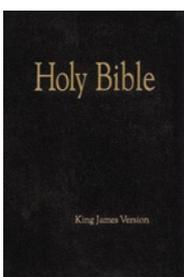
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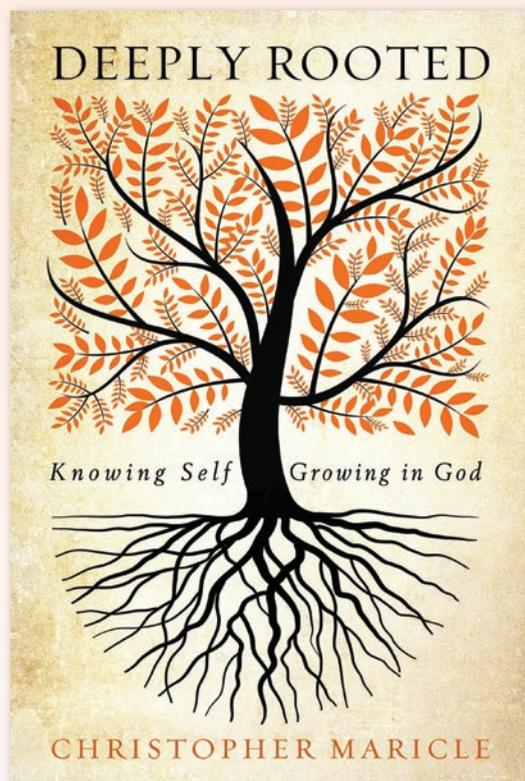
KEY FEATURES

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Christopher Maricle researches, writes, and teaches on matters related to school governance in grades K-12. He is the author of *The Jesus Priorities: 8 Essential Habits*.

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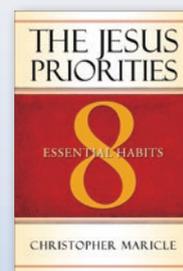


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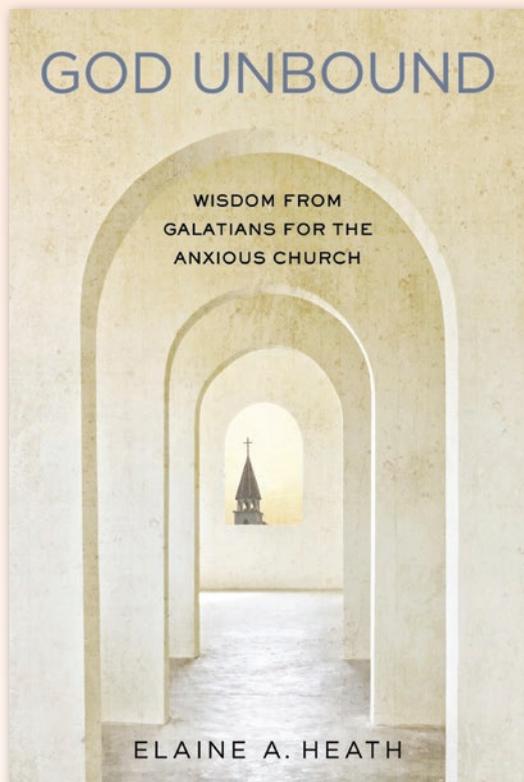
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Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church

Elaine A. Heath

The apostle Paul led the Galatians through a massive cultural shift in which they had to radically expand their ideas of who God is, who they were, and God's mission for the church. He was able to lead them through this time of great change because of his encounter with the risen Christ on the Damascus road, an experience in which his view of God was completely upended.

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KEY FEATURES

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Dr. Elaine A. Heath is the cofounder of the Missional Wisdom Foundation, which administers networks of missional and new monastic communities in Dallas/Ft. Worth; a training program called Launch & Lead for church planters who work beyond the walls of the traditional church; and several social enterprises. She is a highly sought-after preacher and teacher.

TARGET AUDIENCE

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- Groups seeking studies on Galatians

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The Way of Jesus

Frank Rogers Jr.

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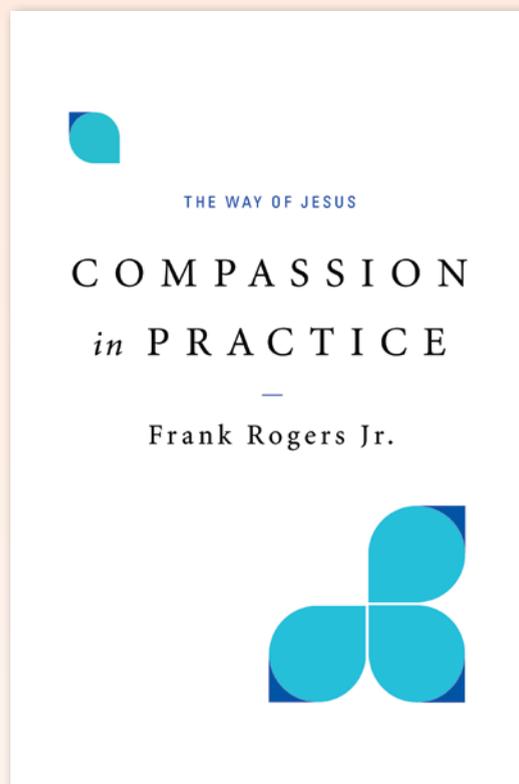
KEY FEATURES

- Leader's Guide for small groups
- Rich and moving stories of practicing compassion in a hurting world
- Enables readers to understand and apply compassion in their daily lives

Frank Rogers Jr. is a professor at Claremont School of Theology and codirector of the Center for Engaged Compassion. He is the author of *Practicing Compassion*.

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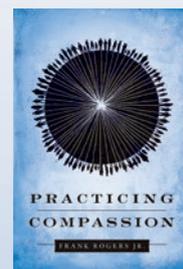


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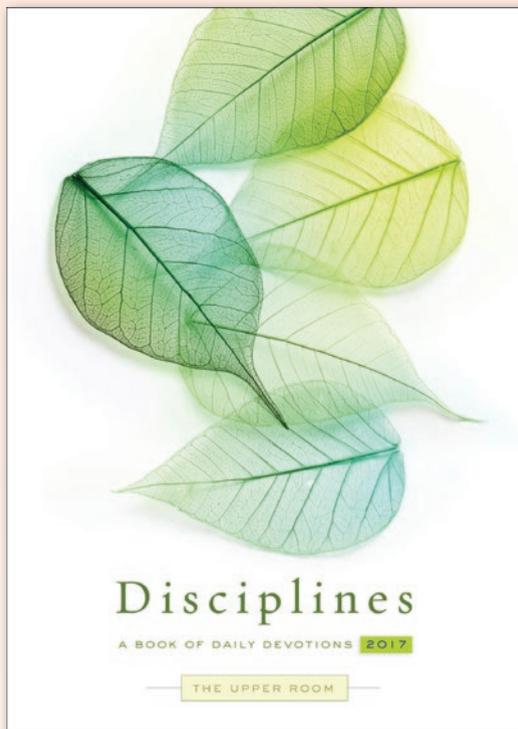
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Cultivating a Heart for God in Advent

Pamela C. Hawkins

Throughout Advent we read and sing the words *Prepare the Way* as we make room to welcome the Christ child into our lives once again. We prepare our city streets and buildings. We prepare our homes and workspaces. But sometimes Advent can slip away from us before we can prepare our hearts.

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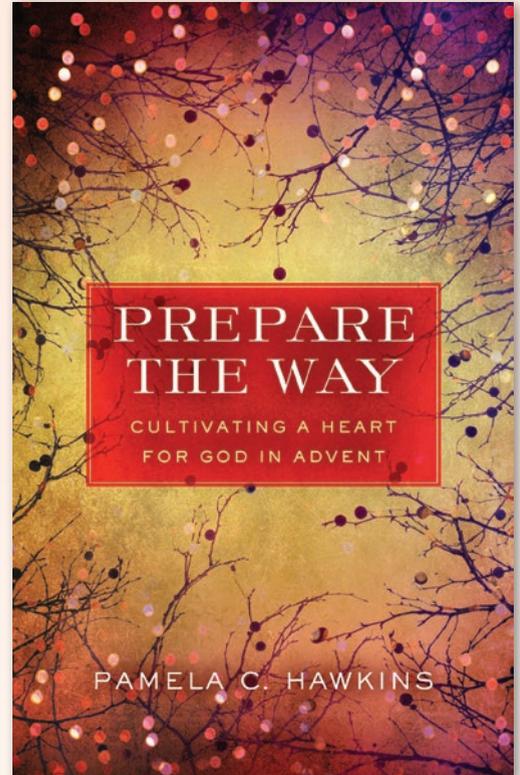
KEY FEATURES

- Leader's Guide for small groups
- Brief, thought-provoking daily readings

Pamela Cunningham Hawkins is associate pastor at Belmont United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. She is the author of *Behold! Cultivating Attentiveness in the Season of Advent*, *Simply Wait: Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent*, and *The Awkward Season: Prayers for Lent*.

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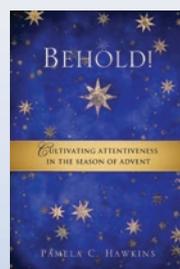


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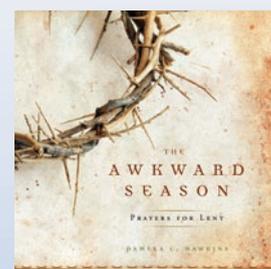


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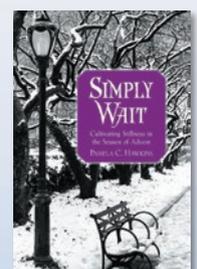
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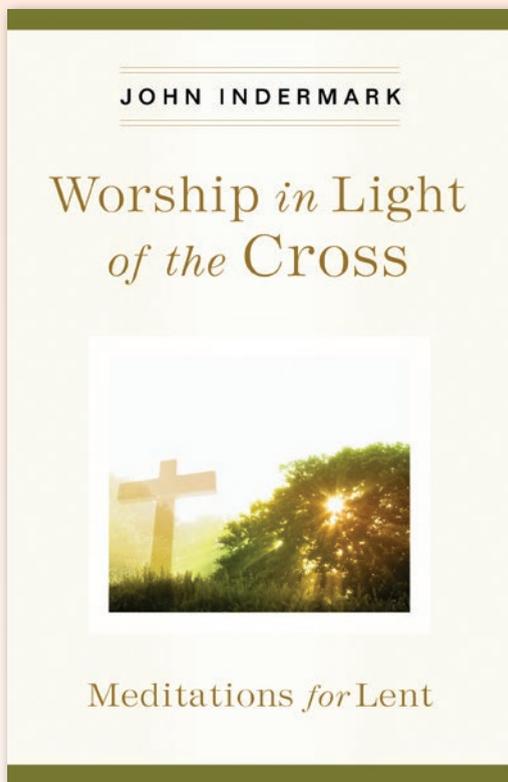


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How can the cross shed light on what we do in worship and why—not just in the Lenten season but in every season?

Worship in Light of the Cross

Meditations for Lent

John Indermark

John Indermark urges us to focus on the cross, its imprint on how we worship as a community, and how it transforms our discipleship. This 6-week study inspires us to connect corporate worship with our daily lives. He organizes the daily readings according to the components of corporate worship: gathering, invocation, confession, proclamation, creed, response, and sacrament.

KEY FEATURES

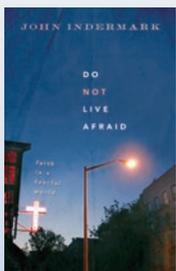
- Leader's Guide helps you share this worship experience with your community of faith
- Daily readings are key in preparing you for worship experiences
- Each daily reading includes a reflection question or action
- Includes ideas for creating a weekly worship center to emphasize each week's theme

John Indermark is a freelance writer and retired minister in the United Church of Christ. He is the author of several Upper Room books, including *Do Not Live Afraid*, *Gospeled Lives*, *Parables and Passion*, and *Traveling the Prayer Paths of Jesus*.

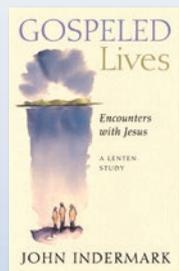
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- Church leaders
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- Groups seeking study on worship

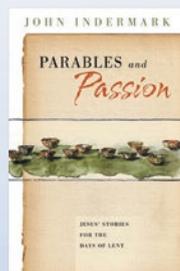
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Why me?

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Todd Outcalt

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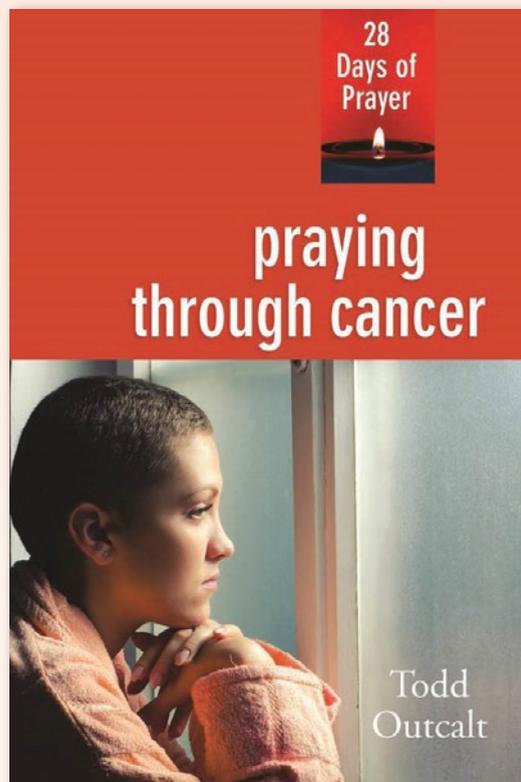
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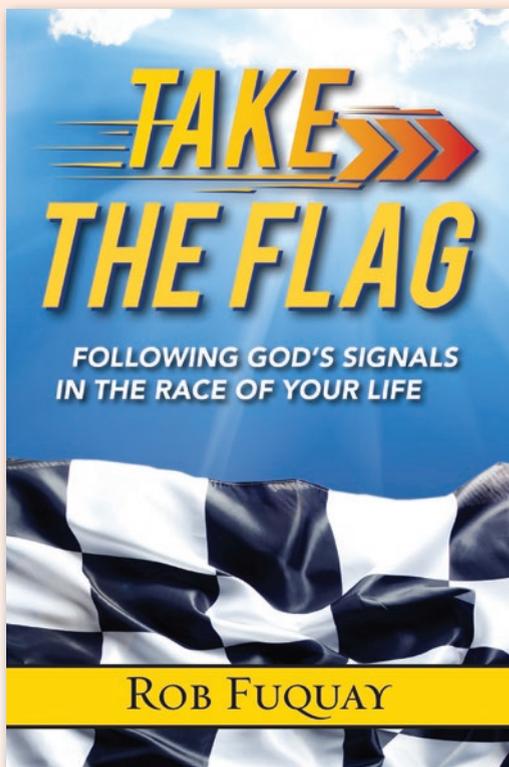
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This book will captivate your congregation and engage them in an exciting adventure of spiritual growth.

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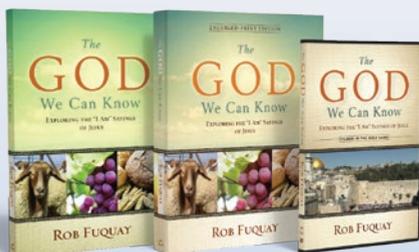
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Rob Fuquay is senior pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. He is the best-selling author of *The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Statements of Jesus*.

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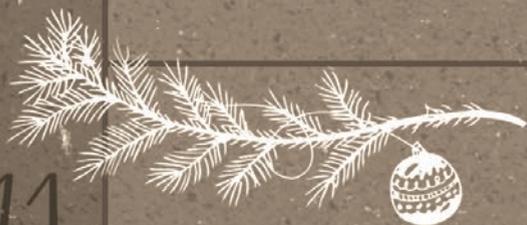
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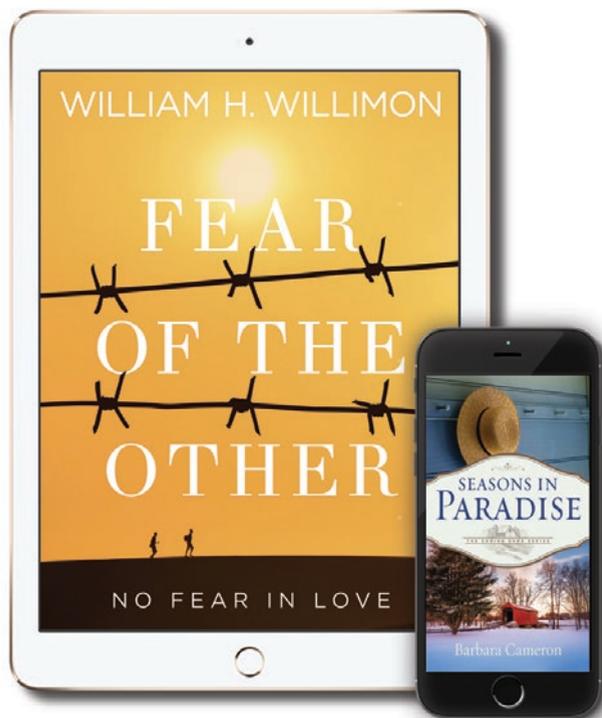
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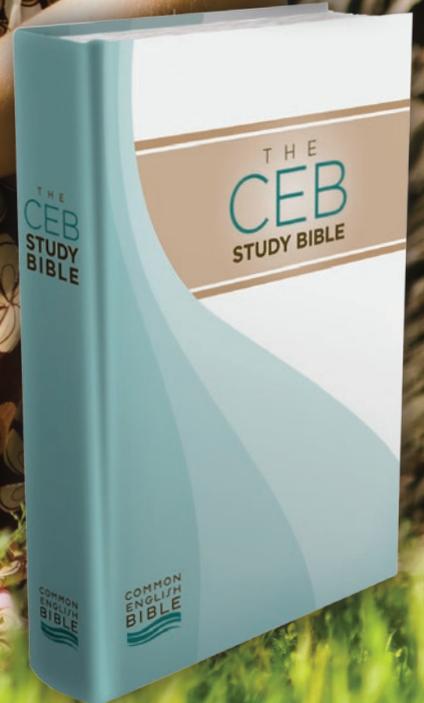
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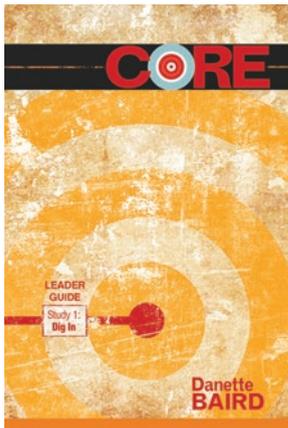
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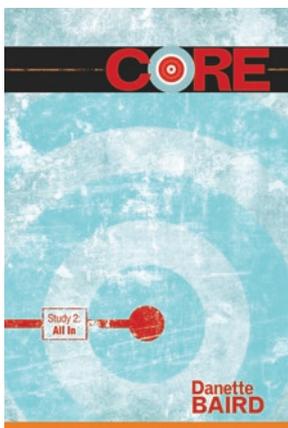
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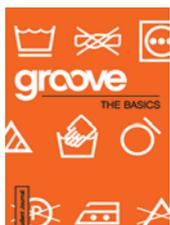
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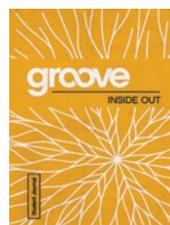
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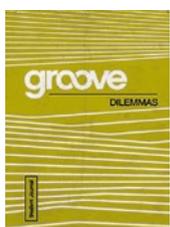
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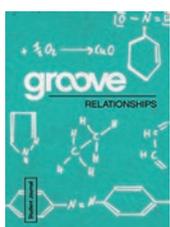
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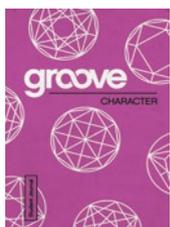
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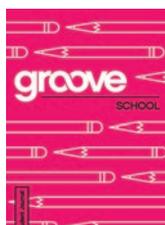
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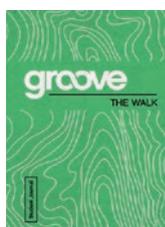
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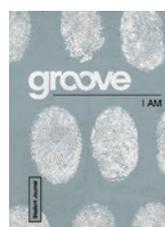
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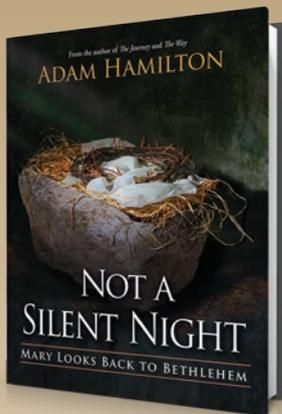


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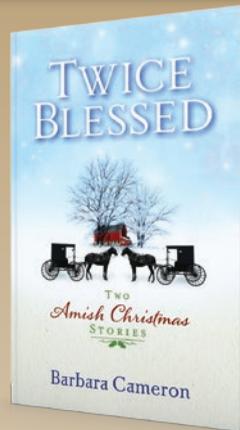
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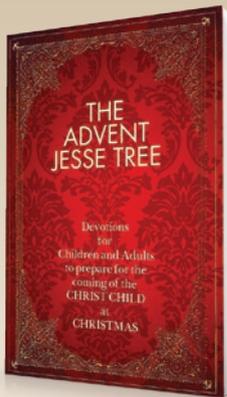
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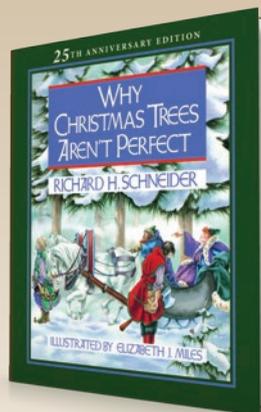
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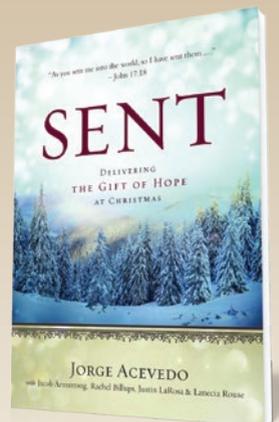
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