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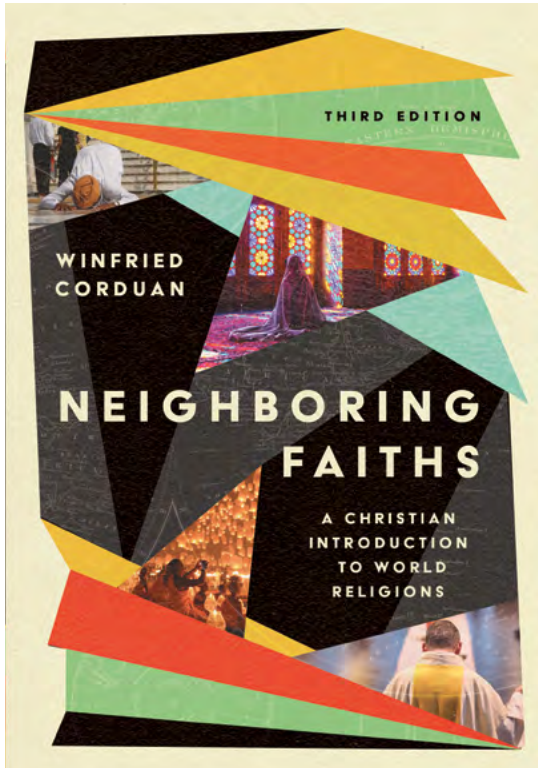
Bringing the Stories to You.
Starting the Discussions for You.

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Welcome to the 2024 Media Idea Book, brought to you by the publicity team at IVP! We're pleased to offer you this handpicked collection of recent titles.

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Neighboring Faiths

A Christian Introduction to World Religions

April 30, 2024

\$65 | 552 pages | casebound | 978-1-5140-0271-1

A Complete Guide to Religions Around the World

In this updated and revised edition of a classic text, readers will find informed, empathetic insights into world religions. The chapter on militant Islam is significantly revised to address more recent events and issues, and questions for reflection and discussion have been added to each chapter. Emphasizing both formal teaching and daily practice, this text shows Christians how to engage adherents of these faiths in constructive dialogue. This volume covers major as well as lesser known religions, including

- Judaism
- Islam
- Zoroastrianism
- African traditional religions
- Native American religion
- Hinduism
- Buddhism
- Jainism
- Sikhism
- Baha'i
- Chinese popular religion
- Shinto and Japanese religions

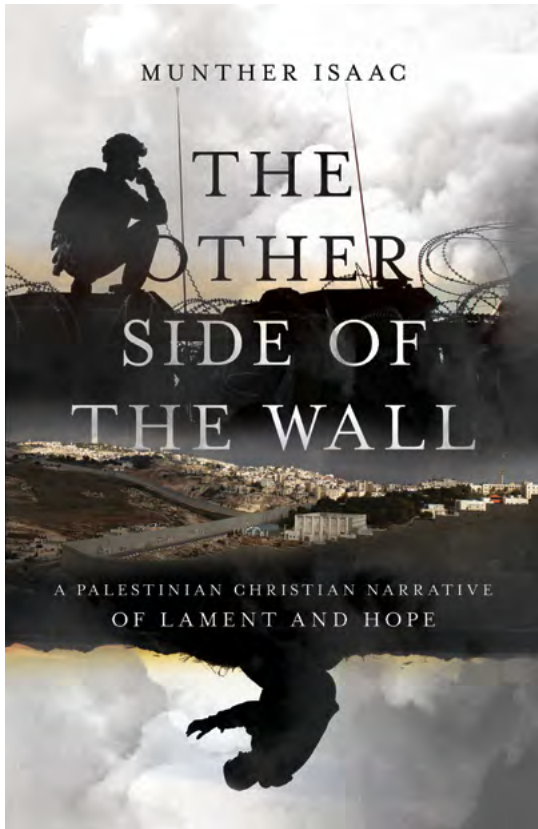


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“First-class scholar Win Corduan has taken a complex and often-confusing topic with multitudes of variables and has dispassionately explicated the details. In a field of study that is too often misrepresented, Win’s text brings to the fore actual facts that will quell misunderstandings and help people lead adherents of these religions to Christ. The sheer breadth and detail of Win’s coverage of his topic is incredible. Neighboring Faiths is a treasure trove that should be required reading for every Christian student. It will be a primary reference tool for years to come.”

RICK WALSTON, president and professor emeritus



The Other Side of the Wall

A Palestinian Christian Narrative of Lament and Hope

June 16, 2020

\$20 | 256 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-3199-9

*Perspective from Leading
Palestinian Lutheran Pastor*

Christians have lived in Palestine since the earliest days of the Jesus movement. The Palestinian church predates Islam. Yet Palestinian Christians find themselves marginalized and ostracized. In the heated tensions of the Israeli–Palestinian conflict and now amidst war on the Gaza Strip, the voices of Palestinian Christians are often unheard and ignored. Isaac writes, “This book paints a picture of our story of faith, lament, and hope. I invite you to join and listen, on our side of the wall.”

- Under the shadow of war in Gaza, Isaac remains outspoken on Christian issues
- Chapter 9 offers historical perspective on the current crisis
- Isaac continues to preach and publish current sermons about issues surrounding the war

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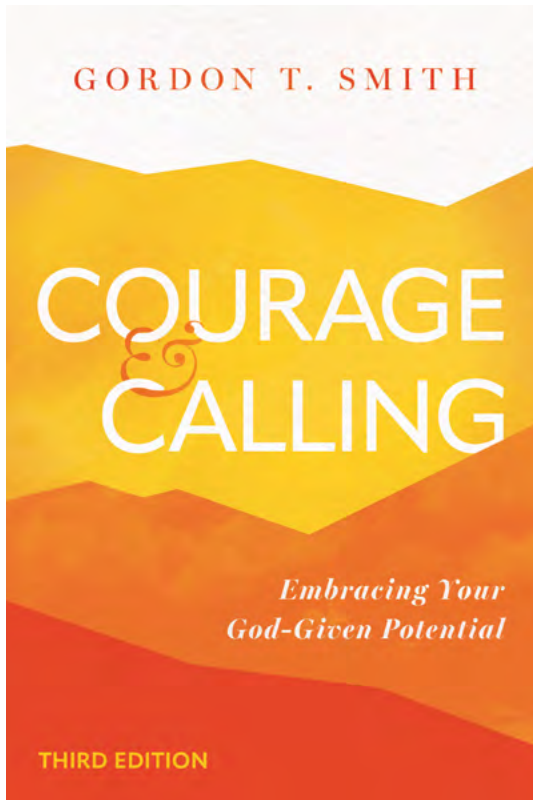
“This is an important book and easy read for anyone who wants to understand the reality in occupied Palestine as experienced by a Palestinian, Christian, evangelical, and Lutheran pastor. Munther Isaac invites us to listen to the cries of those living on the other side of the wall, whose voices are often silenced yet still struggling to amplify the gospel of Christ the liberator. In a world where walls have become so popular, this message of lament and hope is crucial and desperately needed.”

MITRI RAHEB, president of Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture, author of *I Am a Palestinian Christian*



MUNTHER ISAAC is the academic dean of Bethlehem Bible College in Palestine and director of the Christ at the Checkpoint conference. He is also pastor of Christmas Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. He is the author of *From Land to Lands, from Eden to the Renewed Earth: A Christ-Centered Biblical Theology of the Promised Land*.

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Courage and Calling

Embracing Your God-Given Potential

May 28, 2024

\$25 | 312 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0937-6

What Is Your Calling?

In this classic book on vocation, Gordon Smith invites you to discover your calling by listening to God and becoming a coworker with him. *Courage and Calling* has helped thousands of readers explore questions such as these:

- What is my calling?
- How do I live it out in the midst of difficult relationships or moral challenges?
- Will my vocation change as I enter a new stage of life?
- With competing needs and demands, how can I craft a balanced way of living?

This third edition includes a new chapter that explores how a church community can be a dynamic venue for discerning vocation. Church leaders can help sustain a conversation about vocation, work, and career, and celebrate the diverse ways in which God is calling people. From students exploring careers to elders leaving a legacy, this book provides rich insight for all who long to courageously follow God's call.

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Gordon Smith has updated his seminal work on vocation. His understanding of vocation is informed by his own journey, deep understanding of Scripture, and generous familiarity with what others have contributed to the conversation. Smith's perspective is always practical, connecting an understanding of vocation to the individual's self-understanding and current life context. This book stands the test of time and belongs in the essential canon of writings on a Christian vision of vocation.”

LUKE S. FETTERS, vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Huntington University

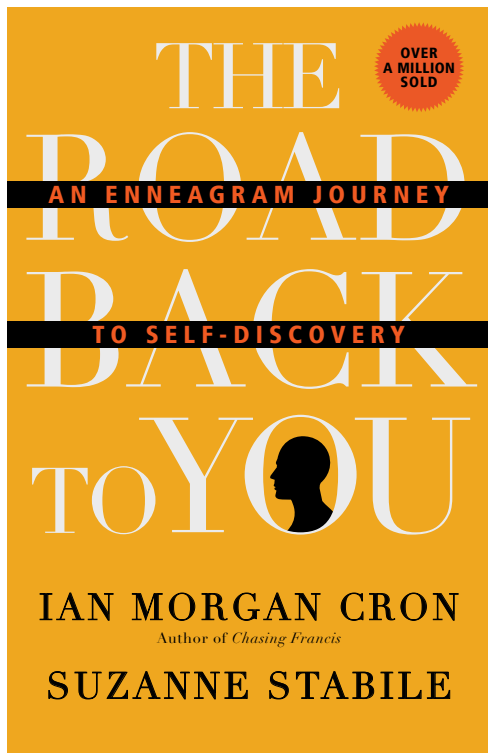


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[The Road Back to You](#)

An Enneagram Journey to Self Discovery

October 10, 2016

\$18 | 240 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4628-3

“The Most Populare Enneagram Title to Date”

Published in 2016 *The Road Back to You* quickly became the go-to primer for the ancient personality typing. Celebrating its seventh anniversary in October 2023, the book that *Publishers Weekly* calls “the most popular Enneagram title to date” has officially sold more than one million copies, contributing to widespread Enneagram interest and the growing numbers of Enneagram enthusiasts.

Witty and filled with stories, this book allows you to peek inside each of the nine Enneagram types. Not only will you learn more about yourself, but you will also start to see the world through other people's eyes, understanding how and why people think, feel, and act the way they do. To guide your first steps into your self-awareness journey, *The Road Back to You* offers:

- Introductions to each Enneagram type
- Questions to help you identify your number
- Changes you can make today to pursue deeper self-awareness
- Digestible windows into the other types, helping you see others with more compassion and empathy

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Cron brings his witty, energetic voice to this collaboration with Stabile, a retreat director and expert on the Enneagram—a system of personality typology with roots in Christian and Islamic mysticism. The beauty of the Enneagram is its charity: the system clearly names the flaws as well as the virtues of each personality type. The Enneagram also counsels humility and acknowledges its own limits (“[The Enneagram] is not infallible or inerrant”, writes Cron and Stabile)—a welcome modesty in religious understanding today.”

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August 8, 2016

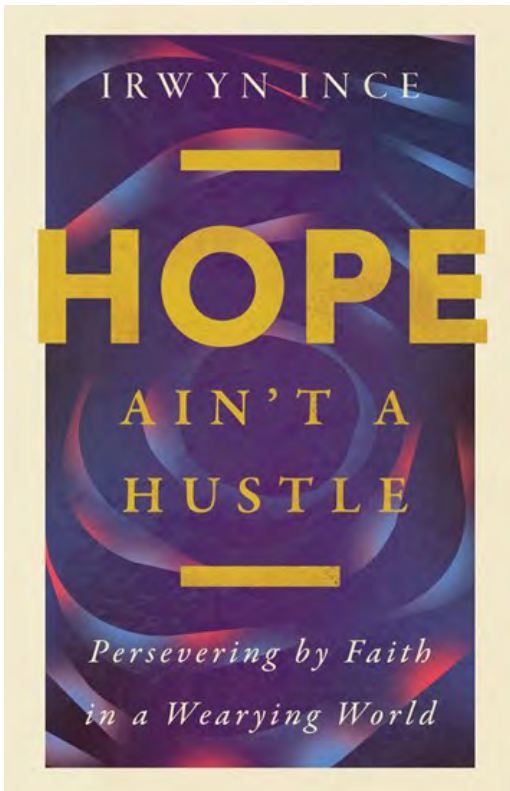


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Hope Ain't a Hustle

Persevering by Faith in a Wearying World

February 06, 2024

\$18 | 208 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0574-3

New from the Author of The Beautiful Community

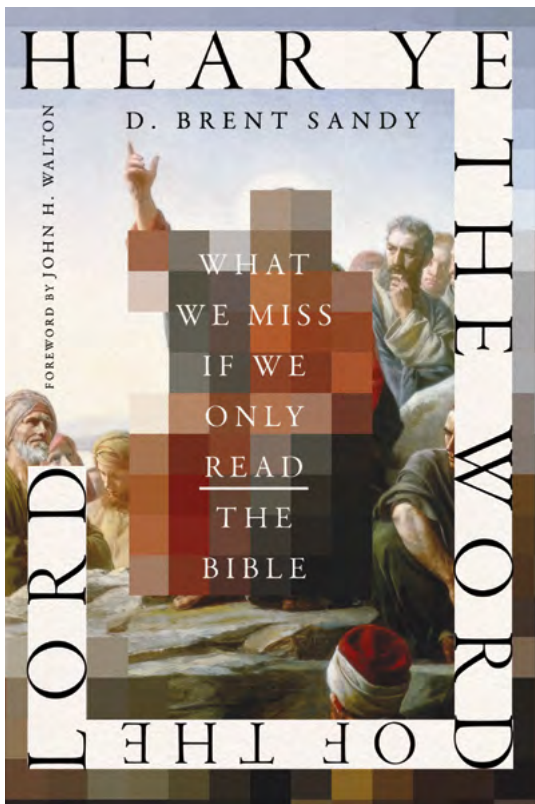
Sometimes hope can feel like a scam—a swindle, a hustle. But as Christians, our hope cannot disappoint us because it is validated by God himself. In this accessible exploration of the epistle to the Hebrews, Irwyn Ince shows us how placing our confidence in our great high priest, Jesus Christ, changes the way we live in the here and now.

- Leads readers through the book of Hebrews
- Applies Christian hope to today's church circumstances
- Argues that hope should be central to the church's witness

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“Diagnosing the problem of our era as a failure of hope, Irwyn Ince shares the fruit of his profound meditations, study, and preaching of the book of Hebrews. This is the kind of strong medicine needed to restore hope in a generation that has been disappointed by apathy, injustice, and scandal. He shows us that the hope of the gospel is the secret to joy and endurance.”

TISH HARRISON WARREN, Anglican priest and author of *Prayer in the Night*



D. BRENT SANDY

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[Hear Ye the Word of the Lord](#)

What We Miss If We Only Read the Bible

March 12, 2024

\$25 | 216 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0298-8

Faithfully Receiving the Word Through Hearing

In today's reading culture, it is easy to forget that we receive God's message far differently from how the original hearers would have heard it. D. Brent Sandy explores how oral communication shaped biblical writers and ancient hearers, and provides constructive ways for modern readers to be better hearers and performers of Scripture.

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“Brent Sandy wakes up readers to the fact that while reading seems natural to us, it was not natural to ancient people, people who first experienced the events of the Bible. With conversational prose arranged in digestible sections, Hear Ye the Word of the Lord offers a fresh approach to this vital aspect of ancient cultures, so that those who hear it walk away not only much better informed concerning orality, but also inspired to engage with Scripture more holistically, creatively, and therefore, more faithfully. Sandy's contribution will tune our ears to listen better to the One speaking to us through Scripture.”

AMY PEELER, Kenneth T. Wessner Chair of Biblical Studies at Wheaton College



The Return of the Kingdom

A Biblical Theology of God's Reign

March 19, 2024

\$24 | 232 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4291-9

Essential Themes in the History of Redemption

The biblical story begins and ends with God as king. Human beings rebel, however, rather than fulfilling their royal calling to rule creation on behalf of their Sovereign—and the world became enslaved to the rule of a dark, serpentine lord.

In this volume of IVP Academic's Essential Studies in Biblical Theology, Stephen Dempster traces the themes of kingship and kingdom throughout Scripture, illuminating the challenges, pain, and ultimate hope that the Bible offers. The story of God's kingship is ultimately the fulfillment of a promise, a promise to restore the rightful rule of humanity over creation by defeating sin and death and to establish a world of peace and justice.

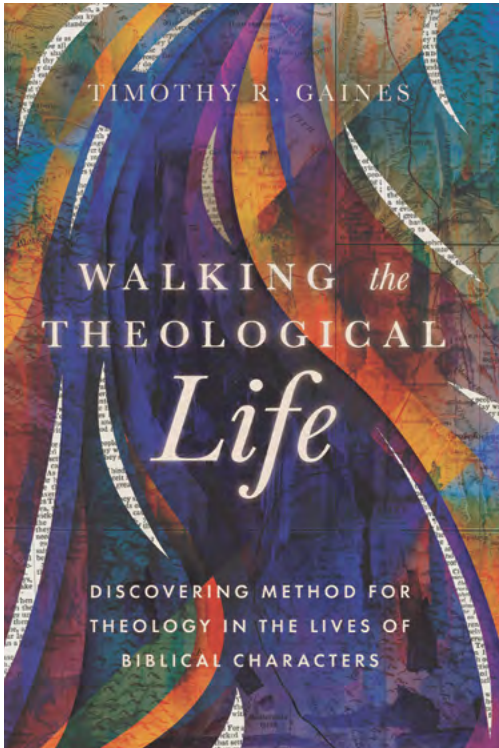
Essential Studies in Biblical Theology (ESBT), edited by Benjamin L. Gladd, explore the central or *essential* themes of the Bible's grand storyline. Taking cues from Genesis 1–3, authors trace the presence of these themes throughout the entire sweep of redemptive history. Written for students, church leaders, and laypeople, the series offers an introduction to biblical theology.

STEPHEN G. DEMPSTER is emeritus professor of religious studies at Crandall University, and author of numerous publications including *Dominion and Dynasty* and the Two Horizons Commentary on Micah.



“In this wonderful book, Stephen Dempster summarizes and renarrates the biblical narratives from Genesis to Revelation showing how they all interlace with one another looking forward to the first and second coming of Christ the Servant-King. Through a comprehensive survey of kingdom allusions in the Scriptures, he demonstrates the will of God to establish his gracious and compassionate rule and reign on the earth and Jesus as the One who fulfills this will. In addition, Dempster brings many, many years of scholarship and pastoral wisdom into his readings that bring fresh and welcome insights into well-known stories. This should be compulsory reading for all students of the Scriptures.”

LUCY PEPPIATT, principal of Westminster Theological Centre and author of *Rediscovering Scripture's Vision for Women*



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[Walking the Theological Life](#)

Discovering Method for Theology in the Lives of Biblical Characters

June 11, 2024

\$26 | 216 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0743-3

Discover the Joy of the Theological Journey

Theologian Tim Gaines invites you into the adventures of theology, not as a disconnected discipline, but as an invitation to respond to God from the deepest parts of ourselves. More than an intellectual pursuit, Gaines explores the lives of key biblical characters to help us grow in our understanding of how to do theology virtuously.

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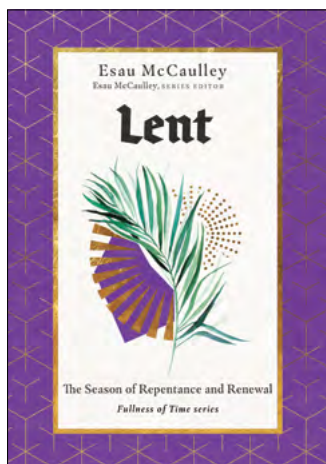
“Timothy Gaines understands that knowing God means far more than knowing facts about God. In Walking the Theological Life, Gaines introduces students to theology through the lives of biblical figures, each transformed by the living God amid the nitty gritty of their daily lives. With the gift of a good storyteller and the wisdom of a seasoned professor, Gaines casts a vision for the kinds of people we're invited to become in order to know and love God, even if we never join the theological academy. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and can't wait to get it into the hands of my students.”

EMILY HUNTER MCGOWIN, associate professor of theology at Wheaton College and author of *Christmas in the Fullness of Time Series*



The Fullness of Time Series: A Journey Through the Church Year

As more and more churches mark several different seasons throughout the church year in their preaching and teaching, the Fullness of Time series provides resources that help readers live fully into both the theology and spiritual practices of each significant date on the Christian calendar. Six books in total offer reflections on how the church is forming all of us into the likeness of Christ throughout each season.



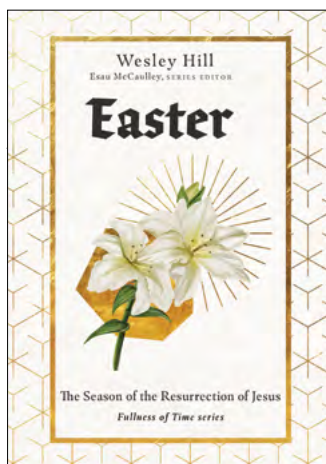
Lent

The Season of Repentance and Renewal

November 8, 2022

\$20 | 112 pages | casebound | 978-1-5140-0048-6

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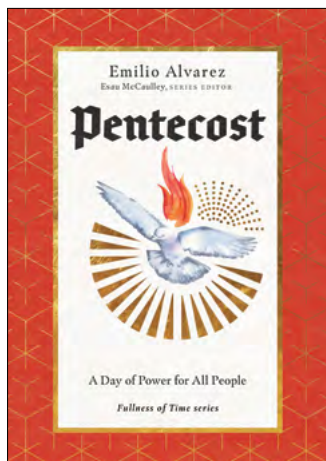
Easter

The Season of the Resurrection of Jesus

December 3, 2024

\$20 | 144 pages | casebound | 978-1-5140-0036-6

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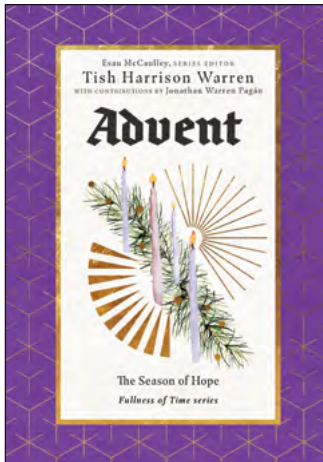
Pentecost

A Day of Power for All People

April 25, 2023

\$20 | 144 pages | casebound | 978-1-5140-0054-0

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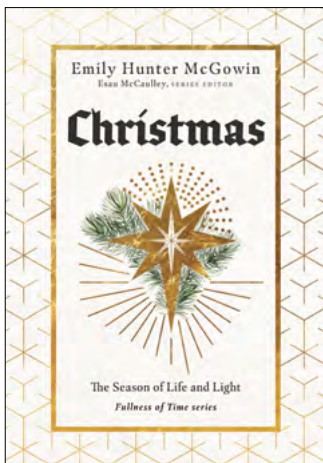
Advent

The Season of Hope

August 29, 2023

\$20 | 128 pages | casebound | 978-1-5140-0018-2

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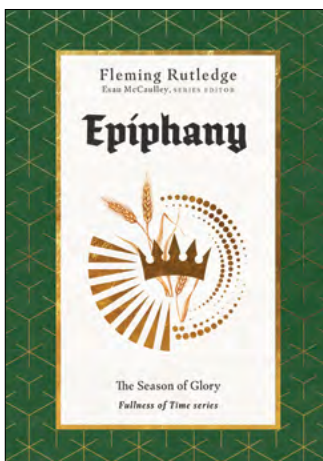
Christmas

The Season of Life and Light

September 12, 2023

\$20 | 152 pages | casebound | 978-1-5140-0040-3

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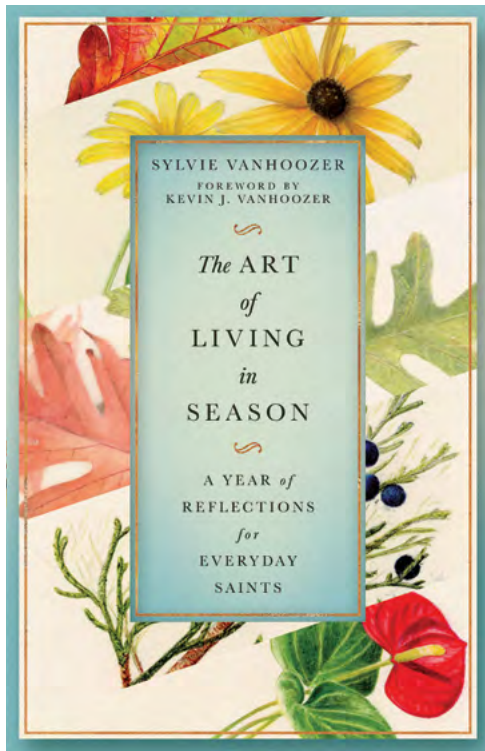
Epiphany

The Season of Glory

November 7, 2023

\$20 | 176 pages | casebound | 978-1-5140-0038-0

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[Art of Living in Season](#)

A Year of Reflections for Everyday Saints

April 9, 2024

\$25 | 264 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0696-2

Artistic Journey Through the Church Year

Continuing the tradition of nativities peopled by santons, Sylvie Vanhoozer brought these "little saints" from her native Provence to England, Scotland, and the United States. Now she invites readers to join the tradition in the rhythms of nature and the church calendar through weekly reflections and her own botanical illustrations.

How has your past informed the content of this book?

Sylvie Vanhoozer: I come from a country rooted in rich Christian traditions (France) that still provide a meaningful framework for life, even for those, like me, who were not raised in church. It is these past experiences that give me hope that this book will help reawaken readers to the possibility of offering everyday gifts to Christ in their own places and seasons.

In what way is this book a companion for people who desire to follow Jesus where they are and in what they are doing?

Sylvie: This book is a companion to everyday saints in that it trains us to grow into the fullness of Christ, whether we are waiting, watching or walking through every season of life. May we all have an attentive anticipation of the gifts we can bring to Christ everywhere and at all times.

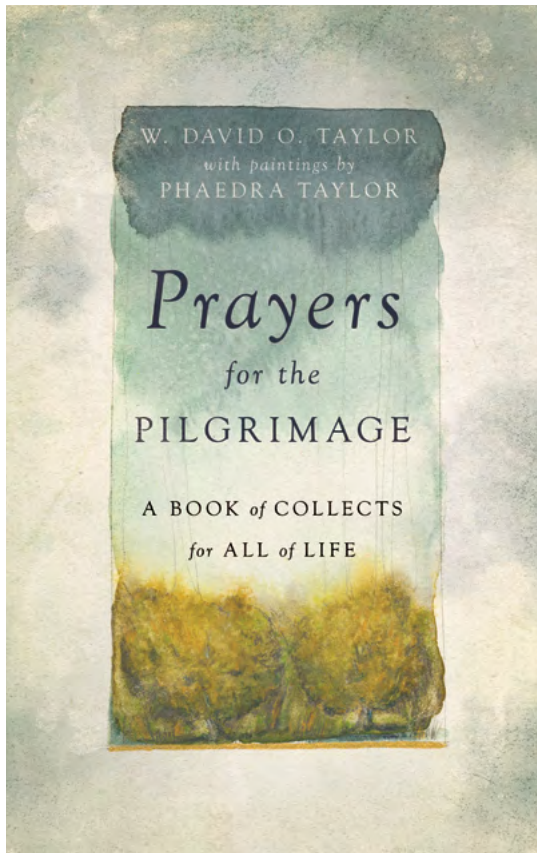


“My spiritual life has long been shaped by the liturgical calendar, but this book opened a cornucopia of new insights (and delights) for me. Along the way Vanhoozer helps us taste a culinary spirituality, inhabit an earthy theology, and practice a neighborly hospitality, all the while anticipating our eternal home with God.”

BOBBY GROSS,
author of *Living the Christian Year: How to Inhabit the Story of God*



SYLVIE VANHOOZER is a writer, botanical artist, and everyday saint from Provence, France.



[Prayers for the Pilgrimage](#)

A Book of Collects for All of Life

June 4, 2024

\$25 | 224 pages | casebound | 978-1-5140-0823-2

Fresh Perspective on a Long-Standing Christian Practice

During the pandemic, priest and theologian David Taylor began writing collects (an ancient form of short prayer) as a daily spiritual exercise. As time went on, he began to receive requests for written prayers from friends and even strangers for a wide variety of circumstances and needs. His collection of prayers grew until it numbered in the hundreds.

- Compilation of short, nuanced prayers by topic: morning and evening, work and play, public and private life, doubt and faith, Advent to Lent, and birth to death
- Paintings accompany each topic in this husband-and-wife project



W. DAVID O. TAYLOR (ThD, Duke Divinity School) is Associate Professor of Theology and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary and the author of several books. An Anglican priest, he has lectured widely on the arts, from Thailand to South Africa. In 2016 he produced a short film on the psalms with Bono and Eugene Peterson.

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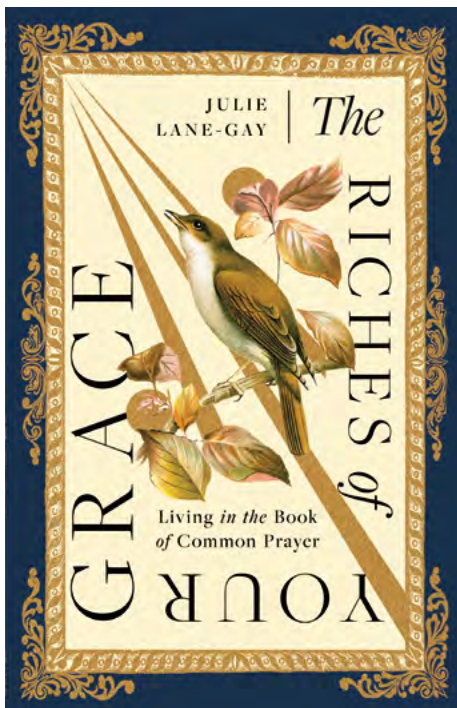
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“Sometimes we have all the words to pray. Sometimes we don't have any. This book is a perfect companion for the seasons when we could use some help with what we really want to say.”

SCOTT ERICKSON,
author of *Honest Advent* and *Say Yes*

PHAEDRA TAYLOR is an artist whose work has been exhibited in juried, group, and solo exhibitions, and is held in private collections around the globe. Together with her husband, David, she also makes creative liturgical resources for families and churches.

Resources for the Renewed Interest in The Book of Common Prayer



[The Riches of Your Grace](#)

Living in the Book of Common Prayer

June 11, 2024

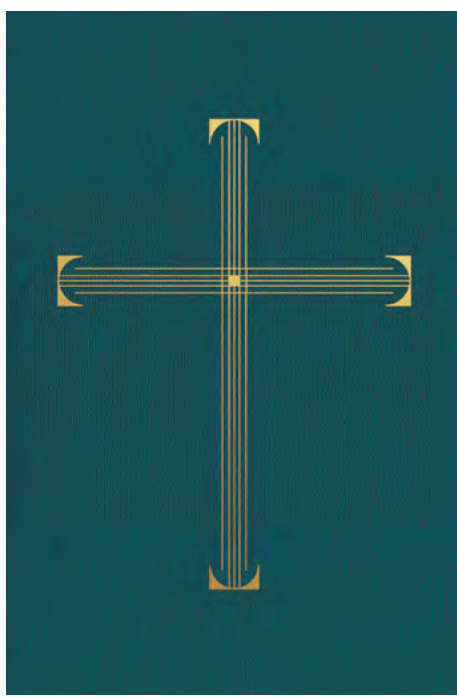
\$18 | 160 pages | casebound | 978-1-5140-0816-4

“Something utterly unexpected is happening to many North American Christians. They are discovering that a book nearly five hundred years old is having a deep, rich, and strengthening impact on them and their relationship with almighty God. Julie Lane-Gay’s book is a gem. In it she describes her journey with the Book of Common Prayer and how God used it to teach her deeper truths about herself and ourselves. This book will become a treasure to countless people who are finding their way along the Anglican path in God’s kingdom. It should be given to all new members in our churches.”

JOHN W. YATES II, rector of The Falls Church Anglican, retired



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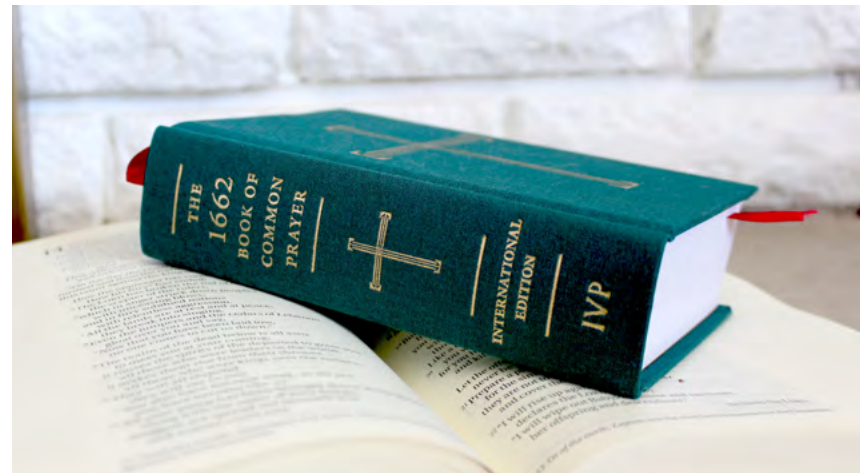


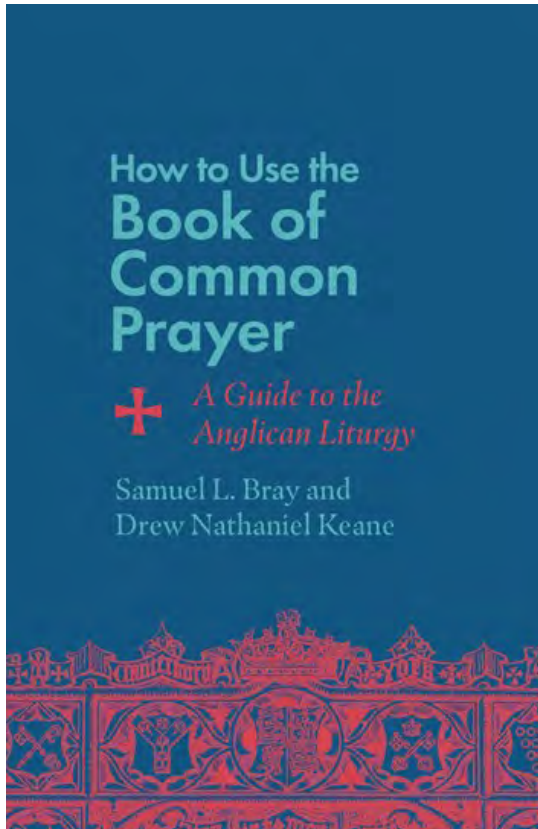
[The 1662 Book of Common Prayer](#)

International Edition

March 2, 2021

\$38 | 832 pages | casebound | 978-0-8308-4192-9





[How to Use the Book of Common Prayer](#)

A Guide to the Anglican Liturgy

February 27, 2024

\$18 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0747-1

The Book of Common Prayer (1662) is one of the most beloved liturgical texts in the Christian church. This new international edition from IVP Academic gently updates the text for contemporary use, with obscure phrases revised and treasured prayers from later Anglican tradition appended.

In *How to Use the Book of Common Prayer*, Samuel Bray and Drew Keane (editors of *The 1662 Book of Common Prayer: International Edition*) introduce this classic Prayer Book to newcomers. They begin with a brief history and case for liturgical prayer then walks readers through daily morning and evening prayer, baptism and Communion, the church year, and much more.



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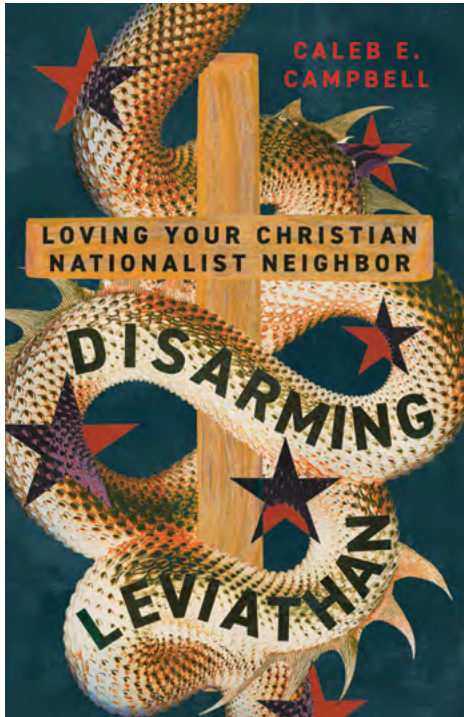


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The 2024 Election Season is Upon Us

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DAVID T. KOYZIS holds a PhD in government and international studies from the University of Notre Dame. He taught undergraduate political science for thirty years.



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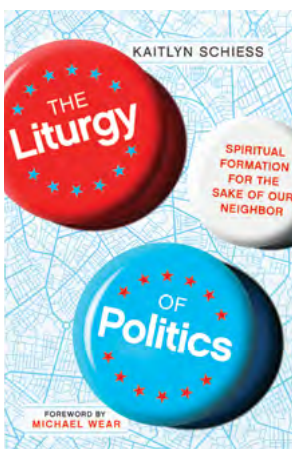
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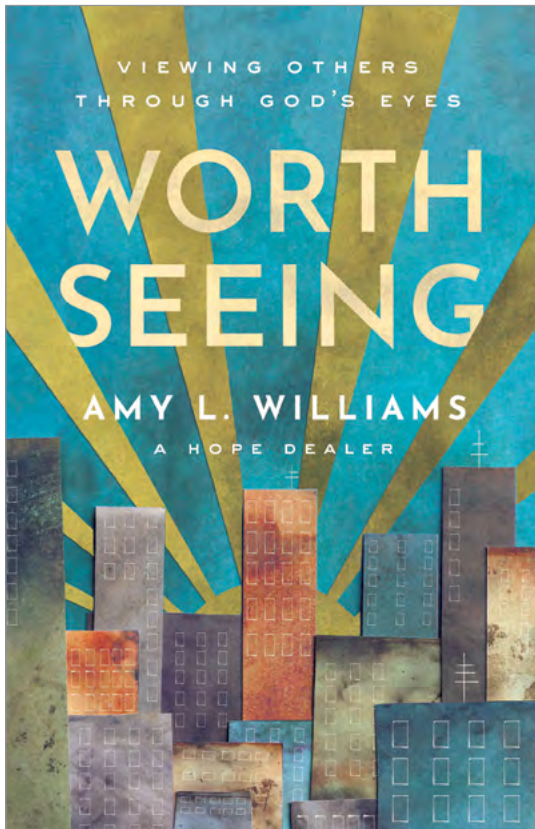
Spiritual Formation for the Sake of Our Neighbor

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Recognizing the Power of Political Forces Around Us

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Worth Seeing

Viewing Others Through God's Eyes

June 25, 2024

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People Are Not Projects to Be Fixed

Amy Williams has spent three decades doing ministry with youth in gangs and prison. While most of society sees high-risk youth through lenses of fear or disregard, she has come to see them through God's eyes as having tremendous value and potential. *Worth Seeing* provides an up-close look at her work—successes, losses, and embarrassing mistakes.

“People are not projects to be fixed,” Williams says. “This book trains the reader how to move beyond seeing and judging the surface of a person. The reader will tap into their own arsenal of compassion, empathy, and understanding—not just for the unseen—but everyone they encounter, including themselves. What is distinctive is the voice of the author, a female gang intervention specialist and juvenile justice advocate.”

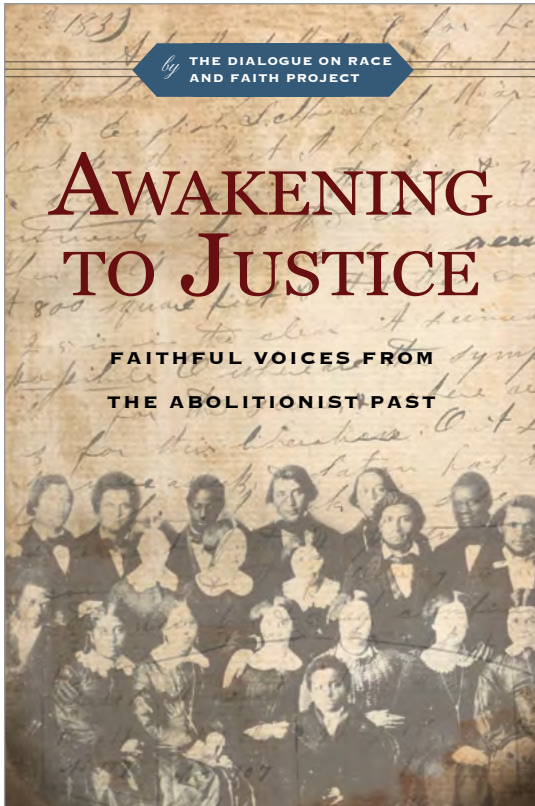
Worth Seeing will be especially helpful for

- The youth worker and church leaders who are looking for new ways to deepen personal and ministry relationships. They want to help others to see people on the margins with compassion and understanding by removing elements of fear and judgment, leading to building community.
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Youth ministry veteran AMY WILLIAMS ministers to teens involved in gangs and those lost in the criminal justice system with a key strategy of life-on-life mentoring. As a certified gang intervention specialist, she heard God's call to move into a Latino gang neighborhood in Chicago's Humboldt Park community to be a “Hope Dealer” doing street outreach and walking life with young people on her block. Amy is project coordinator at [New Life Centers](#), bringing in restorative justice programming to youth at juvenile prisons. Amy has been a youth pastor, a reentry coordinator, and a youth mentor and advocate. She is a graduate of both University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and National Louis University.

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[Awakening to Justice](#)

Faithful Voices from the Abolitionist Past

March 26, 2024

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Discover the Historic Legacy of Christian Abolitionists

In 2015, the historian Chris Momany helped discover a manuscript that had been forgotten in a storage closet at Adrian College in Michigan. He identified it as the journal of a nineteenth-century Christian abolitionist and missionary, David Ingraham. As Momany and a fellow historian Doug Strong pored over the diary, they realized that studying this document could open new conversations for twenty-first-century Christians to address the reality of racism today. They invited a multiracial team of fourteen scholars to join in, thus launching the Dialogue on Race and Faith Project.

Awakening to Justice presents the groundbreaking work of these scholars. In addition to reflecting on Ingraham's journal, chapters also explore the life and writings of two of Ingraham's Black colleagues, James Bradley and Nancy Prince. Appendixes feature writings by all three abolitionists so readers can engage the primary sources directly.

THE DIALOGUE ON RACE AND FAITH PROJECT brings together a multicultural team of Christian scholars to study a newly discovered abolitionist journal, to meet and travel to sites of importance from the nineteenth-century antislavery movement, and to discuss how issues of faith and race among abolitionists may provide a usable history for addressing the struggle for racial justice today. Project members and contributors include: Jemar Tisby, Christopher P. Momany, Sègbégnon Mathieu Gnonhossou, David D. Daniels III, R. Matthew Sigler, Douglas M. Strong, Diane Leclerc, Esther Chung-Kim, Albert G. Miller, and Estrelida Y. Alexander.

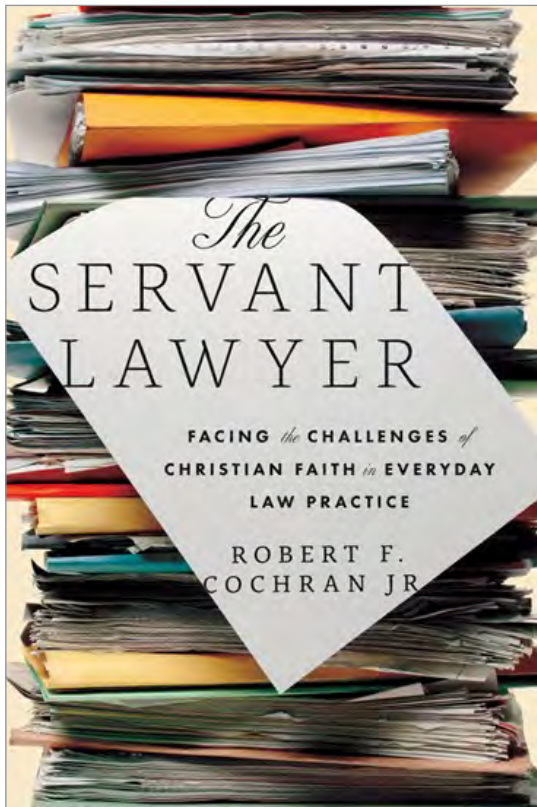
In addition to the book and study guide, the *Awakening to Justice* short film tells the story of the journey of these scholars working together on a subject that is challenging personally, educationally, and spiritually.

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"In the tumultuous present of race in America, these distinguished scholars provide a welcome window on the past stories of known and little-known abolitionists. These riveting accounts showing the deep connection of Christian faith and racial justice are sure to find a wide audience."

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author of *A. Lincoln: A Biography* and *American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant*



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[The Servant Lawyer](#)

Facing the Challenges of Christian Faith in Everyday Law Practice
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BYRON BORGER,

editor and contributor to *Serious Dreams: Big Ideas for the Rest of Your Life* and owner of Hearts & Minds Bookstore in Dallastown, Pennsylvania

The Crossroads of Faith and Work – Multi-Author Q&A

There's often a separation between work, life, and faith—but as Christians, when we are living fully as God intended us to live, our work and faith are integrated seamlessly in our lives whether in a secular or Christian environment. What if we all found a way to see our faithful approach to work as way of advancing God's work?

What do you believe is God's view of work?

How does this belief inform both what you do for work and how you do it?

Jeff Haanen: Well, God views our work as good but fallen—like us. As such, God sees our work as an opportunity to develop a relationship with us—to work in us before he works through us. I believe both the what and the how of work should be a response to God's voice in our lives. Work is just one way we love God and neighbor.

In what ways do we allow work to form our faith?

Ross Chapman: God commanded us to follow his example: six days of work and one day of rest. That means work has a more outsized role in shaping our lives than anything else in terms of time, energy, focus, and priorities. Work need not be limited to paid work when we think of it this way; it includes family work, volunteer work, and the work we do for restful leisure. Whether we allow it to or not, work forms our faith.

How can we be redemptively transformed by God in our work?

Barry Rowan: God uses our work to do his work in us, and it is some of his most important, deepest work. As his work takes root in us, we will embrace challenges as fodder for our growth. Perseverance will work its way more deeply into the dough of our souls. We will be willing to empty ourselves and our desires for the benefit of others and the organizations we serve. As we are transformed by God, he will transform the world through us.

In what ways do practical and spiritual challenges limit us from connecting faith with work?

Ryan Tafilowski: There are all kinds of pressures that can make our lives at work unfruitful, spiritually. Western cultures have made an idolatry of work by placing it at the center of reality and identity, which malforms us away from the image of Jesus Christ. We also may face seasons where our work seems futile and pointless, where we just can't see how it makes any difference in the world. A better theological framework doesn't "solve" these problems, but it can alleviate some of the pain points.

How have you seen the challenges you have faced in the workplace grow your faith?

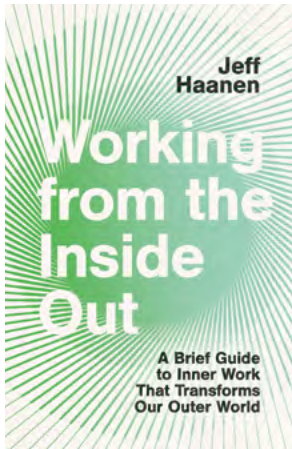
Gayle Beebe: I believe God has given us a great capacity to endure great loss and setback, and inevitably, we come to see his purposes at a deeper level when we persevere through challenges in the workplace.

What are some of the tangible ways our careers can serve the will of God?

In what ways do you believe your career has served the will of God?

Joanna Meyer: When you start with the conviction that all work matters to God, then any form of work, when done with God and for his purposes, can serve his will. The challenge lies in bringing a gospel lens to your unique subject matter





Working from the Inside Out

A Brief Guide to Inner Work That Transforms Our Outer World

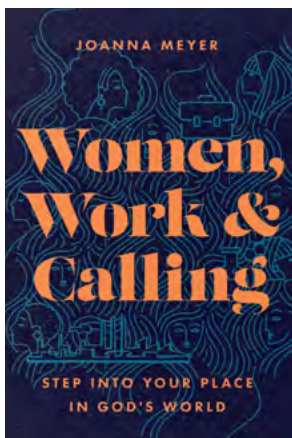
December 12, 2023

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A Thought Leader's View on How Work Shapes Us

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Women, Work & Calling

Step into Your Place in God's World

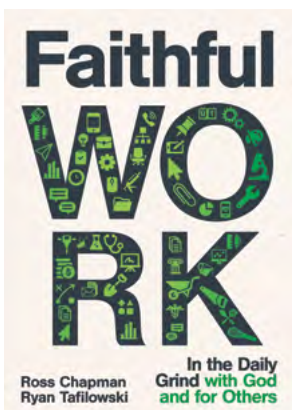
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Vocational Insight for Women

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Faithful Work

In the Daily Grind with Others for God

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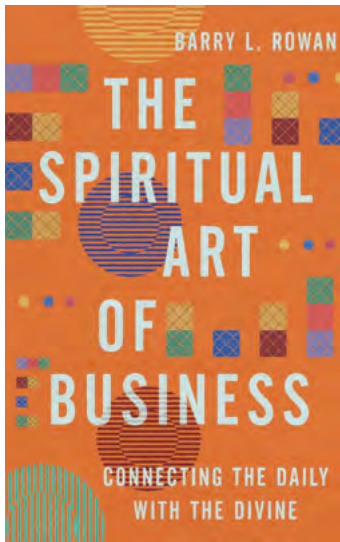
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Short, But Essential Primer on God's View of Work

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The Spiritual Art of Business

Connecting the Daily with the Divine

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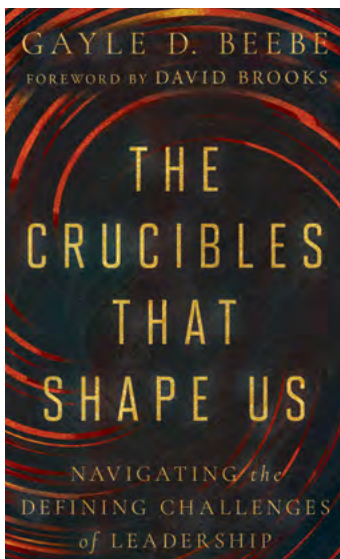
Seeing Our Work as an Expression of Who We Truly Are

"Corporate mystic" Barry Rowan invites us to be transformed by God that he might transform the world through us, as we begin to see our work as an extension of our faith. He says, "We don't derive meaning from our work; we bring meaning to our work." Relating his extensive past in high-ranking executive roles, Barry beckons us into a connection with God that will infuse our lives, our offices, and our world with meaning.

- Shared wisdom from a Harvard graduate and accomplished businessman
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BARRY ROWAN is a Harvard Business School graduate who has been instrumental in building and transforming eight businesses, primarily in the technology and communications space. In addition, he serves on corporate, university, and nonprofit boards.



The Crucibles That Shape Us

Navigating the Defining Challenges of Leadership

May 7, 2024

\$22 | 152 pages | casebound | 978-1-5140-0806-5

Keep the Faith and Lead On

Life's biggest setbacks and disasters can actually be essential passageways in our relationship with God and opportunities to grow in leadership. In this illuminating guidebook, Gayle D. Beebe identifies seven crucibles—powerful catalysts for transformation—that, when embraced, shape us on our journey and become a bedrock for a better, richer faith.



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"Gayle is writing about crucibles here, those difficult life moments. . . that shatter our normal way of seeing. . . Everything is confusing, in turmoil. The old models don't apply. One has to learn to re-see."

DAVID BROOKS, op-ed columnist for the *New York Times* and commentator on *PBS Newshour*, from the foreword



[Can You Just Sit with Me?](#)

Healthy Grieving for the Losses in Life

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Normalizing Grief

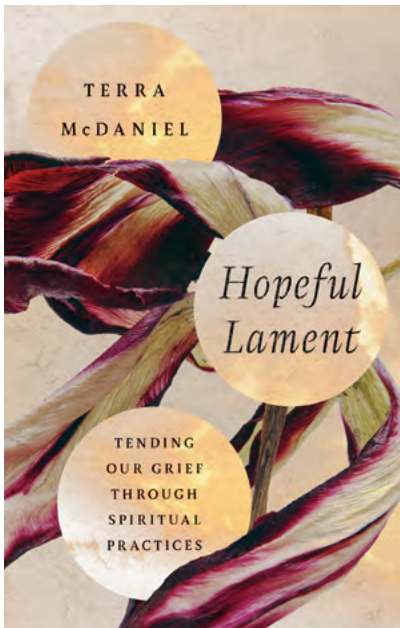
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“Natasha writes vividly, ushering us through the experience of grief toward a sense of hope. She shares her grief journey and gently guides us along on our own, using biblical examples that resonate. I especially appreciate the grief exercises and prayers at the end of each chapter that invite us into God's presence.”

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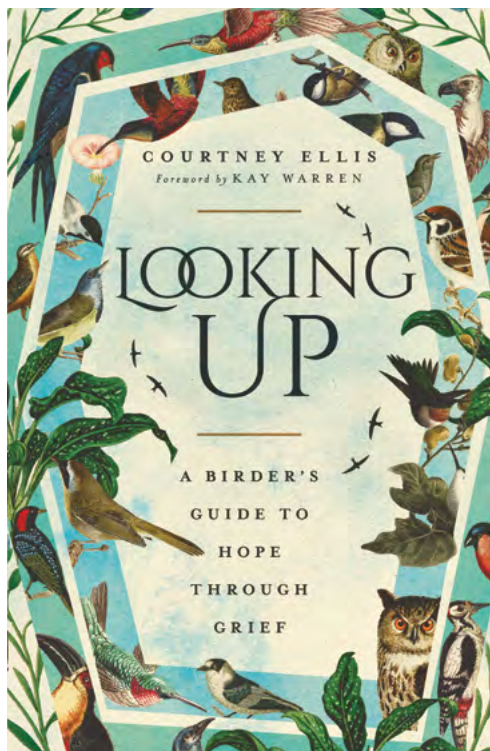
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“Terra McDaniel accompanies us into the waters of loss and lament in her book *Hopeful Lament*. She is a faithful guide for reentering the healing practice of lament through wise and embodied ways to pray and process our sorrows. Terra doesn't shirk from the deep wounds and authentic sorrows of our day. She doesn't offer us a way around them, but she advocates lamenting as a way through while holding the hand of our living, loving Christ. One of the uniquely wonderful aspects of this book is Terra's inclusion of practices for families with children. We experience loss together; together we lament, and together we heal.”

LACY FINN BORG, spiritual director and author of *Faith Like a Child*



Looking Up

A Birder's Guide to Hope through Grief

April 9, 2024

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A Gentle Invitation Toward Faith for All

In this meditation on birding as a practice of hope, Courtney Ellis weaves together stories from her own life, including the death of her grandfather, with reflections on birds of many kinds. By "looking up" to the birds, Ellis found the beauty and wonder of these creatures calling her out of her darkness into the light and hope of God's promises.

- Explores hope and spirituality through the experience of birdwatching
- Each chapter focuses on a particular bird and what it can teach us
- Incorporates Scriptural depth, theological insight, and personal experience

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“Like an oriole stitching together its magnificent nest, Courtney Ellis skillfully weaves together theology, poetry, psychology, history, and ecology to take you on a marvelous journey. Whether you are an expert birder or a total novice, you will alternately laugh out loud and hold back tears on Courtney's bird's-eye tour through the whole gamut of human emotion—love and grief, joy and fear, anxiety and wonder—until she brings you home at last to hope.”

KEITH GREGOIRE, physician, author, and birder



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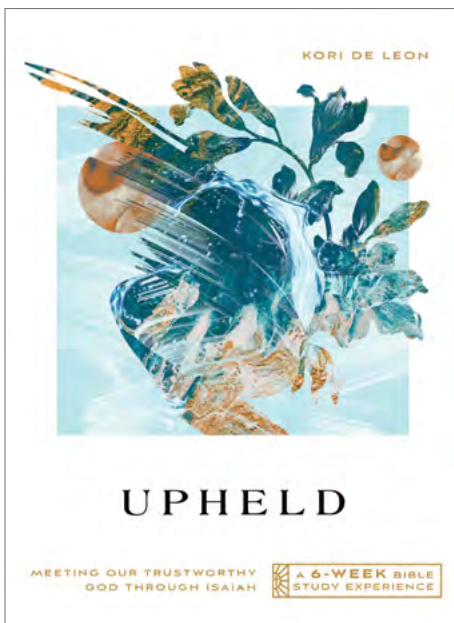
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Introducing. . . The New IVP Bible Studies Imprint

The release of *Upheld* by Kori de Leon in February 2024 kicked off the launch of the new [IVP Bible Studies](#) imprint. Each study of the new IVP Bible Studies are authored by a cast of wise Bible teachers and pastors and will include six to eight weeks of content. Each week begins with a group session: a teaching video and discussion questions designed to take about sixty minutes. The current schedule of titles among the forthcoming IVP Bible Studies includes:

- **February 2024:** [Upheld: Meeting Our Trustworthy God Through Isaiah—A 6-Week Bible Study Experience](#) by Kori de Leon
- **April 2024:** [Moms at the Well: Meeting God Through the Mothers of Scripture—A 7-Week Bible Study Experience](#) by Tara Edelschick and Kathy Tuan-MacLean
- **May 2024:** [Hear My Prayer: Learning from the Faith of Elijah—A 6-Week Bible Study Experience](#) by Liz Ditty
- **June 2024:** [Live in the Light of Christ: Radiating the Hope of the Letters of John—A 6-Week Bible Study Experience](#) by Tara Beth Leach



Upheld

Meeting Our Trustworthy God Through Isaiah—A 6-Week Bible Study Experience

February 20, 2024

\$18 | 160 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0772-3

*I am with you, I will strengthen and help you,
I will uphold you.*

God's promises spoken through Isaiah offered reassurance and comfort during difficult days, and they're still true for us today! Join Bible teacher Kori de Leon in this six-week Bible study experience on Isaiah 40–48, pointing us to God's faithfulness and mercy.

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“One of the things I’ve always loved about the book of Isaiah is the passion for a holy God that drips from the prophet’s inspired words. One of the things I’ve always loved about my friend Kori de Leon is her passion for teaching God’s Word and her giftedness to make it clear and relevant. Putting the two together in this study is an excellent wedding of subject matter and teacher. In this study you will encounter faithful exposition about a holy God who is redeeming sinful people like us. It doesn’t get any better than that.”

JEFF ROBINSON, president and editor in chief of the *Baptist Courier*



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Moms at the Well

Meeting God Through the Mothers of Scripture—A 7-Week Bible Study Experience

April 30, 2024

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Motherhood is hard. Really hard.

That’s why we need a well. For centuries, neighborhood wells served as gathering spaces that provided community and relationships for women. This seven-week Bible study offers a modern day “well” for mothers to gather and experience the God who invites us into a process of spiritual transformation.

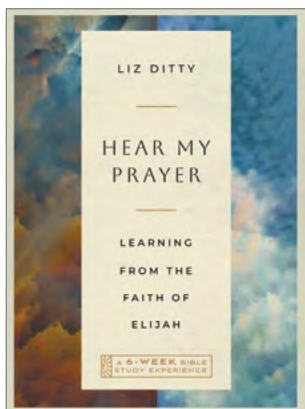
“We have our own wells, places where moms gather regularly: at playgroups and playgrounds; on sidelines and in bleachers; in break rooms and waiting rooms; at band concerts and PTA fundraisers; and in our living rooms and church basements for Bible study and prayer. When these ‘wells’ are healthy, we are seen and heard, encouraged and challenged. We find the water we need to get us and our families through the next day Think of this book as a way to gather with other mothers at a well and drink in God’s life-sustaining water.” (adapted from the introduction)



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KATHY TUAN-MACLEAN (PhD, Northwestern) is the national faculty ministry director for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, where she invites and resources faculty to follow Jesus together.



Hear My Prayer

Learning from the Faith of Elijah—A 6-Week Bible Study Experience

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A Guide to Less Awkward Prayer

Liz Ditty, an experienced spiritual director and retreat leader, invites groups and individuals to experience dozens of ways to pray alone and together. As she engages the story of Elijah and his encounters with God, she guides us toward less awkward, more authentic prayer.



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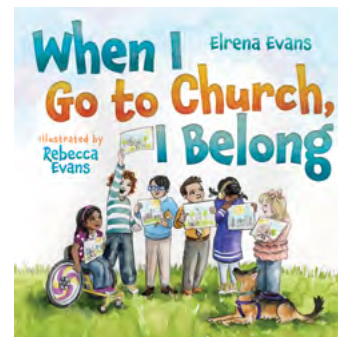
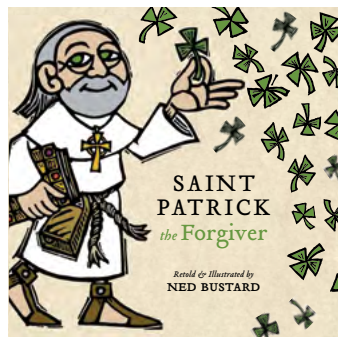
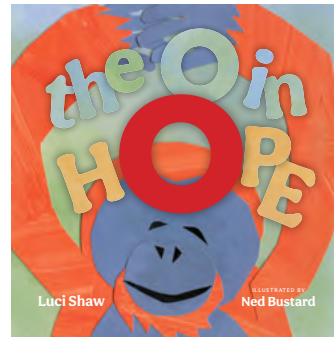
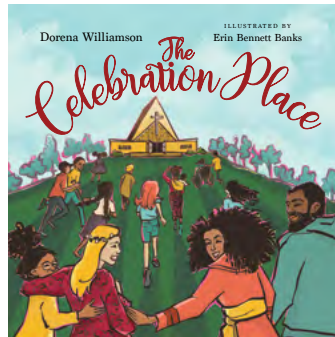
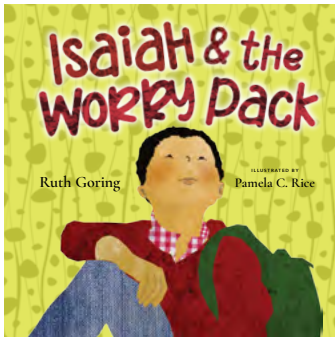
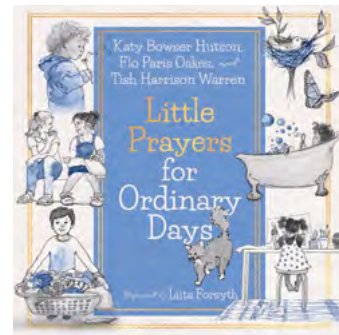
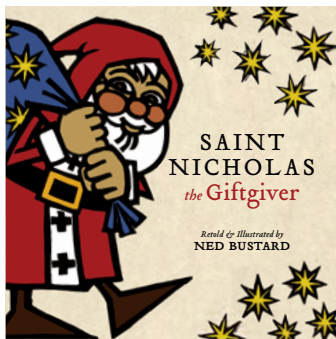
“What a fresh perspective on prayer you hold in your hands! With creativity and keen biblical insight, Liz Ditty shows us how to attune to God in a fresh way. If you feel lost in how to pray or dry in your experience of God’s presence, this study is a tall glass of water for your soul. Our culture is thirsty to experience God in uncertainty, through the hard work of forgiveness, and in the darkness of the valley. Liz Ditty gently takes our hand, gives us excellent practices to try, and walks with us there.”

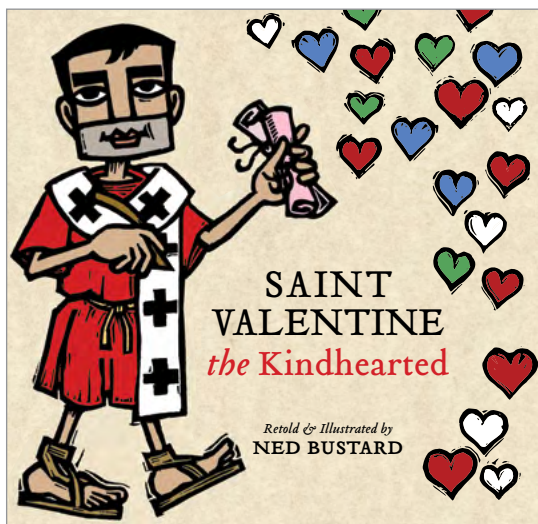
AMY SEIFFERT, Bible teacher and author of *Starved*

In a big world filled with big questions, IVP Kids has books that pack big biblical values into kid-sized pages.

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[Saint Valentine the Kindhearted](#)

The History and Legends of God's Brave and Loving Servant

January 16, 2024

\$18 | 32 pages | hardcover | 978-1-5140-0876-8

Saint Valentine, a Life of Loving Service

*Roses are red, violets are blue,
sugar is sweet, and so are you.
This is the poem many share
with those for whom we love and care.
Flowers and candy sent our way
ev'ry year on Valentine's Day.
But why the cards that ask, "Be mine?"
-that's all from dear Saint Valentine!*

We celebrate Valentine's Day with flowers, candy, and cards for the people we love. But have you ever wondered why we do this on February 14? Learn all about Saint Valentine, a man whose life of kindness and love inspires us each year to let others know how much they mean to us. Told as a charming poem and illustrated with Ned Bustard's signature linocut artwork, this book will be enjoyed by children as well as the adults who read with them.

This is Ned Bustard's third book with IVP Kids about the history and legends of a saint. Ned writes, ". . . with this new book I have another idea I'd like to communicate, and that is that love is not just romance. We are all to be loving, and that love can be of different types—it doesn't only have to be romantic. Throughout my book I demonstrate the four loves through the life of Valentine: storge—natural love/affection, philia—true—blue friendship, eros—romantic love, and agape—pure, unconditional/divine love. When the story is focusing on each one of the loves, I put colored hearts into the illustrations. For natural love the hearts are green, for friendship the hearts are blue, for romantic love the hearts are red, and for the love of God the hearts are white!"

“This rendering of the story of Saint Valentine is so rich and delightful that it will be a classic of children's literature for years, even centuries from now.”

KAREN SWALLOW PRIOR, author of *On Reading Well: Finding the Good Life in Great Books*

“Ned Bustard's deft artistic touch brings Saint Valentine's story to life with careful but playful storytelling. The illustrations are rich and worth returning to again and again. *Saint Valentine the Kindhearted* will be a gift to reread every February—with or without children!”

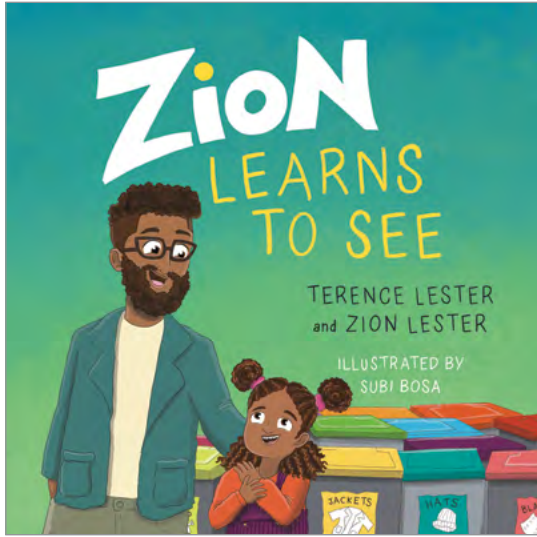
RANDALL GOODGAME, president of Slugs & Bugs and author of *Jesus and the Very Big Surprise*



NED BUSTARD is a graphic designer, a children's book illustrator, an author, and a printmaker. As the creative director for Square Halo Books, Inc. and curator of the Square Hallow Gallery, Ned has lectured at colleges, schools, churches, and conferences. His work is found in numerous titles including *Saint Nicholas the Giftgiver*, *The O in Hope*, *Revealed: A Storybook Bible for Grown-Ups*, and *Every Moment Holy*.

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Zion Learns to See

March 12, 2024

\$18 | 32 pages | hardcover | 978-1-5140-0669-6

Every Person Matters to God

Zion has no idea what she's getting into when she decides to join her dad at his work on Saturday. But she quickly discovers that a day at the community center brings new and wonderful people into her life. Join Zion as she learns about people experiencing homelessness and see how she is moved to respond as she recognizes that all people matter to God.

This story, cowritten by Terence Lester and his daughter Zion, is based on actual events. Terence writes, "The core message of our book is that age is no barrier to service; children can learn to value people whether they have a permanent address or not. Our unique approach lies in showing how a child's compassion can create a ripple effect, inspiring others to serve as well."



“Zion Learns to See is a heartwarming children's book that tackles a sensitive topic with grace and compassion. Through the eyes of young Zion, readers embark on a journey of understanding and empathy as she accompanies her father to work and discovers the realities of people experiencing homelessness. This beautifully illustrated story not only educates children about the challenges faced by those without stable homes but also instills in them the importance of kindness, compassion, and the power of small acts of generosity. Zion Learns to See is a must-read for parents, teachers, and children. It encourages conversations about social issues and nurtures a sense of community and care for others.”

LATASHA MORRISON, author of *Be the Bridge* and founder and CEO of Be the Bridge



TERENCE LESTER (PhD, Interdisciplinary Studies, Union Institute and University) is a minister, speaker, community activist, author, and founder of [Love Beyond Walls](#), a not-for-profit organization focused on poverty awareness and community mobilization. His campaigns on behalf of the poor, including #LoveSinksIn, have been featured in *USA Today*, *Black Enterprise Essence*, and *Reader's Digest*. They have been viewed by millions of people globally on *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, CBS News, NBC, Upworthy, and "The Bright Side" with Katie Couric. His books include *When We Stand*, *I See You*, *Getting Past Stuck*, *Simple Prayers for Hurting People*, and *Identity Theft*.

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ZION LESTER became interested in the work her dad, Terence Lester, was doing on a Saturday morning when she was seven years old. Since then, she has grown to become a community leader, writer, and speaker. She has also continued to regularly serve with [Love Beyond Walls](#) and encourages others her age and younger to volunteer too.

SUBI BOSA is an illustrator of picture books, comics, and graphic novels. Growing up in South Africa, Subi drew all the time and in every room of his house—sometimes even on the walls! Today, he lives in Cape Town, South Africa, where he produces a podcast for creatives and continues his passion for illustration.



Not Finished Yet

Trusting God with All My Feelings

May 7, 2024

\$16 | 32 pages | hardcover | 978-1-5140-0795-2

God Welcomes Honest Prayers

Sometimes, you see, Wren and Gran didn't paint flowers or clouds or birds or trees.

Sometimes they painted their feelings.

She and Gran called it "painting prayers."

Gran's art studio is one of Wren's favorite places in the world. Not only is it where Wren and Gran paint, but it's also where they talk about all the good and hard stuff of life—to each other, and to God. Join young Wren as she explores her feelings and discovers that God welcomes our honest prayers.

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"A book about opening our hearts to God—something all God's children need to learn. In this story, see through the eyes of a child how our emotional life can be prayer, offered with the holy simplicity and trusting faith of one who learns to rest in the Father's love. Readers of Sharon Garlough Brown's other books will recognize the gifts she is offering here."

REBECCA DeYOUNG, author of *Glittering Vices*

"What a stunning, delightful book! Sharon Garlough Brown's gentle and elegant storytelling is accompanied by the gorgeous and stirring illustrations by Jessica Linn Evans. *Not Finished Yet* is prayer in picture book form. What a gift to young readers and the adults who love them. Readers of *Glenys Nellist* and *Crystal Bowman* will want to have a copy for their shelf."

SUSIE FINKBEINER, author of *Stories That Bind Us*

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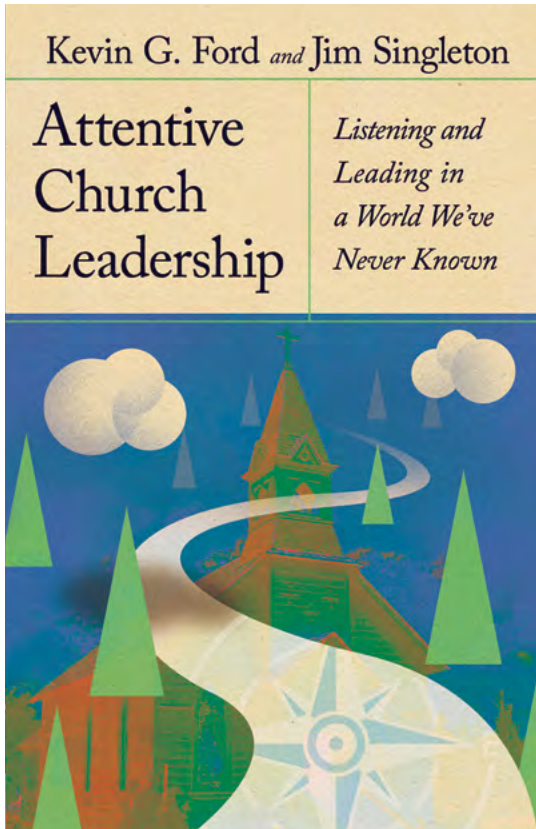


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JESSICA LINN EVANS is an author-illustrator whose books reinforce wonder for creation, inspire adventure and invention, and encourage loyalty and friendship with the lovely. She is the author and illustrator of *Penguin Sets Sail* and the illustrator of *Little Mouse Finds A Friend*, *Waiting Through Winter*, and *Solar the Polar*. Jessica lives in the beautiful state of Idaho with her husband and three of her four wonderful children.



Attentive Church Leadership

Listening and Leading in a World We've Never Known

April 2, 2024

\$25 | 256 pages | hardcover | 978-1-5140-0664-1

How Did We Get to a World We've Never Known?

“A world we’ve never known requires attentive church leadership,” write Kevin Ford and Jim Singleton. Together they call for attentive churches with attentive leaders who can discern cultural and organizational change and pivot accordingly. Chapters explore key questions that attentive leaders ask and case studies of attentive churches that have navigated the issues and transitions facing them.

Part One: Becoming an Attentive Leader

1. How Did We Get to a World We've Never Known?
2. How Do I Become an Attentive Person?
3. How Do I Manage Anxiety?
4. How Do I Increase My Trust Quotient?

Part Two: Leading an Attentive Church

5. Is the Tail Wagging the Dog?
6. How Do We Create Community in a Narcissistic World?
7. What Is Our Ethos?
8. Are We Entitled or Engaged?
9. How Do We Facilitate Real Transformation?
10. How Do We Pass the Torch?

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“Full of real-life pastoral experiences and proven insights, this one book can serve as a reliable guide for both the ministry leader and the church to faithfully make a difference and thrive as a community in this rapidly changing world. It should be read by every pastor and elder.”

MARYKATE MORSE, author, leadership mentor, and professor at Portland Seminary



KEVIN G. FORD (MDiv, Regent College) is the chief catalyst of [Leighton Ford Ministries](#). He was the cofounder of TAG Consulting, which he and his partners sold in 2019. Kevin’s areas of expertise include leadership, organizational culture, and strategy. He has facilitated the development of over five hundred strategic plans throughout North America with clients including Fortune 500s, small businesses, and government agencies. But his passion has always been for the church. He has spoken publicly to thousands of people around the world and is in constant demand as a facilitator and speaker. His books include *Transforming Church*, *The Leadership Triangle*, and *The Secret Sauce*.



JIM SINGLETON (ThD, Boston University School of Theology) is a coach and discipler at [Leighton Ford Ministries](#). He has been both a longtime Presbyterian pastor (San Antonio, Austin, Spokane, and Colorado Springs), and professor of pastoral leadership and evangelism at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Jim is one of the founders of [ECO: A Covenant Order of Presbyterians](#), which sponsors the Flourish Institute of Theology, where Jim also teaches.

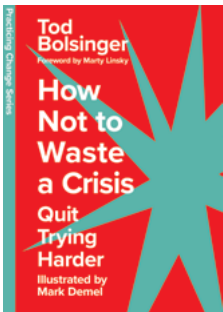
*New Leadership Series –
from the Author of Canoeing the
Mountains and Tempered Resilience*

Tod Bolsinger is the founder and principal at AE Sloan Leadership Inc., the executive director of the DePree Center Church Leadership Institute, and associate professor of leadership formation at Fuller Seminary.

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“Tod Bolsinger’s four short books in the Practicing Change Series are the ‘emergency preparedness drill’ that you will be grateful to have read when the next ‘tsunami’ hits your organization.”

RICHARD STEARNS, president emeritus of World Vision US and author of *Lead Like It Matters to God*

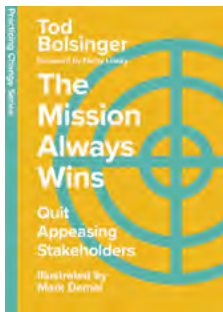


How Not to Waste a Crisis

Quit Trying Harder
August 13, 2024
\$16 | 112 pages | casebound | 978-1-5140-0866-6

Embrace Adaptability

In this first volume in the Practicing Change Series, Tod Bolsinger explores how the upheaval you find yourself in can reframe your leadership and revive your team. When your church or nonprofit needs fresh vision, take these steps to learn how to lead anew.



The Mission Always Wins

Quit Appeasing Stakeholders
August 13, 2024
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Clarity Comes from a Genuine Mission

Change requires tough decisions. It's time to further the mission—not the boss, not the team, not the stakeholders. In this volume in the Practicing Change Series, Tod Bolsinger guides us through naming competing values and realigning the driving purpose with missional clarity.



Leading Through Resistance

Quit Pushing Back
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Chart a Steady Course Through Change

People don't resist change—they resist loss. Leading people who struggle to see the future feels impossible. In this volume in the Practicing Change Series, Tod Bolsinger teaches courage and empathy for communities stuck in the loss of the past.

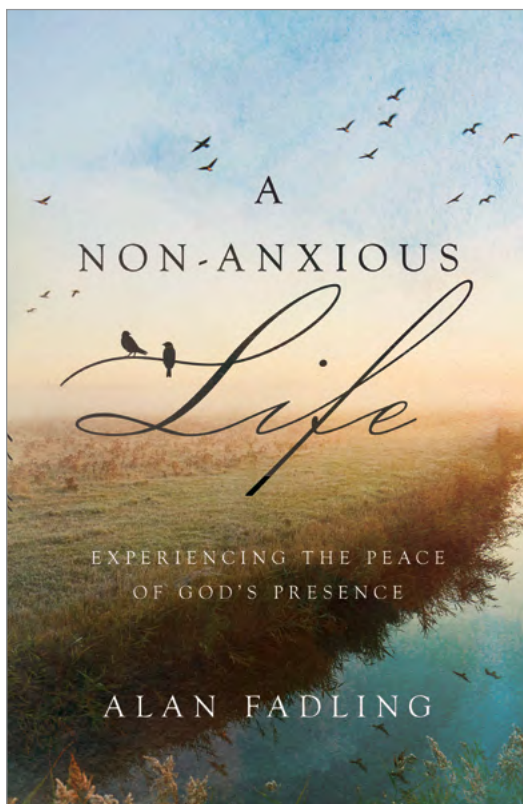


Invest in Transformation

Quit Relying on Trust
August 13, 2024
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Trust is Not Transformative

Groups that have become skeptical need leadership to refuel a sense of community and continuity if change is going to happen. But trust can be easily hoarded or squandered. In this volume in the Practicing Change Series, Tod Bolsinger outlines steps to envision trust for the sake of growth.



A Non-Anxious Life

Embracing the Peace of God's Presence
 February 6, 2024
 \$24 | 224 pages | hardcover | 978-1-5140-0050-2

*New from the Founder
 of Unhurried Living Inc.*

Release anxiety and take up authentic love. Alan Fadling brings counsel on how to learn a better way and who to look to for it: Jesus, "the ultimate non-anxious presence." He constructs a posture from which we can rest more deeply, live more fully, and lead better. Fixing our minds on grace and eternity, we can begin to see the benefit of loosening our grip and operating from a sure foundation.



ALAN FADLING is president and founder of Unhurried Living in Mission Viejo, California, inspiring people to rest deeper, live fuller, and lead better. He speaks and consults internationally with organizations such as Saddleback Church, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Cru, Halftime Institute, Apprentice Institute, and Open Doors International.

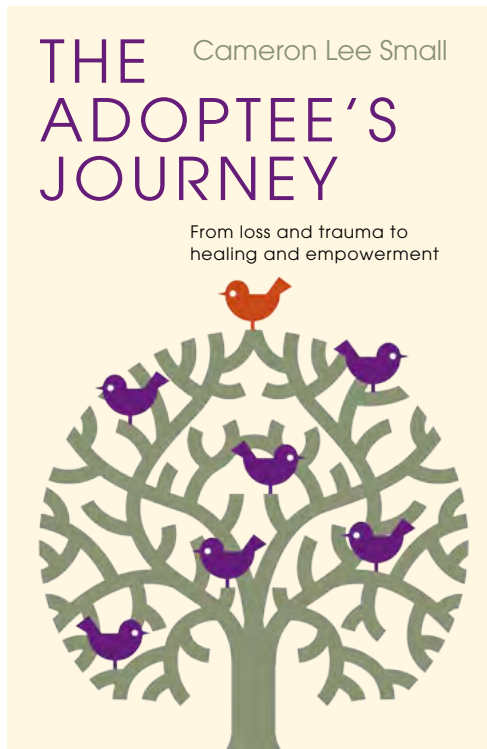
He is the award-winning author of *An Unhurried Leader* and *An Unhurried Life*, which was honored with a Christianity Today Award of Merit in spirituality. He is also coauthor (with Gem Fadling) of *What Does Your Soul Love?* His most recent book is *A Year of Slowing Down*.

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“To be human is to be anxious. It is not a question of if, but in what way are we anxious and how we respond to it. Never before have we been more worried about our worry. But thanks be to God, for our good fortune, into our moment comes *A Non-Anxious Life*, Alan Fadling's superlative offering on what it means to live in the world, practicing becoming the people that Jesus imagines us to become.”

CURT THOMPSON, MD, author of *The Soul of Desire* and *The Soul of Shame*



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[The Adoptee's Journey](#)

From Loss and Trauma to Healing and Empowerment

June 4, 2024

\$20 | 256 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0704-4

For Every “Gotcha Day” There’s Also a “Lost ya Day”

Narrating his own and other adoptees' complex stories, counselor Cameron Lee Small unpacks the history of adoption and the church's influence, helping adoptees regain their agency and identity on a journey of integration and healing.

What is your challenge, hope and calling for adoptee readers?

Cameron Small: Turn what’s inevitable into something irrevocable. Pain is inevitable. But true healing and empowerment can’t be taken away; only expanded. Hope is the rule, not the exception.

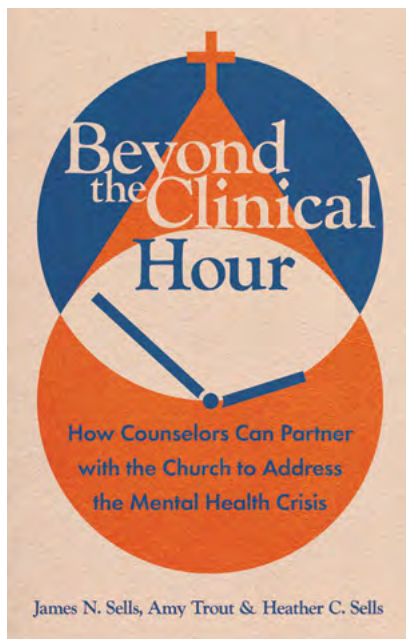
Finish this statement: To be an adoptee is to . . . ?

Cameron: To be an adoptee is to be separated from someone and something. Our journey includes the process of learning how to sit with that discomfort. To feel it. To acknowledge its capacity, while also acknowledging our capacity to grow despite inherent potentials associated with being adopted.

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“Adopted people have complex origin stories, and Cameron Small diligently walks us through with compassionate lenses to see the intimate inner workings of the adoptee experience. Normally we only get the adoptive parents' lens; this book is the nurturing table-overturning we need from an adoptee.”

HADLEY RADKE, creator and host of the Adoptees On podcast



Beyond the Clinical Hour

How Counselors Can Partner with the Church to Address the Mental Health Crisis

March 19, 2024

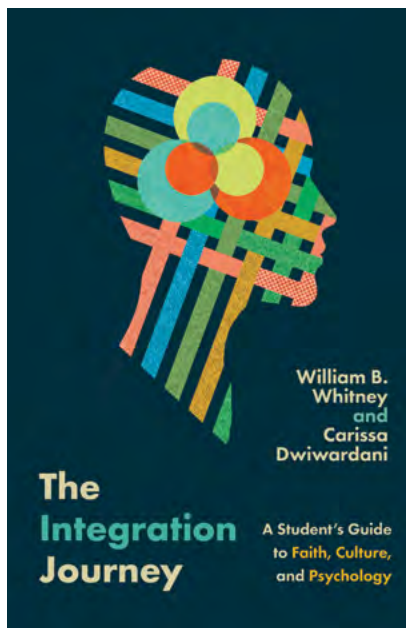
\$28 | 264 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0104-2

There is an institution uniquely positioned to help to global mental health crisis: the church. In this encouraging roadmap, psychologists James Sells and Amy Trout and journalist Heather Sells call clinicians, students, and educators to combine the science of the mental health discipline with the service of Christian ministry.

JAMES N. SELLS (PhD, University of Southern California) is Rosemary S. Hughes Professor of Christian Thought and Mental Health and codirector of the Charis Institute at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

AMY TROUT (PsyD, Wheaton College) is founder and director of a private practice, Cornerstone Consultants.

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The Integration Journey

A Student's Guide to Faith, Culture, and Psychology

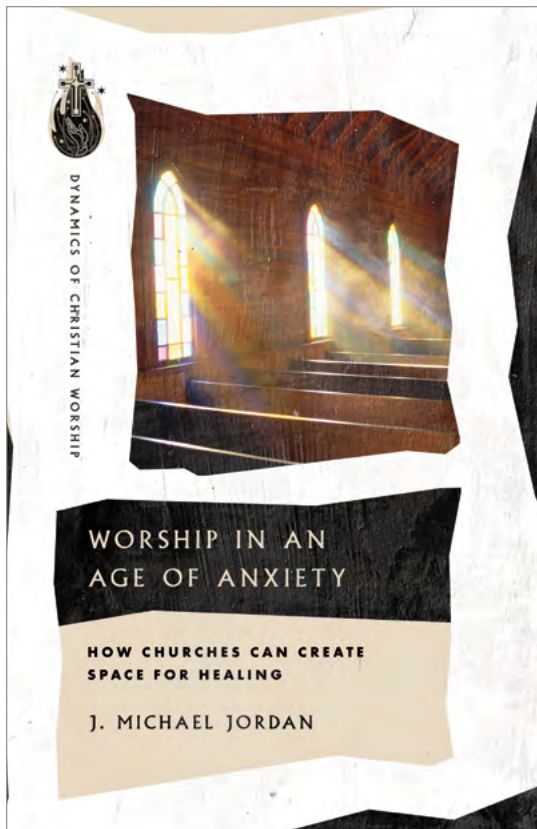
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In this embodied, practical approach to the integration of psychology and faith, students are guided through the process of constructing a culturally informed, organic model of integration that works for them and for justice in our churches, communities, and world, with particular attention to the marginalized and oppressed.

WILLIAM B. WHITNEY (PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary) is associate professor of psychology at Azusa Pacific University. He practices as a therapist at La Vie Counseling Center and is the author of *Problem and Promise in Colin E. Gunton's Doctrine of Creation*.

CARISSA DWIWARDANI (PhD, Rosemead School of Psychology) is professor of psychology at Biola University's Rosemead School of Psychology. She is a licensed psychologist who is board certified in clinical psychology (ABPP).



[Worship in an Age of Anxiety](#)

How Churches Can Create Space for Healing

June 4, 2024

\$32 | 248 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0610-8

A Healing Approach to Worship

Too often in the history of Christian worship, evangelical leaders have sought to manipulate anxiety to spur repentance. J. Michael Jordan challenges this utilitarian approach, offering a practical theology of worship within a healing framework that, rather than manipulating anxiety, acknowledges, accepts, and offers it to God.

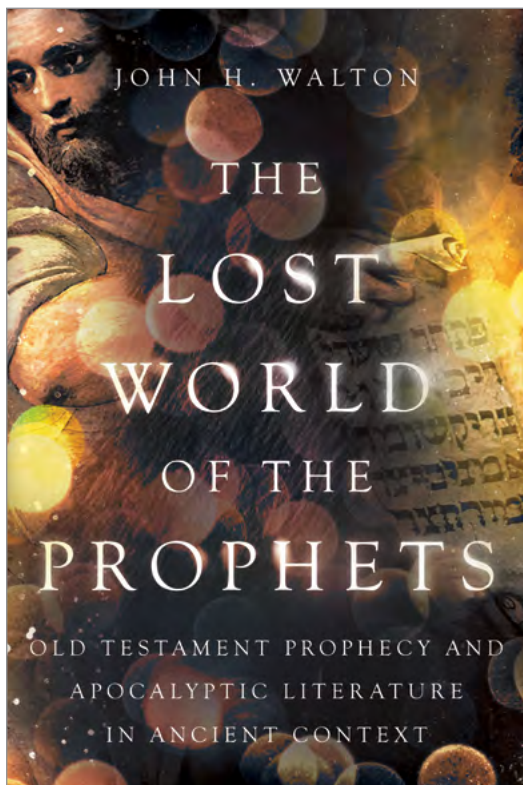


REV. DR. MICHAEL JORDAN (PhD Drew University) is an ordained Wesleyan pastor with eleven years of pastoral ministry experience in United Methodist, American Baptist, and Wesleyan churches. He currently serves as Dean of the Chapel and Associate Professor of Religion at Houghton College. From 2002–2009, he was the pastor of Exton Community Baptist Church in Exton, PA, and has also served on the pastoral staff of his current church, Houghton Wesleyan.



“The church desperately needs new resources to reframe our reaction to the anxiety epidemic. Our response cannot just be sequestered off in pastoral counseling or outsourcing to secular mental health. Jordan’s book helpfully points out that our response must take place at the heart of the church’s collective life—in our very practices of worship.”

CURTIS CHANG, author of *The Anxiety Opportunity: How Worry Is the Doorway to Your Best Self*



[The Lost World of the Prophets](#)

Old Testament Prophecy and Apocalyptic Literature in Ancient Context

February 27, 2024

\$22 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0489-0

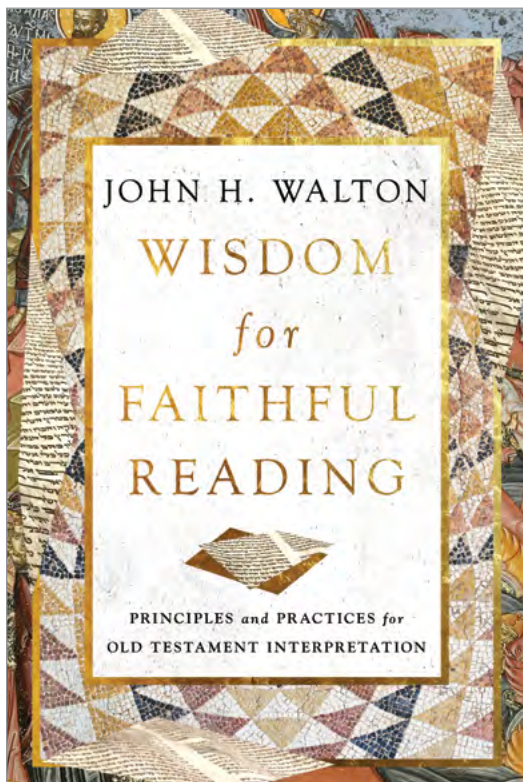
John Walton’s Signature Take on Biblical Prophecy and Apocalyptic Literature

Are the prophets speaking about their own times, about our present, or about some still-unrealized future? Applying his signature method, John Walton provides a clear, helpful guide to the nature of biblical prophecy and apocalyptic literature that will help us avoid potential misuse and reclaim the message of the prophets for our lives.

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“John Walton has distinguished himself as one of the foremost interpreters of the Old Testament for the church today. The *Lost World of the Prophets* makes accessible serious biblical scholarship on the cultural context of the Old Testament prophets. This book is a superb guide to reading the message of the prophetic literature with integrity and faithfulness to the God of Israel and Jesus Christ. I am deeply grateful for this outstanding work.”

J. RICHARD MIDDLETON, professor of biblical worldview and exegesis, Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan University



JOHN H. WALTON (PhD, Hebrew Union College) is professor of Old Testament, emeritus, at Wheaton College and Graduate School. His many books include *The Lost World of Genesis One* and *Wisdom for Faithful Reading*.

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[Wisdom for Faithful Reading](#)

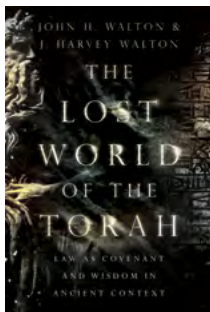
Principles and Practices for Old Testament Interpretation
April 25, 2023

\$26 | 248 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0487-6

The church has often lost its way in reading the Old Testament for lack of sound principles of interpretation. John Walton offers a consistent approach to give us confidence as faithful interpreters, laying out his tried-and-true practices developed over four decades in the classroom. You may never read the Old Testament the same way again.

Lost World books

There are some historical or biblical issues that are inherently controversial—which is why they remain issues of debate. The books in the Lost World Series follow the pattern set by Bible scholar John H. Walton as they bring a fresh, close reading of the Hebrew text to an accessible discussion of the topic at hand.



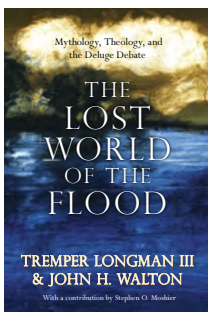
[The Lost World of the Torah](#)

Law as Covenant and Wisdom in Ancient Context

February 26, 2019

\$25 | 288 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5241-3

To modern eyes, what we call the biblical law, or Torah, seems either odd beyond comprehension (not eating lobster) or positively reprehensible (executing children). Using a consistent methodology to look at the Torah through the lens of the ancient Near East, Walton and Walton offer a restorative understanding that will have dramatic effects in interpreting the text and in discerning the significance of the Torah for today.



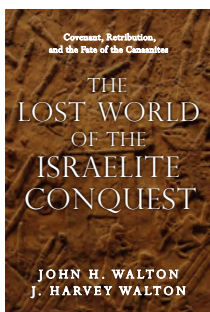
[The Lost World of the Flood](#)

Mythology, Theology, and the Deluge Debate

April 3, 2018

\$22 | 208 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5200-0

The Genesis flood account has been probed and analyzed for centuries. But what might the biblical author have been saying to his ancient audience? In order to rediscover the biblical flood, we must set aside our own cultural and interpretive assumptions and visit the distant world of the ancient Near East. Walton and Longman lead us on this enlightening journey toward a more responsible reading of a timeless biblical narrative.



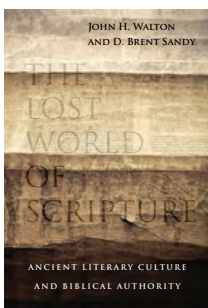
[The Lost World of the Israelite Conquest](#)

Covenant, Retribution, and the Fate of the Canaanites

August 15, 2017

\$24 | 288 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-5184-3

Perhaps no biblical episode is more troubling than the conquest of Canaan. But do the so-called holy war texts of the Old Testament portray a divinely inspired genocide? John Walton and J. Harvey Walton take us on an archaeological dig, reframing our questions and excavating the layers of translation and interpretation that cloud our perception of these difficult texts.



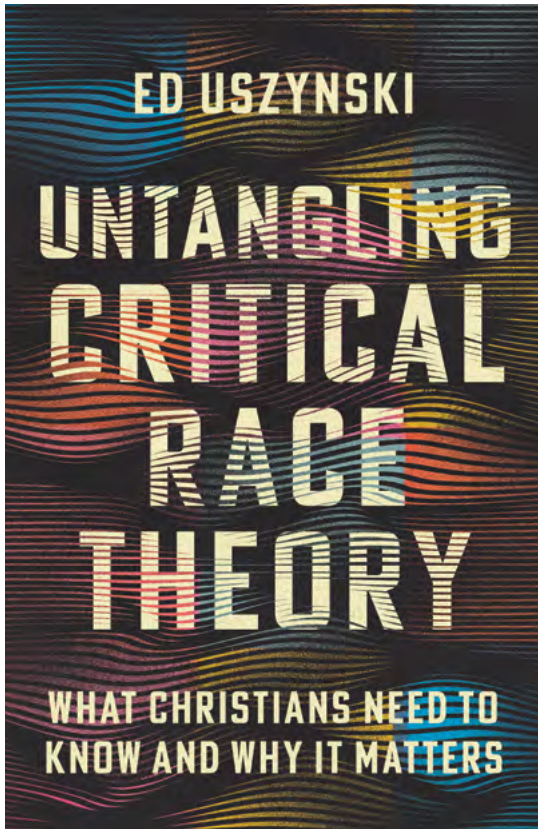
[The Lost World of the Scripture](#)

Ancient Literary Culture and Biblical Authority

November 1, 2013

\$32 | 320 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4032-8

Walton and Sandy summarize what we know of orality and oral tradition as well as the composition and transmission of texts in the ancient Near East and the Greco-Roman world, and how this shapes our understanding of the Old and New Testaments. The authors then translate these insights into a helpful model for understanding the reliability of Scripture.



[Untangling Critical Race Theory](#)

What Christians Need to Know and Why It Matters

June 25, 2024

\$22 | 272 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0481-4

Why a Book on Critical Race Theory?

It may be one of the most widely referenced issues of the day, but it's also one of the least understood. In its translation from the academic world to the general public, critical race theory has inaccurately become a catchall term for anything related to race. But what does it actually mean, and how should Christians engage it?

Ed Szynski is uniquely positioned to address the dynamics of critical race theory. He earned his PhD in American culture studies in the university world and navigated the realities of Marxist critical theory and critical race theory—while still a white male conservative Christian ministering in traditional contexts. In this enlightening guidebook, he unpacks what critical race theory really is and how Christians can make sense of it. Szynski carefully explores CRT's roots and tenets, revealing what it aims to do and also how some portrayals of CRT misrepresent its purposes. With responsible answers to legitimate concerns, Szynski goes beyond the surface to provide a reliable path of just discernment and cultural engagement.

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“Ed’s book is not only a responsible, fair, and honest evaluation of CRT and its Marxist roots, but a model of what evangelical scholarship should look like. If you want an intellectually lazy approach to CRT that takes a binary—‘CRT is evil!’ or ‘CRT is 100% true!’—then stick to your favorite partisan pundit to spoon feed you the ‘truth.’ But if you want an honest and responsible guide to help you think through the complexities of CRT and how it contributes to our understanding of race relations, then I cannot more highly recommend this book.”

PRESTON SPRINKLE, author and host of *Theology in the Raw* podcast, from the foreword

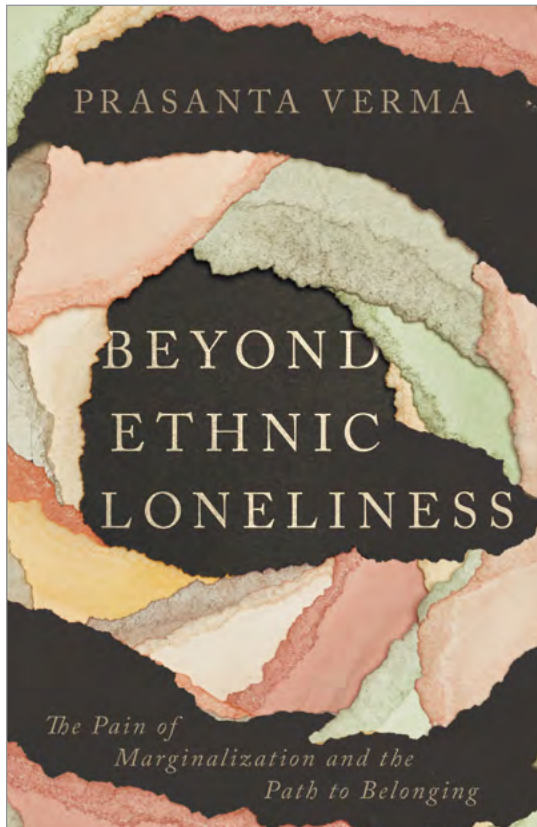


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“This is one of the most important books I have read in recent years. . . . Understanding what gave rise to Critical Race Theory should put the spotlight on compassion and motivate followers of Christ to do what should have been done. Thank you, Ed, for calling us to be portraits of the solution.”

CRAWFORD LORITTS, founder and president of *Beyond Our Generation*, from the foreword



Beyond Ethnic Loneliness

The Pain of Marginalization and the Path to Belonging

April 16, 2024

\$18 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0741-9

Naming and Holding Space for Ethnic Challenges

Growing up as an Indian American immigrant in white Southern culture, Prasanta Verma unpacks the exhausting effects of cultural isolation and marginalization as well as the longing to belong and the hope of finding safe friendships in community. Our places of exile can become places of belonging—to ourselves, to others, and to God.

In what way is ethnic loneliness distinctive?

Prasanta Verma: Ethnic loneliness is different from racism; it is a feeling, it is an internal struggle, it is an experience that an ethnic minority undergoes while living in a white majority culture.

In what ways is your approach unique?

Prasanta: The unique approach I am offering is an attempt to define this experience for the ethnic minority and to offer some strategies to cope and to show the gifts we bring to our communities through our uniqueness. Our ethnic identities are sacred; they are not mistakes.



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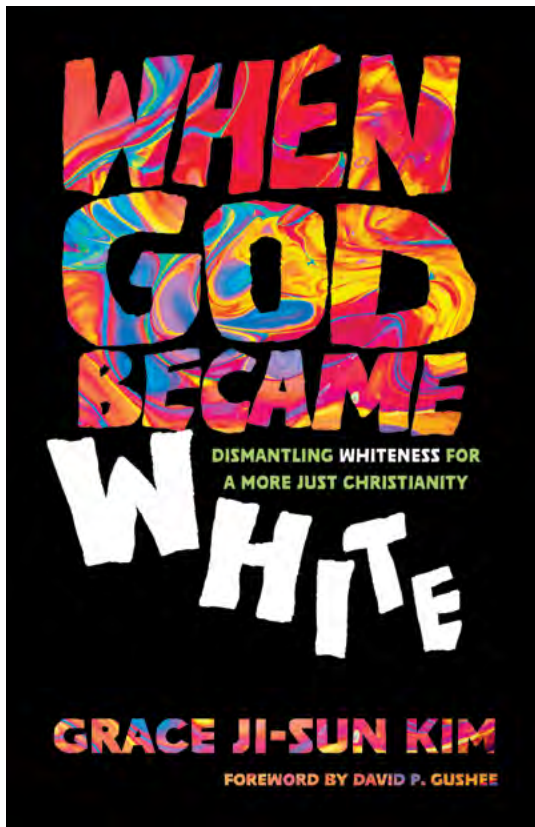
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“Beyond Ethnic Loneliness is a revelation. Although ethnic loneliness is found inconsistently in other literature on ethnicity, racism, or racial trauma, Prasanta centers it. She skillfully shares this through stories about her family, India, American history, Scripture, research, and poetry.”

SHEILA WAISE ROWE, author of *Healing Racial Trauma* and *Young, Gifted, and Black*





[When God Became White](#)

Dismantling Whiteness for a More Just Christianity

May 7, 2024

\$18 | 200 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0939-0

Questions and Challenges of a White Christianity

Grace Ji-Sun Kim explores the historical origins and theological implications of the myth of the white male God. Examining the roots of the distortion and its harmful impact on the world, Kim shows what it looks like to recover the biblical reality of a nonwhite, nongendered God, leading us to a more just faith and a better church and world.

Kim writes, “This book is about the religious journey I took to make sense of my own experiences and place them in context. It explores the emergence of a white Jesus and what the implications of this are on racialized minorities. In this process, I came to understand how whiteness has tainted our understanding of each other and God. If we are to overcome the devastating effects of whiteness, we need to move forward and adopt a theology of visibility so we can embrace the other and live in peace with our neighbors” “I hope my questions and challenges of a white Christianity will help you in your own explorations of faith, spirituality, and God.”

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“I read everything I can by Grace Ji-Sun Kim, but I especially needed this book. As a white man who inherited a white male God, I am grateful for this Korean-born theologian who gently, clearly, and firmly guides readers like me into a bigger, deeper, more awesome and just understanding of the Holy One.”

BRIAN D. MCLAREN, author of *Do I Stay Christian*

“I urge even—especially!—those who may not feel ready for the strength of the critique Grace Ji-Sun Kim offers to ask God to help you lay down any spirit of defensiveness and instead to be open to the breath of inspiration and new life”

DAVID P. GUSHEE, distinguished university professor of Christian ethics at Mercer University, from the foreword



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Ownership

The Evangelical Legacy of Slavery in Edwards, Wesley, and Whitefield

June 18, 2024

\$18 | 240 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0415-9

Naming and Holding Space for Ethnic Challenges

Jonathan Edwards, John Wesley, and George Whitefield were the three most prominent early evangelicals—and all three were deeply compromised on the issue of slavery. Edwards and Whitefield both kept slaves themselves, and Wesley failed to speak out against slavery until near the end of his life.

In *Ownership*, Sean McGeever tells the true story of these men’s relationships to slavery: a story that has too often been passed over or buried in scholarly literature. In this book McGeever

- Tells the stories of these three fathers of American evangelicalism and their legacies regarding slavery.
- Traces their legacies for how American evangelicals would think about slavery for centuries to come, up to the present.
- Discusses the clichéd idea of historical figures being “men of their times,” and how to grapple with the complicated stories of our forebears and heroes.
- Explores the assumptions about slavery among Christians in the United Kingdom and American colonies in the colonial period.



“This book is unusually well researched (showing that Wesley, Edwards, and Whitefield actively or passively supported slavery even after Quaker Bible believers had published solid arguments showing the system’s evil). It is patiently argued (bending over backward to explain charitably why these landmark evangelicals acted as they did). It is also painstakingly self-reflective (asking, If we condemn earlier Christians for unthinking support of their society’s evil, what evils might we be supporting unthinkingly today?). The result is unusual clarity about the past and, even more, a compelling imperative for examining our own lives today.”

MARK NOLL,

author of *America’s Book: The Rise and Decline of a Bible Civilization, 1794–1911*





[The Way of Belonging](#)

Reimagining Who We Are and How We Relate

June 11, 2024

\$18 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0853-9

The Welcome of God Changes Everything

From her community-building background, Sarah E. Westfall takes our longing to belong as an invitation to embrace and extend the deep love of God. After years contemplating how she fit in and trying to earn acceptance, she realized "belonging is not something to attain, but someone to become." Through narrative, research, Scripture, and spiritual practice, she teaches how belonging is a way of being—a posture of welcome in the spirit of the Father.

What is belonging and why is it such a “felt need” for so many of us?

Sarah Westfall: Belonging is not dependent on particular places or people. It is not a mold we must pour ourselves into, hoping we will fit. Belonging is a welcome we carry with us. It is folded into our personhood like a divine inheritance, tucked into the unseen corners of the soul but firmer than the bones in our bodies. We belong because we have breath, and every exhale is an echo of the love of God, setting us free to hold and be held.



“In this kind and relatable debut work, Sarah Westfall offers a spiritually formative resource for anyone who questions their place with people, with God, or with themselves. I’m grateful for this honest book.”

EMILY P. FREEMAN,

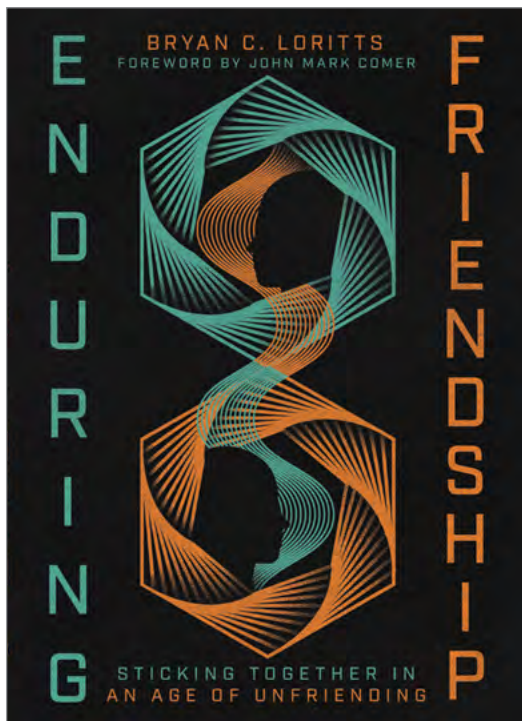
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Enduring Friendship

Sticking Together in an Age of Unfriending

May 12, 2024

\$20 | 160 pages | casebound | 978-1-5140-0844-7

New from the Author of The Offensive Church

Sometimes it can seem as if friends are more work and pain than they're worth, with friendship challenges that we have to endure and struggle through. Life gets in the way of our well-intentioned efforts to connect. Conflicts and differences over serious issues divide us and make us think that we could never be close to a person ever again. In today's cancel culture, it's easy to give up on people and just walk away, leaving us all more isolated than before.

- Offers a substantive exposition and application of the book of Philemon.
- Shows how friendships can be healed when there has been serious sin and conflict.
- Reconcile relationships with truth, repentance, and grace.

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*“Bryan is painfully honest about the challenge of long-term friendships. Yet you read this book and come away burning with desire to bare your soul to another in love. . . . I walked away from reading *Enduring Friendship* not only recaptured by the beauty of the gospel, but also deeply moved by the power of grace.”*

JOHN MARK COMER,
author of *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*,
from the foreword

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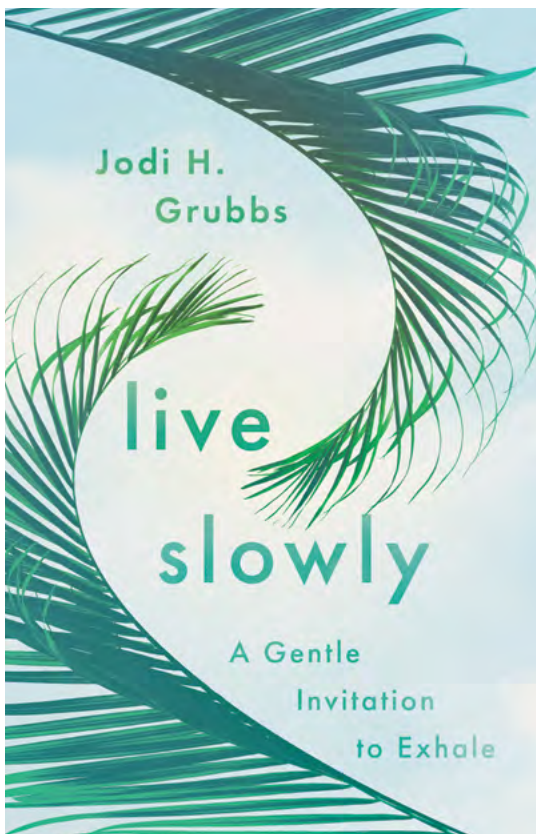


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[Live Slowly](#)

A Gentle Invitation to Exhale

April 30, 2024

\$18 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0708-2

Give Yourself Permission to Slow Down

After assuming the rapid pace and stress of city living in the States, Jodi Grubbs realized God was bidding her to return to the "island time" of her childhood home. Evoking the gentle rhythms of Bonaire in the Caribbean, Jodi invites you to a life anchored by the forced pauses of spiritual practices and an openhandedness before God.

- Shows how to end the burnout cycle and replace it with a more sustainable pace.
- Outlines slow living "shifts" or practices throughout each chapter.
- Offers reflection questions at the end of each chapter.



JODI H. GRUBBS is the podcast host of *Our Island in the City* and a slow-living advocate. She is the author of a children's book, *The Island Adventures of Lili and Oliver*, and coauthor of a Bible study called *The Friendship Café*.

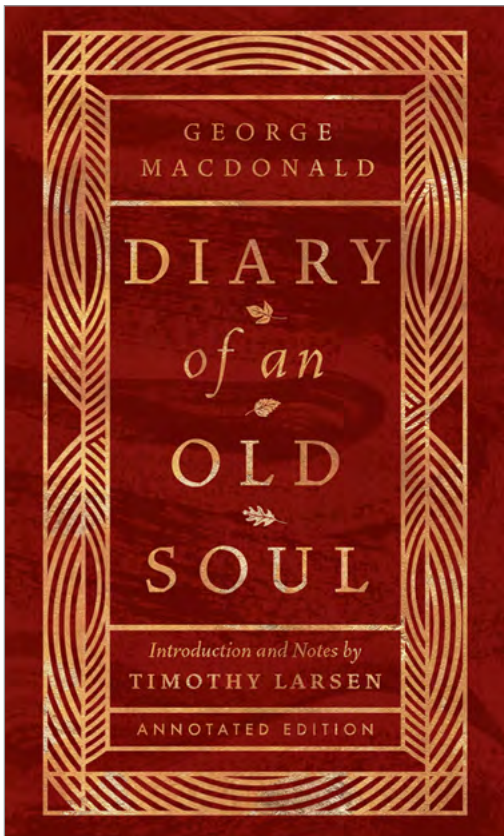
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“If you need a slow-living guide—a guide out of the crush of noise and the exhausting speed of life—Jodi Grubbs is a gentle sage who has faced suffering and heartbreak. She shows us the road less traveled—into a far more meaningful life.”

ANN VOSKAMP,

author of *One Thousand Gifts* and *The Broken Way*



[Diary of an Old Soul](#)

Annotated Edition

May 21, 2024

\$30 | 296 pages | hardcover | 978-1-5140-0768-6

A Deluxe Edition with Notes from a Historian

In 1880, George MacDonald self-published a long poem in book form—seven-line stanzas for each day of the year expressing his longings, struggles, and joys in everyday life. Now in this deluxe edition, the complete text of MacDonald's classic devotional resource is available with blank journaling pages and new annotations by Timothy Larsen.

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“This beautifully edited and annotated edition of George MacDonald's Diary of an Old Soul is not only a gift to MacDonald scholars and enthusiasts but also a gift to the world and to the church. Diary of an Old Soul can sit on your bedside reading table as an old friend and companion, something to dip in and out of, to look up the poem for the particular day you take up the book: you will always be challenged, inspired, and ultimately nourished. But Larsen shows that this book offers so much more. It is an inner journal of the hard road of sanctification, the journey all mystics take through purgation, to illumination, and finally to blissful union with the God who loves us and is always enabling our love in return. For those who don't yet know the Diary, this book is the perfect introduction and companion for your journey with MacDonald. For those who do, be prepared to look at an old friend with new eyes and new depths of appreciation.”

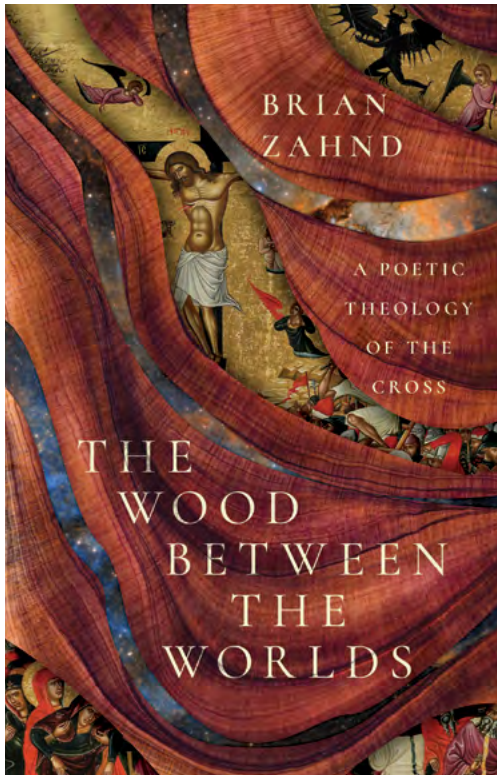
MALCOLM GUiTE, president of the George MacDonald Society

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[The Wood Between the Worlds](#)

A Poetic Theology of the Cross

February 6, 2024

\$24 | 216 pages | hardcover | 978-1-5140-0562-0

The Kaleidoscopic Mystery of Christ

In our ongoing quest to make meaning of the cross, Brian Zahnd helps us see that there are infinite ways to behold the cross of Christ as the beautiful form that saves the world. He writes, “The meaning of the cross is not singular, but kaleidoscopic. Each turn of a kaleidoscope reveals a new geometric image. This is how we must approach our interpretation of the cross—through the eyepiece of a theological kaleidoscope. That the word *kaleidoscope* is a Greek word meaning ‘beautiful form’ makes this all the more apropos. I believe it is safe to assume there are an infinite number of ways of viewing the cross of Christ as the beautiful form that saves the world. In this book I seek to share some of the beautiful forms I see as I gaze upon the cross through my theological kaleidoscope.”

Zahnd wants readers to fully grasp that

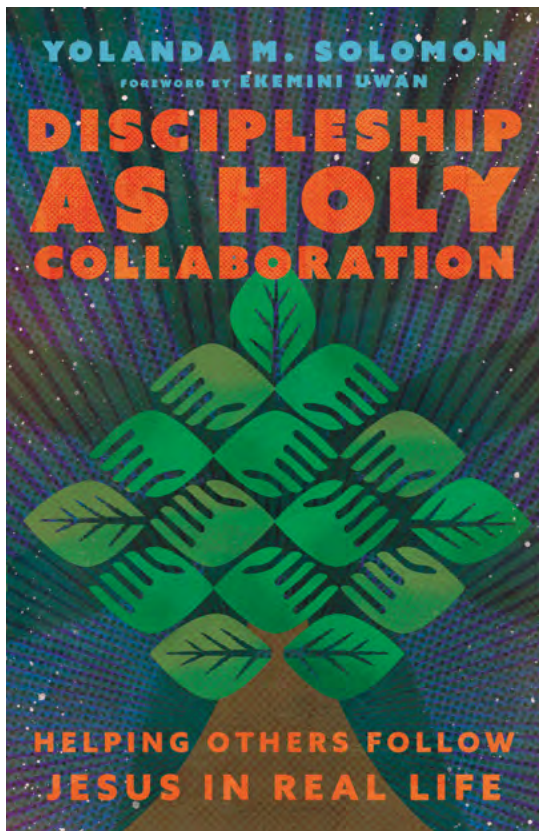
- The cross of Christ is the wood between the worlds.
- There is the world that was and the world to come, and in between those two worlds is the wood upon which the Son of God was hung.
- Our understanding on the meaning of the cross cannot be reduced to any one single atonement theory.
- The cross should always be shocking to us.
- Everything that can be known about God is in some way present at the cross.
- Being disguised under the disfigurement of an ugly crucifixion and death, Christ upon the cross is paradoxically the clearest revelation of who God is.

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“Most books on the cross of Christ are regurgitations of outmoded atonement theories that say almost nothing memorable. But Brian Zahnd has once again broken the mold with his revolutionary book *The Wood Between the Worlds*. Herein we have a capacious portrait of Jesus’ sacrifice that is so stunningly beautiful and uniquely framed that the reader cannot look away. An enrapturing volume to reignite the church’s curiosity around the crucifixion penned by one of today’s most provocative pastors.”

JONATHAN MERRITT, author and contributing writer for *The Atlantic*

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Discipleship as Holy Collaboration

Helping Others Follow Jesus in Real Life

May 14, 2024

\$18 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0619-1

America Has a Discipleship Problem

In this practical guide, Yolanda Solomon offers biblical exposition and personal narratives to help us become disciples who are invited by Jesus to collaborate with God in a sacred group project.

Solomon writes, “My motivation to write this book flows from a conviction that how well we understand and embody what Jesus calls the Kingdom of God is a major key to making disciples of Jesus and not disciples of culture. In the recent past we’ve endured global climate change–induced natural disasters, monthly mass shootings, skyrocketing inflation, the rise of Christian nationalism, and the loss of millions of lives due to the COVID–19 pandemic. Mostly everyone I know is traumatized. Considering this, I was motivated to cast vision for a theology of discipleship that matches the weight of the trauma that people have endured.”

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“For years, Yolanda has been reconstructing villages that will raise disciples of Christ who love Jesus, justice, and mercy, who walk humbly with our Thrice Holy God. In Discipleship as Holy Collaboration, Yolanda Michelle Solomon has gifted the church with a clear instruction manual on how to wield the sword of the Spirit with grace and truth in order to do the kingdom work of making disciples. May we all join Yolanda and partner with God in this divine village reconstruction project, which the American church so desperately needs.”

EKEMINI UWAN, public theologian and coauthor of *Truth’s Table: Black Women’s Musings on Life, Love, and Liberation*

“Yolanda Solomon has been a beacon of light and wisdom for years. Her godly insight and reflections are collected here to help us all continue our own transformative journey with Jesus and others.”

LECRAE, recording artist and author of *I Am Restored: How I Lost My Religion but Found My Faith*

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[Church for Everyone](#)

Building a Multi-Inclusive Community for Emerging Generations

February 13, 2024

\$18 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0550-7

Emerging Generations' Expectations and Disappointments with the Church

In *Church for Everyone*, pastors Dan Kreiss and Efrem Smith offer a research-based, theologically informed, and practical book. They explore the younger generations' expectations and disappointments with church and hold out a vision for true diversity taken from the pages of Scripture. As experienced church leaders themselves, Kreiss and Smith share a wealth of practical experience and stories from the trenches of multiethnic ministry. Chapters include

1. Emerging Generations and the Church
2. Addressing Emerging Generations Through the Multi-Inclusive Church
3. Becoming the Beloved Community for Emerging Generations
4. The Challenges in Seeking to Become Multi-Inclusive
5. How the Multi-Inclusive Church Wins This Generation
6. Whose Idea Was This Anyway?
7. It's Bigger Than Race or Ethnicity
8. Toward Becoming a Multi-Inclusive Congregation

“As regional president of Converge PacWest, I have witnessed the challenge of attracting and retaining emerging young adults in faith communities that lack inclusiveness, social justice, racial reconciliation, and multiracial representation. *Church for Everyone* is an essential read for pastors, leaders, and individuals who are passionate about creating vibrant, diverse, and justice-oriented faith communities. Through their profound insights, Kreiss and Smith inspire hope and provide a road map for those seeking to navigate the challenges and seize the opportunities of our increasingly diverse world.”

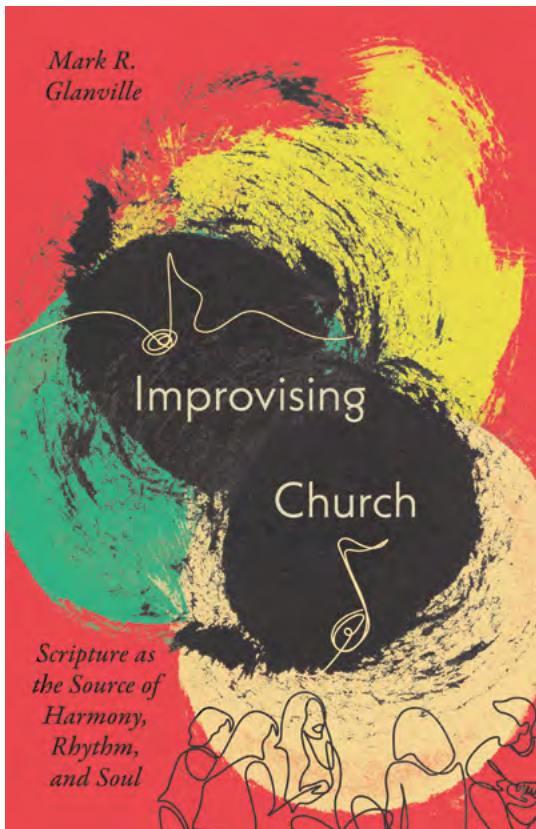
BERNARD EMERSON,
regional president of Converge PacWest



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Improvising Church

Scripture as the Source of Harmony, Rhythm, and Soul

February 13, 2024

\$28 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0745-7

A Dynamic Vision for Churches

The post-Christian cultural turn is creating the conditions for a crisis of confidence in the church and in pastoral ministry. While such changes can be disruptive and disconcerting, our new cultural reality makes the present moment a uniquely exciting time to reimagine churches that bear witness to Christ. How do we move beyond cookie-cutter approaches (which may have worked in the past) to building the creative, compassionate, and incarnational churches we long for?

Biblical scholar and accomplished jazz pianist Mark Glanville plays with a metaphor of improvisation to chart twelve themes as the key "notes" on which Christian communities play as they bear witness to God in the world today. Building on these two dynamic traditions—jazz music and Christian community—*Improvising Church* unfolds a biblical, practical, and inventive vision for churches seeking to receive and extend the healing of Christ.



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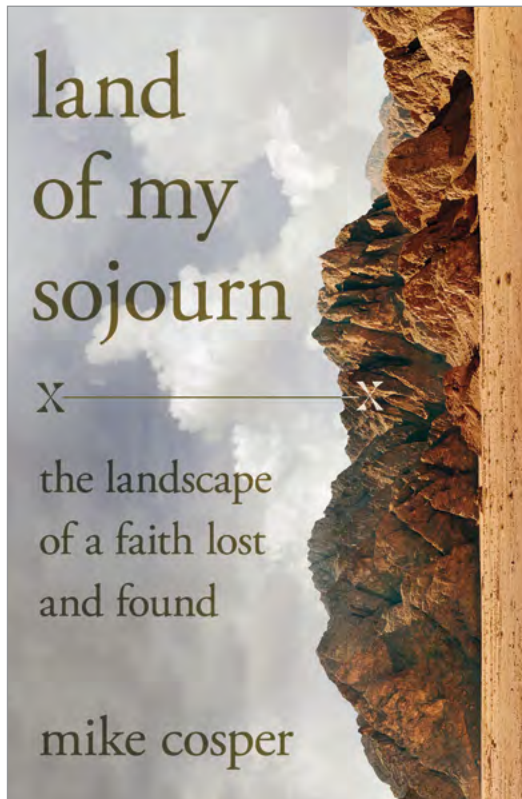
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"In a world where Scripture struggles to gain a hearing and models for renewing the church are often drawn from the latest fads, Improvising Church is stunning. Drawing on his deep, loving engagement with Scripture and his long experience in churches on the margins, Mark Glanville offers a humble, exhilarating invitation to become congregations that help our neighbors encounter the joy of Jesus and his way in the world. Like the jazz that serves as its primary metaphor, Improvising Church brought me to tears and made my heart sing. It is a gift to anyone seeking to help God's people become who we're called to be in our post-Christian, Western world.

MICHAEL J. RHODES,

lecturer in Old Testament at Carey Baptist College and author of *Just Discipleship: Biblical Justice in an Unjust World*

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[Land of My Sojourn](#)

The Landscape of a Faith Lost and Found

February 27, 2024

\$24 | 168 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4734-1

New from the Host of the *Rise and Fall of Mars Hill* Podcast

Since leaving local church ministry, Mike Cosper spent time examining the church's often troubled witness, its ongoing crisis of leadership, and the epidemic of narcissism, abuse, and cover-up that has continued to emerge. It's a time of spiritual disillusionment for many, either because of personal suffering or the fraught state of evangelicalism. This book shares Mike's journey—the shattering of dreams and the grace that restored a broken faith in the aftermath. In it readers will realize:

- Losing our idealism is a path to wisdom.
- Nostalgia is usually built on lies about the past and robs us of joy in the present.
- Grace awaits us in and beyond our dark nights.



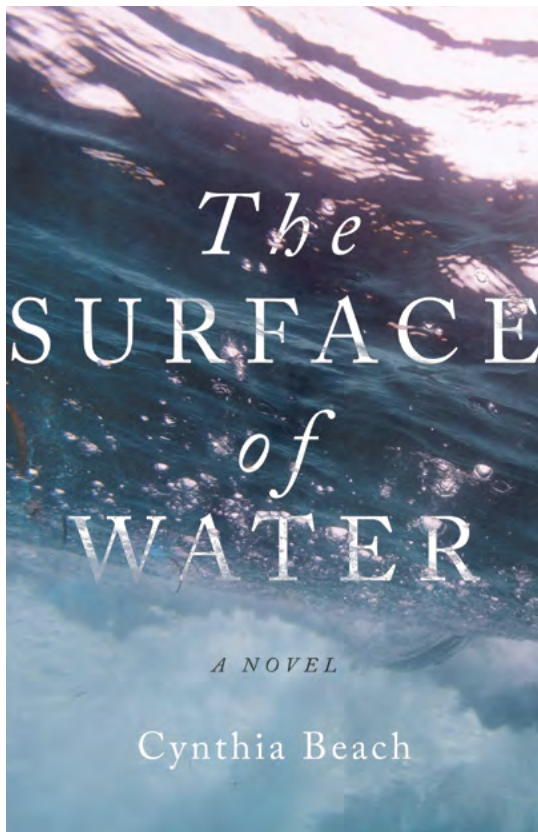
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“At some point in every Christian's life, God intervenes to show us that what we thought to be our home isn't—and sometimes, only a lifetime later does one see that this was actually good news. Mike Cosper is one of the sharpest thinkers in the Christian world, and also one of the most creative. This book includes cultural analysis, personal lament, and biblical reflection. If you've ever felt the pain of losing home—and if you want to learn how to long for something better—this is the book for you.”

RUSSELL MOORE,
editor in chief of *Christianity Today*



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[The Surface of Water](#)

A Novel

April 9, 2024

\$20 | 352 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0753-2

Fiction Debut About #ChurchToo Issues

Megachurch pastor Matthew Goodman is tired, focusing on the demands of his work. What he doesn't know about his new assistant Trish Card and her real reason for appearing will dismantle his world. This novel invites readers to see life's shadowed edges— isolation, power, and abuse—illuminated by the light of truth.

What is the larger question this novel seeks to answer?

Cynthia Beach: A central theme in this novel is: what happens when we in our Christianity value image over truth—and Love comes a 'calling? This is a counter testimony story, a broken halleluiah that examines the dark side of power for spiritual leaders and church life—and, frankly, life with God.

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“The Surface of Water presents a sensitive and nuanced portrayal of Matthew Goodman, pastor of a Chicago megachurch, whose public life is marked by power, adulation, and wealth, while the surface of his inner life is roiled by a troubled relationship with his late father and by a former indiscretion Goodman has kept hidden. With suspense and skill, but also compassion, Beach's novel reveals the damaging consequences when faith is overruled by ego, and desire for justice comes close to revenge. This timely novel deserves a wide reading.”

HUGH COOK,

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