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## **Transforming**

The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians

#### **AUSTEN HARTKE**

#### Foreword by MATTHEW VINES

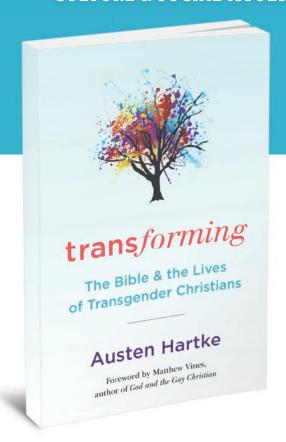
"With stunning clarity, scholarly insight, and extraordinary vulnerability, Austen Hartke explores trans\* identity through the lens of Scripture in a poignant and accessible way that challenges, convicts, and inspires everyone to lean more fully into their God-created identity. Transforming is truly a game changer and one of the most important theological books to have been written in recent memory."

 Brandan Robertson, Lead Pastor, Missiongathering Christian Church, Author & Editor, Our Witness: The Unheard Stories of LGBT+ Christians

In 2014, *Time* magazine announced that America had reached "the transgender tipping point," suggesting that transgender issues would become the next civil rights frontier. Years later, many people—even many LGBTQ allies—still lack understanding of gender identity and the transgender experience. Into this void, Austen Hartke offers a biblically based, educational, and affirming resource to shed light and wisdom on this modern gender landscape.

Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians provides access into an underrepresented and misunderstood community and will change the way readers think about transgender people, faith, and the future of Christianity. By introducing transgender issues and language and providing stories of both biblical characters and real-life narratives from transgender Christians living today, Hartke helps readers visualize a more inclusive Christianity, equipping them with the confidence and tools to change both the church and the world.

AUSTEN HARTKE is the creator of the YouTube series Transgender and Christian. Hartke is a graduate of Luther Seminary's Master of Arts program in OldTestament/Hebrew Bible Studies and winner of Luther's 2014 John Milton Prize in OldTestament Writing.

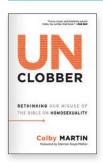


March • Paper • \$16.00 9780664263102 • 220 pages • 5.5" x 8.5" Rights: World • Market: General Reader Christianity

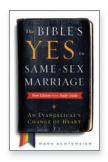
#### **Key Selling Points**

- Illustrates the deep and wide faith of transgender Christians
- Offers an affirming word from transgender Christians themselves
- Combines ancient wisdom and tradition with modern scholarship and scientific research

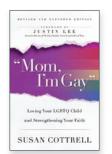
#### **Related Titles**



9780664262211 UnClobber \$15.00



9780664262181 The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage \$18,00



9780664262228 Mom, I'm Gay, Revised and Expanded Edition \$17.00

### **Resist and Persist**

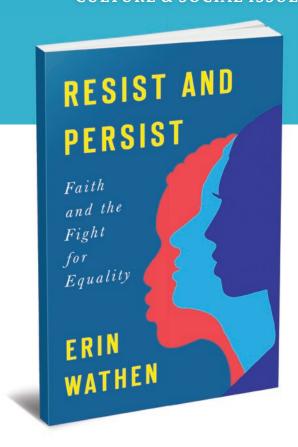
Faith and the Fight for Equality ERIN WATHEN

Over the past few decades, the roles women play in public life have evolved significantly, as have the pressures that come with needing to do it all, have it all, and be all things to all people. And with this progress, misogyny has evolved as well. Today's discrimination is more subtle and indirect, expressed in double standards, microaggressions, and impossible expectations. In other ways, sexism has gotten more brash and repulsive as women have gained power and voice in the mainstream culture.

Patriarchy is still sanctioned by every institution: capitalism, government, and even—maybe especially—the church itself. This is perhaps the ultimate irony—that a religion based on the radical justice and liberation of Jesus' teachings has been the most complicit part of the narrative against women's equality. If we are going to dial back the harmful rhetoric against women and their bodies, the community of faith is going to have to be a big part of the solution.

Pastor and author Erin Wathen navigates the complex layers of what it means to be a woman in our time and place—from the language we use to the clothes that we wear to the unseen and unspoken assumptions that challenge our full personhood at every turn. *Resist and Persist* reframes the challenges to women's equality in light of our current culture and political climate, providing a new language of resistance that can free women and men from the pernicious power of patriarchy.

**ERIN WATHEN** serves as the Senior Pastor at Saint Andrew Christian Church in Olathe, Kansas, and writes the popular blog *Irreverin* on the Patheos network. She is author of *More than Words: 10 Values for the Modern Family.* 



April • Paper • \$16.00 9780664263904 • 190 pages • 5.5" x 8.5" Rights: World • Market: General Reader Christian Living

#### **Key Selling Points**

- Examines the key aspects to the fight for women's equality in light of Christian faith
- Provides encouragement for continuing the fight for gender equality
- Provides a new language of resistance

#### Also by This Author



9780664262945 More than Words \$16.00

## **Interrupting Silence**

God's Command to Speak Out

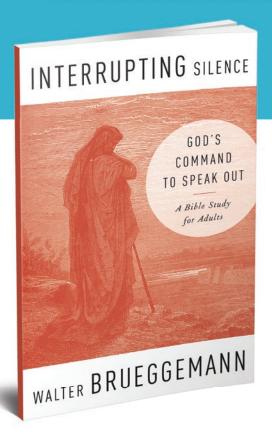
#### WALTER BRUEGGEMANN

Silence is a complex matter. It can refer to awe before unutterable holiness, but it can also refer to the coercion where some voices are silenced in the interest of control by the dominant voices. It is the latter silence that Walter Brueggemann explores, urging us to speak up in situations of injustice.

Interrupting Silence illustrates that the Bible is filled with stories where marginalized people break repressive silence and speak against it. Examining how maintaining silence allows the powerful to keep control, Brueggemann motivates readers to consider situations in their lives where they need to either interrupt silence or be part of the problem, convincing us that God is active and wanting us to act for justice.

#### WALTER BRUEGGEMANN is William Marcellus

McPheeters Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, he is the author of dozens of books, including Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now, Journey to the Common Good, and Chosen? Reading the Bible amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.



February • Paperback • \$14.00 9780664263591 • 108 pages • 5.5" x 8.5" Rights: World • Market: General Reader Bible Study

#### **Key Selling Points**

- Written by best-selling author Walter Brueggemann
- Provides eight Bible studies examining the cost of breaking silence
- Includes questions for reflection and discussion

#### Also by This Author



9780664261542 Chosen? \$14.00



9780664262570 Names for the Messiah \$13.00



9780664263294 Sabbath as Resistance, New Edition with Study Guide \$14.00

## A Gospel of Hope

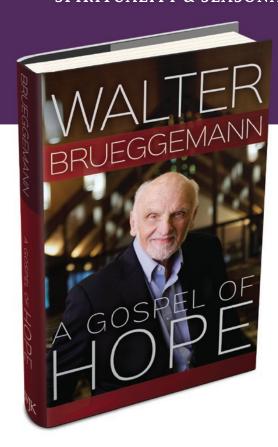
#### WALTER BRUEGGEMANN

"We exist because of God's inscrutable generosity in our creation, a generosity so rich that we need not be greedy or self-sufficient, because gifts are always being given. That story has its hope and culmination in the promise that God will make all things right, and that our destiny is to be in peaceable communion with God and with our neighbors, in this age and in the age to come. And between our beginning in generosity and our culmination in communion, our lives are lived in glad, obedient response to God's purpose in our lives."

-from Chapter 1

Beloved and respected by scholars, preachers, and laity alike, Walter Brueggemann offers penetrating insights on Scripture and prophetic diagnoses of our culture. Instead of maintaining what is safe and routine, *A Gospel of Hope* encourages readers to embrace the audacity required to live out one's faith. This must-have volume gathers Brueggemann's wisdom on topics ranging from anxiety and abundance to partisanship and the role of faith in public life.

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March • Hardback • \$20.00 9780664262280 • 200 pages • 5" x 8" Rights: World • Market: General Reader Spirituality

#### **Key Selling Points**

- Written by best-selling author Walter Brueggemann
- Provides short, inspiring thoughts from Walter Brueggemann
- Covers topics ranging from abundance to justice

#### **Related Titles**



9780664229481 Credo \$16.00

## Holy Solitude

Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels

#### HEIDI HAVERKAMP

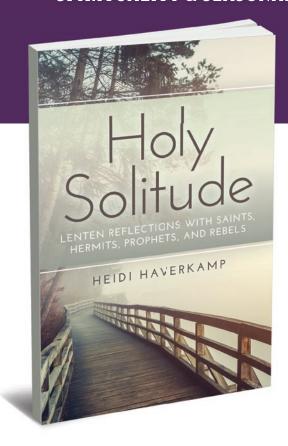
"Solitude isn't about escape or introversion, but about greater love; solitude creates space within ourselves for God and all that is most important to us. Solitude can be revolutionary."

—from the Introduction

Our faith is full of heroes who experienced God powerfully in solitude. From Hagar and the Hebrew prophets to Jesus in the wilderness to Francis of Assisi and Catherine of Siena, we see how escape from the toil and temptations of daily life can open our eyes, ears, minds, and hearts to the still, small voice of God. In the vast desert or a tiny room, solitude—frightening for some and a welcome reprieve for others—is far from an antisocial self-indulgence but rather is an opportunity for transformation and empowerment to serve God's people ever more deeply.

While most of us can't take weeks—or even a few days—for private retreat, *Holy Solitude* offers readers thoughtful inspiration and practical ideas for quiet reflection and deep devotion to experience God more powerfully this Lent. Daily reflections introduce readers to figures in both Scripture and Christian history whose stories of discernment and discipline are a guide for our own spiritual practices as we seek to know God more fully and follow Christ more faithfully.

**HEIDI HAVERKAMP** is a writer, preacher, retreat leader, and Episcopal priest. For ten years, she served in parish ministry in churches in Chicago and Bolingbrook, Illinois. She is a Benedictine oblate at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Wisconsin and author of *Advent in Narnia: Reflections for the Season.* 

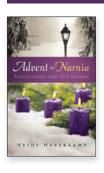


December • Paper • \$14.00 9780664263157 • 148 pages • 5.5" x 8.5" Rights: World • Market: General Reader Lent

#### **Key Selling Points**

- Offers wisdom and guidance for a deeper experience of the Lenten season
- Explains the value of solitude for enriching personal faith and engagement with the world
- Provides a way to practice solitude and stillness in the season of Lent in a culture that is busy, fragmented, and noisy

#### Also by This Author



9780664261269 Advent in Narnia \$16.00

# The Journey to Jerusalem

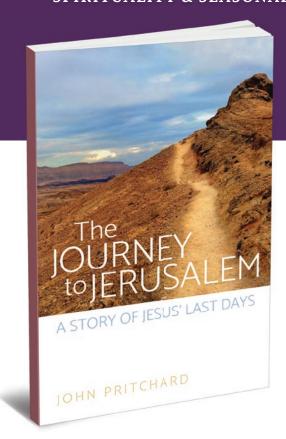
A Story of Jesus' Last Days
JOHN PRITCHARD

"I suppose we should have expected it. But even then I'm not sure we'd have realized how significant this moment was. We —that's me, John, and a group of friends—were getting ready to set off after breakfast, as we had done so often before, saying goodbye to our hosts and checking we hadn't forgotten anything, when Jesus called us together in the yard and said, quite calmly, but looking each of us in the eye in that penetrating way of his: 'We've been here long enough. Let's head for Jerusalem."

-from Chapter 1

In this imaginative retelling, John Pritchard explores the Gospel of Luke by looking through the eyes of the disciple John. *The Journey to Jerusalem* follows Luke's account from Luke 9:51, as Jesus "set his face to go to Jerusalem." Perfect for individual or group study, *The Journey to Jerusalem* provides weekday readings for Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday, along with a poem for each Saturday. Questions for reflection and discussion are also included.

JOHN PRITCHARD was Bishop of Oxford from 2007–2014 and, before that, Bishop of Jarrow and Archdeacon of Canterbury. He has written a dozen books, including *How to Pray*, *The Life and Work of a Priest*, and *Living Jesus*.

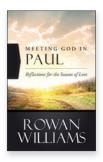


December • Paper • \$14.00 9780664262693 • 144 pages • 5.06" x 7.81" Rights: North American • Market: General Reader Lent

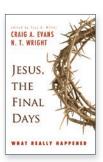
#### **Key Selling Points**

- Provides a fictional retelling of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem
- Offers questions for reflection and discussion
- Provides readings for each weekday, as well as a poem for each Saturday

#### **Related Titles**

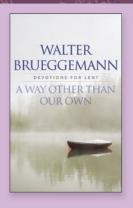


9780664260538 Meeting God in Paul \$12.00



9780664233594 Jesus, the Final Days \$17.00

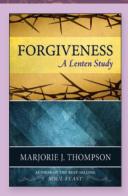
### Lenten Devotionals and Studies



A Way other than Our Own Devotions for Len

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN 9780664261696 • \$13.00 • Paper

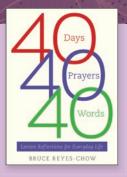
Walter Brueggemann's thought-provoking reflections for the season of Lent invite us to consider the challenging, beautiful life that comes with walking the way of grace.



Forgiveness
A Lenten Study

MARJORIE J. THOMPSON 9780664259723 • \$12.00 • Paper

Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. Marjorie J. Thompson takes a close look at our understanding of forgiveness in this encouraging study.



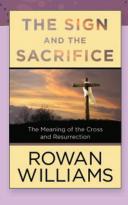
40 Days, 40 Prayers, 40 Words

Lenten Reilections for Everyday Life

BRUCE REYES-CHOW 9780664261894 • \$14.00 • Paper

Reyes-Chow encourages readers to pause in the bustle of their daily lives to reflect, engage, and share during the

Lenten season. Forty devotions are each framed around a word inspired by the daily lectionary readings and include a short scriptural passage, inspirational prayer, and reflection.



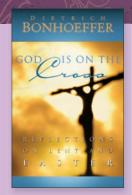
The Sign and the Sacrifice

The Meaning of the Cross and Resurrection

**ROWAN WILLIAMS** 

9780664262648 • \$15.00 • Paper

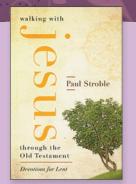
The Sign and the Sacrifice explores the meaning of the cross and the significance of Christ's resurrection, discussing what these events meant to Jesus' followers in the early years and what they can say to us today.



God Is on the Cross
Reflections on Lent and Easter

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER 9780664239206 • \$14.00 • Paper

These forty-seven stirring devotions will guide and inspire readers as they move thematically through the weeks of Lent and Easter, encountering themes of prayerful reflection, self-denial, temptation, suffering, and the meaning of the cross.



Walking with Jesus through the Old Testament

Devotions for Lent

PAUL STROBLE

9780664261214 • \$15.00 • Paper

Stroble imagines what Jesus would have said to his companions and guides readers along the way with

forty-six devotions referencing the Old Testament. A prayer and a set of "digging deeper" activities are also included to help readers engage with each reflection on a personal level.

## Simon and the Big, Bad, Angry Beasts

A Book about Anger

IAN DE HAES

When Simon gets mad, he gets REALLY mad. So mad that big, bad, angry beasts appear. At first Simon loves having the beasts around to help scare off anyone who upsets him, but over time he realizes that no one wants to be around him or the beasts. This makes Simon sad, so he decides to try to still his mind and practice being calm. And the beasts disappear!

Featuring colorful and expressive illustrations, this insightful book helps children ages 4–8 learn how to handle their anger. A guide for parents and teachers in the back of the book features strategies for talking to children about their emotions along with various exercises they can use to cope with anger.

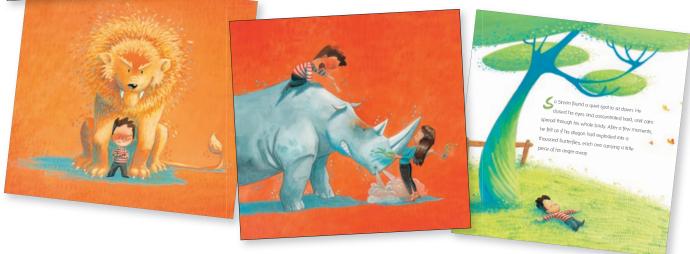
IAN DE HAES is a Belgian artist and painter who illustrates picture books. Learn more at his website http://iandehaes.com/.





April • Hardback • \$16.00 9780664263553 • 40 pages • 9.375" × 9.75" • Ages 4–8 Rights: North American • Market: Children

- Teaches children about anger and how to handle it
- Features colorful, expressive illustrations
- Includes a guide for parents and teachers



## The Marvelous Mustard Seed

AMY-JILL LEVINE and SANDY EISENBERG SASSO

Illustrated by MARGAUX MEGANCK

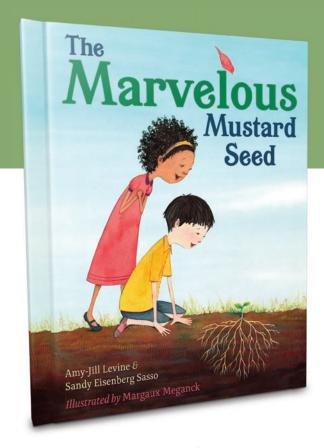
"A child plants a mustard seed in an empty garden. It is an itty-bitty seed. It isn't anything very special—yet."

Discover the surprising potential of one small seed in *The Marvelous Mustard Seed*. Based on Jesus' parable of the mustard seed, this inspiring children's book shows young readers that one tiny seed—just like one small child—carries a world of potential. *The Marvelous Mustard Seed* features ethnically diverse characters and it is ideal for children ages 4–8. A special note for parents and teachers is included.

AMY-JILL LEVINE is University Professor of NewTestament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. She is the co-author of the popular children's book *Who Counts?* 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons, and author of numerous acclaimed books, including Short Stories by Jesus and The Misunderstood Jew.

SANDY EISENBERG SASSO is the Director of Religion, Spirituality and the Arts Initiative at Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary. She is co-author of the popular children's book *Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons,* and the author of many award-winning children's books, including *God's Paintbrush* and *In God's Name*.

MARGAUX MEGANCK is a freelance artist and children's book illustrator in Portland, Oregon. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and the illustrator of the popular children's book *Who Counts?* 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons.



April • Hardback • \$16.00 9780664262754 • 40 pages • 9" x 10.875" • Ages 4–8 Rights: World • Market: Children Bible Stories

- Features a beautiful retelling of the parable of the Mustard Seed
- Presents a unique author collaboration between a rabbi who is a best-selling children's writer and a renowned Jewish New Testament scholar
- Helps children see the potential in even the smallest of things



# Growing in God's Love

A Story Bible

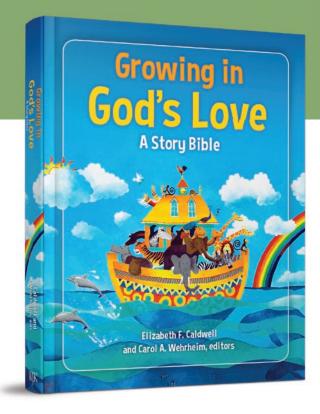
ELIZABETH F. CALDWELL and CAROL A. WEHRHEIM, editors

Help nurture the faith of the children in your life with *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible*. This engaging resource features 150 popular Bible stories that are organized into 13 themes, including Strong Women and Men; Listening for God; Parables; Healings and Miracles; and more. *Growing in God's Love* features diverse artwork from more than twenty artists to appeal to a variety of ages and learning styles. Three reflection questions—Hear, See, Act—are included at the end of each story to help children further ponder the message of the story.

Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible is ideal for children ages 4–8, and it is perfect for Sunday school classrooms, children's sermons, vacation Bible school, and gift-giving.

**ELIZABETH F. CALDWELL** is Professor Emerita of Pastoral Theology at McCormickTheological Seminary and Visiting Professor in Religious Education at Vanderbilt Divinity School. A noted Christian educator and author, Caldwell was an editor for the Common English Bible translation and *Daily Feast: Meditations from Feasting on the Word.* She was named APCE Educator of the Year in 2004.

CAROL A. WEHRHEIM is author of *The Baptism of Your Child*; *Getting It Together: Spiritual Practices for Faith, Family, and Work*; and *Giving Together: A Stewardship Guide for Families*. She is an award-winning Christian educator in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and served as general editor for the Feasting on the Word Curriculum. She was named APCE Educator of the Year in 2001.



January • Hardback • \$25.00 9780664262914 • 360 pages • 7" x 9" • Ages 4–8 Rights: World • Market: Children Bible Stories

- Features 150 Bible stories grouped by themes
- Showcases diverse artwork in more than twenty different styles
- Includes questions for engagement and reflection



## ¿Quién cuenta?

100 ovejas, 10 monedas y 2 hijos AMY-JILL LEVINE y SANDY EISENBERG SASSO

Ilustrado por MARGAUX MEGANCK

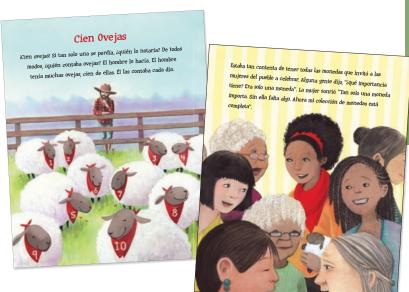
Who Counts? is now available in Spanish! This popular children's book offers a creative retelling of three favorite parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. As young readers count to help the characters find what's missing, Who Counts? teaches that every one of us counts in God's eyes and that everyone should feel counted.

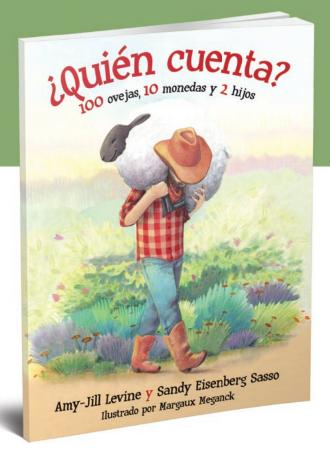
The stories are beautifully illustrated with modern-day characters and a diversity of ethnicities so that all children will be able to see themselves in the stories. Ideal for children ages 4–8. Includes a note for parents and teachers.

AMY-JILL LEVINE is University Professor of NewTestament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. She is the author of numerous books, including *Short Stories by Jesus* and *The Misunderstood Jew*.

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MARGAUX MEGANCK is a freelance artist and children's book illustrator in Portland, Oregon. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.





January • Paper • \$10.00 9780664264062 • 40 pages • 9" x 11" • Ages 4–8 Rights: World • Market: Children Bible Stories

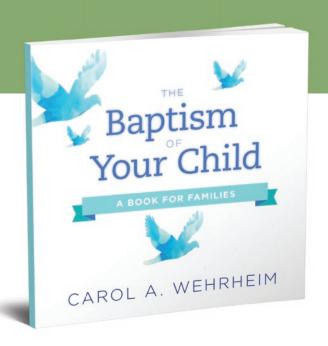
- Features a beautiful retelling of three popular parables in Spanish
- Teaches children that everyone counts and that everyone should feel counted
- Presents a unique author collaboration between a rabbi who is a best-selling children's writer and a renowned Jewish New Testament scholar—for a new retelling of these important moral lessons
- Features ethnically diverse characters

# The Baptism of Your Child

A Book for Families
CAROL A. WEHRHEIM

There are few things more joyous in a congregation than the presentation of a new baby or small child for baptism. But even lifelong Christians can lack an understanding of the theology and terminology surrounding baptism. *The Baptism of Your Child* answers common questions new parents and new members with small children may have about having their children baptized, and it includes prayers and ideas for helping children grow in their faith.

CAROL A. WEHRHEIM is the author of *Getting It Together:* Spiritual Practices for Faith, Family, and Work and Giving Together: A Stewardship Guide for Families. She is an award-winning Christian educator in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and was named Educator of the Year in 2001 for the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators.

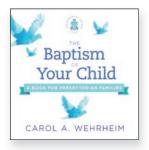


March • Paper • \$7.50 9780664263997 • 56 pages • 8.5" x 8.5" Rights: World • Market: General Reader Baptism

#### **Key Selling Points**

- Written by well-known Christian educator Carol Wehrheim
- Provides a brief introduction to what baptism of infants and small children is about
- Includes FAQs and useful prayers and parenting tips

#### Also Available



9780664263942 The Baptism of Your Child A Book for Presbyterian Families \$7.50

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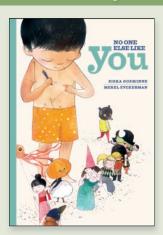


9780664264246 The Baptism of Your Child: A Book for Families, Pack of 5 \$30.00



9780664264239 The Baptism of Your Child: A Book for Presbyterian Families, Pack of 5 \$30.00

## Recently Released Children's Titles



#### **No One Else like You** SISKA GOEMINNE MEREL EYCKERMAN, Illustrator

9780664263539 • \$16.00 • Hardback • Ages 4-8

"A joyous and realistic commemoration of the strengths and weaknesses of the human race. . . . children will enjoy exploring the multifaceted illustrated examples within the intricate scenes."

- Kirkus Reviews

No One Else like You explores diversity and helps teach children that they are wonderfully unique. This creative children's book with intricate and amusing illustrations was selected by *The New York Times Book Review* as a picture book that can help inspire empathy in young readers.

#### Where Are You Hiding, God?

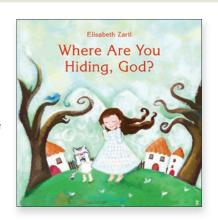
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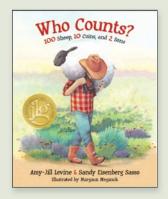
9780664263522 • \$12.00 • Hardback • Ages 3-6

"Sweetly profound."

- Foreword Reviews

Where Are You Hiding, God? tells the story of a little girl trying to find God and helps children understand that God is always with them.





Who Counts?
100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons
AMY-JILL LEVINE and SANDY EISENBERG SASSO
MARGAUX MEGANCK, Illustrator
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"All three stories are true to their biblical roots, but Meganck's handsome paintings of diverse characters and present-day settings may help readers find greater connections to their messages about value, faithfulness, and appreciation."

- Publishers Weekly

Who Counts? is a creative retelling of three popular parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. As young readers count to help the characters find what's missing, Who Counts? teaches that every one of us counts in God's eyes and that everyone should feel counted. The stories are beautifully illustrated with modern-day characters and a diversity of ethnicities so that all children will be able to see themselves in the stories. Who Counts? was featured on the Junior Library Guild's Fall 2017 list.

# The Pentecost Paradigm

Ten Strategies for Becoming a Multiracial Congregation

#### JACQUELINE J. LEWIS and JOHN JANKA

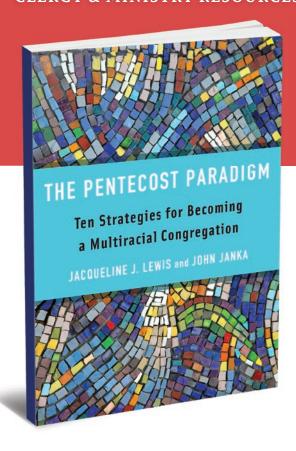
How do churches build immunity from racial and ethnic tensions that threaten to divide rather than unite congregations? Jacqui Lewis and John Janka believe that the answer lies in the development of multiracial, multicultural communities of faith.

Born of the authors' work with The Middle Project, an institute that prepares ethical leaders for a more just society, *The Pentecost Paradigm* is a collection of wisdom and best practices. Here you will find lessons, questions for conversation, and spaces for journaling. Use the workbook with your planning team, board members, lay leaders, and staff.

Ten essential strategies are presented to help build communities that celebrate racial/ethnic and cultural diversity. In welcoming communities of faith where everyone is accepted just as they are, we can lead the way toward racial reconciliation and dismantle the prejudices that segregate our houses of worship.

JACQUELINE J. LEWIS is Senior Minister of Middle Collegiate Church, a dynamic nine-hundred-member multiracial, multicultural, inclusive congregation in the East Village of Manhattan. Lewis is also the Executive Director of The Middle Project. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Lewis is a nationally recognized author, activist, speaker, and preacher on the topics of racial, economic, and gender/LGBTI justice.

JOHN JANKA is the Executive Director of The Middle Project and a consultant to congregations and denominational systems on strategic planning and visioning; managing change and resistance; dealing with difference and conflict; and advancing cultural diversity and human relations. He has taught leadership skills in the Doctor of Ministry Program at Wesley Theological Seminary and is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church.



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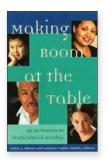
#### **Key Selling Points**

- Based on authors' extensive and wellknown work with The Middle Project
- Features accessible workbook style that is practical and easy to use
- Written by a nationally recognized author, activist, speaker, and preacher on the topics of racial, economic, and gender/ LGBTI justice

#### **Related Titles**



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## **New Worshiping Communities**

A Theological Exploration

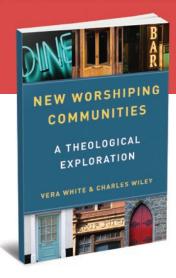
VERA WHITE AND CHARLES WILEY

What is the church to make of the many new expressions of worship springing up across the nation and the world? A gathering of academic theologians, New Worshiping Community practitioners, and leaders from within Presbyterian councils met at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to start the conversation. *New Worshiping Communities* documents those discussions and provides theological and biblical foundations to the 1001 New Worshiping Communities movement in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

**VERA WHITE** is currently serving as the Coordinator for 1001 New Worshiping Communities for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She is the author of numerous educational and devotional resources.

**CHARLES WILEY** is a graduate of Davidson College, Duke University Divinity School, and Princeton Theological Seminary. He serves as Coordinator of the Office of Theology and Worship in the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

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#### **Key Selling Points**

- Examines for the first time New Worshiping Communities' impact on the larger church
- Written by several seminary professors in the field
- Designed to be accessible to theologians, practitioners, and followers of the movement

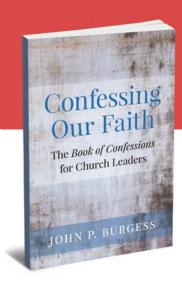
## **Confessing Our Faith**

The Book of Confessions for Church Leaders
JOHN P. BURGESS

How can the *Book of Confessions* help elders and lay leaders when they face challenging situations within their congregations? John P. Burgess offers answers in *Confessing Our Faith*. Using the confessions as a framework, Burgess covers areas of ministry such as stewardship, evangelism, discipleship, and conflict resolution, offering in each case ways in which the lay leader can respond. A unique and practical reference, *Confessing Our Faith* is designed to aid church leaders in understanding how their work can be informed by the confessional documents.

JOHN P. BURGESS is James Henry Snowden Professor of Systematic Theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is the author of Encounters with Orthodoxy: How Protestant Churches Can Reform Themselves Again, After Baptism: Shaping the Christian Life, and Why Scripture Matters: Reading the Bible in a Time of Church Conflict.

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- Introduces the confessions as a framework for addressing congregational challenges
- Presents work by well-known PC(USA) author
- Designed to be used with the revised Book of Confessions

## **Barth in Conversation**

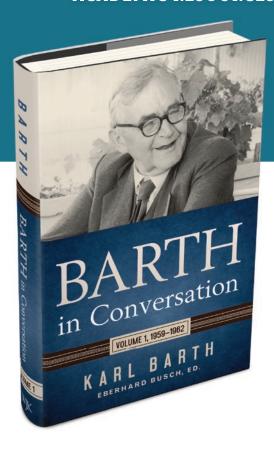
*Volume 1, 1959–1962* KARL BARTH

Edited by EBERHARD BUSCH

Karl Barth is widely regarded as the most important theologian of the twentieth century, and his observations about the church and its place in a modern world continue to engage religious scholars nearly fifty years after his death. This English translation of the Swiss-published *Conversations* is a three-volume collection featuring correspondence, articles, interviews, and other short-form writings by Barth from 1959-1962. Among them are dialogues with representatives of the Evangelical Community Movement (1959); conversations with prison chaplains and a question-and-answer session with the Conference of the World Student Christian Federation (1960); discussions with Methodist preachers, Zurich pastors, and Catholic students of theology (1961); press conferences in New York and Chicago (1962); and an interview at the United Nations (1962). Within these pages, scholars and students will find a comprehensive view into Barth's life and thinking about theology and its role in society today.

KARL BARTH (1886–1968) was Professor of Theology at the University of Basel, Switzerland. One of the greatest theologians and preachers of the twentieth century, he is best known for his monumental systematic theology, *Church Dogmatics*.

**EBERHARD BUSCH** is professor emeritus of Reformed theology at the University of Göttingen, Germany. A one-time student of and personal assistant to Karl Barth, he is also the son of one of the Barmen Declaration's original signers.

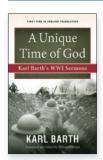


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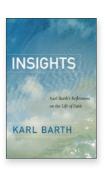
#### **Key Selling Points**

- Presents first book in a three-volume series
- Includes material from the period when Barth was at the height of his career
- Translates some of Barth's writings from 1959–1962 as interest in Barth continues to grow

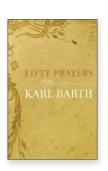
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# The Evolution of the West, Expanded Edition

How Christianity
Has Shaped Our Values

**NICK SPENCER** 

"An excellent new book . . . beautifully written, too. The author believes that not everyone in the West is disenchanted with religious faith . . . People still want more than just freedom and choice. They want to belong, they wanted community rooted in something shared and they want to find meaning beyond themselves."

- The Economist

"Surrounded by complex issues, it is hard to understand what's going on, what the important thinkers are saying, and what a thinking Christian might make of it all. Nick Spencer carves out a clear path through this jungle, helping us to see how we got here in the first place and how we might move forward in faith and wisdom."

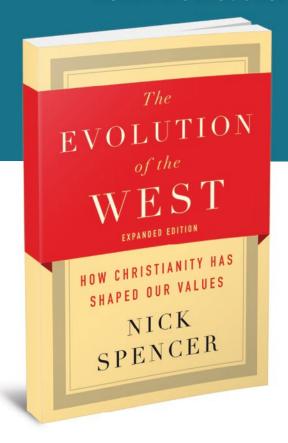
-N.T. Wright, University of St Andrews

What has Christianity ever done for us? A lot more than you might think, as Nick Spencer reveals in this fresh exploration of our cultural origins.

Looking at the big ideas that characterize the West, such as human dignity, the rule of law, human rights, science, and even, paradoxically, atheism and secularism, he traces the varied ways in which many of our present values grew up and flourished in distinctively Christian soil.

Always alert to the tensions and mess of history, and careful not to overstate or misstate the Christian role in shaping our present values, Spencer shows us how a better awareness of what we owe to Christianity can help us as we face new cultural challenges.

**NICK SPENCER** is research director at Theos, a Christian think tank, and author of a number of books, including *Atheists: The Origin of the Species* and *Darwin and God*.

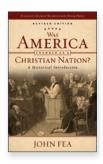


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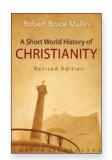
#### **Key Selling Points**

- Argues that Christianity has created the context for many of Western civilization's greatest achievements
- Has already received a positive review in The Economist

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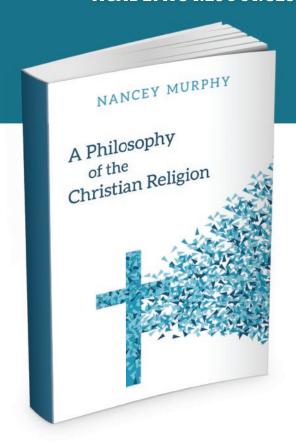
# A Philosophy of the Christian Religion

#### **NANCEY MURPHY**

Each field of study comes with its own set of questions; each period of time refines and redirects those questions. The Christian religion as we find it in the twenty-first century presents a unique set of problems to be solved and questions to be answered. In this introduction to the philosophy of the Christian religion, eminent philosopher and theologian Nancey Murphy applies the tools of philosophical analysis to a set of core yet contemporary religious questions: what does our historical moment mean for the possibility of knowing God? Is faith still possible? Does God intervene in human history? Is there such a thing as universal knowledge of God?

Written with the needs of students encountering the philosophy of religion for the first time in mind, this book provides a comprehensive introduction to the fundamental questions inherent in Christian faith. Murphy also provides tools for how to answer those questions.

NANCEY MURPHY is Senior Professor of Christian Philosophy at Fuller Theological Seminary. She has written, cowritten, or edited numerous books on philosophy of religion, religion and science, and other topics. Her first book, *Theology in the Age of Scientific Reasoning*, received the American Academy of Religion's Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion.

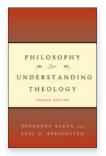


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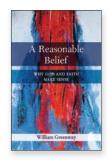
#### **Key Selling Points**

- Uses the tools of contemporary philosophy to address some of the most difficult questions of Christian belief
- Written by a leading philosopher and theologian
- Accessibly written and appropriate for introductory students

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## **Leading Wisdom**

Asian and Asian North American Women Leaders

#### SU YON PAK and JUNG HA KIM, editors

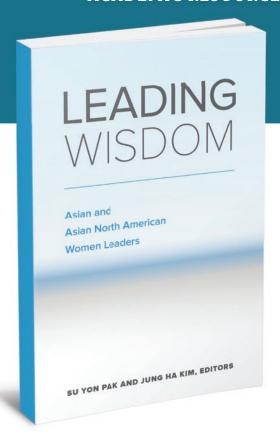
Discussions about leadership, even those centered on women, often overlook contributions made by Asian and Asian North American women. Now, Su Yon Pak and Jung Ha Kim share stories of Asian and Asian North American women who found their ways, sometimes circuitously, sometimes unexpectedly, into leadership roles.

Divided into three sections—"Remembering Wisdom," Unsettling Wisdom," and "Inciting Wisdom"—the book presents narratives of leadership experiences in the fields of social activism, parish ministry, teaching, U.S. Army chaplaincy, religious history, Christian denominational work, theology, nonprofit organization, theological social ethics, clinical spiritual care education in healthcare systems, and community organizing.

Leading Wisdom challenges conventional understanding through its creative reimagining of what it means to lead.

SU YON PAK is the Senior Director and Associate Professor of Integrative and Field-Based Education at UnionTheological Seminary in New York City. She is chair of the Professional ConductTask Force of the American Academy of Religion and is on the board of Pacific Asian North American Asian Women inTheology and Ministry (PANAAWTM) and United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia.

JUNG HA KIM is a sociologist and Director of Undergraduate Studies at Georgia State University. She served as the first cochair of the Asian North American Religion and Culture Group at the American Academy of Religion and is the founder of the Asian American Community Research Institute at the Center for Pan Asian Community Services (CPACS).



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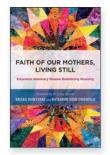
#### **Key Selling Points**

- Examines in detail Asian women in leadership roles
- Written by authors with a strong platform across a variety of relevant organizations
- Presents firsthand accounts—letters, memoirs, interviews, etc.

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### 1 Corinthians

Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible CHARLES L. CAMPBELL

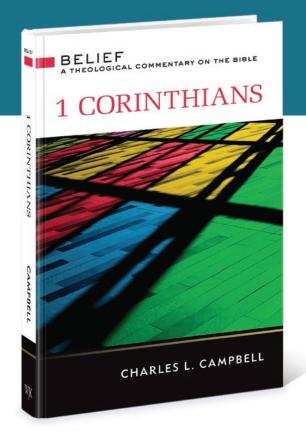
"Campbell opens up this most familiar of Pauline letters to fresh and important insights about the church's life in the world."

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This latest commentary in the Belief series looks at Paul's theological wrestling with the divisions facing the early church in Corinth. These divisions arose for many reasons, among them the practices baptism and the Lord's Supper, preaching, and the exercise of spiritual gifts.

The contemporary church in North America is likewise dealing with divisions of various sorts. Who can preach? Who can celebrate Communion? Who can marry whom? With this commentary Charles L. Campbell helps preachers understand how to better respond to those questions in their own settings.

CHARLES L. CAMPBELL is Professor of Homiletics at Duke Divinity School. He is author of *The Word before the Powers: An Ethic of Preaching* and *Preaching Jesus: The New Directions for Homiletics in Hans Frei's Postliberal Theology* and coauthor of *Preaching Fools: The Gospel as a Rhetoric of Folly* and *The Word on the Street: Performing the Scriptures in the Urban Context.* 

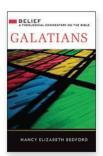


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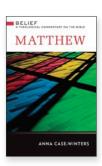
#### **Key Selling Points**

- Adds another preaching commentary to the popular Belief series
- Written by a well-known and established theologian
- Provides biblical context to help understand contemporary issues

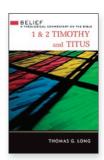
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## Still Christian

Following Jesus out of American Evangelicalism

#### DAVID P. GUSHEE

"This is a story of finding faith and almost losing it, of struggling with spirituality but sticking with it. It's David's story, but it is also mine. And perhaps it is yours, too. In these pages, one of our wisest voices has spoken. I strongly suggest you listen."

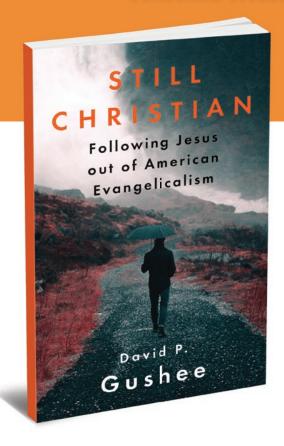
 Jonathan Merritt, best-selling author and writer for The Atlantic

"Gushee's memoir is a must read for Christians and non-Christians so both kinds of readers will better understand the challenges of being Christian in this fearful time."

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In this provocative tell-all, David Gushee gives an insider's look at the frictions and schisms of evangelical Christianity, based on his experiences that began with becoming a bornagain Southern Baptist in 1978 to being kicked out of evangelicalism in 2014 for his stance on LGBT inclusion in the church. In telling his story, Gushee speaks to the cultural divisions of a generation, as well as of today, and to those who have themselves been disillusioned by many battles within American Christianity. As he takes us through his sometimes-amusing, sometimes-heartbreaking, and always-stirring journey, Gushee shows us that we can retain our faith in Christ even when Christians disappoint us.

DAVID P. GUSHEE is Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Center for Theology and Public Life at Mercer University. One of the leading voices in American Christianity today, he is the author or editor of more than twenty books, including A Letter to My Anxious Christian Friends: From Fear to Faith in Unsettled Times. An award-winning blogger for Religion News Service, he is the President-Elect of the American Academy of Religion and President of the Society of Christian Ethics. Visit his website at www.davidpgushee.com.

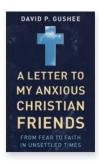


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#### **Key Selling Points**

- Offers an insider's look into the frictions of evangelical Christianity over the last forty years
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## A Bigger Table

Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community JOHN PAVLOVITZ

"Regardless of what theological stance readers live by, Pavlovitz will inspire reflection with valid points on the importance of going directly to God's word for marching orders."

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"John Pavlovitz is a modern prophet, a strong, love-demanding and inclusive voice in the post-Trump American wilderness. In A Bigger Table Pavlovitz delivers a heartfelt, theology-rich call for followers of Jesus to begin thinking about God's table as a place where all are welcomed. At a time when so many are angry with the church and disillusioned by America's faith, Pavlovitz's passionate 'Table' offers a hopeful path forward and some much needed nourishment for the weary."

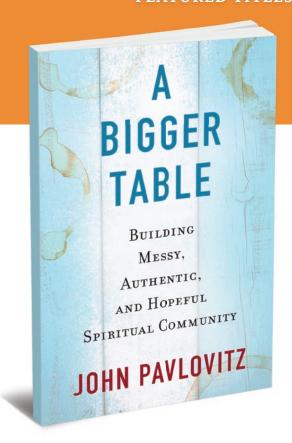
—Matthew Paul Turner, author Churched and When God Made You

"A Bigger Table is vitally relevant as it both challenges and encourages us to explore what can happen if we began to live a life of radical inclusivity. With John's usual captivating style, this is a must read for everyone—on any side of the political and religious spectrum—who desires to be a part of letting love win in our broken world."

 Sheri Faye Rosendahl, writer and activist, www.notyourwhitejesus.org

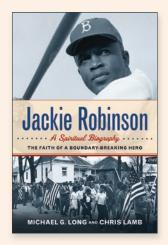
Pastor John Pavlovitz invites readers to join him on the journey to find—or build—a church that is big enough for everyone. He speaks clearly into the heart of the issues the Christian community has been earnestly wrestling with: LGBTQ inclusion, gender equality, racial tensions, and global concerns. A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, Hopeful Spiritual Community invites us to build the bigger table Jesus imagined, practicing radical hospitality, total authenticity, messy diversity, and agenda-free community.

JOHN PAVLOVITZ is a pastor, writer, and activist from Wake Forest, North Carolina. In the past four years, his blog, StuffThat Needs to Be Said, has reached a diverse worldwide audience. A twenty-year veteran in the trenches of local church ministry, John is committed to equality, diversity, and justice, both inside and outside faith communities.



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## Spiritual Biographies



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"... it is clear that Long and Lamb have written the best book thus far on Jackie Robinson's faith."

— Christianity Today

Jackie Robinson believed in a God who sides with the oppressed and who calls us to see one another as sisters and brothers. This faith was a powerful but quiet engine that drove and sustained him as he shattered racial barriers on and beyond the baseball diamond. *Jackie Robinson: A Spiritual Biography* explores the faith that, Robinson said, carried him through the torment and abuse he suffered for integrating the major leagues and drove him to get involved in the civil rights movement.

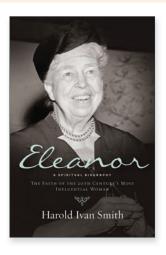
## Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography The Faith of the 20th Century's Most Influential Woman HAROLD IVAN SMITH

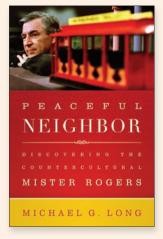
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"In a time of so many political pretenders, a story of an authentic Christian like Eleanor is just what we all need."

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More than fifty years after her death, Eleanor Roosevelt is remembered as a formidable first lady and tireless social activist. Often overlooked, however, is her deep and inclusive spirituality. *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography* provides insight into one of America's most famous women, particularly the spiritual influences that made her so active in social justice issues.





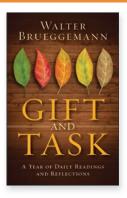
## **Peaceful Neighbor**Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers MICHAEL G. LONG

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"We know Mr. Rogers was a gentle soul, but we did not know, until Michael Long's Peaceful Neighbor, that Rogers' nonviolence was shaped by his profound theological convictions. In this insightful book, Long makes clear that peace is a challenge to the imagination, and helps us imagine peace through his eloquent portrayal of Fred Rogers."

-Stanley Hauerwas, author and professor

This profound book shows how Fred Rogers, with progressive spirituality as his inspiration, used his children's program as a platform for sharing countercultural beliefs about caring nonviolently for one another, animals, and the earth.



#### Gift and Task

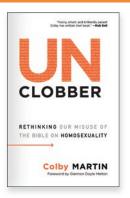
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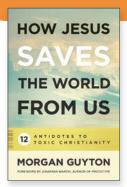
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UnClobber reexamines what the Bible

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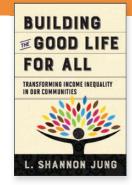
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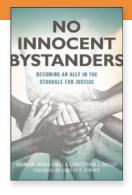
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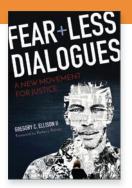
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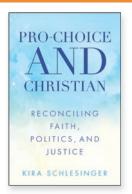
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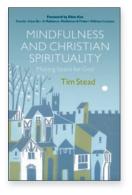
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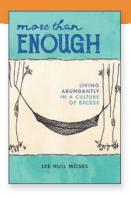
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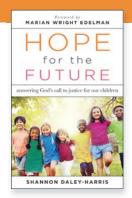
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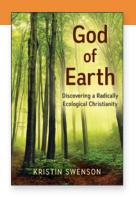
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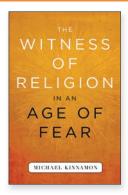
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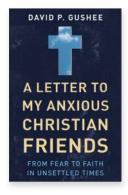
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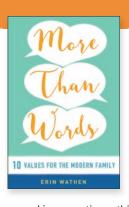
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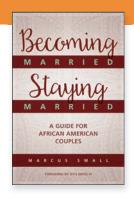
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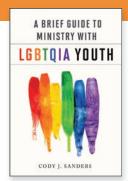
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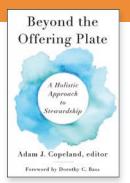
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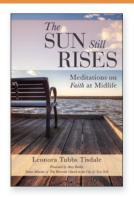
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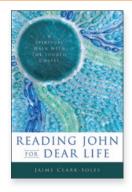
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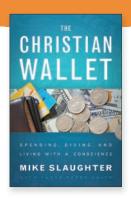
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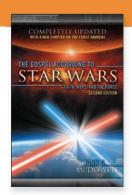
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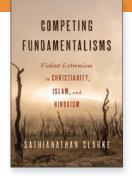
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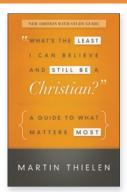
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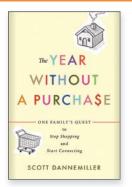
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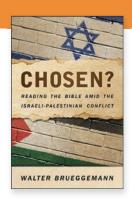
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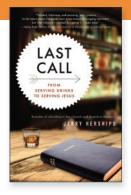
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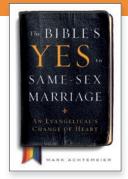
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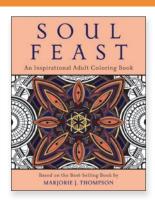
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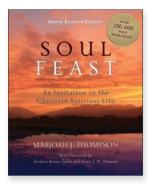
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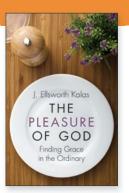
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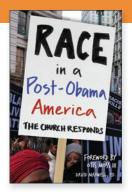
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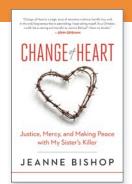
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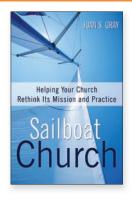
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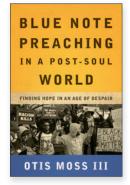
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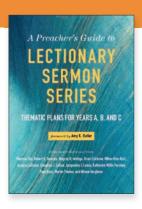
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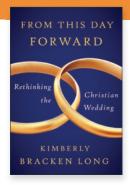
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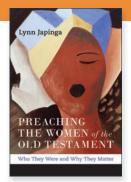
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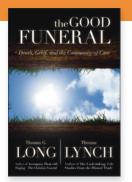
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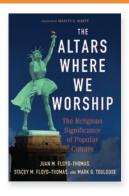
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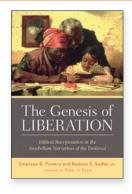
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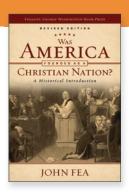
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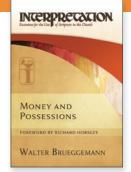
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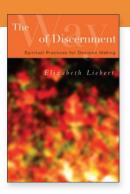
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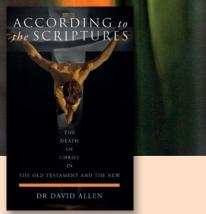
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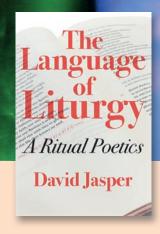
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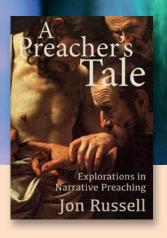
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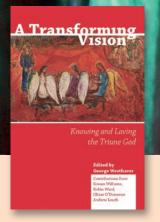
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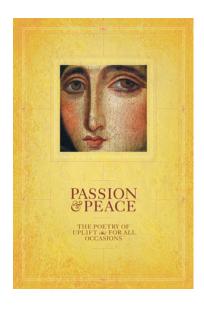
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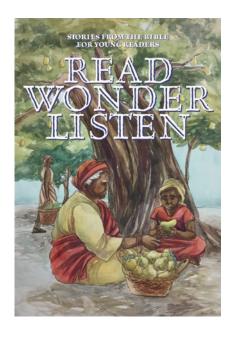
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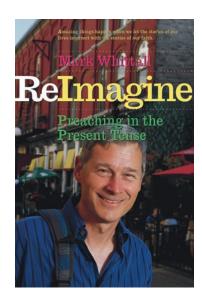
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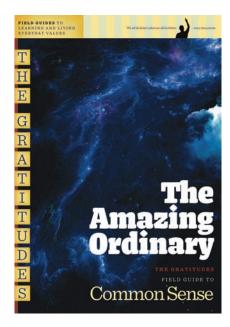
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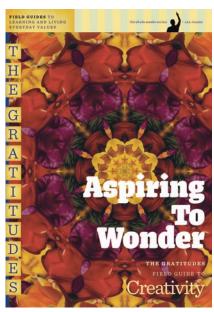
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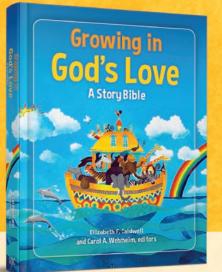
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