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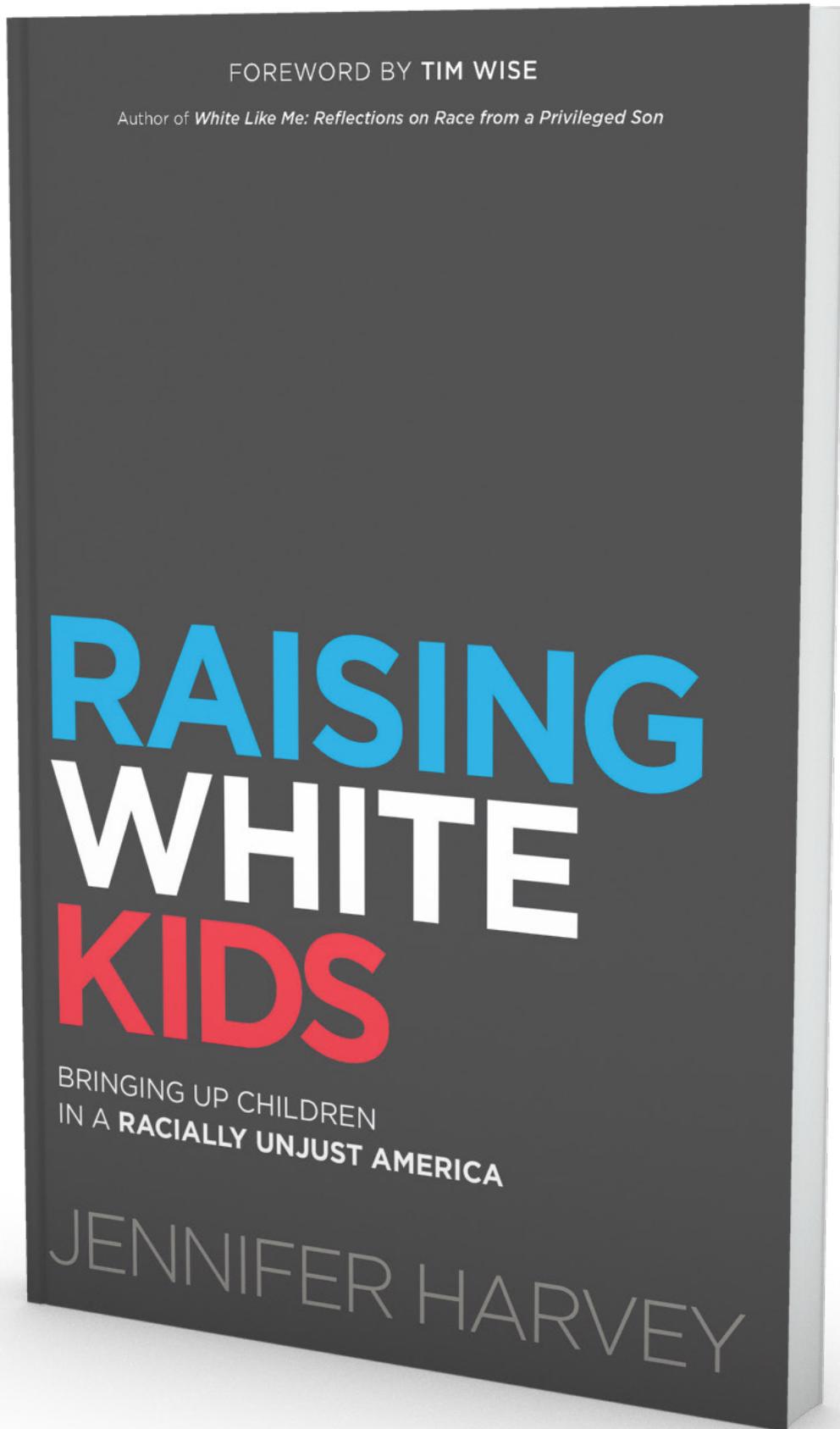
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RAISING WHITE KIDS

Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America

Jennifer Harvey

Bestselling anti-racism resource now available in paperback.

Living in a racially unjust and deeply segregated nation creates unique conundrums for white children that begin early in life and impact development in powerful ways. *Raising White Kids* offers age-appropriate insights for teaching children how to address racism when they encounter it and tackles tough questions about how to help white kids be mindful of racial relations while understanding their own identity and the role they can play for justice.

Raising White Kids is a book for families, churches, educators, and communities who want to equip their children to be active and able allies in a society that is becoming one of the most racially diverse in the world while remaining full of racial tensions.

KEY FEATURES

- Practical examples and takeaways serve as a model for adults caring for children of any age.
- Harvey's decades-long work as an activist makes her an expert in this topic.
- Ideal for parents, teachers, and anyone who cares about and cares for children.

Jennifer Harvey is a writer, speaker, and professor at Drake University. Her work focuses on racial justice and white anti-racism. Harvey also contributes to *The New York Times* and *Huffington Post* and is ordained in the American Baptist Churches (U.S.A.). She lives in Des Moines, Iowa.

"Buy this book for yourself, for your children's teachers, for all parents and grandparents of white children who you know. Raising White Kids is both an antidote to the racial ignorance and fear most white families unknowingly pass along to their young and a powerful way to call white adults into the process of racial awakening in the name of creating more just and functional communities for all."

- Debby Irving, author *Waking Up White* and *Finding Myself in the Story of Race*

"Jennifer Harvey's brilliant work and passion for racial justice comes alive on every page. Raising White Kids is a theory-rich, practical guide with wonderfully helpful examples that will equip parents to navigate today's racial challenges with confidence and grace. For the millions of mothers and fathers who are deeply invested in creating a better tomorrow, Harvey's book couldn't be more helpful or more needed right now."

- Diana Butler Bass, author of *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*

"Required reading. This astounding book has a real shot of changing the conversation on race in America. If you're white and have a kid (or have ever been a kid), please read this book."

- Saira Rao, Co-Founder, *In This Together Media*

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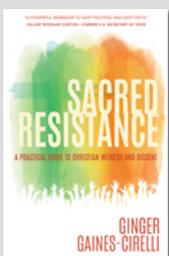


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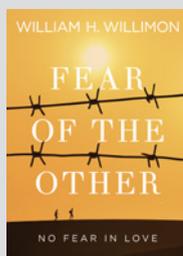
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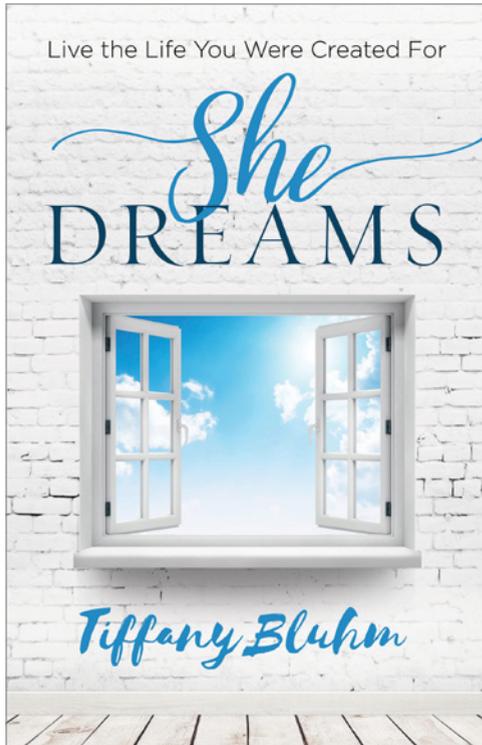
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BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / WOMEN'S ISSUES



KEY FEATURES

- Encourages readers to discover and follow their God-given dreams.
- Learn how to live a life of dreams with this study of prayer, obedience, and the wisdom of God.
- Helps readers discover the role they are destined to play through partnership with God.
- An encouraging account of Moses' journey to live out the God-sized dream given to him.
- Book can be a stand-alone resource, or combined with the Leader Guide and DVD for a six-week study.

SHE DREAMS

Live the Life You Were Created For

Tiffany Bluhm

Say yes to the dreams God has planted in your heart.

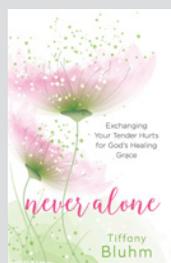
Every woman was born to dream, to live a life of beauty, passion, adventure, and purpose. Our dreams, no matter how big or small, push us to become women of courage, grace, and grit.

In *She Dreams* Tiffany Bluhm encourages readers to discover and follow her God-given dreams as she considers how dreams take shape through practices such as reflecting, collaborating, lifelong learning, pursuing passion, counting the cost, praying, holding onto hope, and trusting God. Looking to the biblical story of Moses, who lived out the God-sized dream given to him, Bluhm exposes the ancient wisdom God offers every woman with a dream within her soul. Through the encouraging account of God's heart and hand in Moses' life, as well as the examples of ordinary women, she dares readers to say yes to the dreams the Lord is stirring in their own hearts, trusting God to bring them to pass as He breathes blessing and hope into their souls.

Also available are a companion study guide and DVD for those small groups who are interested in reading together.

Tiffany Bluhm, author of the *She Dreams* and *Never Alone* books and Bible studies, is a speaker and writer who is passionate about helping women come to know their value and purpose because of a loving, redeeming God. In a style that speaks to women right where they are, she shares insights from a life spent chasing after Jesus while walking alongside women from suburbia to the inner city, jails and brothels, and the slums of Kolkata. Bluhm speaks regularly at conferences and events nationally and internationally and writes for a number of websites, print publications, and popular blogs, including the YouVersion Bible app, *Deeply Rooted* Magazine, and ScaryMommy.com. She lives in Tacoma, Washington, with her husband and two sons, and blogs at TiffanyBluhm.com.

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UNSATISFIED

Finding Contentment in a Discontented World

Ann C. Sullivan

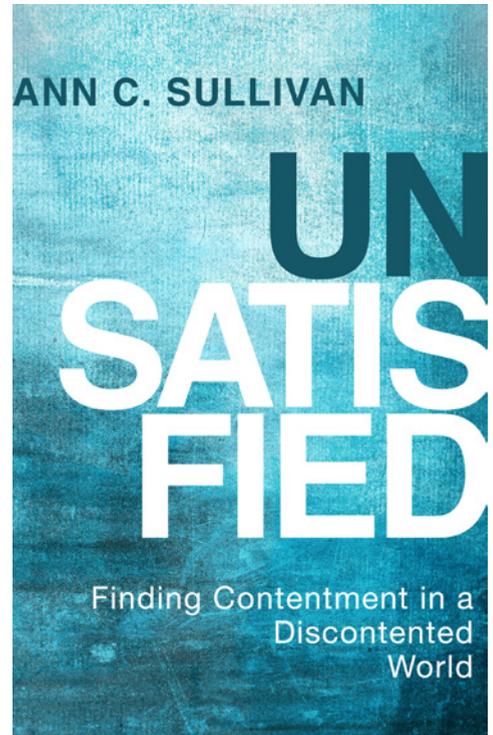
Learn to find contentment in an unhappy world.

You should be happy, like everyone else (it seems). But you feel so unsatisfied and unhappy. Maybe because we are in an epic battle to find contentment in a culture that's defined by Snapchat and Instagram. Maybe we need permission to feel imperfect. In *Unsatisfied* Ann C. Sullivan shoots from the hip, with contagious writing and an honest approach. She sorts through the reasons for our frustrations by connecting the dots that lead to genuine contentment. *Unsatisfied* dares to wonder where God is when life doesn't go exactly as planned. And it dares you to believe that God is closer than you think.

"With refreshing humor and insight, Ann skillfully weaves together the current issues of life and the timeless principles of scripture. She points to all the things we should be grateful for and the disappointments that keep us from celebrating. If you're ready for an honest look at our struggle and the practical solutions that are available, you'll want to pick up Ann C. Sullivan's book, Unsatisfied."

- Leslie Strobel, Co-author of *Spiritual Mismatch*

Ann C. Sullivan is an author, blogger, and freelance writer whose articles have been included in *Christianity Today* and *Relevant Magazine*. Sullivan is also an active speaker, empowering men and women in their personal and professional lives. She graduated from Northern Illinois University where she studied education, history, and philosophy. She worked more than 10 years as a coordinator and teacher in the women's ministry at Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin, with Jill and Stuart Briscoe. Sullivan loves tackling the tough topics and finding humor in weighty issues. Read more at AnnCSullivan.com.



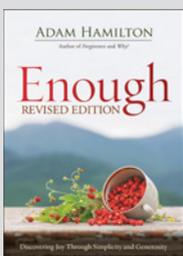
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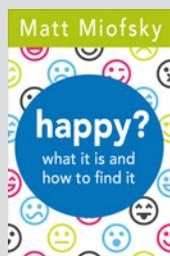
KEY FEATURES

- Unravels the definition of fulfillment.
- Identifies the empty spaces the comparison game leaves behind.
- Connects the dots that lead to genuine contentment.
- Empowers both men and women in their personal and professional lives.
- Book can be used as a resource at corporate events.

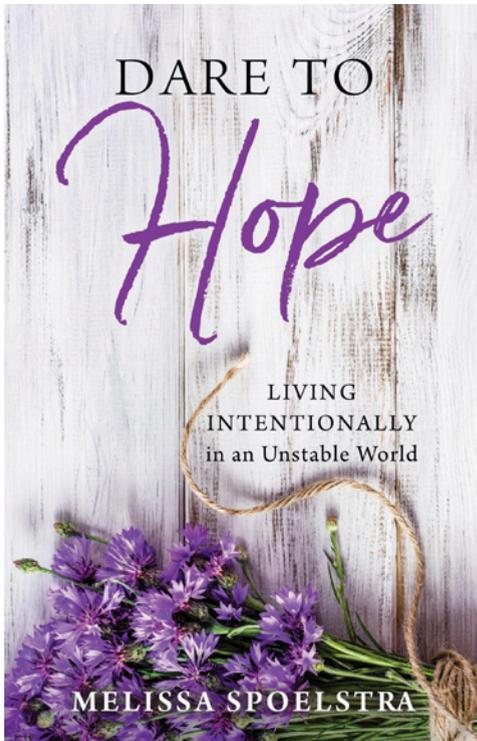
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BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / SPIRITUAL GROWTH



KEY FEATURES

- Based on Melissa's bestselling Bible study.
- Readable and personable exploration of hope through the lens of Jeremiah.
- Unpacks six practical guidelines for intentional living.
- Solid biblical wisdom with practical application.
- Each chapter ends with a "Dare to Hope Challenge".
- Includes Scripture Memory Verses and 5 Spiritual Practices for Living with Hope.

DARE TO HOPE

Living Intentionally in an Unstable World

Melissa Spoelstra

Despite life's uncertainties, you can live with hope!

When we look around at today's world, hope usually isn't the first word that comes to mind. In many ways we live in an unstable world where marriages fail, bank accounts run low, friendships end, and the everyday demands of a fast-paced life get us down. In the Book of Jeremiah, we find God calling out to His people with a message of hope—a message that intentional living is possible even in an unstable world.

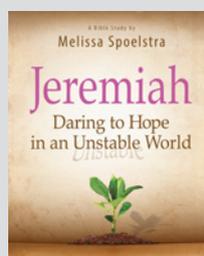
In *Dare to Hope*, Melissa Spoelstra draws upon her best-selling Bible study *Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World* to examine this hope-filled message, highlighting six guidelines for intentional living that enable us to overcome fear, worry, and doubt as we surrender to God and put our hope in Him alone. This book inspires us to dare to hope, remembering that God is rich in mercy and love and has good plans for us.

Melissa Spoelstra is a popular women's conference speaker (including the Aspire Women's Events), Bible teacher, and author who is madly in love with Jesus and passionate about helping others to seek Christ and know Him more intimately. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Bible Theology and enjoys teaching God's Word to diverse groups and churches within the body of Christ. She is the author of five Bible studies (*Elijah*, *Numbers*, *First Corinthians*, *Joseph*, and *Jeremiah*) and two books (*Total Family Makeover* and *Total Christmas Makeover*). Melissa makes her home in Dublin, Ohio, with her pastor husband and four kids.

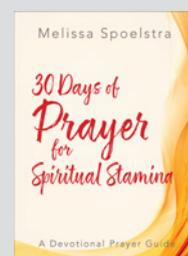
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BLACK AND WHITE

Disrupting Racism One Friendship at a Time

Teesha Hadra and John Hambrick

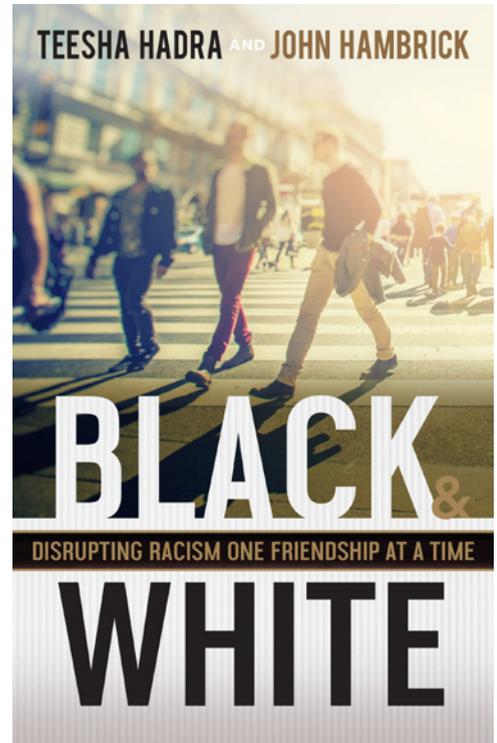
Working against racism is part of what it means to call Jesus Lord and Savior.

Most of us don't need to make speeches. We need to make friends. This is the core message of *Black and White*: racism can be disrupted by relationships. If you will risk forging friendships with those who do not look like you, it will change the way you see the world, and that could change the world.

The authors, Teesha Hadra, a young African American woman, and John Hambrick, a 60-year old white man, bring a confident and redemptive tone to this hope because that is exactly what they've experienced. *Black and White* leverages their story, surrounding it with others' stories, practical advice, and exploration of the systems of racism to motivate readers to consider their own role in change.

Teesha Hadra, the daughter of Jamaican parents, has a Juris Doctor from the University of Florida. She practiced law for nearly seven years before leaving to begin full-time ministry in 2013 at Buckhead Church, an urban campus of North Point Community Church in Atlanta. In 2016, she began working on an M.Div. at Fuller Theological Seminary where she also works on a grant project involving innovation and vocation.

John Hambrick is ordained in the PC(USA) denomination. He earned a B.A. degree at Pepperdine University and completed an M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary and a doctorate degree from Columbia University. Since 2004, he has served at Buckhead Church, the urban campus of North Point Ministries where he met and began to work with co-author Teesha Hadra.



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BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / SOCIAL ISSUES



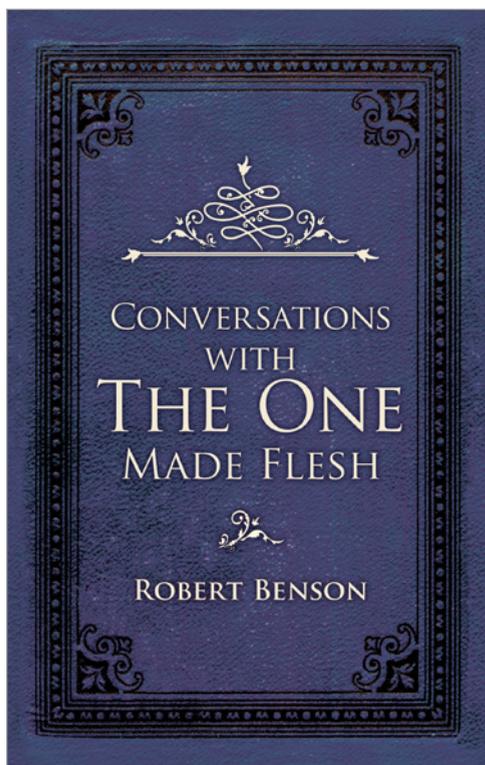
KEY FEATURES

- Challenges readers to include working against racism as a part of what it means to call Jesus Lord and Savior.
- Informs readers about the various and often subtle ways racism continues to be a part of American culture.
- Surprises readers with how simple (albeit not always easy) it is to get involved in what God is doing to disrupt racism.
- Equips all to take faithful, practical, next steps in obedience to God's call to join the movement against racism.

COMPARABLE TITLE



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BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / INSPIRATION



KEY FEATURES

- Provides a rich, new way to create a daily prayer practice.
- Brings new insight into the words of Jesus, presented with no additional scriptural narrative.
- Includes the author's unique voice through stories and reflections.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE ONE MADE FLESH

Robert Benson

Discover what Jesus meant for your life by studying only His words.

Conversations with the One Made Flesh offers a 30-day sequence of Gospel lessons created by grouping and paraphrasing the words of Jesus into 30 readings for prayer and reflection. These lessons are the marching orders Jesus gave to those who choose to follow him. With a fresh take on well-known scriptures through this sequencing, the author also weaves in personal meditations for each day and a method of remembering the saints of the church and those you love.

"The Word is a living, breathing thing. It is the Light of the whole world. And it shines in your darkness and in mine. After more than twenty years of wrestling with the words of the Word made flesh, I am ready to say what I think He has been trying to tell me all along."

—Robert Benson

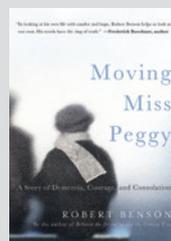
Robert Benson is a critically acclaimed writer who has published nine works on the contemplative life, including *Venite*, *Punching Holes in the Dark*, *Moving Miss Peggy*, *Living Prayer*, and *A Good Life*. He is a graduate of the Academy for Spiritual Formation and a member of the Friends of Silence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

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MORE FOR MOM

Living Your Whole and Holy Life

Kristin Funston

Reset your spiritual and emotional health with these steps.

More for Mom will encourage women to stop believing the lie that more is needed from them, and start living with the truth that more is available for them.

With real-life talk, humor and convicting biblical truths, Kristin Funston helps hard working mamas to look at each day and each facet of their life to discover what happens when they believe God has more for them than what they think the world needs from them.

And what God has available is a whole and holy life, just waiting to be claimed—a salvation and day-to-day reality complete just as it is. The pieces of each mom’s life—the work life, mom life, social life, etc.—are mended together through Christ to complete her one whole life, set apart because of Him.

Kristin Funston resides outside of Memphis with her husband and three daughters. She has a master’s degree in Communication Studies from New Mexico State University. Kristin has a passion for writing and wants to encourage women in a way that is relatable and practical with a large side of humor. She is a member of Hope Presbyterian Church, a congregation with a weekly attendance of more than 7,000, and serves as the Marriage & Family Coordinator. She contributes to multiple blogs.



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BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / FAMILY



KEY FEATURES

- Provides the secret truth behind busy moms’ relationships and living up to expectations.
- Includes practical steps that make dreams a reality.
- Teaches the why and how to execute spiritual disciplines such as fasting, prayer, and prioritizing time for God.
- Encourages busy moms to start living their already whole and holy life in Christ.

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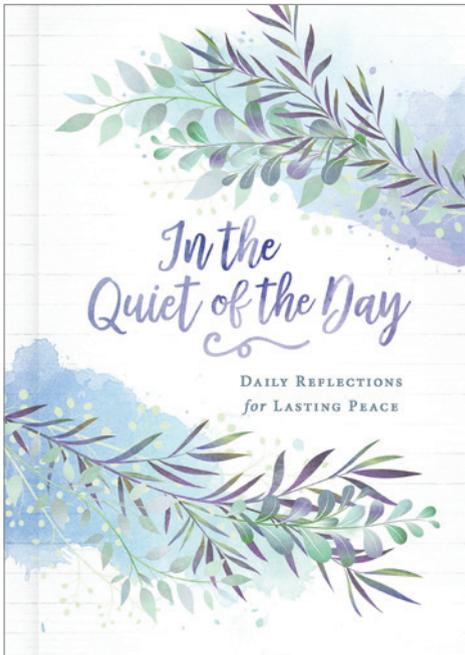
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BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / DEVOTIONAL



KEY FEATURES

- Features one hundred inspirational devotionals.
- Encourages women to accept that you are loved by God just as you are.
- Includes prayers for daily peace.
- Makes a great women's gift.
- Padded hardcover with a ribbon.

IN THE QUIET OF THE DAY

Daily Reflections for Lasting Peace

Do you find yourself overwhelmed with pressures from family, friends, career, and daily routines?

As a woman, no matter what stage of life you're in, the claims on your time never cease. No matter how much you give, at times you feel that you've fallen short, and you're not sure how to manage the challenges of the day.

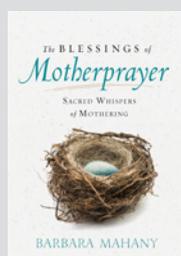
In the Quiet of the Day is an island of peace amidst the chaos of life. These 100 devotionals will fortify the reader with Scripture, thoughtful insights, and prayer, bringing them the clear message that they are accepted and loved by God just as they are. Encouraged by the Spirit and by growing their love for the Lord, readers will be equipped for the challenges of the day.

In the Quiet of the Day makes a great gift for a special woman—mother, wife, daughter, or friend. Or as a gift to oneself, it's an investment in spiritual well-being, benefitting family and friends to reflect God's love and his lasting peace.

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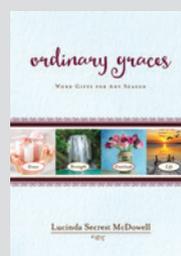


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DEAR DAUGHTERS

Love Letters from One Generation to the Next

Susie Davis

Invite younger women in your life to share your wisdom with.

With *Dear Daughters*, Susie Davis creates a bridge between two groups of women—dear daughters and spiritual mamas. Dear daughters are young women in search of spiritual guidance and spiritual mamas are women just a little further down the road with age-old wisdom to share. Each group has valuable insight for the other and the hope is that the reader will invite someone to come alongside them, pour over the included letters together, and pass along wisdom and advice that will make both lives more beautiful, wherever they are in their God story.

Susie Davis is an author, speaker, blogger, and pastor’s wife. She has been married to Will Davis, Jr.—author and founding/senior pastor of Austin Christian Fellowship—for 31 years. They have three children: Will III (29), Emily (26), and Sara (23). Davis became a Christian at age 12 and committed her life to ministry at age 18 and, since then, Davis and her husband have been founding and leading churches in Texas. She traveled and spoke nationally with Vicki Courtney’s Virtuous Reality Ministries for five years. Davis blogs at SusieDavis.org and has written for *Austin Woman Magazine*.



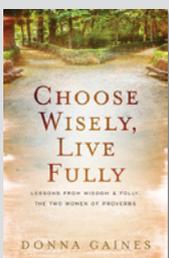
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BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / DEVOTIONAL



KEY FEATURES

- Includes spiritual guidance on entering adulthood and motherhood.
- Provides Godly mentorship on navigating the milestones of life.
- Offers sincere and authentic female companionship, both young and old.
- Makes an ideal gift to a female friend or family member.
- Makes a great women’s gift.
- Casebound hardcover with a ribbon.

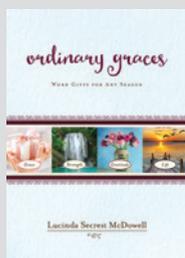
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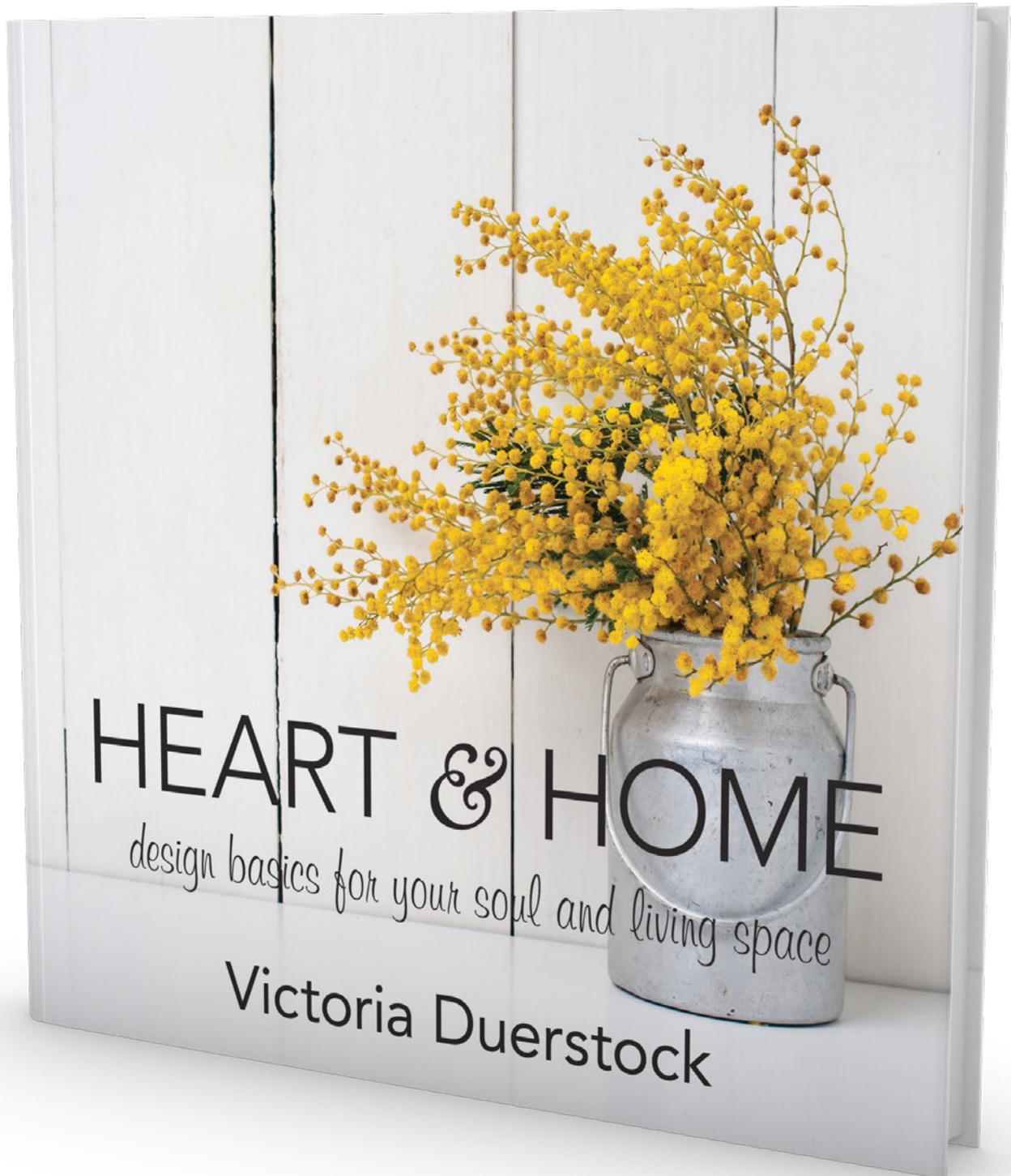
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HEART & HOME

Design Basics for Your Soul and Living Space

Victoria Duerstock

Our home and its design can encourage spiritual growth in our hearts.

Heart and Home is a short devotional book with daily devotions for 90 days. The devotionals seek to draw clear connection between the basics of interior design and scripture that encourages spiritual growth within our hearts. The devotionals inspire women to have both a captivating heart and home. Included in each devotional is an applicable design tip that will be useful along with highly visual images that will attract the reader's attention. Example devotional topics include unity and harmony, negative space, flow, focal point, and balance.

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BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / DEVOTIONAL



KEY FEATURES

- Features clear examples and actionable tips that will provide the reader practical assistance for their home interior.
- Includes highly visual four color images that will attract the reader's attention and interest.
- Contains 90 devotionals with scripture readings.
- Includes four-color photographs of home interiors throughout the book.
- Makes a great gift.

Victoria Duerstock is a writer, blogger, teacher, and speaker. Her mission is to intentionally seek to inspire hope and ignite bigger dreams for God's purpose in each of our stories. She also enjoys speaking at writer's conferences and boot camps about platform building and life lessons for writers. Duerstock has a master's degree in music, but ended up working in the furniture industry for over twenty years. She maintains the blogs Encouraging Women Today, Everything's Gravy, and Creative Corner. She manages content for Serious Writer Academy and also has contributed to devotionals for Worthy.

Interior Spread



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FATHER HELP ME SEEK YOU IN ALL AREAS OF MY LIFE ALLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT'S CONTROL, SO I WILL UNITE WITH OTHERS DOING THE WORK YOU HAVE CALLED US TO DO BY ADVANCING YOUR KINGDOM.



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Unity and Harmony

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

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A

well-coordinated color scheme creates a sense of unity and harmony. Not to be confused with looking matchy-matchy, instead a complementary color scheme unifies an entire home. This unity strengthens the composition of the overall design.

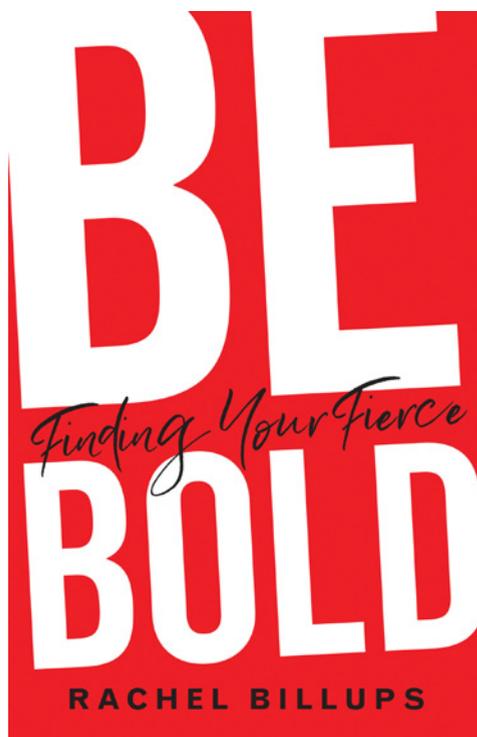
Our family members are not cloned images of each other. We recognize this to be true as we join in marriage and merge two very different lives together into one. Moms witness this because even children from the same family plot their own path. While it would be simpler to think and talk the same, Holy Spirit control allows our thoughts and actions to complement each other while still maintaining our individuality. When we love as Jesus loves, we allow grace to fill the spaces when we disagree. Spirit filled individuals can turn the world upside down with a unified purpose of bringing glory to God.



design tip

When choosing a color scheme of complementary colors, create a palette that will unify the whole collection of space in your home. Pick three or four colors to use in various shades throughout the house.

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BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / SPIRITUAL GROWTH



KEY FEATURES

- Readers will learn to identify their own personal sources of strength.
- Perfect for study groups that want to explore personal development.
- Offers key insights into biblical stories of strength through the author's stories of growth and hope.

BE BOLD

Finding Your Fierce

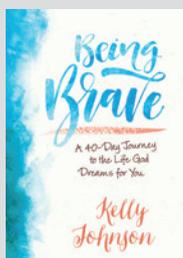
Rachel Billups

For anyone who's ever felt put down, unsure, underestimated, or overlooked, these biblical stories encourage you to recognize your own power and potential to be bold.

From the "thin slice of life" where she grew up with her family in Appalachia to success as pastor of a large church, Rachel Billups's life stories show strength and grace even in the midst of doubt and wondering. With her brand of fierce she worked through years of school to become an accomplished pastor and mother of four. She took nothing lying down and found that being bold was the only way to be alive. In *Be Bold*, she weaves her stories into the lives of biblical characters. Readers will find redemption and insight in Sarah's story, inspiration in Mary's call, and ministry and community in Paul's letter to Timothy. For anyone who hopes to find the fierce in their own lives, Billups's work leads the way. In both her personal experience and her telling of Bible stories, Billups shows how being bold can bring you closer to God and God's plan for your life.

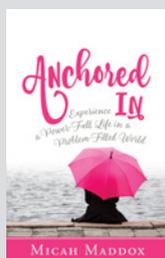
Rachel Billups serves as the Executive Pastor of Discipleship and she is on the preaching team at Ginghamburg Church in Tipp City, Ohio. Billups is an Ordained Elder within The United Methodist Church and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Bible/Religion and History from Anderson University and a Master of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

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LET GO

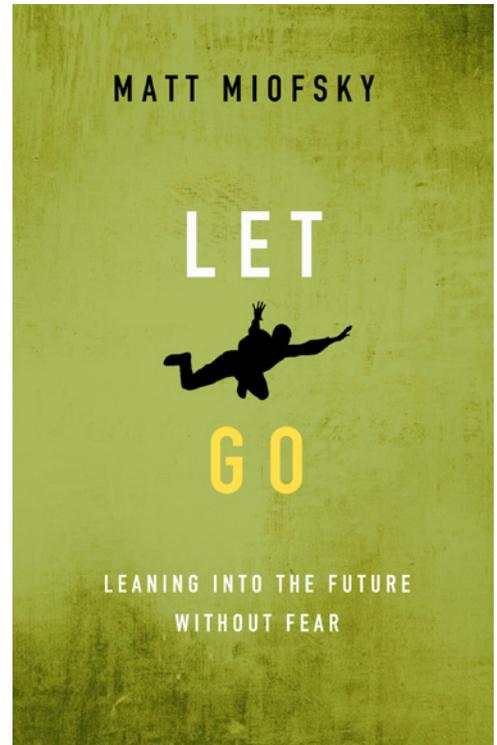
Leaning into the Future Without Fear

Matt Miofsky

Move beyond fear into the life God wants for you.

Letting go of the familiar and leading into change can be fearful for all of us. In this three-part book, based on the story of Exodus, Matt Miofsky explores what it means for us to let go of the old, step into the transitional “wilderness,” and work toward the Promised Land of new life, new opportunities, and our full potential. Miofsky follows the story of the exodus as Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, letting go of their past and traveling into uncertainty before building a new future in a new place. Written for individuals, this book leads the reader to move beyond fear to something new and to harness a desire to move forward that is often blocked by anxiety and uncertainty. Written in three sections: Letting Go, Wandering in the Wilderness, and Promised Land, the book can be read by groups and discussed in three sessions.

Matt Miofsky is the Lead Pastor of The Gathering United Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Matt gained a degree in Advanced Math and played football at Washington University and then attended Candler School of Theology. Matt lives with his family in Saint Louis and has previously published two small group studies based on his sermon series, *Happy?* and *Fail*.



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Size: 5.5 x 8.5 **Pages:** 240
BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / SPIRITUAL GROWTH



KEY FEATURES

- Offers new insights and reflections on the story of the Exodus.
- Perfect for small group study in a three-session series.
- Complete with online leader helps and video to assist group study.
- Readers learn how to let go of fear and anxiety and look to the story of the Exodus for inspiration.

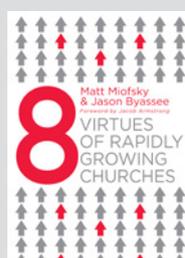
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BI-LINGUAL
FLIP BOOK



Interior Spreads

<p>Vi a Mia venir hacia mí. Noté que Mia estaba un poco nerviosa y que sacaba algo de su bolsillo.</p> <p>—Siento mucho lo que te dije ayer, no fui buena amiga pero, ¿sabes qué? Quiero serlo. Así que hice este brazalete para ti. Pensé que podíamos ser amigos.</p> <p>I saw Mia coming toward me. I noticed that she looked a little nervous and was taking something out of her pocket.</p> <p>"I'm sorry for what I said yesterday," Mia began. "I wasn't being a very good friend. But you know what? I want to be. So I made this bracelet for you. I thought we could be friends."</p>	<p>Me sorprendí mucho, ya que Mia me estaba regalando un brazalete que ella había hecho especialmente para mí.</p> <p>—¡Estos son mis colores favoritos!</p> <p>—exclamé—. Gracias, Mia.</p> <p>—Entonces... ¿amigos? —dijo Mia extendiendo su mano.</p> <p>—Amigos —le dije.</p> <p>I was so surprised that Mia made a bracelet especially for me!</p> <p>"These are my favorite colors!" I exclaimed. "Thank you, Mia."</p> <p>"So . . . friends?" Mia asked. She held out her hand.</p> <p>"Friends," I said.</p>

LUIS Y MIA/MIA AND LUIS

Mónica Reyna and L.J. Zimmerman

Luis y Mia/Mia and Luis is a flipbook that tells the story of a cross-cultural friendship from each child’s perspective. Luis is the child of Mexican immigrants and Mia is a White American child.

Their story begins when Mia makes a culturally insensitive remark to Luis. Prayer and thoughtful conversations with family help Luis and Mia move past this rocky start and develop a lasting friendship.

Mia’s story explores important issues such as what makes someone American, biblical perspectives on immigrants, and how to make amends. Luis’s story explores issues such as cultural pride, challenges faced by immigrants, and forgiveness.

Luis y Mia/Mia and Luis will help children ages 6-9 understand the importance of showing love to people who are different, apologizing when you’re wrong, forgiving one another, and making everyone feel welcome.

Both stories are in English and Spanish.

KEY FEATURES

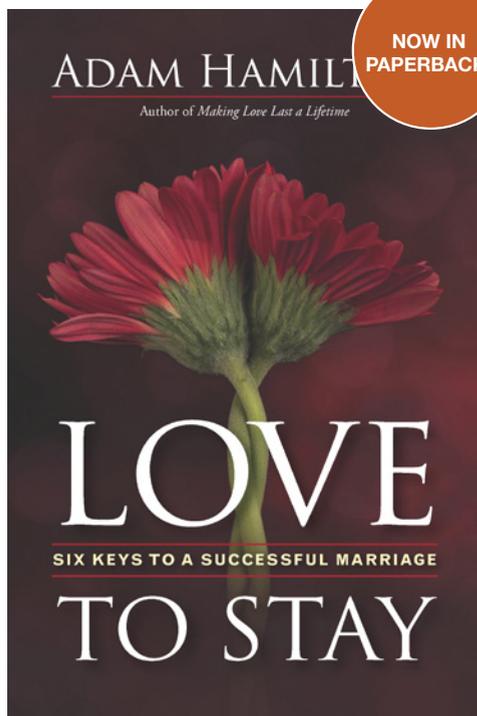
- Full-color illustrations throughout.
- Bilingual flip-style book.
- One story told from two different points of view.

Mónica Reyna holds a degree in Science Education and has 15 years of experience in the field. As the Social Services Director of the Hispanic Family Foundation in Nashville, TN, her passion is to empower members of the Hispanic community to face challenges and fulfill their dreams. Mónica is a visionary, diligent and compassionate individual who believes in fairness and justice. She enjoys being with her three children and reading books.

L.J. Zimmerman holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Before coming to The United Methodist Publishing House, L.J. served as a Christian educator and minister to children, youth and adults in various congregations. She is the writer and editor of *Submerge*. L.J. enjoys connecting with the children and youth in her local Quaker meeting. She also loves biking around Nashville, knitting sweaters, and hiking with her dog.

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Paperback ISBN: 9781501874277
Size: 8 x 8 **Pages:** 64
BISAC: JUVENILE NONFICTION / RELIGIOUS / CHRISTIAN / SOCIAL ISSUES





Release: February 5, 2019 **Price:** \$16.99
 Paperback **ISBN:** 9781501880087
Size: 6 x 9 **Pages:** 176
BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / LOVE & MARRIAGE



KEY FEATURES

- The six-session DVD brings Hamilton and his dynamic teaching style into the group.
- It presents six videos of about 10 minutes each, one for each book chapter.
- The Leader Guide includes everything a group leader needs to facilitate sessions and tailor them to the time and style of each group.

LOVE TO STAY

Six Keys to a Successful Marriage

Adam Hamilton

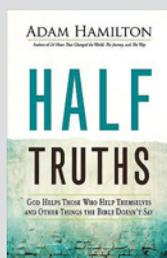
In this book, Adam Hamilton explores how, with God's help, we can make love last. Drawing upon a survey of thousands of couples and singles, interviews with relationship and marriage therapists, the latest research in the field, and wisdom from the Bible, Hamilton looks at what it takes to create and sustain healthy, meaningful romantic relationships across the course of a lifetime.

Contents include:

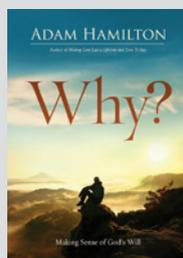
More Than a Piece of Paper
 What She Wants; What He Wants
 The Significance of Sexual Intimacy
 Habits That Hurt, Habits That Heal
 Clothe, Bear With, and Forgive
 A Love That Lasts a Lifetime

Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. *The Church Report* named Hamilton's congregation the most influential mainline church in America, and he preached at the National Prayer Service as part of the presidential inauguration festivities in 2013 and was appointed to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Hamilton is the best-selling and award-winning author of *Creed*, *Half Truths*, *The Call*, *The Journey*, *The Way*, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, *John*, *Revival*, *Not a Silent Night*, *Enough*, *When Christians Get It Wrong*, and *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, all published by Abingdon Press. Learn more about Adam Hamilton at AdamHamilton.org.

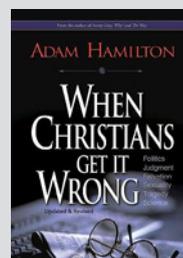
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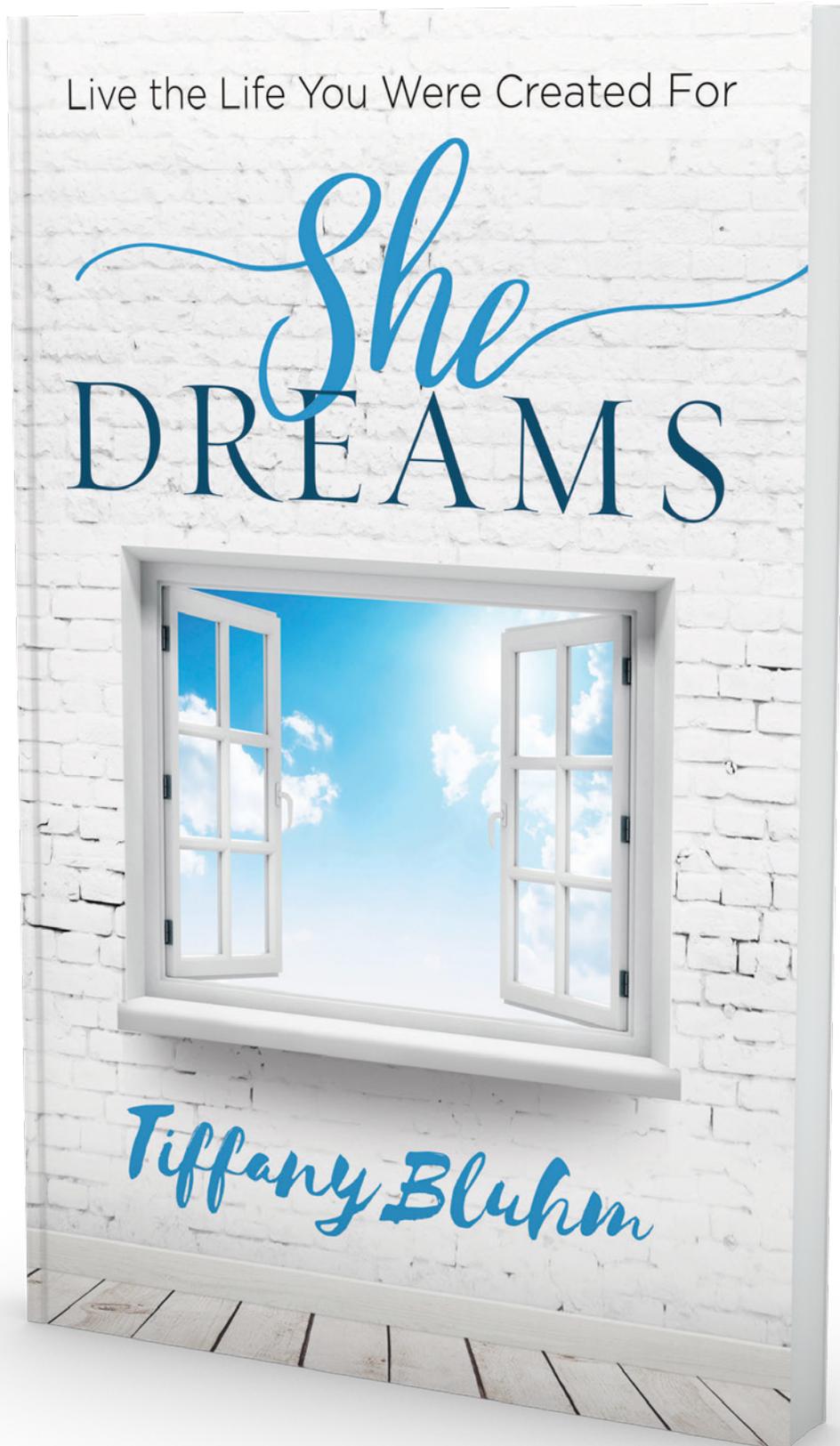
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BIBLE STUDIES

SPRING & SUMMER 2019



SHE DREAMS - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Live the Life You Were Created For

Tiffany Bluhm

Say yes to the dreams God has planted in your heart.

Every woman was born to dream—to live a life of beauty, passion, adventure, and purpose. Our dreams, no matter how big or small, push us to become women of courage, grace, and grit. In His goodness, God breathes new dreams within our hearts and revives the dreams that have died, inviting us to trust Him as we follow impossible dreams that only He can bring to pass—because God not only gives dreams; He fulfills them.

In *She Dreams* Tiffany Bluhm encourages you to discover and follow your God-given dreams as you consider how dreams take shape through practices such as reflecting, collaborating, lifelong learning, pursuing passion, counting the cost, praying, holding onto hope, and trusting God. Looking to the biblical story of Moses, who lived out the God-sized dream given to him, she exposes the ancient wisdom God offers every woman with a dream within her soul. Through the encouraging account of God's heart and hand in Moses' life, as well as the examples of ordinary women, she dares you to say yes to the dreams the Lord is stirring in your own heart, trusting Him to bring them to pass as He breathes blessing and hope into your soul.

The companion study guide and DVD will help you to dig deep into the life of Moses for a six-week study experience. From his birth in Egypt to his life in the wilderness, Moses' story reveals how God calls, equips, and trains us to pursue the dreams He plants within our hearts. The study guide includes everything needed for a group study, including five personal lessons for each week, guided video notes, group discussion questions, and tips for leaders/facilitators.

KEY FEATURES

- Encourages readers to discover and follow their God-given dreams.
- Helps readers discover the role they are destined to play through partnership with God.
- An encouraging account of Moses' journey to live out the God-sized dream given to him.
- Book can be a stand-alone resource, or combined with the Leader Guide and DVD for a six-week study.

Tiffany Bluhm, author of the *Never Alone* trade book and Bible study, is a speaker and writer who is passionate about helping women come to know their value and purpose because of a loving, redeeming God. In a style that speaks to women right where they are, she shares insights from a life spent chasing after Jesus while walking alongside women from suburbia to the inner city, jails and brothels, and the slums of Kolkata. Tiffany speaks regularly at conferences and events, and writes for a number of websites, print publications, and popular blogs, including the YouVersion Bible app, *Deeply Rooted Magazine*, and *ScaryMommy.com*. She lives in Tacoma, Washington, with her husband and two sons, and blogs at TiffanyBluhm.com.

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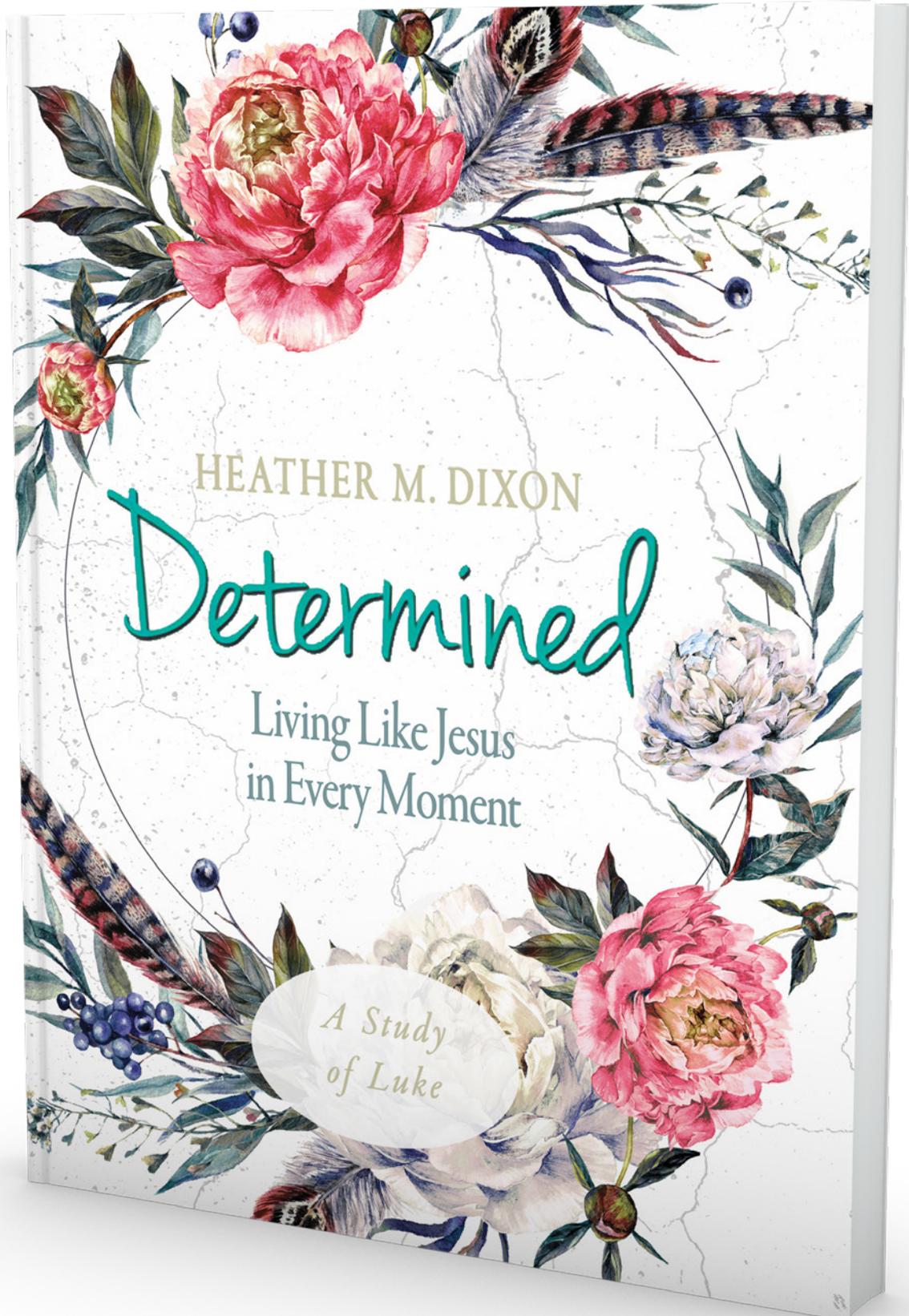
Size: 5.5 x 8.5 **Pages:** 224

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COMPANION PRODUCTS

Study Guide with Leader Helps		9781501878343	\$12.99
DVD		9781501878367	\$49.99



DETERMINED - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Living Like Jesus in Every Moment

Heather M. Dixon

Live intentionally and embrace abundant life!

Imagine waking up every single day convinced that the twenty-four hours ahead of you are a precious gift to be used wisely. Now imagine that you know exactly how to spend them to be a force for God's good.

All too often we wander through life without appreciating the gift of every moment we've been given. The result? An unsatisfying life, missed opportunities to experience the joy of being in sync with God, and days marked with apathy instead of passion. Our time on earth is measured. We should want to make every moment count—not only because we aren't guaranteed the next one, but also because this is exactly how our Savior spent His time here.

How, then, do we walk out unwavering joy-filled faith every day, determined to let go of the things that keep us from experiencing abundant life and fulfilling the plans God has for us? The answers are found in following the footsteps of the One who lived fully, because He was determined that we might do the same.

In this six-week study of Luke, we will follow the life and ministry of Jesus as we consider the choices He made on His way to the cross. We'll intimately connect with a Savior who remained laser-focused on His mission to love the world. In return, we'll receive a model for intentional living that we can replicate to ensure we are living each day to the fullest and making a difference for God's kingdom. And together we'll determine to embrace the abundant life we are promised in Jesus.

It's time to stop wandering and start living!

KEY FEATURES

- Learn a model for intentional living, and fulfilling the plans God has for us by following the life and ministry of Jesus.
- A biblical guide to living each day to the fullest in God's kingdom.
- Combine Participant Workbook with the Leader Guide and DVD for a six-week study.

Heather M. Dixon is an author, speaker, and Bible teacher who understands living with a story that is not easy. Diagnosed with an incurable and terminal genetic disorder that she inherited from her mother, she is passionate about encouraging and equipping women to trust in God, face their greatest fears, and live with hope, especially in the midst of difficult circumstances. When she is not blogging at *The Rescued Letters* or speaking at women's conferences and events, Heather loves to make the most of everyday moments such as cooking for her husband and son, brainstorming all the possible ways to organize Legos and superheroes, checking out way too many library books, or unashamedly indulging in her love for all things Disney. Heather is the author of *Ready: Finding the Courage to Face the Unknown* and a regular contributor to *Journey* magazine.

Participant Workbook

Release: April 2, 2019 **Price:** \$16.99

Paperback **ISBN:** 9781501878862

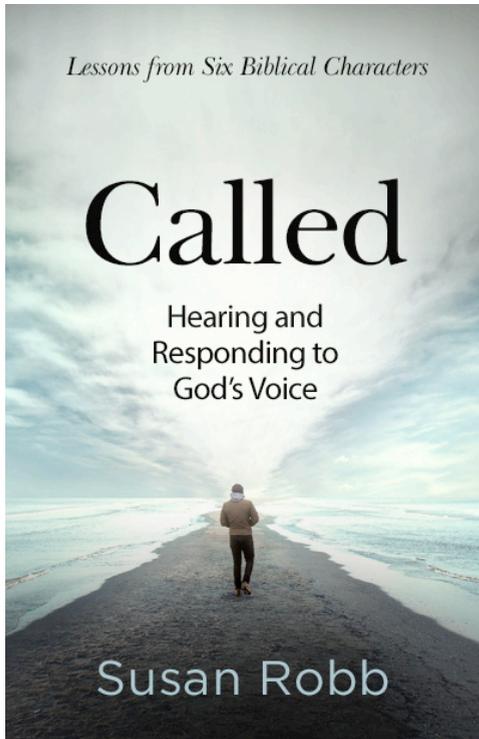
Size: 7 x 9.125 **Pages:** 208

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COMPANION PRODUCTS

Leader Guide		9781501878886	\$14.99
DVD		9781501879272	\$49.99



Release: February 5, 2019 **Price:** \$16.99
 Paperback **ISBN:** 9781501879746
Size: 5.5 x 8.5 **Pages:** 144
BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / SPIRITUAL GROWTH



KEY FEATURES

- Learn how to experience the intimacy of God’s voice and the call on your life.
- Allow these biblical narratives to inspire and give shape to your faith journey.
- Perfect for Christians at all stages of their spiritual journey.
- Book can be a stand-alone resource or combined with the DVD and Leader Guide for a six-week study.

CALLED

Hearing and Responding to God’s Voice

Susan Robb

God calls us to a life that we could never imagine on our own.

Throughout the Bible, God interrupts the lives of ordinary men and women, calling and empowering them to lives of service they never could have imagined on their own!

Discover how to hear and respond to the unique call God is placing on your life through the stories of ordinary people found in the Bible. *Called* will examine the lives of Abraham, Samuel, Esther, and Mary Magdalene, Jonah, and the beloved disciple.

The same God that called these unlikely characters calls you, too, to bring hope and transformation to the world.

Additional components for a six-week study include a DVD featuring Susan Robb and a comprehensive Leader Guide.

Susan Robb is the Senior Associate Minister at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, where she has been part of the church staff for 17 years. God’s call to ministry led her to pursue a Master of Divinity degree at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. She graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2006 with an award in Homiletics. Susan’s area of expertise lies in writing and teaching Bible studies, and exploring the idea of listening to and responding to God’s call. She is married to Ike, and they have two children, Caroline and James.

COMPANION PRODUCTS

Leader Guide		9781501879760	\$14.99
DVD		9781501879784	\$39.99

THE JESUS CHALLENGE

21 Days of Loving God and Neighbor

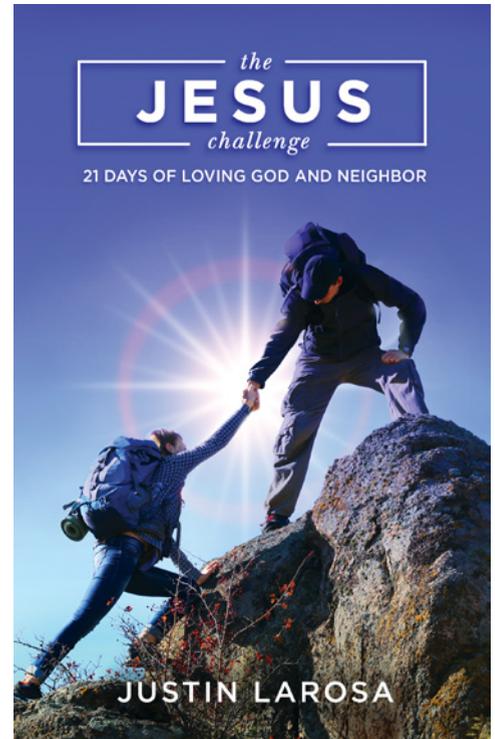
Justin LaRosa

Our culture seems to be busier and more technologically connected than in any time in history, and this requires more intentionality to stay in relationship with God and cultivate deeper relationships with others. We must find ways to mitigate distracted living, because it is diminishing our ability as Christ followers to live out Jesus' greatest commandments: to love God and love others. This is a journey that never ends, and it is a journey that requires focus.

The antidote to distraction is focused love. *The Jesus Challenge: 21 Days of Loving God and Neighbor* is a 3-week journey to help you become more attentive to your relationship with God. This book invites you to move from forgetfulness to remembering, from distraction to intentionality, and from self-sufficiency to God-reliance, so that you can live lives that center on loving God and loving others as ourselves.

The book contains leader helps that can be combined with a DVD featuring Justin LaRosa in 8-10 minute video segments designed for small group discussion.

Justin LaRosa is a United Methodist Deacon and a licensed clinical social worker. He has served Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa since 2005, first as the Minister of Discipleship and now as the Director/Minister of The Portico, a community gathering space where people come together for conversation, connection, and community change. Justin has co-authored three studies for Abingdon Press: *A Disciple's Path: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church*; *A Disciple's Heart: Growing in Love and Grace*; and *Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas*. He and his wife Caroline have a daughter, Isabella, and a son, Russell.



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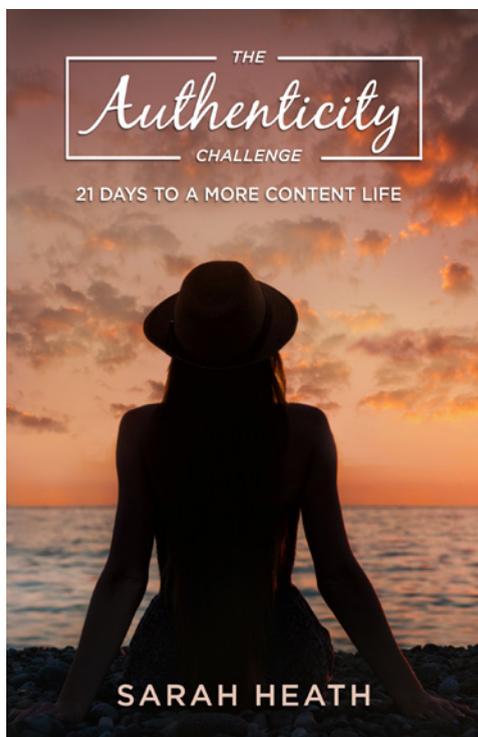


KEY FEATURES

- Move from forgetfulness to remembering, from distraction to intentionality, and from self-sufficiency to God-reliance.
- Book can be a stand-alone resource or combined with the DVD for a three-week, group study.
- Perfect for small groups and individuals looking to stay spiritually aligned in the midst of their busy lives.
- Serves as a relevant and practical tool to deepen spiritual practices.

COMPANION PRODUCTS

DVD		9781501879364	\$29.99
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BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / SPIRITUAL GROWTH



KEY FEATURES

- Move from the fear of missing out on life to being grateful for the life that you have.
- Book can be a stand-alone resource or combined with the DVD for a three-week, group study.
- Perfect for small groups and individuals looking for a study on contentment, vulnerability, authenticity.
- Serves as a relevant and practical tool to deepen spiritual practices.
- Discover concrete actions to take to move toward a more authentic, more content life.

THE AUTHENTICITY CHALLENGE

21 Days to a More Content Life

Sarah Heath

FOMO, the fear of missing out, isn't new. But today, social media makes us increasingly more aware of the fun, interesting, and enjoyable activities that others are experiencing. We yearn for the lives we assume others are already living.

Through insights gained through her own journey toward contentment, author Sarah Heath found the answer to overcoming these feelings is to live an authentic life. Rather than longing for and chasing after somebody else's life, you have to show up completely to your own life with honesty and courage.

In *The Authenticity Challenge*, Sarah invites you to embrace authenticity in three key areas of your life: vocation (the What), relationships (the Who), and faith (the Why). Over the course of 21 days, you will be guided through seven daily challenges each week related to one of these areas.

Take the challenges on your own or combine with the DVD featuring Sarah in 8-10 minute video segments designed for small group discussion. Additionally, leader helps found in the book make sharing group study easier, allowing you to share your experience with others and encourage one another as you grow in authenticity.

Being authentic in all areas of your life allows you to see how uniquely beautiful your story is. It enables you to be grateful for who you are. And it empowers you to move toward a more content life.

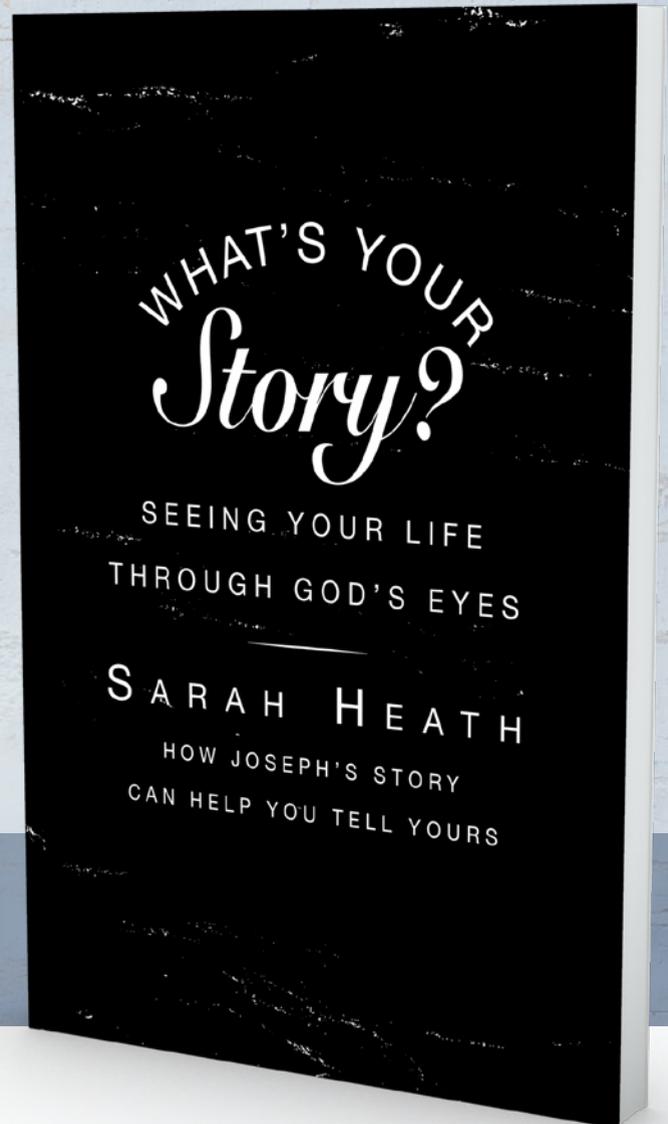
Sarah Heath is the pastor of First United Methodist Church in Costa Mesa, California. With roots in Canada and Mississippi, she is a graduate of Duke Divinity School and an ordained elder in the California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. An actor, artist, author, and speaker, Sarah uses her many gifts to share God's love with others. She writes about her insights on the topics of finding our identity in Christ and using our unique gifts to serve God and others. Sarah is the author of *What's Your Story? Seeing Your Life Through God's Eyes*.

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DVD		9781501882685	\$29.99

Previously Published

We all have a Story.

How can you live a great one?



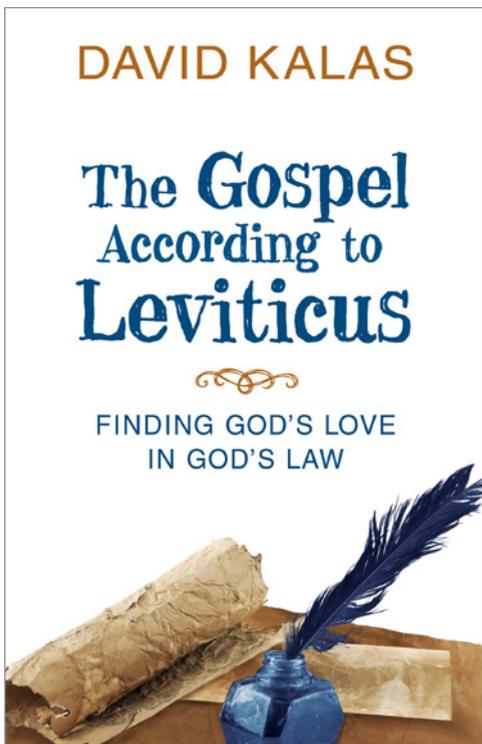
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Joseph had quite the story, but it didn't really begin until he saw his story as part of God's story. His great accomplishments came only after he recognized the significance of what he had done and what God was doing through him. In exploring Joseph's life (Genesis 37–50), you'll discover how to see your life through God's eyes and learn how to co-create a real page-turning story of your own. *What's Your Story?* is a four-session, small-group study that features opportunities and space for creative journaling and is complemented by art by the author and a DVD that helps you explore the dimensions of the Joseph story, sparking further reflection and discussion.

COMPANION PRODUCTS

Leader Guide		9781501837906	\$9.99
DVD		9781501837920	\$39.99



Release: March 19, 2019 **Price:** \$16.99
 Paperback **ISBN:** 9781501879401
Size: 5.5 x 8.5 **Pages:** 160
BISAC: RELIGION / BIBLICAL STUDIES / OLD TESTAMENT



KEY FEATURES

- Perfect for Christians at all stages of their spiritual journey.
- Discover how the Old Testament law aligns with the good news found in the New Testament.
- Available Leader Guide for small group experience.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LEVITICUS

Finding God’s Love in God’s Law

David Kalas

Rediscover and experience the love of God in Old Testament law

Do you struggle with knowing how the Old Testament law aligns with the good news found in the New Testament?

Following up on *When Did God Become a Christian?*, author and pastor David Kalas explores what he sees as a rather significant hole in so many American Christians’ experience. For many, while the New Testament is seen as the good news of God’s love through Jesus, the law is set aside as tedious, troubling, or irrelevant. Some even see it as an example of an unloving God in the Hebrew Bible.

If we were looking for a ‘review’ on Amazon of the Law, the Psalms would be the five-star. The Psalmist goes on and on, thanking God for it, calling it perfect, and claiming that it revives the soul. In his thoughtful and assuring style, Kalas would like to help readers rediscover that experience of the Old Testament Law.

Additionally, a comprehensive Leader Guide is available for small group study.

David Kalas is pastor of First United Methodist Church in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He is the author of *When Did God Become a Christian?*, *Savior on the Cross*, and has also contributed to several collections of sermons and preaching resources. Kalas is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Union Theological Seminary of Virginia.

COMPANION PRODUCTS

Leader Guide		9781501879548	\$12.99
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HOPE FOR HARD TIMES

Lessons on Faith from Elijah and Elisha

Magrey R. deVega

Open your eyes, and open your hands to find hope from God in hard times.

We've all been there. Rock bottom. The end of our rope. The last straw. During hard times, it often seems like the only option is to throw in the towel.

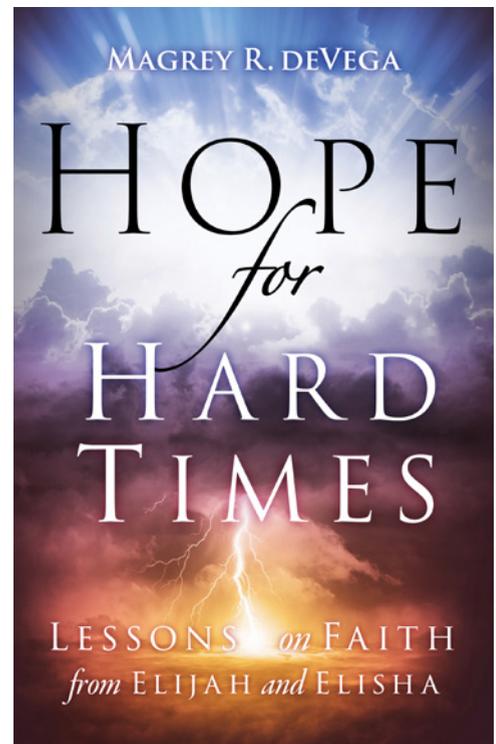
In *Hope for Hard Times*, author Magrey deVega examines the lives of the great biblical prophets Elijah and Elisha and reveals a consistent message in their stories: Don't give up, and don't lose hope. Trust that God will help you find a way.

When you look closely at the accounts of Elijah and Elisha from 1 Kings 17 to 2 Kings 8, you will find amazing stories of God's provision. God provides for Elijah, as he faces down opposition in a mountaintop showdown and when he feels alone and ready to give up while hiding in a cave listening for God's still, small voice. God provides for Elisha, when he brings healing to Naaman and when he is surrounded by enemies and praying for spiritual eyes to be opened to hope.

There is hope for you in hard times. Your story of hurt, heartache, and hopelessness has been heard, and God has a message for you. Read these stories, pray through them, and listen as you receive encouragement and guidance for whatever you are facing today. Open your eyes, and open your hands. For just like ravens at the Brook Cherith, God is with you, giving you everything you need.

Components for this 4-session study will include a book, and leader guide.

Magrey R. deVega is a United Methodist Elder of the Florida Annual Conference serving as the Senior Pastor at Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa, Florida. He is the Leadership Editor for *Covenant Bible Study* by Abingdon Press, overseeing the weekly small group classroom experience. He is the author of *Awaiting the Already: An Advent Journey Through the Gospels*; *One Faithful Promise: The Wesleyan Covenant for Renewal*; *Songs for the Waiting*; and *Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times*. He has developed numerous small group materials for such books as *Five Marks of a Methodist, Earn. Save. Give.*, and *Counterfeit Christianity*. He is a contributor to *A Preacher's Guide to Lectionary Sermon Series*, *The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2018*, and *Feasting on the Gospels*. He is a graduate of United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, and Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, and the father of two daughters, Grace and Madelyn.



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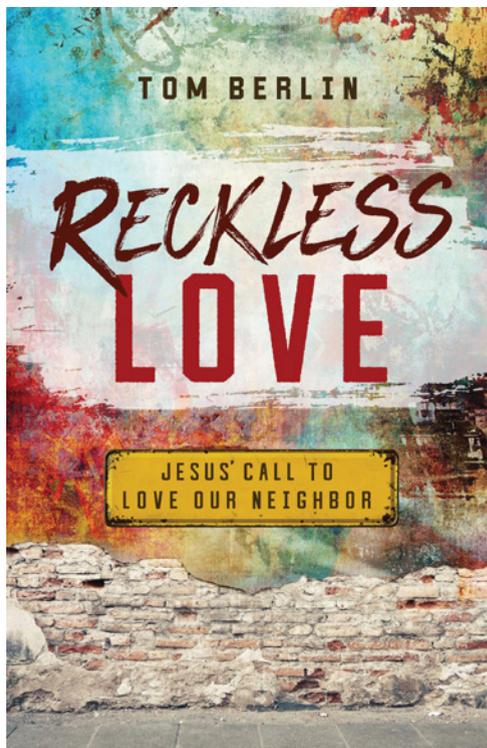


KEY FEATURES

- Book can be a stand-alone resource or combined with the Leader Guide for a four-week study.
- 4-week study.
- Study covers all the stories of Elijah and Elisha in the Bible (1 Kings 17 to 2 Kings 8).
- Author is a gifted and natural teacher.

COMPANION PRODUCTS

Leader Guide		9781501881404	\$14.99
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RECKLESS LOVE

Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor

Tom Berlin

Love God more deeply by learning to love your neighbor better

How did Jesus teach the Greatest Commandment to his disciples?

In his latest book *Reckless Love*, author and pastor Tom Berlin writes that Jesus taught them to love neighbor first as a way to more deeply love God.

In his exploration of Jesus' teaching and travels with his disciples, Berlin suggests that Jesus teaches us how to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength by showing us how to love our neighbor. While many hope to learn to be better family, friends, leaders and neighbors by finding a deeper relationship with God, what if becoming a better neighbor leads you to that deeper love of God?

In *Reckless Love*, you will consider your life, and learn how loving the people around you will completely renew your faith and give you a new experience of loving God.

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

KEY FEATURES

- Book can be a stand-alone resource or combined with the DVD and Leader Guide for a six-week study.
- Learn how to love God more deeply by learning to love your neighbor better.
- Engaging six-session DVD featuring the teachings of author and pastor Tom Berlin.

COMPANION PRODUCTS

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Understanding the Book of Revelation

Bruce M. Metzger

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A trustworthy guide to understanding the Book of Revelation

The Book of Revelation contains passages of great beauty and comfort, as well as passages that strike the casual reader as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening. How are readers today to discern God’s message in this peculiar part of the Bible?

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Additional components for a six-week study include a DVD featuring David deSilva and a comprehensive Leader Guide introducing the main points and setting the stage for small group discussion.

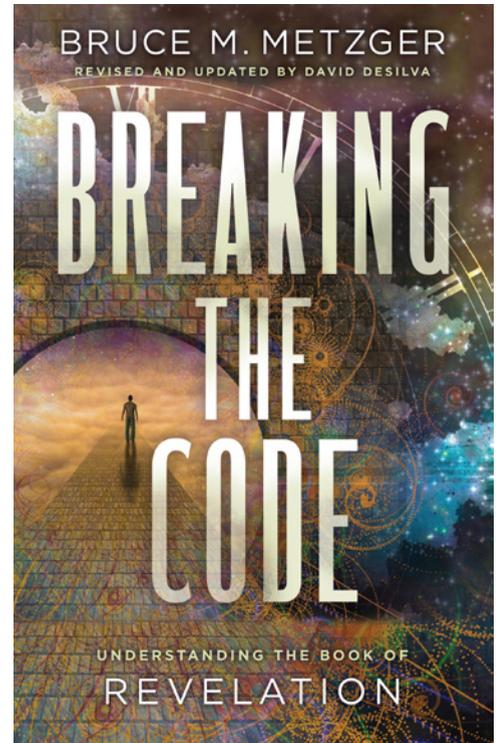
Chapters include:

- Introducing the Book of Revelation
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- John’s Vision of the Heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 21:1-22:21)

Bruce M. Metzger is one of the world’s best-known scholars on the text of the New Testament and he has taught for many years at Princeton Theological Seminary. The author or editor of thirty-five books, he has served as General Editor of the Reader’s Digest Condensed Bible and Chairman of the NRSV Translation Committee.

Dr. **David A. deSilva** is the author of over twenty books, including *Unholy Allegiances: Heeding Revelation’s Warning; The Jewish Teachers of Jesus, James, and Jude; An Introduction to the New Testament; and Introducing the Apocrypha*.

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Leader Guide		9781501881527	\$14.99
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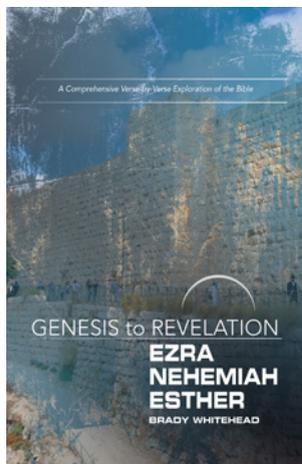
- Revised and updated based on current biblical research.
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- Keeps the same rich content and insights from Bruce Metzger.
- DVD features New Testament scholar David deSilva.
- Book can be a stand-alone resource or combined with the DVD and Leader Guide for a six-week study.
- Accessible yet in-depth study of the Book of Revelation.

GENESIS TO REVELATION

A Comprehensive Verse-by-Verse Exploration of the Bible

One of Abingdon’s most beloved Bible studies has been updated!

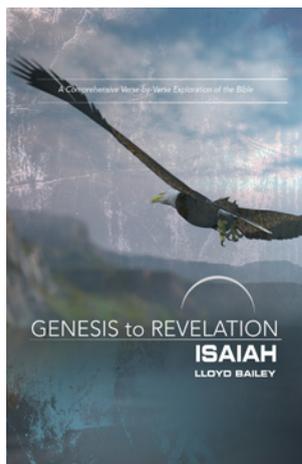
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Study the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, beginning with return of the exiles as seen through the eyes of Ezra and Nehemiah, then moving through the story of Esther. Some of the major ideas explored are: the purity of heritage, building community, the importance of sanctuary, taking oaths, leadership qualities, the Book of Esther’s inclusion in the Bible, and the shield of faith.

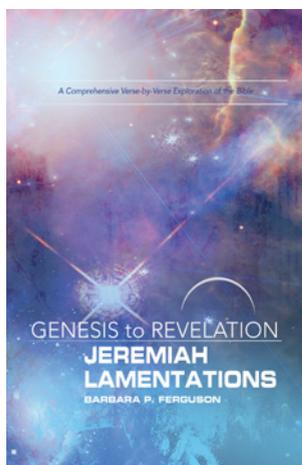
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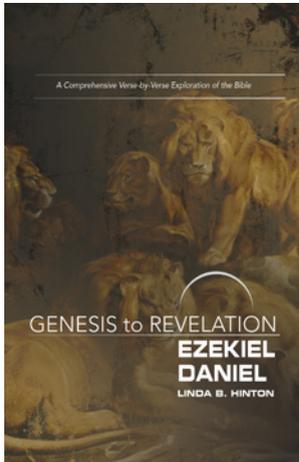
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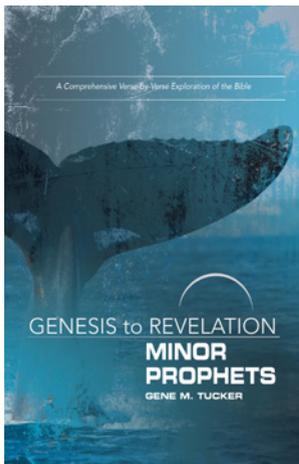
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Study the books of Ezekiel and Daniel, beginning with Ezekiel’s story, and then moving on to tell Daniel’s story. Some of the major ideas explored are: learning of God, obedience to God, false prophecy, cleansing and renewal, Godly wisdom, and the endtime and meantime.

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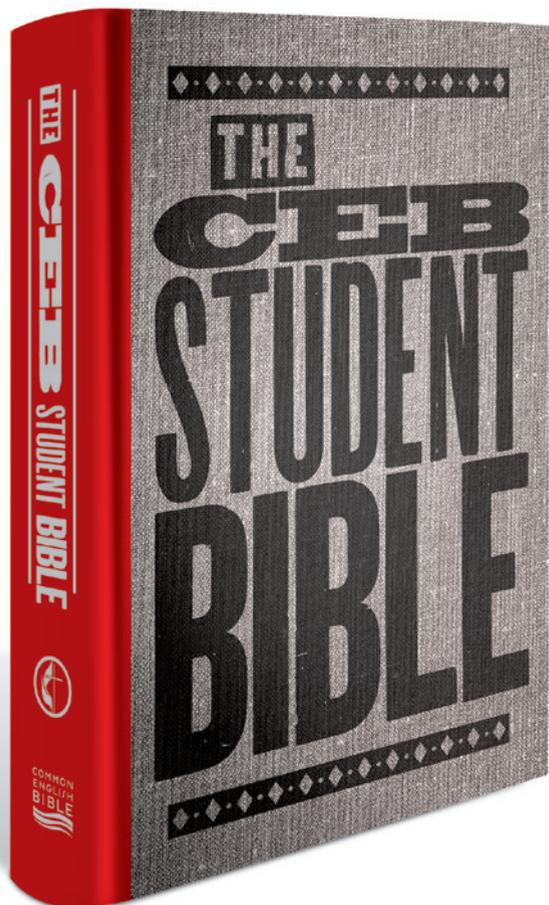
MINOR PROPHETS

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KEY FEATURES

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KEY FEATURES

- 4-color throughout.
- Presentation page.
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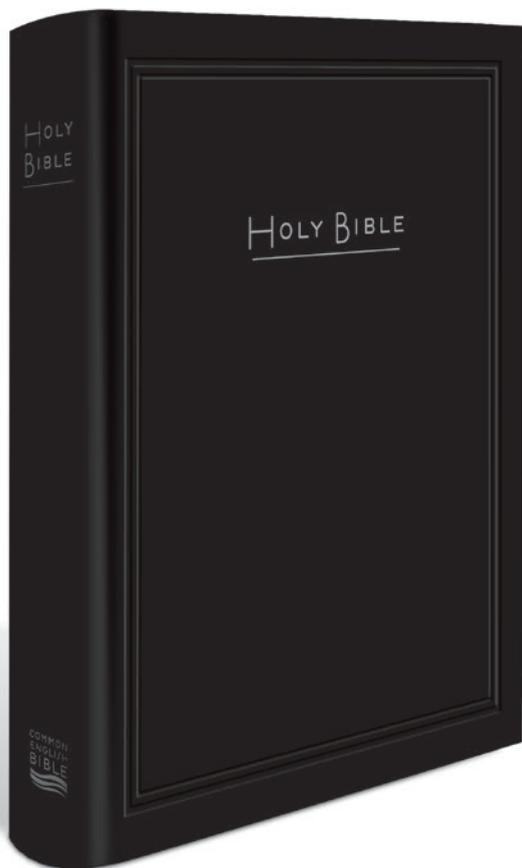
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KEY FEATURES

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over the waters—³God said, “Let there be light.” And so light appeared. ⁴God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God named the light Day and the darkness Night.

Genesis

World's creation in seven days

1 When God began to create^a the heavens and the earth—²the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over the waters—³God said, “Let there be light.” And so light appeared. ⁴God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God named the light Day and the darkness Night.

There was evening and there was morning: the first day.

⁶God said, “Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters to separate the waters from each other.” ⁷God made the dome and separated the waters under the dome from the waters above the dome. And it happened in that way: ⁸God named the dome Sky.

There was evening and there was morning: the second day.

⁹God said, “Let the waters under the sky come together into one place so that the dry land can appear.” And that's what happened. ¹⁰God named the dry land Earth, and he named the gathered waters Seas. God saw how good it was. ¹¹God said, “Let the earth grow plant life: plants yielding seeds and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind throughout the earth.” And that's what happened. ¹²The earth produced plant

^aOr: In the beginning, God created

life: plants yielding seeds, each according to its kind, and trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was.

¹³There was evening and there was morning: the third day.

¹⁴God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years.

¹⁵They will be lights in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth.” And that's what happened. ¹⁶God made the stars and two great lights: the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. ¹⁷God put them in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was.

¹⁹There was evening and there was morning: the fourth day.

²⁰God said, “Let the waters swarm with living things, and let birds fly above the earth up in the dome of the sky.” ²¹God created the great sea animals and all the tiny living things that swarm in the waters, each according to its kind, and all the winged birds, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was. ²²Then God blessed them: “Be fertile and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.”

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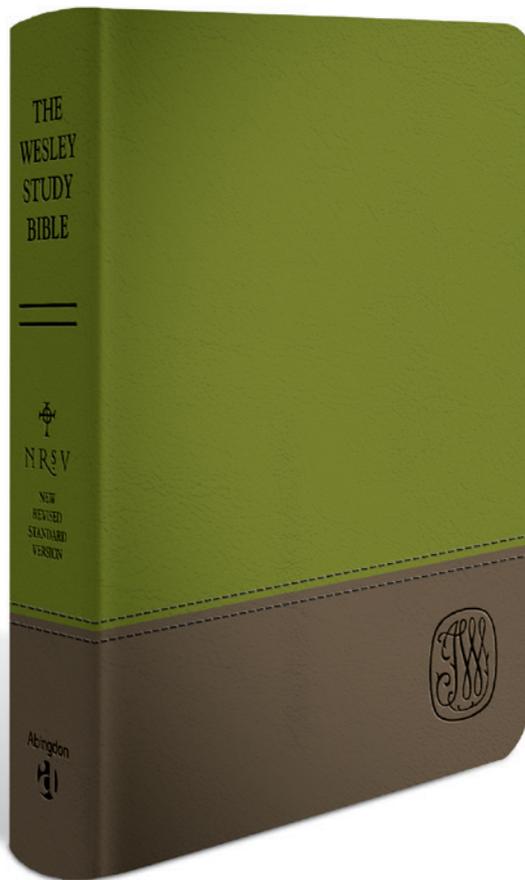
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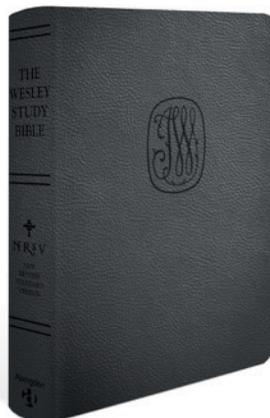
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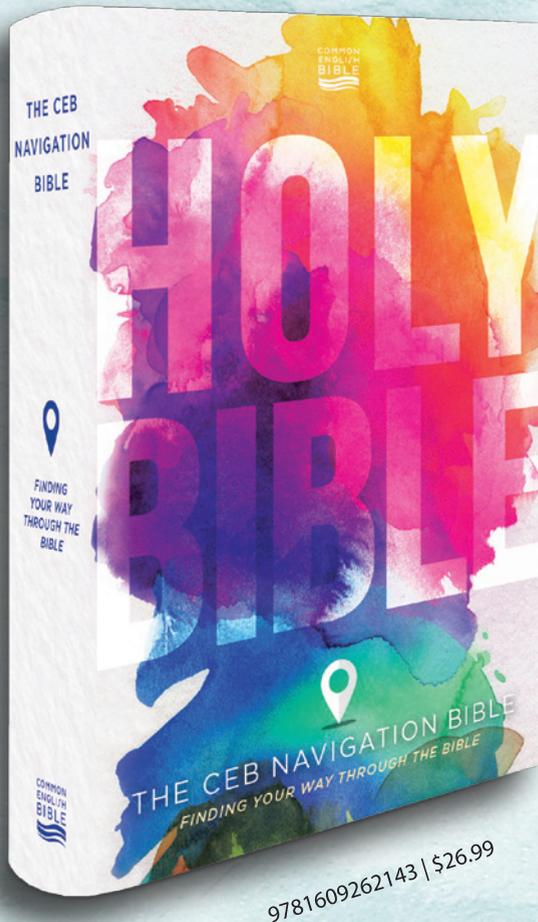
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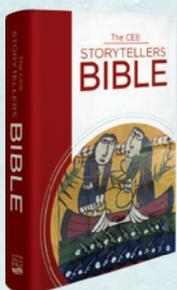
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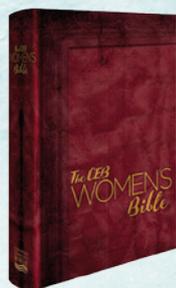
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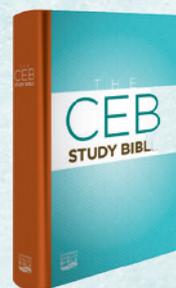
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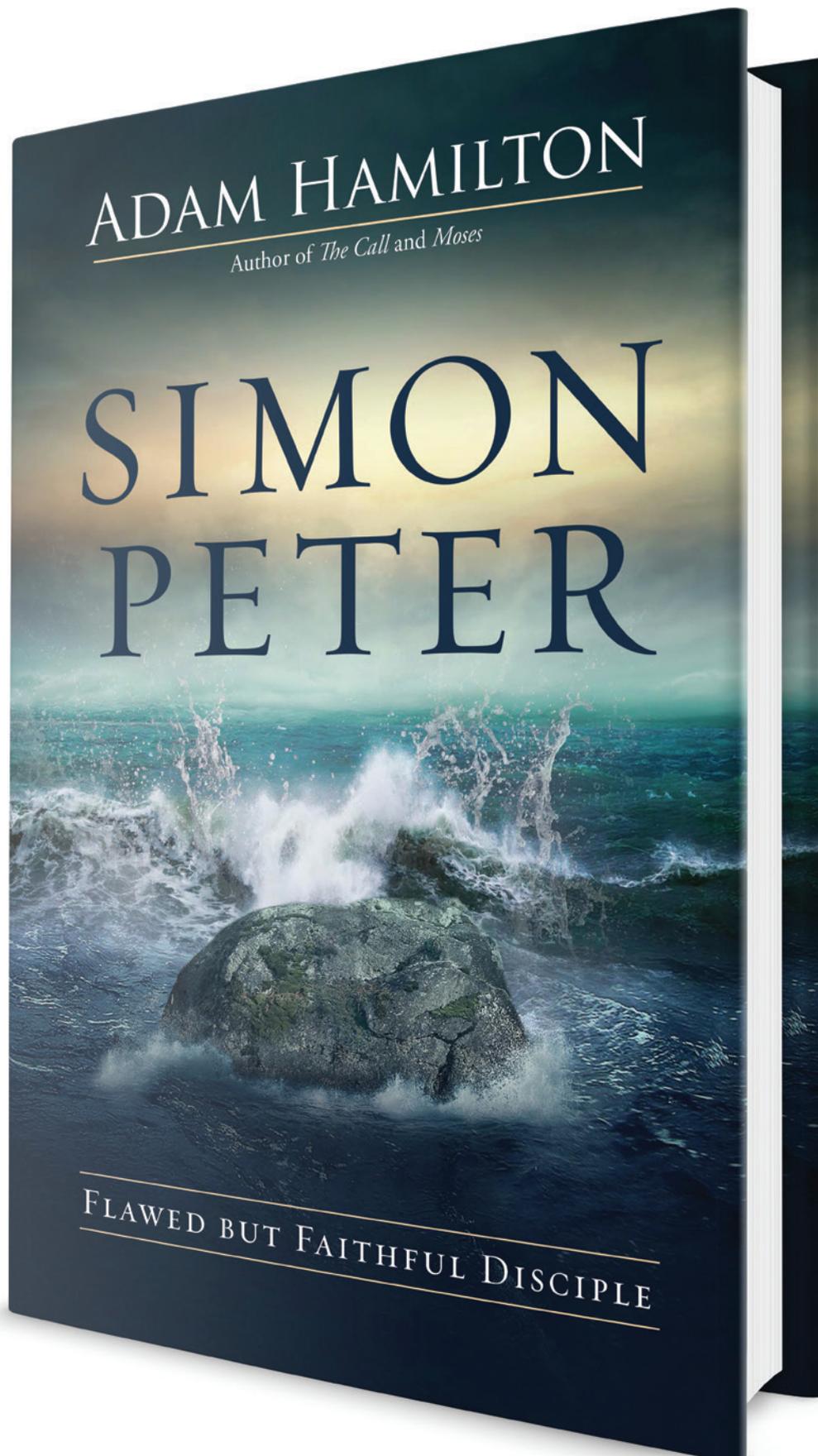


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SIMON PETER

Flawed but Faithful Disciple

Adam Hamilton

Simon Peter—an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call.

He was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear.

Join pastor and author Adam Hamilton in this six-week Lenten journey, and take an in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter.

Additional components for a six-week adult study include a comprehensive Leader Guide and a DVD featuring author and pastor Adam Hamilton teaching on site in Israel and Italy. Also available are resources for children and youth.

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KEY FEATURES

- Works beautifully as a stand-alone book, or can be combined with the DVD, Leader Guide, and youth and children’s resources to create a churchwide study.
- Videos feature Adam Hamilton in 10-12 minute sessions teaching on site in Israel and Italy.
- Learn more about the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter.
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Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. *The Church Report* named the congregation the most influential mainline church in America. Hamilton preached at the National Prayer Service as part of the presidential inauguration festivities in 2013 and was appointed to the President’s Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Hamilton is the best-selling and award-winning author of *Creed*, *Half Truths*, *The Call*, *The Journey*, *The Way*, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, *John*, *Revival*, *Not a Silent Night*, *Enough*, *When Christians Get It Wrong*, and *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, all published by Abingdon Press. Learn more about Adam Hamilton at AdamHamilton.org.

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 Hardback **ISBN:** 9781501845987
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A BEGINNER'S GUIDE to HOLY WEEK



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KEY FEATURES

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- The study highlights the main points of the Passion story and makes it more accessible to readers.
- The study brings Levine's text into sharp focus and provides readers with all the elements for a lively group experience.

Amy-Jill Levine is E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. She is the author of numerous books and articles on Christian origins, anti-Jewish theologies, feminism, formative Judaism, and the search for the "Historical Jesus." She has written *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*, edited a twelve-volume series, the *Feminist Companions to the New Testament and Early Christian Literature*, and been awarded grants from the Mellon Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the American Council of Learned Societies.

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THE SANCTUARY FOR LENT 2019

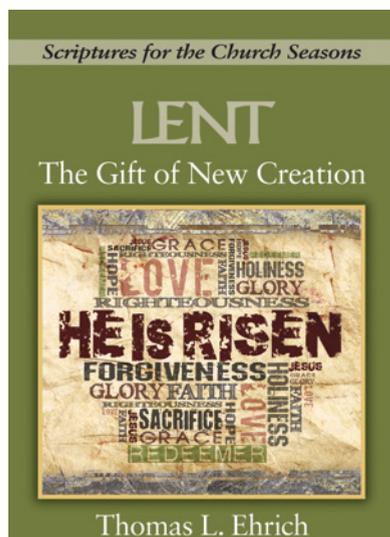
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Juan Huertas

The Sanctuary for Lent 2019 contains readings for each day in Lent, including Scripture, a short devotion, and a brief prayer. These daily selections help readers faithfully journey through Lent as they prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection. Sold in packs of 10, the booklets are designed to fit in a #10 envelope, enabling churches to include them in Lent mailings, especially for those unable to attend services, and making it easy to mail to visitors or share as a part of homebound or prison ministry.

Juan Huertas is the Lead Pastor of Grace Community, a United Methodist congregation in Shreveport, LA. He loves preaching/teaching, leading the church into mission in their neighborhood, and hearing people's stories. He is married to Shannon Perry Huertas, and they have three children. In his down time he likes spending time with the family, reading, and writing at spiritstirrer.org.

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THE GIFT OF NEW CREATION

Scriptures for the Church Seasons

Thomas L. Ehrich

Discovering our new creation through God's redeeming love.

The Gift of New Creation, originally released in 2015, invites us to explore God's saving and redeeming love through a study of the lectionary Bible readings for Lent and Easter. Key Scriptures call us to prepare and contemplate God's restoration and new creation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Through the readings, we hear the invitation to embrace God's salvation and the new life offered to us through Christ. The season of Lent offers opportunities to reflect on God's redemptive action and to explore means of grace that help us move into new life in Christ. Transformation is a key focus of Lenten worship, study, and prayer. We will discover the salvation and renewal of creation revealed through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

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Thomas L. Ehrich was a staff reporter for the *Wall Street Journal* for six years. He then went to seminary and was ordained as an Episcopal priest. In 1995 he left parish ministry to join a colleague in founding a computer consulting firm. He now travels widely, writes a syndicated newspaper column, and continues to write winsome theology through "On a Journey," which reaches a worldwide audience.

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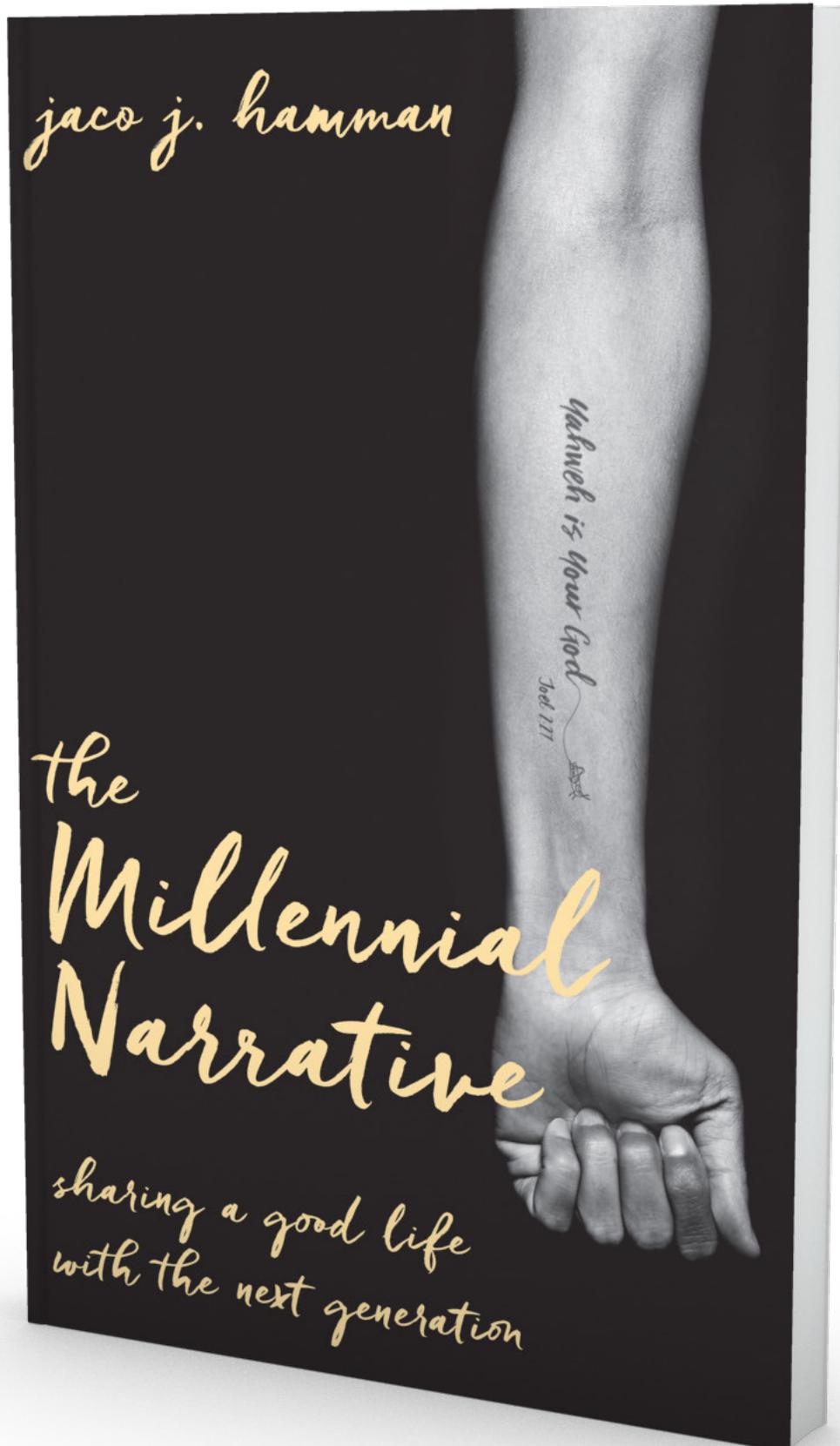


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THE MILLENIAL NARRATIVE

Sharing a Good Life with the Next Generation

Jaco J. Hamman

Millennials increasingly find meaning and purpose outside the church.

“A good education will land you a good job,” “Be an entrepreneur/Start something in a garage or dorm room,” and even “Jesus saves” are narratives that collapsed for the millennial generation (born 1982-2002). These narratives, amongst many similar social and religious ones, have lost their meaning and power as millennials question all authorities and struggle to flourish in a world come of age. With their needs for community and success, a strong spirituality, and believing that their gifts should be recognized and can make a difference, millennials increasingly find meaning and purpose outside the church. As they face economic uncertainty, reduced career prospects, unceasing change, as well as civic, global, and ecological uncertainties, however, a large number of millennials are overwhelmed with feelings of anxiety and depression. Caught between hope and fear, millennials leave the church with their values of personal transformation, purpose, community, spirituality, social transformation and ecological awareness. Ironically the church often holds the same values.

The Millennial Narrative is written for pastoral leaders who want to welcome millennials, both inside and outside their congregation. The book draws on the wisdom of the prophetic Book of Joel as a narrative worth living into. Drawing on Joel’s three chapters, *The Millennial Narrative* empowers pastoral leaders to:

- Facilitate the work of mourning Millennials are facing;
- Envision a spiritual community that can welcome millennials;
- Introduce a compassionate God that restores and indwells as the Spirit;
- Reflect on God’s judgment through the lens of accountability; and,
- Support and encourage millennials to be a blessing to others.

In addition, pastoral leaders will receive a sermon outline and material for adult education.

KEY FEATURES

- Discovering a relatively unknown biblical narrative.
- Being able to retell the narrative of Joel.
- Finding personal meaning in the narrative of Joel.
- Naming a variety of losses millennials experience.
- Feeling empowered to facilitate the work of mourning.
- Establishing communities with millennials where they and all thrive.
- Exploring specific images of God: God as gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love; a God that restores; a God that holds people accountable; a God that blesses.
- Discerning the meaning of the God within—God’s Spirit.
- Pastors will receive a sermon outline they can use to preach on Joel.
- Christian educators will receive guidelines on leading groups in conversation around the core themes in Joel.
- Church musicians will have scripturally inspired contemporary music to use in worship.

Jaco J. Hamman is the Director of the Program in Theology and Practice and Associate Professor of Religion, Psychology and Culture at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, TN. As Director of the Program in Theology and Practice, Hamman coordinates the training of a generation of professors who are outstanding teachers of people preparing for ministry and groundbreaking scholars engaged in practical theological inquiry.

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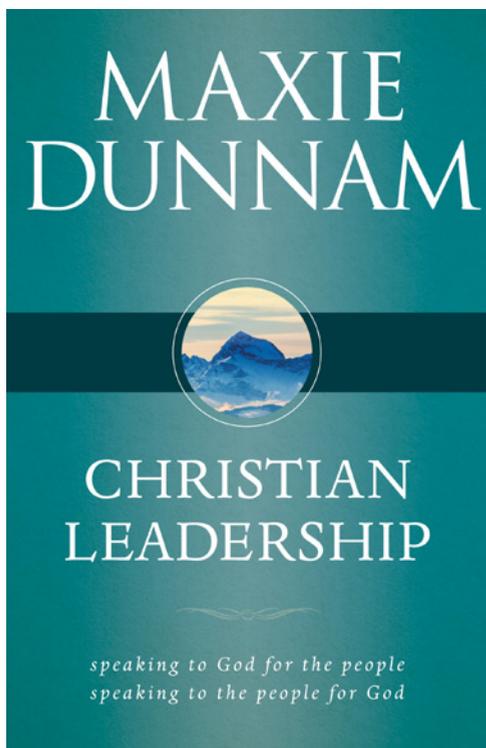
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KEY FEATURES

- Offers a genuinely spiritual set of principles for leadership.
- Helps a church leader recognize and seek the features of a “good ministry” and the characteristics of a “good minister.”
- Helps church leaders navigate disagreements with a pastoral heart and deep listening.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Speaking for God to the people and speaking to God for the people.

Maxie Dunnam

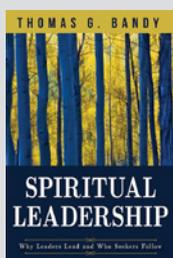
The bedrock grounding of church leaders is in God. This grounding comes through deliberate and explicit attention to God through prayer and self-reflection. Leadership as vocation, Christian leadership, begins with self-leadership, clarifying one’s own heart, one’s whole being, and one’s mind in order to find and show that one’s most basic identity and deepest and most concrete security lie in God—not in success or in pleasing someone else or in being seen as a good person or being loved by a congregation or the faith community we lead.

Contents includes:

- The Vocation of Leadership
- The Shape of Our Vocation
- Lessons From the Saints
- What is Good Ministry?
- The Persons We Are and the Institutions We Serve
- The Preacher and Preaching
- Taking Care of Ourselves in the Everyday
- Time: It’s Ours to Receive, Use, and Manage
- Staying Alive All Our Ministry Life

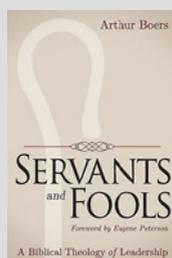
Maxie D. Dunnam became the fifth president of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky and served for 14 years. Dunnam came to Asbury after 12 years of fruitful ministry at the 5,000-member Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. From 1975–1982, Dunnam was world editor of *The Upper Room*. Dunnam is the author of more than 40 books, including the best-selling *Workbook of Living Prayer* (over one million copies sold). Dunnam presently serves as director of Christ Church Global at Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

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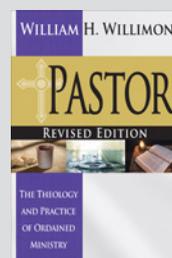
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ULTIMATE RELIANCE

Breakthrough Prayer Practices for Leaders

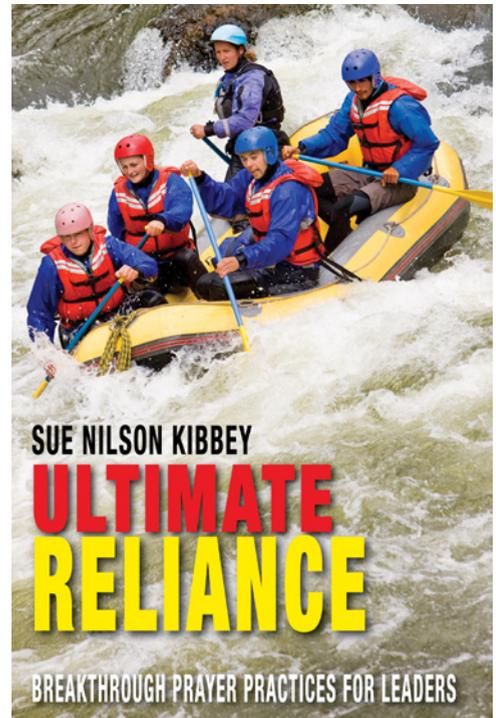
Sue Nilson Kibbey

Learn to pray in faithful new ways to bring powerful renewal and progress to your spiritual life and ministry.

Adding a Breakthrough Prayer Initiative to the teamwork of your church or ministry's leadership will change everything—and transform what may have become routine administrative work into riding the exciting rapids of a God-led spiritual adventure together!

Author Sue Nilson Kibbey's classic church leadership book, *Ultimately Responsible*, and her most recent release *Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church*, are followed by this new resource that will strengthen the "flood gate" of your breakthrough prayer practices both collectively and individually. Each chapter includes discussion questions, application ideas, and a breakthrough prayer practice for the week or month. Ideal for use with your church council, board, leadership team, class, small group or entire congregation—whoever longs to build prayer practices for breakthroughs and new God possibilities as the ultimate foundation for everything else

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



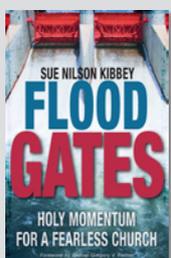
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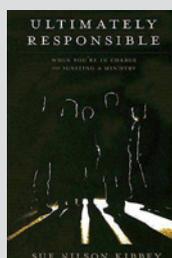
KEY FEATURES

- A powerful 5-session study of Breakthrough Prayer, a prayer process that has proven to be effective in ministry renewal (and personal spiritual renewal).
- Appropriate for all types of groups and individuals.
- All-inclusive resource: the book and the study.
- Breakthrough Prayer brings renewal and significant positive change in congregations and individual leaders' lives.

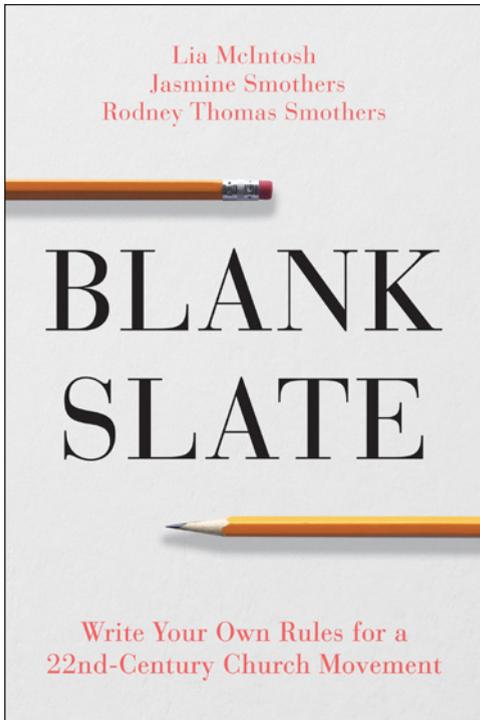
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KEY FEATURES

- Readers will engage multiple senses using the book.
- A leadership resource with millennials, generation Z, and generation Alpha at the center.
- This book will provide tools for church leaders to 'see around the corner', to facilitate the changing landscape of ministry in ways that engage current & upcoming generations.
- It will enable leaders to move from merely maintaining their attraction-based ministry models, toward engagement with Millennial, Gen Z and Alpha Generations.

BLANK SLATE

Write Your Own Rules for a 22nd-Century Church Movement

Lia McIntosh, Jasmine Smothers, and Rodney Thomas Smothers

How to release old assumptions from previous generations, and embrace new ones, so that the church will thrive.

Blank Slate is a leadership resource with millennials, generation Z, and generation Alpha at the center. This book helps leaders envision and create ministries and faith communities with and for these current and upcoming generations.

Old rules of engagement are contrasted with the new rules of engagement. Unless the church addresses the context of younger generations and gets "unstuck" from its current context, it will not be relevant to younger people and it will die with the older generations.

As an example - a letter to Baby Boomers:

Dear Baby Boomers,

Thank you for all you've done, but I don't want your church. I want you, our relationship, our engagement, but not your church structure and outdated assumptions.

The Younger Generations

Lia McIntosh serves as the Associate Director of Congregational Excellence for the Missouri Annual Conference. In this role, McIntosh collaborates with and coaches pastors and laity to launch new congregations and revitalize existing ones. She specializes in urban ministry and leading congregations to deeply connect with their communities.

Jasmine Smothers currently serves as the Lead Pastor of the historic Atlanta First United Methodist Church. Previously, she served as Associate Director for Congregational Vitality through the Office of Connectional Ministries in the North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Rodney Thomas Smothers serves as The Director of Leadership and Congregational Development for the Baltimore-Washington Conference. During the past thirty-seven years he has founded new congregations; served as the lead pastor of multicultural, urban and suburban congregations; and served as an adjunct seminary professor in the areas of church administration, evangelism, worship and United Methodist History.

4D IMPACT

Smash Barriers Like a Smart Church

Olu Brown

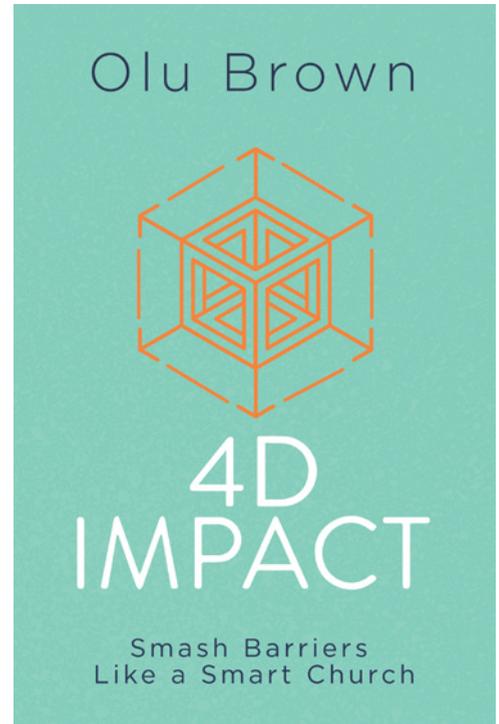
A critical and inspirational look at four aspects of 21st century church ministry: Culture, Hospitality, Worship and Technology.

4D Impact takes a critical and inspirational look at four aspects of 21st century church ministry: Culture, Hospitality, Worship and Technology. Each of these aspects is key for developing vital churches and healthy church leaders. The author uses real life lessons from the 11-year journey of Impact Church, which is currently #5 out of the 100 fastest growing United Methodist congregations in the United States, and examples from churches and the marketplace to inform, equip, and inspire the reader.

4D Impact offers:

- a diagnostic tool in each chapter to determine the current health and status of the reader's church,
- real time inspiration from practitioners who are experiencing health and growth,
- guidance for readers to discern their level of fitness for the church they serve—is the leader/reader well-matched, or mismatched?, and
- guidance for readers to determine if their church has reached a point of irreversible decline.

Olu Brown is founding pastor of Impact Church Atlanta, the one of the fastest growing UM church in the country - 85% growth over five years. He is a frequent speaker at events, especially among young clergy. He is the author of *Leadership Directions from Moses*.



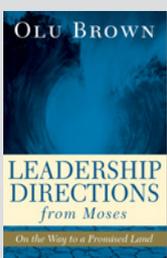
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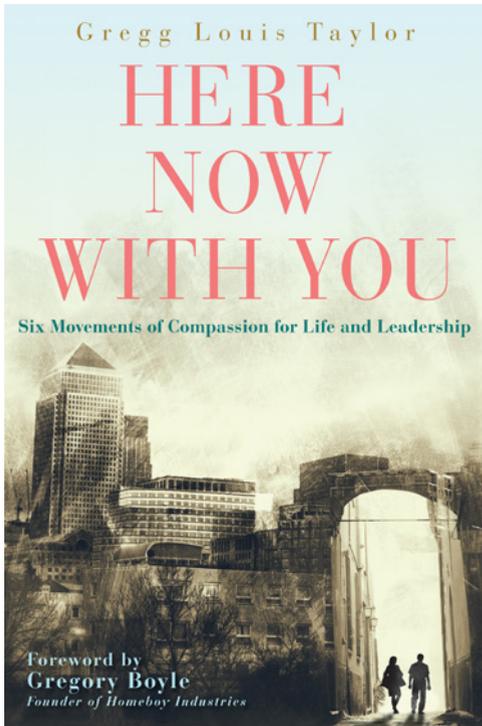
KEY FEATURES

- Practical diagnostic and application tools.
- Each chapter ends with information and inspiration in the following three areas: Reclaim, Rethink, and Regenerate.
- Examples and illustrations are presented in the form of stories, testimonies, and graphics.

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BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN MINISTRY / MISSIONS



KEY FEATURES

- Wrapped in stories of being human and grounded in incarnational spirituality.
- Contextualizes a life of cultivated compassion, which frees us from lofty, spiritualized platitudes by engaging the messy, imperfect world of divine-human, person to person connection.
- Offers an interactive framework which pastors, leaders in faith communities, organizations, and agencies can use within their respective contexts to facilitate meaningful conversations about compassion imagination and application.

HERE, NOW, WITH YOU

Six Movements of Compassion for Life and Leadership

Gregg Louis Taylor

Lead and minister with people on the margins in your community.

The greatest public health crisis is not cancer or heart disease; it is isolation, the U.S. Surgeon General said recently. Families, communities and faith organizations are comprised more of people who suffer being alone and disconnected than of people who find wholeness through healthy, supportive, connection with others. This has profound social implications for individuals, for society, for faith communities, and for those who lead. Compassion is the conduit through which divine to human, and person to person connection flows. “Be compassionate as God is compassionate,” Jesus encourages (Luke 6:36). This sum and substance statement reveals Jesus’ understanding of who God is while inviting us to a restorative way of being the world. Cultivating compassion in experience and practice breaches barriers that divide us, builds bridges of divine and human connection, and emboldens us to imagine for the sake of ourselves and communities the restoration of the world God so loves. Learn to see and be seen with compassion.

Here, Now, with You provides an interactive framework which pastors, leaders in faith communities, organizations, and agencies can use within their respective contexts to facilitate meaningful conversations about compassion, imagination, and application. Each chapter involves an interactive and imaginative process starting with two premises: context is everything, but your context has its uniqueness; and God does nothing outside the context of relationships. These are grounded in theological foundations: God is already present in all situations no matter what, no matter who; every person carries inherent dignity and worth, regardless of beliefs, religion, gender, sexual orientation, skin color, socioeconomic status, life-situation, or even awareness of the Divine DNA within them.

Gregg Louis Taylor is an ordained United Methodist minister with over 30 years’ experience as a pastor and leader in churches, university campuses, and non-profit organizations. Gregg is recognized and sought out as a national leader. As a pastor and community architect with Houston: reVision, he shapes the spiritual and communal infrastructure of this innovative organization which connects the city’s most disconnected youth with caring adults and positive peer relationships. Before reVision, Gregg was the pastor of Mercy Street, a diverse community of faith in Houston which creates a safe harbor of radical grace and hospitality for those who feel on the outside looking in when it comes to all things “God” and “church.” He co-hosts the podcast *Reclaimed: Dialogues on Justice and Kinship* and writes regularly at Meditate-This.org. He is the board president of the National Association for Christian Recovery and a Fellow with Project CURATE (Center for Urban Reconciliation and Theological Education).

CONNECTING FOR A CHANGE

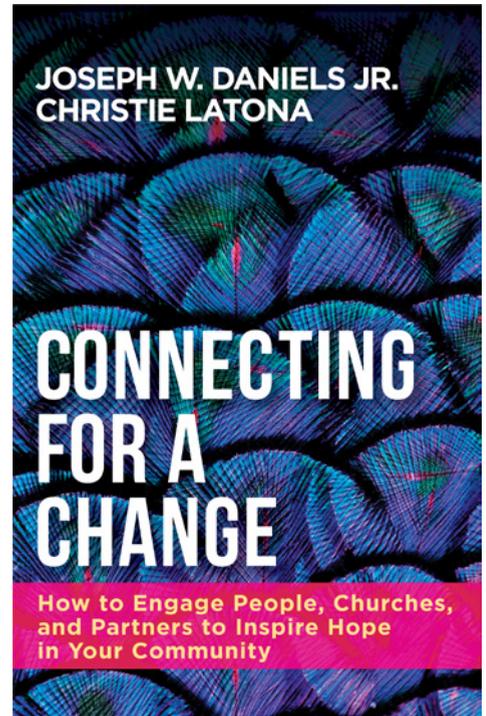
How to Engage People, Churches, and Partners to Inspire Hope in Your Community

Joseph W. Daniels Jr. and Christie Latona

At its simplest, Mission Strategy is about aligning the what, who, how and when with God’s why. Learn to implement Mission Strategy in your community of faith! Church and community relevance and vitality depends on leaders who see their situation through the lens of Mission Strategy. The authors have lived Mission Strategy in a variety of bold ways and have helped others do the same. In doing so, they have created vitality in existing congregations and in newly formed clusters of churches. They have helped create zones of innovation and new ministry development. The sky is the limit when pastors, church leaders, and laity in local churches begin emphasizing Mission Strategy in their conferences, regions, neighborhoods, and churches.

Joseph W. Daniels Jr. is the Lead Pastor of the Emory United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., where he has helped a once dying congregation become a model for church and community transformation. He also serves as Superintendent of the Greater Washington District in the Baltimore Washington Conference. Joe is passionate about helping churches and communities of all types prosper. As a nationally recognized turnaround pastor, Joe has taught, preached and consulted on congregational and community revitalization in other countries as well. He’s previously authored three books, *Walking with Nehemiah*, *Begging for REAL Church* (2009) and *The Power of REAL: Changing Lives, Changing Churches, Changing Communities* (2011).

Christie Latona is the Director of Connectional Ministries, Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. She is known denomination-wide as a trainer, facilitator, and coach for individuals, groups, congregations, and Annual Conferences. Her calling is “to help people love well.”



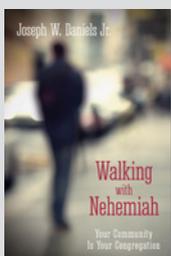
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KEY FEATURES

- Empowers leaders with a foundational understanding of Mission Strategy and its importance for ministry today.
- Practical and systematic teaching from a realistic perspective that understands what leaders need.
- Highly relevant and actionable information.
- Readers will gain both skill and self-assurance.

COMPARABLE TITLES



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 PREACHING



KEY FEATURES

- This short book is written in an engaging conversational style. It also provides practical instruction on using techniques to preach powerful sermons from start to finish.
- The book covers virtually every component to a sermon. From instruction on how to begin with a strong introduction to how to tell a moving story, the book gives readers all the tools they need to preach powerful and unforgettable sermons.
- There are several examples in the book that show the reader exactly how to apply these tools.

SAY SOMETHING!

Simple Ways to Make Your Sermons Matter

Charley Reeb

People looking for a church home value good preaching most of all.

People looking for a church home value good preaching most of all - as shown by a recent Pew Research study.

While tasty coffee, edgy technology, and flashy worship services are effective, if visitors don't hear inspiring sermons they will not come back to your church. The lesson is clear: if you want to attract people to your church you must make preaching your number one priority. Now that's a strategy for church growth! If great preaching is essential to church growth, how does one become a great preacher? This book will show you how.

Charley Reeb shows why so many sermons miss the mark - usually due to design issues, rather than poor content. He introduces six critical characteristics of effective sermons, how to capture the attention of the listener, the best method for having maximum impact with a sermon, and many other helpful ways to be an effective preacher.

Charley Reeb is the Senior Pastor of Johns Creek UMC in Johns Creek, Ga. He teaches homiletics for the Course of Study school at Candler School of Theology, and has served as an adjunct professor of New Testament at Florida Southern College. He often speaks at events and retreats.

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PRACTICING THE PREACHING LIFE

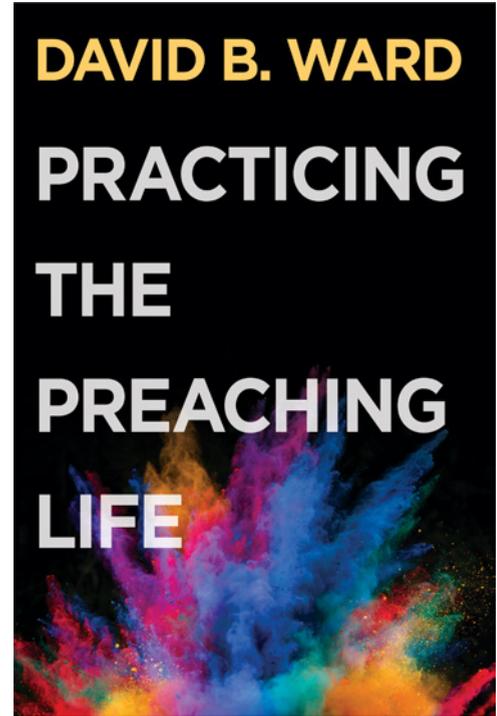
David B. Ward

A holistic view of preaching that paints the way to both good preaching and good living.

Preaching is a way of life that can be beautiful and good; however, it can also be anxious, self-focused, and destructive. Preachers and teachers of preaching need a holistic view of preaching that not only paints the way to good preaching, but also to good living. They need a comprehensive practical theology of preaching that combines the ‘why’ and the ‘what’ with the ‘how’ and ‘whom’ of preaching.

Practicing the Preaching Life unites Christian practices, contextual virtues, and the best of homiletical pedagogy to pave the way to a beautiful preaching life. Preaching is best learned as a formative Christian practice embedded within a web of other Christian practices that form a way of life from which great sermons emerge. Therefore, preaching requires not only a way of speaking well, but also a way of living well. This embedded nature of preaching requires engagement in and commitment to Christian practices in the formation of the preacher and the pursuit of contextual virtues for preaching that avoid cultural relativism on the one hand and cultural imperialism on the other. These requirements lead to a new vision for the preaching classroom, the rhythms of the preaching life, and the definition of what it means to be a good preacher.

David B. Ward is Associate Professor, Homiletics & Practical Theology at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN. He holds a bachelor’s degree with a major in Christian Ministries from Indiana Wesleyan University, an MDiv from Asbury Seminary, and a PhD in Practical Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. Ward is an ordained minister in the Wesleyan Church who has been a part-time pastor, full-time pastor, itinerant preacher, preaching professor, and academic dean. His preaching and teaching are rich with content, alive with humor, and deeply practical. He enjoys every season life brings with his wife Holly, and his three children Ella, Zoe, and Dawson.



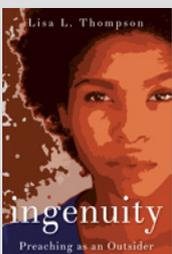
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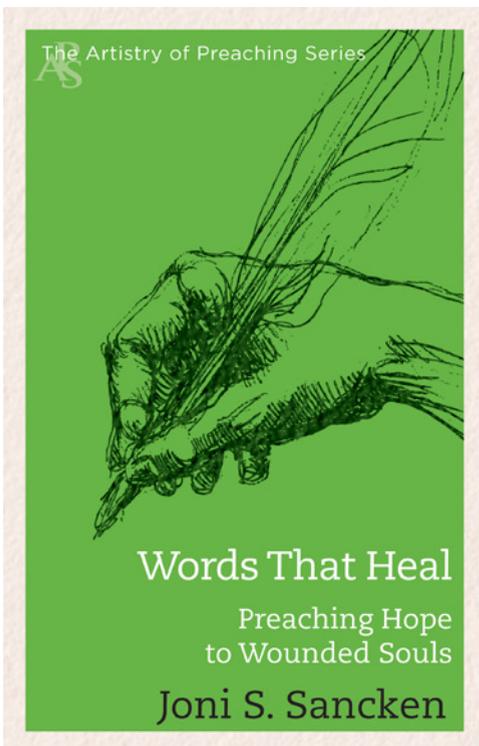
KEY FEATURES

- **Tools for Application:** Appendices include a self-assessment tool; a set of 8 in-depth exercises for building skill and practicing the methods taught in the book; diagrams illustrating the book’s key principles; lists of specific practices for readers to consider adopting in their own lives; and a chart which maps out a weekly sermon planning process.
- **Practical, Immediately Useful Content:** Each chapter is full of concrete instruction with ‘handles’ for the reader to grab onto, making the material easy to absorb and apply.
- **Compassion and Encouragement:** What makes the book most distinctive is its compassionate nature. Readers will be encouraged and inspired, and feel a sense of companionship with the author/teacher and with all the preaching students whose experiences are shared in the book.

COMPARABLE TITLE



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 PREACHING



KEY FEATURES

- Practical instruction on preaching for students and working preachers, in keeping with the standard set by this series (Artistry in Preaching).
- Addresses a universal need--people in every congregation are wounded.
- Instead of approaching the topic through a lens of science, psychology, or a focus on specific groups (ie veterans with PTSD) this book approaches through the lens of the communal acts of preaching and worship.

WORDS THAT HEAL

Preaching Hope to Wounded Souls

Joni S. Sancken

Preaching can encourage connections to foster healing for wounded souls.

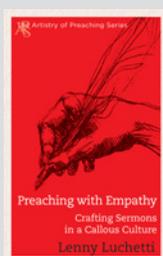
Soul wounds are pervasive in our world, with a range of origins and characteristics. The field of trauma theory provides tools to unpack the dynamics associated with these wounds.

Preaching with empathy for wounded souls can help with healing. Using the stories of wounded biblical figures is helpful, as is addressing the wounds that have been caused by the church.

The book showcases worship practices, sermons and ministries that are actively engaged in supporting healing for those with wounded souls.

Joni S. Sancken is Associate Professor of Homiletics at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. She is interested in theological and contextual issues in preaching. She is the author of *Stumbling Over the Cross: Preaching the Cross and Resurrection Today* (Cascade, 2016). Joni is an ordained pastor in Mennonite Church USA and served congregations in Indiana and Pennsylvania and completed level one STAR training (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience) through the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University in 2017. She lives in Oakwood, OH with her pastor husband Steve Schumm and children Maggie and Theodore.

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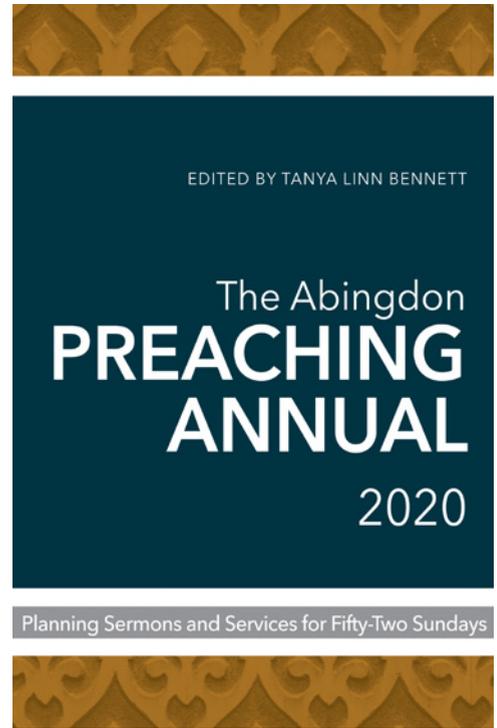
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Tanya Linn Bennett is a commissioned elder in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference currently serving as assistant pastor for youth and worship at Chatham United Methodist Church and director of the chapel and special programs at Drew Theological School. She is a PhD candidate at Caspersen Graduate School of Drew University.

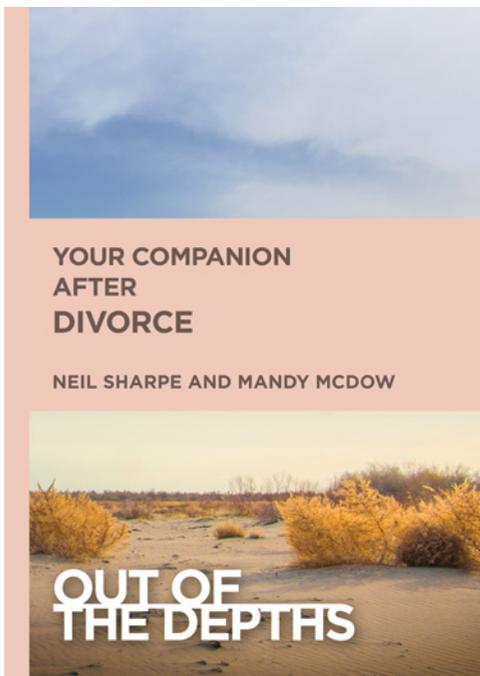


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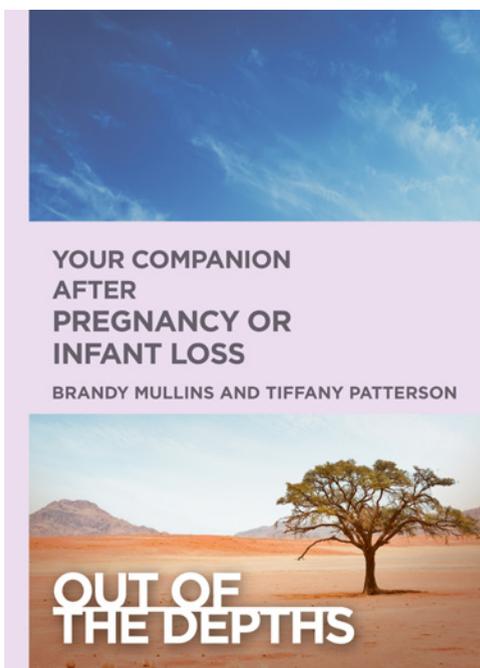
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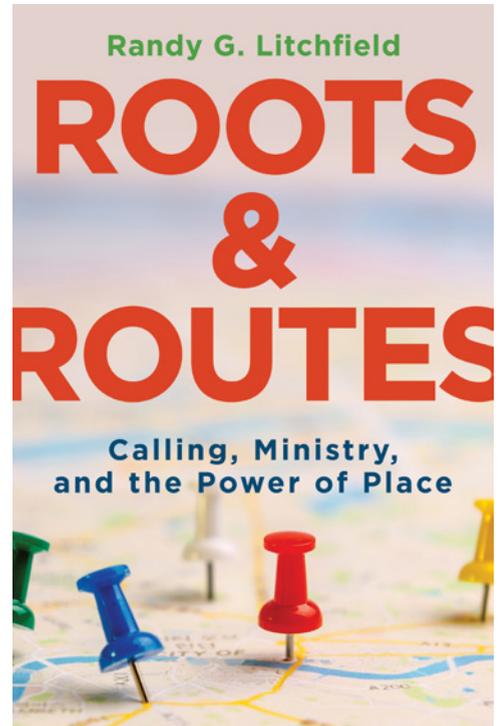
Randy G. Litchfield

Why do so many pastors and leaders in seminary and local church ministry feel confused, dissatisfied, or, strangely enough, like they've missed their calling?

Randy Litchfield's fresh look at the perennial question of vocation combines theological reflection on the development of personal spiritual identity with a thoughtful look at the significant dimension of place – how the realities of our contexts call for particular responses to vocation in specific times and places.

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Randy G. Litchfield is the Browning Professor of Christian Education at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. His experience as both an engineer in the corporate world and theological educator gives him a unique background for addressing vocation and place. Dr. Litchfield served five years as Academic Dean at MTSO and helps form graduate and Course of Study students for a variety of lay and ordained ministries through courses on education, practical theology, place, and leadership.



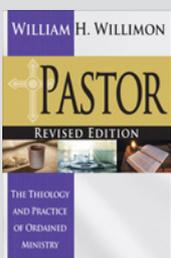
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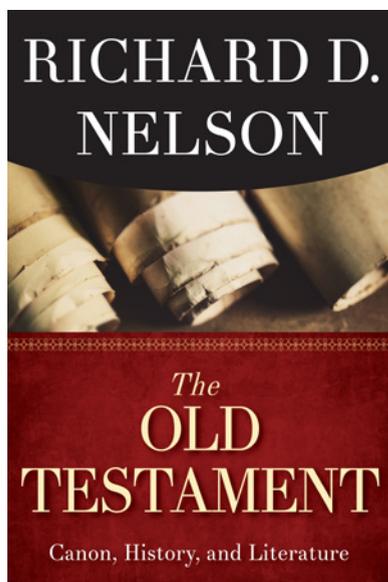
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- Links the work of discerning partnership with God's ongoing work in the world (vocation) with the concrete places where that work occurs.
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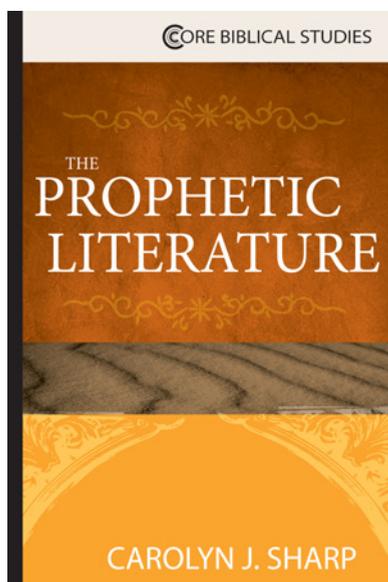
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Richard D. Nelson is professor emeritus of Biblical Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. He is the author of nine books on biblical themes, including *The Historical Books* (Abingdon Press, 1998).



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Carolyn J. Sharp is Professor of Homiletics at Yale Divinity School. She is a member of the Academy of Homiletics, the Society of Biblical Literature, and the Society of Biblical Theologians. An Episcopal priest, she preaches regularly at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church in New Haven.

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Worship Planning Resources
for Every Sunday of the Year
Mary Scifres and B.J. Beu

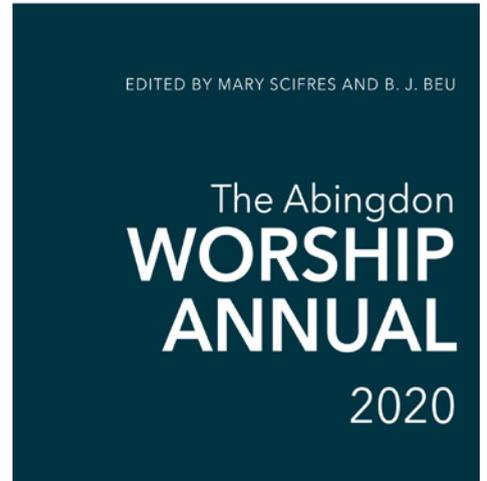
The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020 (AWA 2020) offers fresh worship planning resources for all who plan and implement weekly worship. Worship leaders “need to offer prayers, prepare an order of worship, select music, and even prepare a sermon. Into that weekly task, we offer this resource to strengthen your ability to lead creatively and prepare consistently.” Liturgies and prayers are also included for New Year’s Day, Ascension Day, All Saints Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Eve.

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- Sending Forth

Mary Scifres is a United Methodist pastor, teacher, and consultant who inspires and equips twenty-first-century leaders in creative worship, church growth, visioning, and strategic planning. She is co-author of *The United Methodist Music and Worship Planner* and its ecumenical counterpart, *Prepare!*, and author of the worship evangelism book *Searching for Seekers*. A graduate of Boston University, she holds both the Master of Divinity and Master of Sacred Music degrees. Mary lives in Laguna Beach, California.

B. J. Beu has served churches in the United Church of Christ for the past twenty years. Beyond his work on this resource, he has contributed sermons to *The Abingdon Preaching Annual*, developed and led worship services for his conference’s Annual Gathering, and served on the worship team for the UCC’s General Synod in 2013. A graduate of Boston University and Pacific Lutheran University, he is passionate about creative worship, preaching, and advocating for peace and justice. B. J. lives in Laguna Beach, California.



Worship Planning Resources for Every Sunday of the Year



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David L. Bone and Mary Scifres

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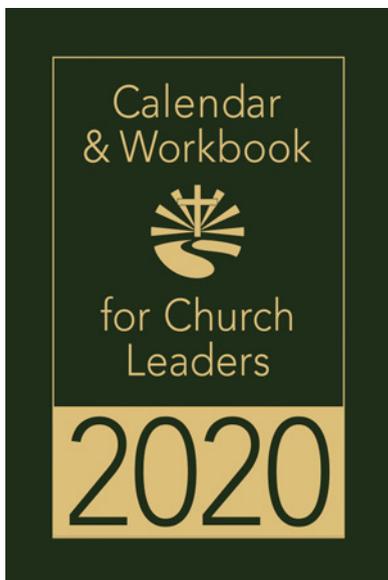
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9781501869242	Younger Elementary Student Handbook (Grades 1-3) (Pkg of 6) *	\$17.99
9781501869259	Older Elementary Student Handbook (Grades 4-6) (Pkg of 6) *	\$17.99
9781501869846	Teen Student Handbook *	\$4.99
9781501869891	Adult Student Handbook	\$6.99
9781501870293	Church Kids Comic Book (Pkg of 6) *	\$13.99

Recognition & Outreach

9781501869945	Invitation Postcard (Pkg of 24) *	\$4.99
9781501869952	Promo Poster *	\$3.99
9781501869969	Leader Certificates (Pkg of 12) *	\$3.99
9781501869976	Student Certificates (Pkg of 24) *	\$4.99
9781501869983	Iron-On Transfers (Pkg of 12) *	\$6.99
9781501870002	Outdoor Banner	\$29.99
9781426797552	Nametag Holders (Pkg of 12) *	\$14.99
9781501870262	Nametags (Pkg of 24) *	\$3.99

Decorating & Crafts

9781501870309	Bicycle Keychain (Pkg of 12) *	\$9.99
9781501870316	By Faith Compass (Pkg of 12) *	\$6.99
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9781501880049	Praise the Lord Preschool Puzzle (Pkg of 12) *	\$11.99
9781501869990	Decorating & Publicity Poster Pak	\$15.99
9781501870279	Decorating Mural - 72" x 72"	\$29.99
9781501870019	Activity Sticker Sheets (Pkg of 12) *	\$6.99

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LEARNING TO USE MY BIBLE STUDENT GUIDE

Learning to Use My Bible provides opportunities for kids ages 7-9 to acquire and practice skills that will help them understand how to use the Bible, feel comfortable using the Bible, and build a foundation for studying the Bible.

Interior Samples

SESSION 1

What Is the Bible?

The Bible is a unique collection of books filled with stories of God's love. The sixty-six books in the Bible tell about God. These books show us what God is like and how we can know and follow God's teachings. God inspired people to write down the Bible stories and God's teachings, and God inspires us today to read and understand those stories and teachings. Through history and still today, God's Word changes people's lives.

A long time ago there weren't any written Bible stories, so they were passed on by word of mouth from generation to generation. But long before Jesus was born, people began writing down the stories and teachings found in the Old Testament in their own language.

The stories and teachings in the New Testament were also passed down for years before they were written. Many of the letters we were written in the twenty-five years after Jesus' death and resurrection. Later people started writing down the stories and teachings of Jesus in the Greek language. We call these books the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The Bible is like a library. Each book has its own name and place in the Bible library. The Bible is divided into two main parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament. You will find thirty-nine books in the Old Testament and twenty-seven books in the New Testament. The books include different kinds of writings, such as God's instructions, history, songs or poems, stories about the life of Jesus, and letters to individuals or churches.

The Old Testament covers a period of several thousand years, and it tells the story of Israel. It is called the Hebrew Bible with some additions. The New Testament covers a period of about one hundred years. It talks about Jesus and the people who helped to start the church at the beginning of the Christian church. The sixty-six books of the Bible are divided into general divisions based on their content: Law, History, Poetry, Prophecy, Gospels, Letters, and Prophecy.

God's Word was important to the people living in Bible times and continues to be important today. As we read the Bible, we learn more about God's love for all people. God showed us how to live and gave us the gift of people by sending Jesus to the Savior of the world. During his life on earth, Jesus gave us an example of how to live our lives and follow God's ways.

Supplies

- Bible(s)
- Plastic grocery bag
- Yarn: 1 skein each of black, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple
- Scissors
- Tray of sand
- Pencils, colored pencils, markers
- Tape

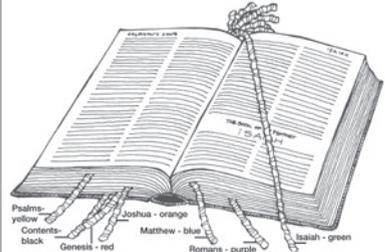
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LEARNING ACTIVITY / SESSION 1

Rainbow Bookmark

Use a rainbow bookmark to mark your Bible.

- Use the black yarn to mark Genesis, the first book of Law in your Bible.
- Use the red yarn to mark Exodus, the first book of History in your Bible.
- Use the orange yarn to mark Joshua, the first book of History in your Bible.
- Use the yellow yarn to mark Psalms, the second book of Poetry in your Bible.
- Use the green yarn to mark Isaiah, the first book of Prophecy in your Bible.
- Use the blue yarn to mark Matthew, the first Gospel book in your Bible.
- Use the purple yarn to mark Romans, the first Letter book in your Bible.



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Leader Guide

Student Guide

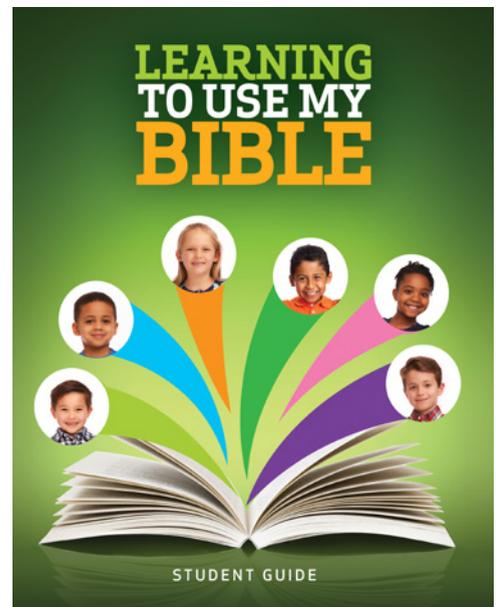
Leader Guide		9781501874253	\$11.99
Class Pack		9781501874260	\$14.99

FINDING YOUR WAY THROUGH THE BIBLE - CEB VERSION (REVISED)

This self-instruction book was written to help middle and older elementary children become familiar with their Bibles and learn how to use them at their own speed.

Finding Your Way Through the Bible is intended to be used with the Children's Common English Bible at home or in the classroom. Students completing this book will be able to:

- Find any book in the Old or New Testaments using the Table of Contents.
- Find any chapter in any book and any verse in any chapter.
- Find parts of verses when the Bible reference uses the letters a, b, and c with a verse number.
- Tell the difference between books with similar names such as 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel and John and 1 John.
- Recognize the additional helps in a Bible and be able to use them.

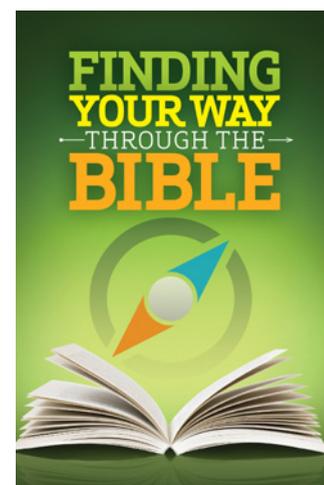


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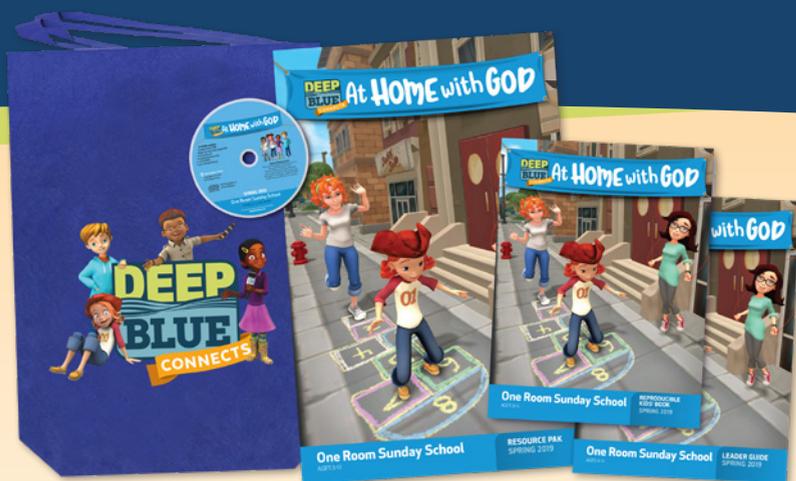
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ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

An all-in-one resource for children ages 3–12. Works perfectly as a small-group Sunday school option for varying ages or as a midweek program.

One Room Sunday School Kit | \$79.99

Spring 2019 | 9781501863288 | Available January 15, 2019
 Summer 2019 | 9781501863721 | April 16, 2019

One Room Sunday School Extra Leader Guide | \$17.99

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 Summer 2019 | 9781501863745 | April 16, 2019



LARGE GROUP/ SMALL GROUP



Children gather in large groups for the Bible story, music, and movement, then break into age-level small groups to dig deeper and apply the story to their daily lives. Perfect for Sunday school, children's church, and midweek sessions.

Large Group/Small Group Kit | \$114.99

Spring 2019 | 9781501863363 | Available January 15, 2019
 Summer 2019 | 9781501863479 | April 16, 2019



ADVENTURE DVD

Today's media-savvy kids will be hooked by these engaging, animated videos! Each video segment tells a Bible story through the kids' point of view. There are also music videos and Bible story quizzes for even more fun! For ages 3-10.

Adventure DVD | \$29.99

Spring 2019 | 9781501861413 | Available January 15, 2019
 Summer 2019 | 9781501861420 | April 16, 2019



NAVIGATE LEADER GUIDE

A Bible Study Companion for Adults Who Care For Children

This quarterly curriculum resource is for parents and other adults who minister to and with children. It follows the scope and sequence of *Deep Blue Connects: At Home with God* children's curriculum. Participants will study each Bible story and then explore questions and ideas that will equip them to have faith conversations with the children in their care.

Leader Guide | \$13.99

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 Summer 2019 | 9781501864766 | April 16, 2019



KIDS CHURCH

Deep Blue Kids Church provides you with all-inclusive quarterly Leader Guides that will help you host your own weekly kids' church. Each lesson is divided into four sections that are designed to last up to 15 minutes, and may be customized to fit your needs. The four sections are: Invite Them In, Into the Bible, Into Worship, and Extended Time.

Each month, the lessons focus on a new family theme such as, "Jesus' Family," "We Are Family," and "Families Are Different." Every lesson includes a worship practice component, a reproducible, and a Bible story that corresponds to a session on the optional *Deep Blue Kids Adventure DVD*.

Kids Church | \$14.99

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DEEP BLUE NURSERY

CLASS KIT

- Includes an interactive poster, Bible storytelling figures, Bible verse posters, Bible songs, puzzles, games, matching cards, a quarterly attendance chart, and other visual and kinesthetic activities.

LEADER GUIDE

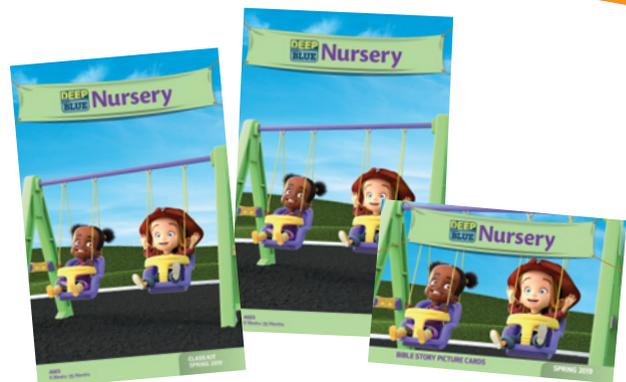
- Help children learn the Bible through movement, songs, art activities, and more!

BIBLE STORY PICTURE CARDS

- A colorful card for children to take home each week.

Deep Blue Nursery Class Kit | \$24.99

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 Summer 2019 | 9781501863462 | April 16, 2019



Deep Blue Nursery Leader Guide | \$11.99

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 Summer 2019 | 9781501863431 | April 16, 2019

Deep Blue Nursery Bible Story Picture Cards | \$6.99

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We recognize the challenges churches face in engaging high school teens in deeper faith formation. Made up of five 4-week studies, *Canvas* will captivate your students as they experience and explore the theological beliefs and foundational concepts that ground their faith.

By working together to learn from history, tradition, and the Bible, students will uncover a portrait of God that will be an inspirational foundation to their own journey.

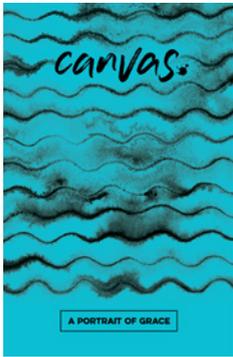
This undated resource is designed to empower students to lead the lessons themselves, thus drawing students to not only learn about their faith, but put it into practice by serving and teaching others.

Flexible to use as a continuation of confirmation, a small group resource, or student leadership resource. *Canvas* will inspire your students to paint the picture of their faith.

KEY FEATURES

- Perfect Study for High School Students.
- Versatile Study, great for Midweek, Small Groups, and Mission Trips.
- 5 studies, 4 weeks each.
- Undated Resource.
- Focus on student leadership.
- Dives deep into Theology.

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A PORTRAIT OF GRACE

Students will experience what it means to be people who are covered with God’s grace. They will immerse themselves in the grace of God, explore what the Bible says, and then explore how the church has experienced and lived in God’s grace through the centuries.

Student Guide		9781501859175	\$9.99	Available Now
Leader Guide		9781501859182	\$12.99	Available Now



A PORTRAIT OF GOD

Students will begin an adventure to encounter God and learn more about who God is and how God has been revealed both in the Bible and throughout history.

Student Guide		9781501859205	\$9.99	Available Now
Leader Guide		9781501859212	\$12.99	Available Now



A PORTRAIT OF JESUS

Students will explore the power of the resurrection, Jesus’ role in creation, and why it is so important that Jesus became human and lived among us.

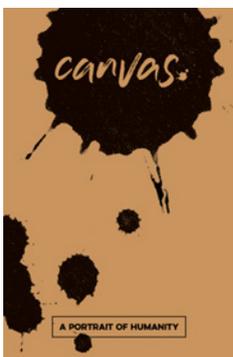
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A PORTRAIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Students will begin to understand the important role that the Holy Spirit plays in the Christian life every day. Your teens will examine the coming of the Spirit in Acts, discuss the ways the Church has experienced and talked about the Spirit throughout the centuries, and reflect on the experience of the Spirit that they have had in their own lives.

Student Guide		9781501859441	\$9.99	Available Now
Leader Guide		9781501859458	\$12.99	Available Now



A PORTRAIT OF HUMANITY

Students will unpack what it means for humans to be made in the image of God, how that image has been distorted by our sinful nature, and why God continues to offer us a path back to redemption.

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Leader Guide		9781501859489	\$12.99	Available Now

Affirm

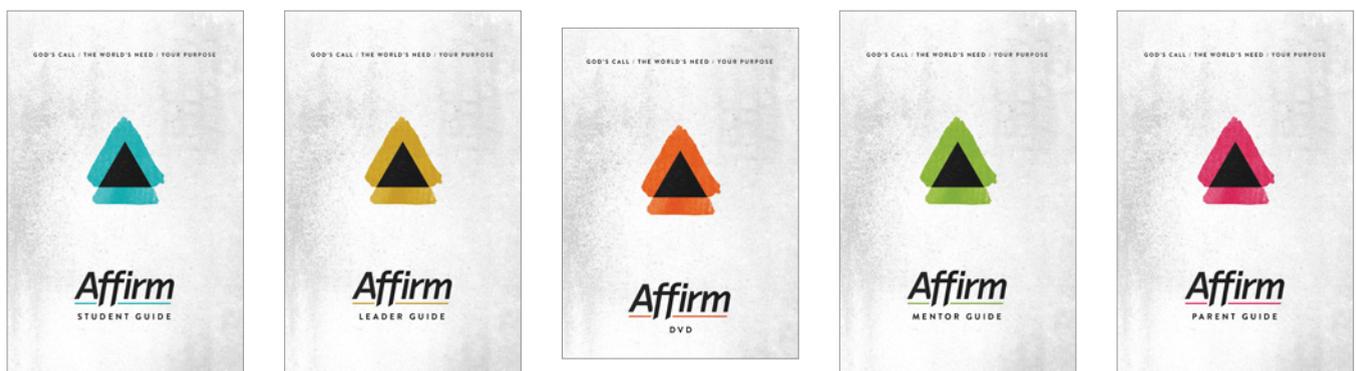
GOD'S CALL || THE WORLD'S NEED || YOUR PURPOSE

Affirm is a 6-week discipleship resource. With an emphasis on following Jesus and spiritual practices *Affirm* is great for a youth group series, a small group study, or for a weekend retreat. It provides leaders with the tools to enlist the support of their church and parents to help students grow stronger and go deeper with their relationship with Christ.

While teenagers may have a basic understanding of what it means to be a Christian, they still need help to let their faith develop as it deepens and strengthens.

Affirm was written with this challenge in mind, as a discipleship resource for youth leaders to guide their teens through the transition phase of their faith journey. Through *Affirm*, teens will learn about and put into practice the following truths:

- They are called to be both disciples and disciple makers.
- They can experience deeper faith alongside their church family.
- They should talk about what they believe and why.
- Faith can be practiced in their everyday lives.



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KEY FEATURES

- Flipped classroom experience.
- Enables teens to articulate what they believe and why.
- Helps your students understand and practice deeper connection with their church family.
- Calls teens to reflect on their faith commitment in new and practical ways.
- Can be used as a post confirmation resource.

Student Guide		9781501867729	\$12.99
Leader Guide		9781501867736	\$16.99
DVD		9781501867750	\$32.99
Mentor Guide		9781501867767	\$7.99
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BUILDING PEOPLE

Social-Emotional Learning for Kids, Families, Schools, and Communities

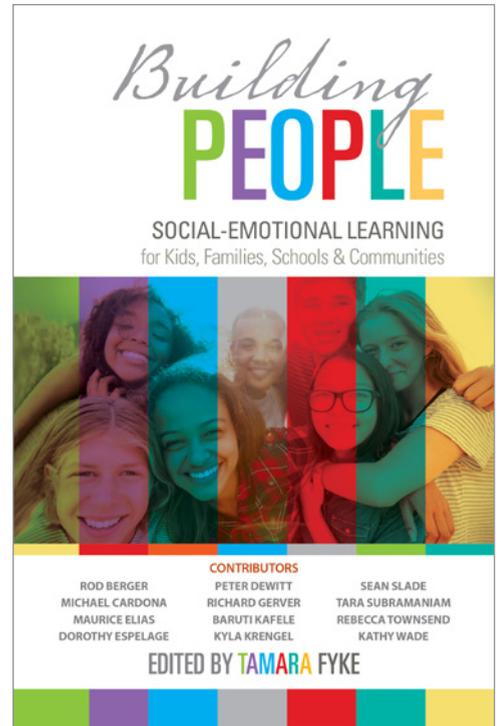
Tamara Fyke

Building People: Social-Emotional Learning for Kids, Families, Schools and Communities brings together a dozen wide-ranging perspectives on social-emotional learning (SEL) to present a comprehensive picture of the SEL landscape in schools and communities and provide action steps for educators, families, and leaders. This book's contributors represent a diverse group of nationally and internationally renowned researchers, practitioners, and thought leaders whose collective body of work addresses multiple facets of SEL and its successful implementation in numerous relevant contexts. All stakeholders—from those who work in a school or district to families or other community leaders—will gain a better understanding of SEL and what it looks like in practice through this book. You will discover applicable ways to improve SEL wherever you live and work.

Chapters and Contributors:

- Guiding Research-Based Practices into the SEL 2.0 Era by Maurice Elias
- Establishing SEL Practices to Drive Long-term Success by Dorothy Espelage
- Providing Well-Rounded Support to Fulfill the Promise of Education by Sean Slade
- Making Yourself an Advantage for your Students by Baruti Kafele
- Creating an Inclusive School Climate by Peter DeWitt
- Amplifying Student Voice for Impact by Tara Subramaniam
- Helping Kids Turn Dreams into Aspirations by Richard Gerver
- Addressing Students' Need to Succeed in a Diverse District by Michael Cardona
- Implementing District-wide SEL with Intentionality by Kyla Krengel
- Strengthening Connections to Improve Mental Health by Rebecca Townsend
- Gaining Whole-Community Buy-In for SEL by Kathy Wade

Tamara Fyke is a creative entrepreneur with a passion for kids, families, and urban communities, and is the creator, author, and brand manager for Love In A Big World. In her early days, Tamara worked as a substitute teacher in Metro Nashville Public Schools. She transitioned to leading community programs as well as in-school support services, program development, and research. Tamara received her master's degree in education from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College of Education and Human Development and worked at Vanderbilt's Center for Safe & Supportive Schools providing professional development, coaching, and consulting for principals and teachers for issues related to safety and climate. Tamara lives in Nashville, Tennessee, and is the proud mother of three adopted children.



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BISAC: EDUCATION / GENERAL / GENERAL



KEY FEATURES

- Get a detailed look at how SEL is currently practiced in schools and communities and how perspectives have evolved over time.
- Gain insight into how kids are harmed when there is no proactive, defined approach to SEL.
- Learn about the teaching practices and supports coming to the forefront that will help educators, families, and other leaders better meet the needs of kids.
- Benefit from effective strategies for making SEL a practical reality in all learning environments.

FATHOM

A deeper dive into understanding the key themes and storylines of the Bible.

FATHOM creates space and tension for teens to wrestle with how to interpret and experience the Bible covering the Old and New Testaments in 18 4-session studies. Lessons are a blend of narrative and traditional theological approaches to understanding the Bible story. Each lesson focuses on one passage launching into the larger context of God's story and how that story is meant to be theirs. *Fathom* is suitable for groups with middle schoolers, high schoolers and provides activities specific to each age group, as well as activities for mixed groups allowing older youth leadership opportunities.



Because of *Fathom* our students are engaging with Scripture and the Biblical narrative in ways we've never seen before. Their journal entries are reflective and unveil deep insights that they've previously not explored. *Fathom* has been a game-changer for our student ministry, and I'm excited to continue watching our students engage through the next several studies!
-Kayla Eastman, Director of Youth Ministries

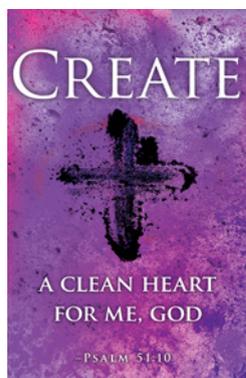
My students love it, they feel challenged, enlightened, and love learning about the Bible in a whole new way! Thank you Youth Ministry Partners for writing such an amazing study!
-Virginia Brown, Director of Child & Youth Ministries

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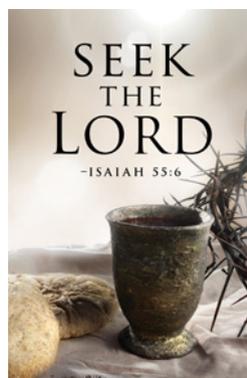
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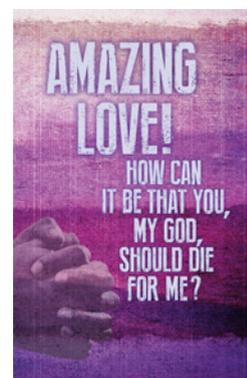
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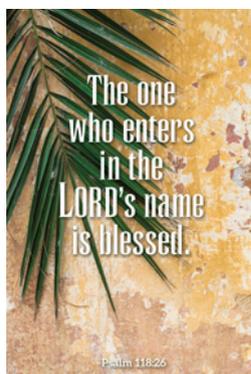
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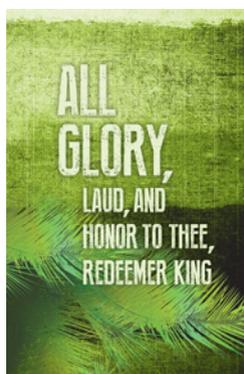
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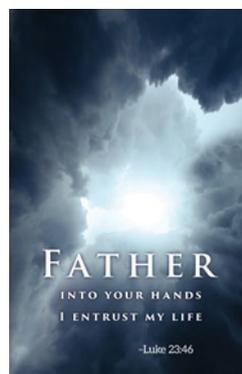
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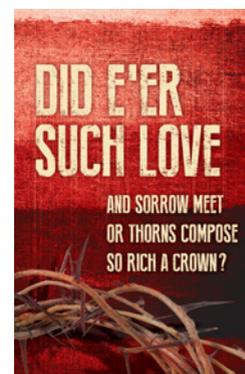
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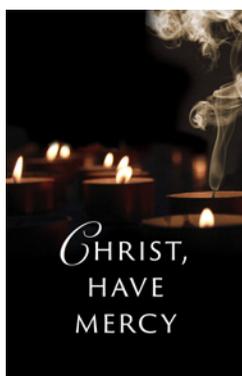
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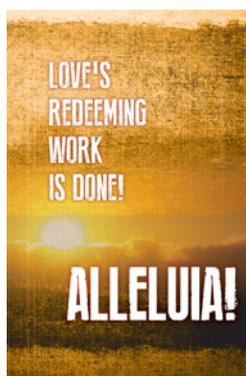
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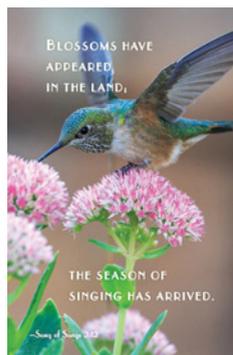
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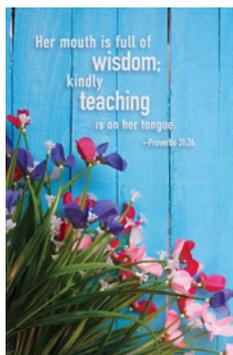
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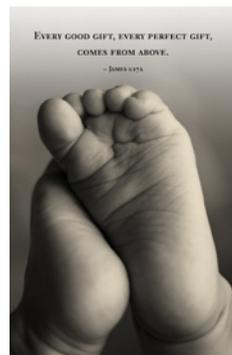
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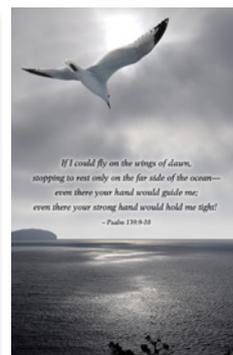
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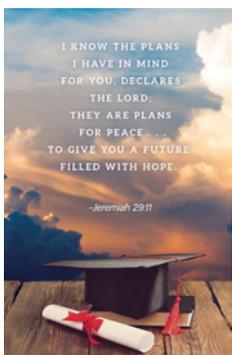
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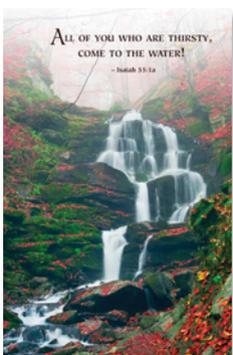
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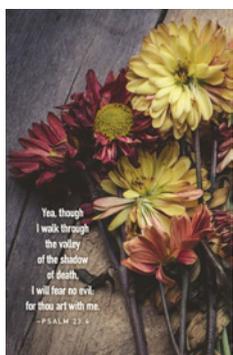
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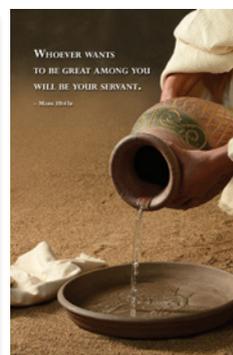
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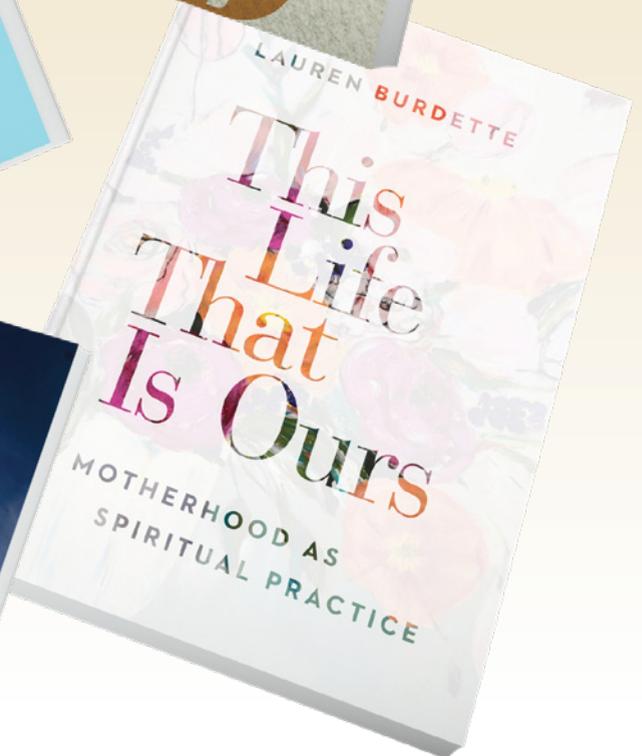
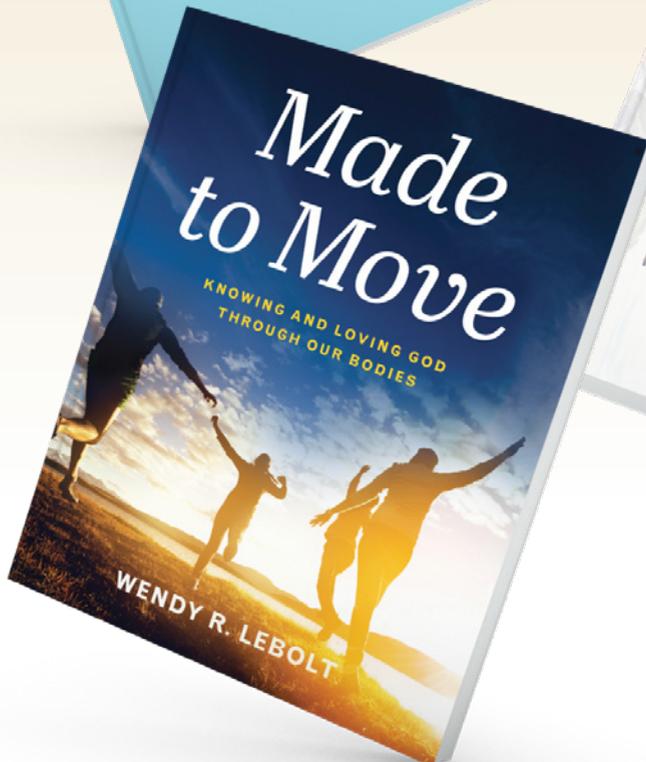
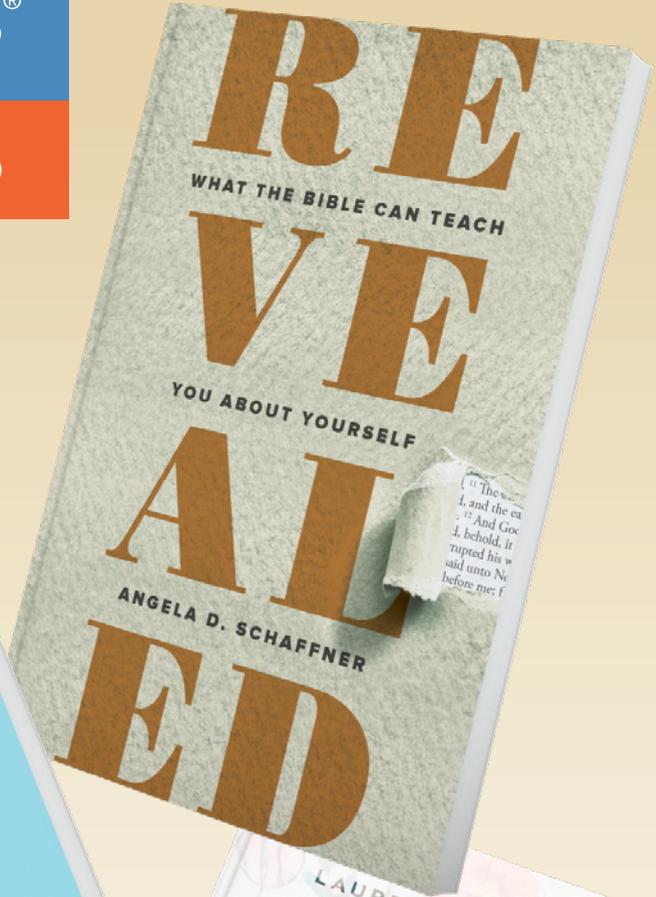
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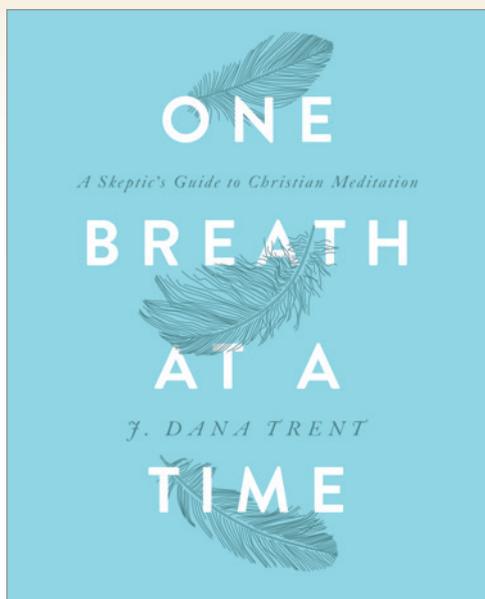


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KEY FEATURES

- Provides a scriptural, theological, and scientific case for Christian meditation
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- An appendix of meditation tips (scripture, quotations, and ideas)

A 40-day guide to beginning a Christian meditation practice

ONE BREATH AT A TIME

A Skeptic's Guide to Christian Meditation

J. Dana Trent

In secular mainstream America, meditation has become as ubiquitous as yoga. (Americans spend an estimated \$2.5 billion annually on yoga instruction.) But how does meditation fit into Christianity, and how does it differ from prayer?

One Breath at a Time: A Skeptic's Guide to Christian Meditation reframes meditation for those who are skeptical because (1) they doubt their ability to be still and quiet and (2) they doubt the validity of meditation as a Christian spiritual practice. Using scripture, theology, and examples from the early church, this book challenges Christians' prayer habits that leave little room for enough silence to experience and listen for God.

Using five approaches—breath meditation, *lectio divina*, centering meditation, loving-kindness meditation, and devotional meditation—*One Breath at a Time* provides a practical, 40-day guide to beginning and sustaining a Christian meditation practice in an often chaotic world.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

J. Dana Trent is the author of *For Sabbath's Sake* and *Saffron Cross*. She is on the humanities faculty at Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, NC. Dana travels widely, speaking on sabbath as a time of rest, worship, and community; Christian meditation; and fostering interfaith conversation and community. She holds a Master of Divinity from Duke University Divinity School and a bachelor's degree in French and history from Salem College.

See yourself more clearly by experiencing stories in scripture.

REVEALED

What the Bible Can Teach You About Yourself

Angela D. Schaffner

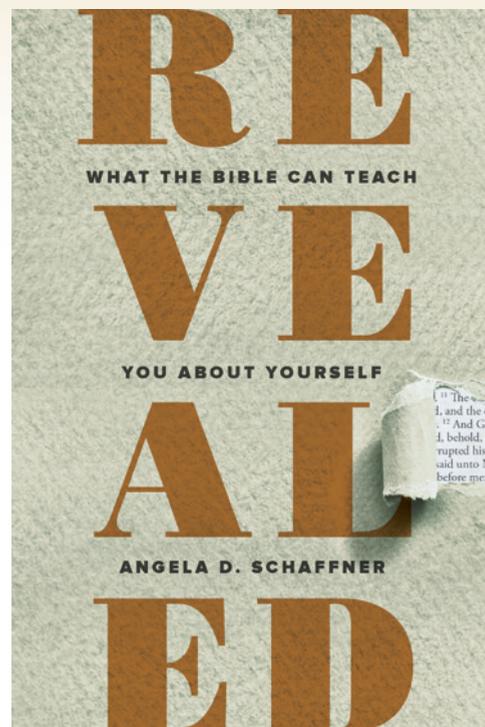
Revealed: What the Bible Can Teach You About Yourself presents a unique look at a familiar cast of biblical characters through the eyes of a psychologist. While weaving in her personal story of healing, Schaffner uses her professional background to expertly highlight themes of seeking simplicity, finding purpose, and navigating painful and emotional experiences.

Comprised of compelling, relatable stories, *Revealed* makes the Bible come alive to readers in a personal and meaningful way. Through an in-depth look at the hearts of well-known biblical characters, Schaffner explores ways readers can relate to these cherished stories in their own spiritual lives, acknowledging that everyone shares the common experiences of being pulled toward external measures such as wealth, achievement, and affirmation from others.

The author challenges readers to face the reality of their hearts and begin an inward journey of renewal, listening for God's voice in unlikely places—and through unlikely people. Readers will see themselves more clearly through the lens of scripture and ultimately experience deeper self-awareness and spiritual growth.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Angela Schaffner, PhD, is a licensed counseling psychologist and eating disorders specialist with over 12 years of experience at the Atlanta Center for Eating Disorders. Schaffner earned her doctorate from Ball State University in Indiana and is an adjunct professor in Mercer University's Clinical Medical Psychology program. She has published articles in professional journals such as *Eating Disorders: Journal of Treatment and Prevention* and is a presenter at national conferences across the United States.



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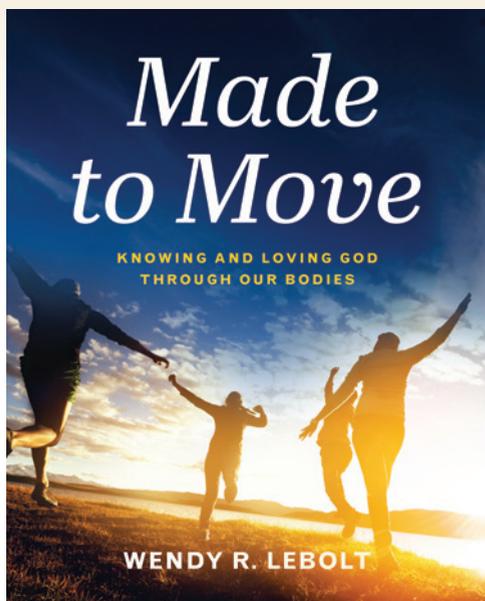


TARGET AUDIENCE

- Women and men seeking deeper levels of spiritual and psychological awareness as they grow in faith
- People seeking clarity in the midst of painful circumstances
- Small-group leaders looking for a 6-week Bible study

KEY FEATURES

- Compelling, relatable stories that make the Bible come alive
- Written from the perspective of a psychologist—offers an in-depth, unique take on biblical characters and on our struggles to grow stronger spiritually and emotionally
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- Includes a Leader's Guide for small groups



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TARGET AUDIENCE

- Christians of all denominations seeking a new and tangible way to draw closer to God
- Parents and grandparents who want to do devotions with their entire family, including young children
- Youth, children's, and adult small-group leaders seeking resources to help others grow in faith
- Mature Christians for whom Bible study has traditionally been a mental exercise; this book offers physical reinforcement and a personal reminder that God is with them
- Seekers looking for active ways to feel a connection to God through their bodies

KEY FEATURES

- 6-week study with readings for each day of the week
- Scripture-based
- Intergenerational readings and activities
- Leader's Guide
- Links to online videos for use in individual or small-group settings

Embrace the gift of your body as a way to experience God's presence.

MADE TO MOVE

Knowing and Loving God Through Our Bodies

Wendy R. LeBolt

God created our muscles to move, and yet Psalm 46:10 calls us to "be still" and know that God is God. Can't we also know God and soak up God's love when our bodies are in motion?

Coach, trainer, soccer mom, and Christ follower Wendy R. LeBolt stayed still just long enough to write *Made to Move* to remind us that we are also called to know God when our bodies are not quiet and still. "My human body is one way God convinces me that God is real," LeBolt writes. "God is made physical in my day-to-day life."

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Through daily prayer, meditations, and physical activities, *Made to Move* helps individuals and group participants see the masterpiece God made each of us to be. Let's do more than go through the motions of having a relationship with God; let's put our faith, our prayer lives, and our love for God in motion. Indeed, God made us to move.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Wendy LeBolt is the founder of Fit2Finish and provides education on fitness for injury prevention, specializing in youth athletes. An exercise physiologist in private practice, Wendy holds a PhD in cardiovascular physiology from the Medical College of Virginia, a Master of Education in exercise science from George Washington University, and a Bachelor of Science in biology from The College of William and Mary.

Meditations on the extraordinary and mundane moments of motherhood

THIS LIFE THAT IS OURS

Motherhood as Spiritual Practice

Lauren Burdette

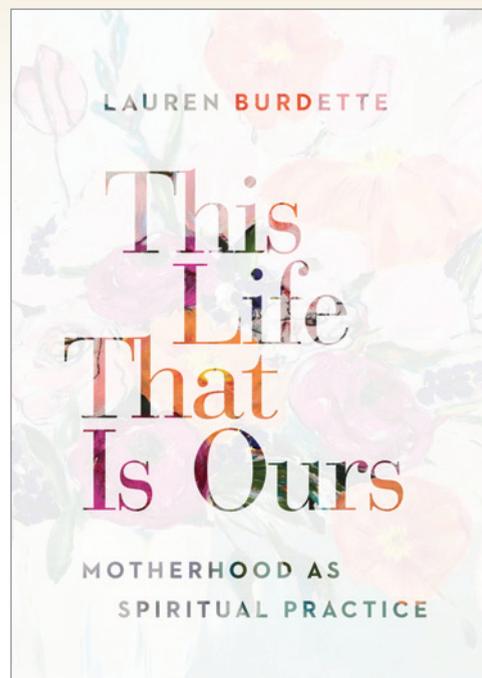
This Life That Is Ours offers 40 gentle meditations with guidance for reflection on the spiritual journey of motherhood. These practical, soul-affirming meditations nurture a mother's heart and spiritual life in a season fraught with overwhelm, exhaustion, and loss of identity. Through the lens of Burdette's real-life stories, the reader is invited to ponder her experience and to contemplate where God might be present.

This book is divided into three sections. Reflections in the first section, "Becoming a Mother," explore the dynamics of being a new mother and the whirlwind experience of those early months and years. The second section, "Becoming Yourself," considers what it means to return home to yourself—to begin to find your identity again, both within the realm of motherhood and outside of it. The third section, "Becoming Holy," names the holy paradoxes of motherhood—the ways it can be both extraordinary and mundane, both gift and sacrifice—ultimately deepening one's experience of the holiness of motherhood.

This Life That Is Ours includes an introduction, a preparatory guide for the reflective journey, a closing spiritual practice, and a conclusion. This book can be used in communities of mom groups, intergenerational groups of women, or spouse groups and would make a great gift for new mothers and mothers-to-be.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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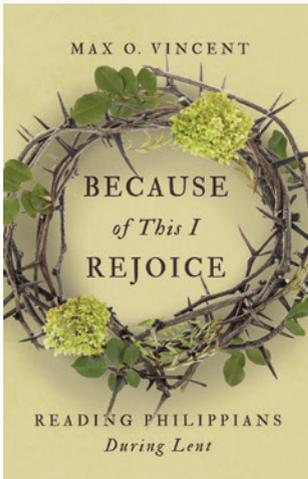
TARGET AUDIENCE

- Christian mothers of young children
- Mothers who long for spiritual connection and community
- Groups of moms, intergenerational groups of women, or spouse groups

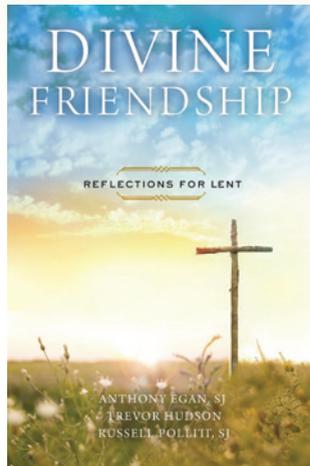
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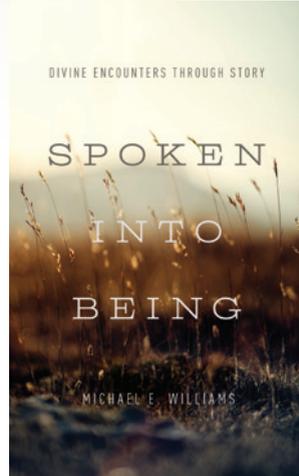
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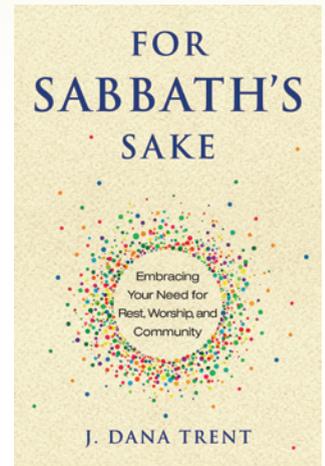
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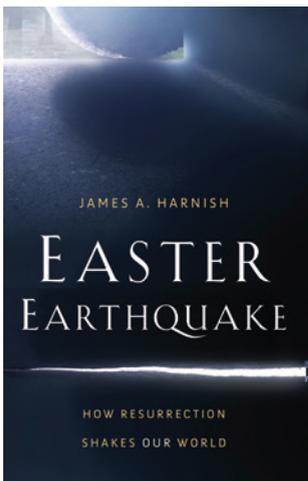
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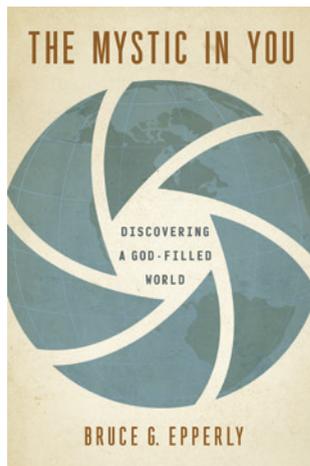
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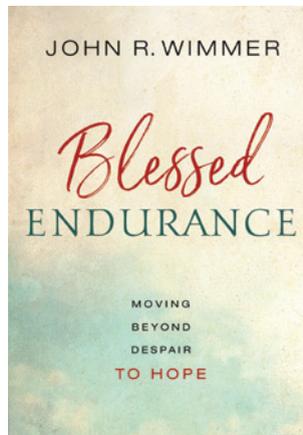
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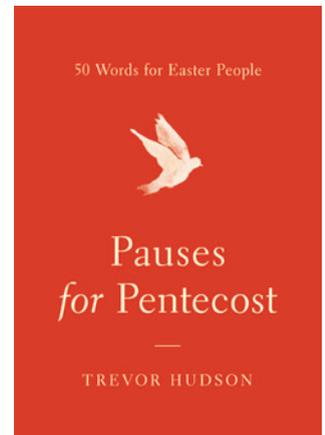
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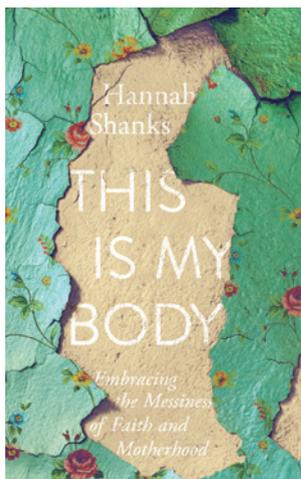
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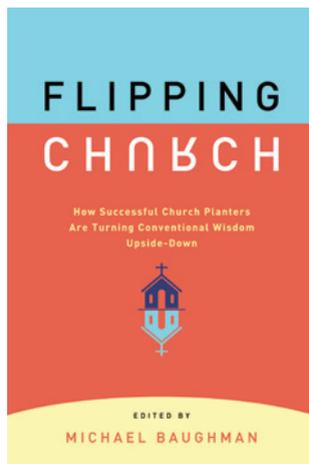
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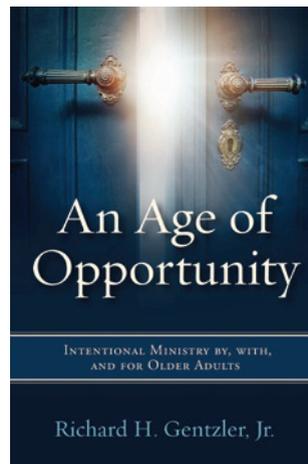
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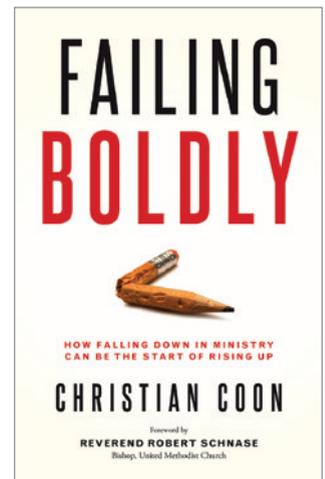
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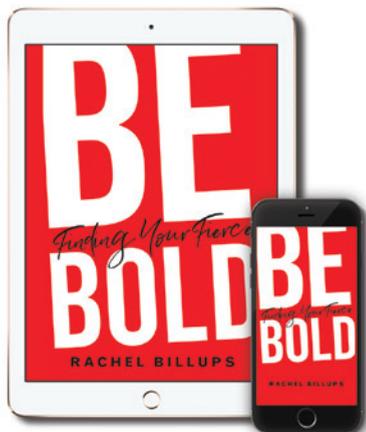
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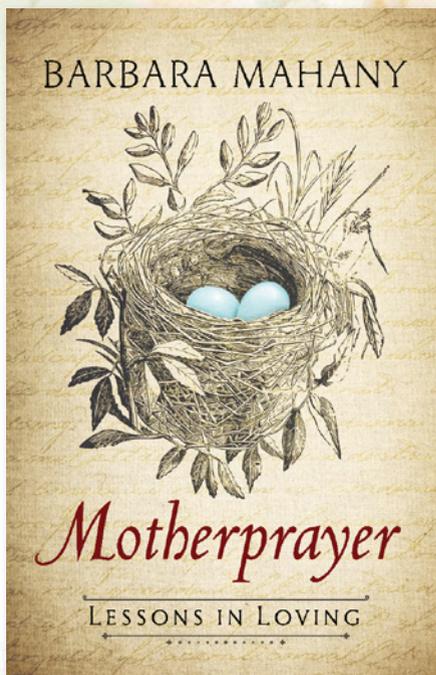
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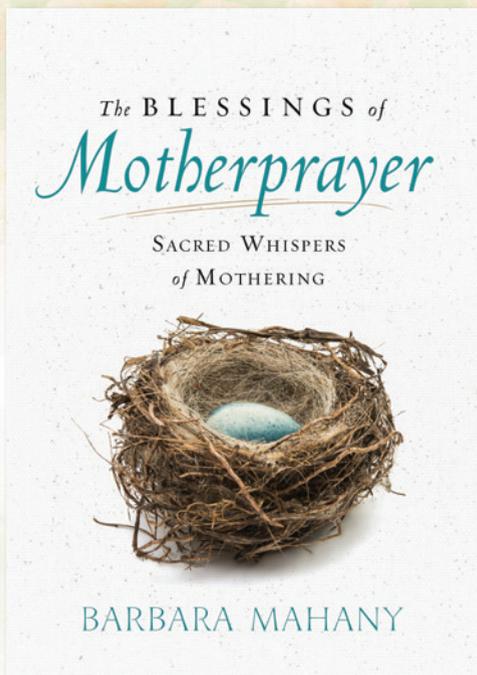
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