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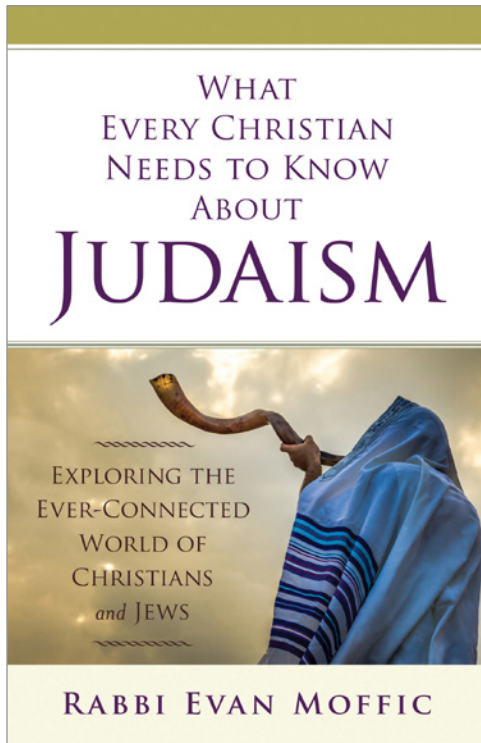
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CHRISTIAN LIVING
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BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIANITY / GENERAL



“My hope is that these teachings can serve as a way of fostering bonds focused not on the past and the troubled history between Jews and Christians, but rather one looking forward to a future in which we share wisdom with one another.”

– Rabbi Evan Moffic

KEY FEATURES

- A popular rabbi explores Jewish wisdom and traditions for Christian readers.
- Topics explored include: Jewish texts, spiritual life, holidays and events, and others.
- Highlights intersections of the Jewish and Christian faith that give deeper meaning to reading the Bible.

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT JUDAISM

Exploring the Ever-Connected World of Christians and Jews

Rabbi Evan Moffic

Explore the wisdom and traditions of the Jewish faith and examine what they mean for Christians.

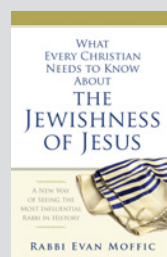
When Christians learn about Jewish tradition and history, they see the Bible and the life of Jesus with a new and enriched perspective. Knowing more about Judaism brings them closer to Jesus because Jesus lived and died as a Jew and consistently quoted the Jewish scripture and stories.

In this book Evan Moffic, popular rabbi, author, and guide to Jewish wisdom for people of all faiths, continues the *What Every Christian Needs to Know About* series with an exploration of the wisdom and traditions of Judaism. Rabbi Moffic provides answers to hundreds of questions he receives about Judaism to provide a deeper understanding of the roots shared by Christians and Jews.

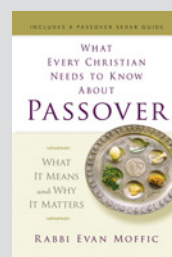
Through this book’s explorations, readers will learn insights of the great Jewish sages to live a richer and more meaningful life, soak up the wisdom and traditions of Judaism, and a develop closer relationship with God.

Rabbi Evan Moffic is a guide to Jewish wisdom for people of all faiths. A graduate of Stanford University, he is the spiritual leader of Congregation Solel on the North Shore of Chicago. He has been featured in the *Chicago Tribune*, *The Washington Post*, *The Forward*, and *Christianity Today*, and appears regularly as a religious commentator on Fox News and CNN. He is an active blogger/vlogger who has contributed to sites such as Beliefnet.com, Huffingtonpost.com, and MichaelHyatt.com. Through his speaking events, he brings new understanding of the Jewish heritage to churches of varied denominations and beliefs. Moffic is the author of several books including *What Every Christian Needs to Know About the Jewishness of Jesus*, *What Every Christian Needs to Know About Passover*, *First the Jews*, and *Shalom for the Heart*. You can learn more and see dozens of videos unpacking biblical texts and Jewish insight at www.rabbi.me.

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RECLAIMING CHURCH

A Call to Action for Religious Rejects

J.J. Warren

Hope and belonging for every Christian.

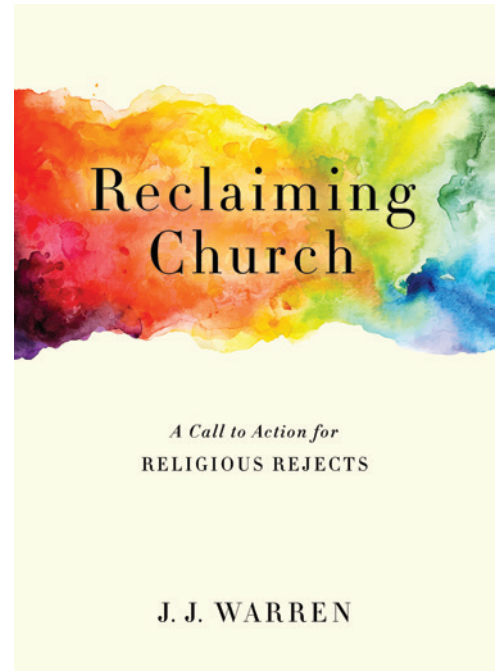
In *Reclaiming Church*, J.J. Warren continues his call to reaffirm the church be welcoming to all, including young people like those he led at Sarah Lawrence College who “didn’t know God could love them because their churches said God didn’t.”

The book addresses three points of importance to young people looking to be part of a church community, and a call:

1. The identity and nature of God
2. The role of Scripture in discerning God’s call
3. The author’s own experience of God, church, and identity

In the final chapter, “We Are the Church,” Warren focuses on practical and positive steps for joining voices, being heard, building bridges, and working together for young people to reclaim church in their lives.

J.J. Warren is a seminary student at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. While attending Sarah Lawrence College for his undergraduate degree in writing, he founded a progressive Christian community on his campus, leading the Young Adult Ministries Team of the Upper NY Conference. Warren’s impassioned speech for inclusion and unity at the Special Session of the General Conference of The UMC in February 2019 was featured by international news groups including the Huffington Post, NBC, the French web news service Brut, and more. His summer 2019 speaking tour, “Forward Together,” visited more than 10 cities across the United States.



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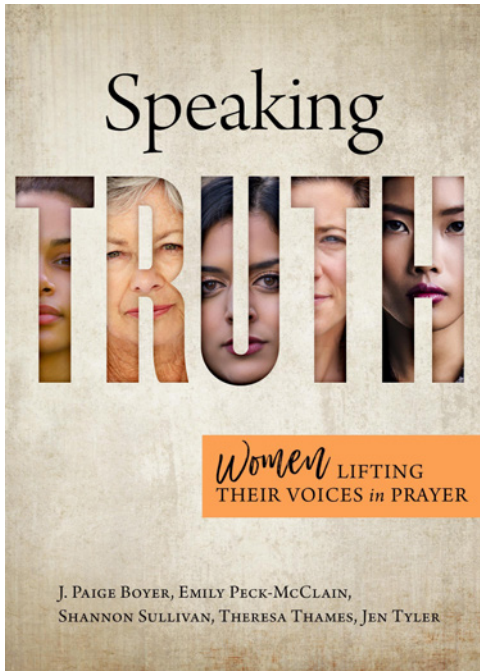
Size: 5 x 7 **Pages:** 96

BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / SOCIAL ISSUES



KEY FEATURES

- Affirms to the LGBTQ community and those who love them that the church is for all.
- Inspires younger progressive people to stay within the church and work to renew the call of ministry.
- Explores the church’s beginnings and emphasis on community.
- Calls readers to focus on practical and positive steps to reclaim church in their lives.



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Paperback **ISBN:** 9781501898341

Size: 5 x 7 **Pages:** 256

BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / DEVOTIONAL



KEY FEATURES

- Provides inspirational writings by women for women to face the societal challenges specific to today.
- Includes prayers, devotions, scriptures, and inspirational quotes for special challenges.
- Encourages women supporting, advocating, and praying for other women.

SPEAKING TRUTH

Women Lifting Their Voices in Prayer

Edited by J. Paige Boyer, Emily Peck-McClain,
Shannon Sullivan, Theresa Thames, and Jen Tyler

Be guided by faith to work together to bring down injustices.

Women are fierce and fed-up, and they have been joining hands together for the purposes of societal change for as long as there has been injustice. Women of faith are guided by the Holy Spirit to work together to bring down these injustices, to build on the foundation Christ laid for the beloved community of God on earth.

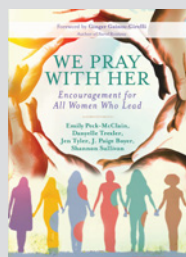
This book is women joining together to speak and act in new ways in response to the increasing challenges of our day. This book offers to all women the sustenance needed to face blatant racism, bigotry, sexism, heterosexism, and xenophobia in the world and in the church. The writers of *Speaking Truth* greet these challenges knowing that the Good News of Jesus Christ is bigger than any societal ill and that God has called us to play a part in God's work of transformation.

When we pray together and act together, we claim a new vision for how things can be - a vision God gives us through Scripture. We can support both ourselves and other women as we learn to find and claim our voices and end the silences imposed upon us.

About the Authors:

The writers of the We Pray With Her collective are clergywomen and deacons serving all over the United States, from upstate New York to the West Coast to Atlanta to rural North Dakota. They lead in a variety of ministerial roles in the local church, chaplaincy, academia, and more. Formed in 2016 as a private Facebook group, they committed to pray for United Methodist presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, and they continue today to share prayers and devotions with each other in support of women in leadership. Through this work, they invite readers to join in supporting women who lead in all walks of life - with prayers, through mentoring, and through daily acts of solidarity with the women in their own lives. The current editorial board includes J. Paige Boyer, Emily Peck-McClain, Shannon Sullivan, Theresa Thames, and Jen Tyler.

ALSO BY THESE AUTHORS



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WANDERING INTO GRACE

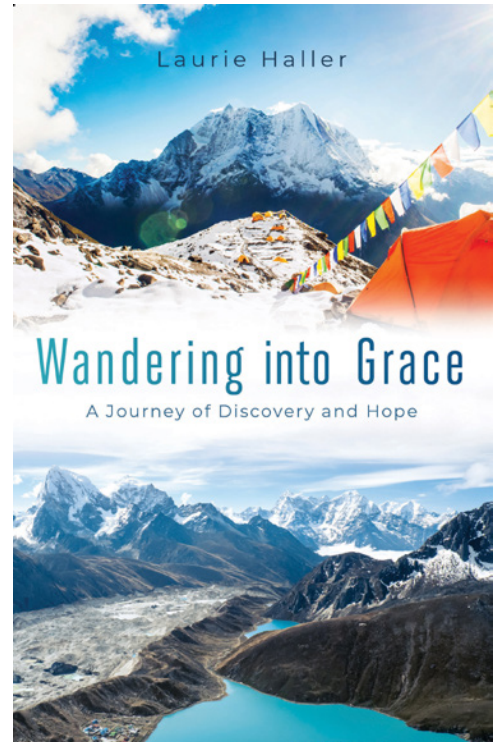
A Journey of Discovery and Hope

Laurie Haller

Learn life lessons to wander into grace as a way of life.

In *Wandering into Grace*, Bishop Laurie Haller explores “wandering” as a way of life. Through the narrative of her 2018 trekking trip in Nepal, Haller shares her adventures alongside lessons for navigating difficult issues with grace, learning to adapt in a changing world, leading calmly, using collective wisdom to solve problems, serving others out of love, and the value of rest in order to be fruitful in the long haul. Through Haller’s examination of experiences wandering high on the mountain, she encourages readers to look to God as the creator, sustainer, and original wanderer who leads and guards their life story.

Bishop Laurie Haller serves as the Resident Bishop of the Iowa Area in the North Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church. She was elected as a bishop at the 2016 North Central Jurisdictional Conference. Prior to her election, she served in the Michigan area since 1982. Bishop Haller received a Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. She also received a Master of Music degree in organ performance from the Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and School of Music, and a Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School. Bishop Haller is a prolific writer whose essays and articles have appeared in the *Michigan Christian Advocate*, *Worship Arts*, *United Methodist Reporter*, *Ministry Matters*, *UM Insight*, the *United Methodist News Service Daily Digest*, *MICconnect*, and *Faith in Action*. Bishop Haller is married to Rev. Gary Haller, senior pastor at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham, Michigan. They have three children and two grandchildren.



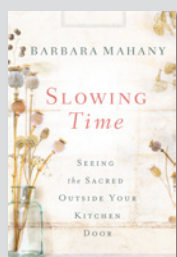
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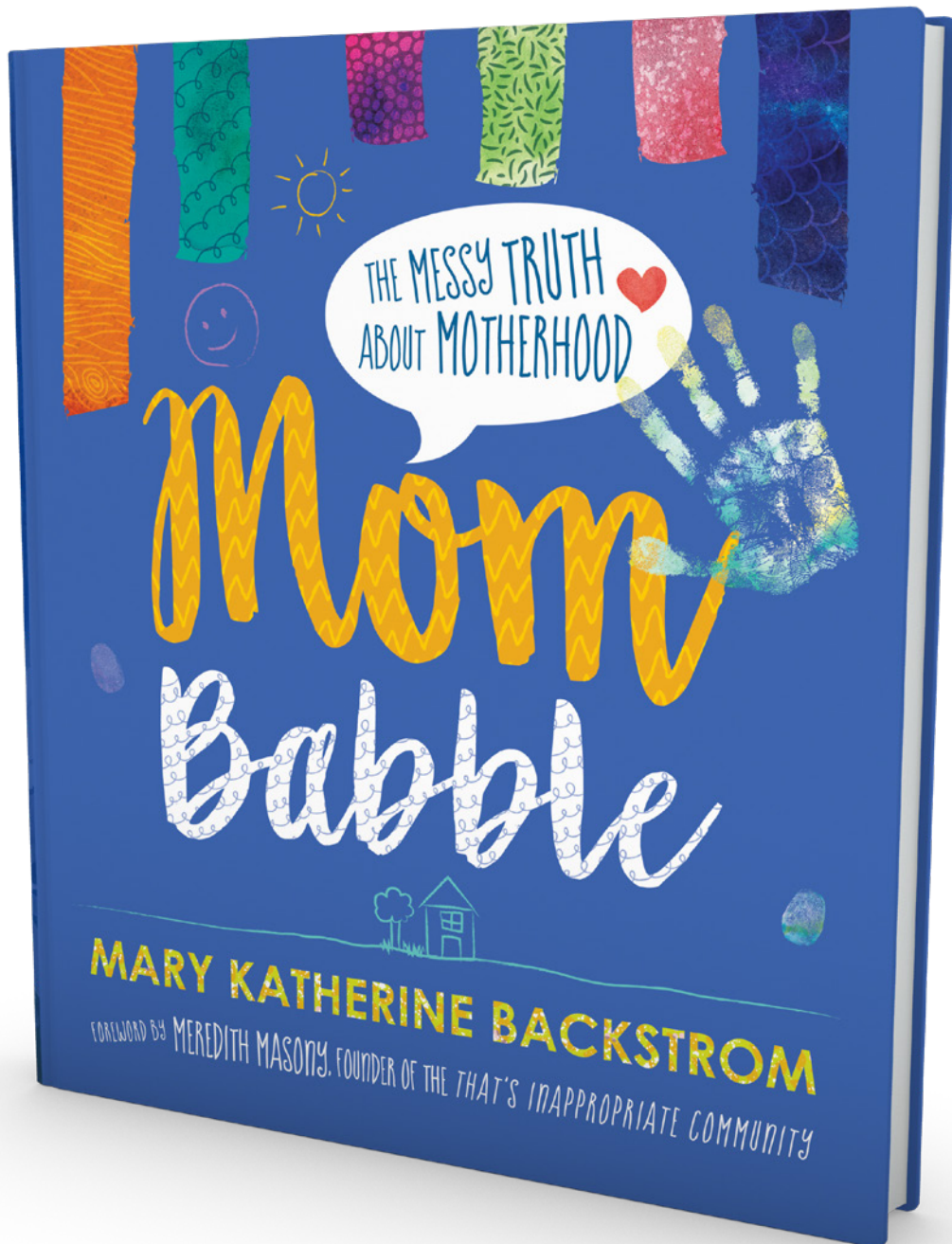
KEY FEATURES

- Author shares her story of discovery and hope on the high Himalayan trails of Nepal.
- Readers learn life lessons through the lens of the author’s “wanderings.”
- Chapters explore six spiritual disciplines, waiting, negotiating, sustenance, loss, rebuilding, and rest.

COMPARABLE TITLES



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MOM BABBLE

The Messy Truth About Motherhood

Mary Katherine Backstrom

Hope, humor, and spiritual inspiration to families in the trenches of parenthood from the founder of Mom Babble.

Mary Katherine Backstrom spends her days mending boobos, conquering the boogie man, comforting heartaches, laughing at knock-knock jokes, cooking pancakes, throwing baseballs, and mopping muddy floors. In other words she spends her days relishing in the beautiful, constant noise that is a life with children.

In *Mom Babble* Mary Katherine (MK) Backstrom, founder and personality behind the Mom Babble online community, offers up hope, humor, and spiritual inspiration to families in the trenches of parenthood. With laughter, crying, and eye-rolls MK's, oh so, real essays about raising littles will delight all the not perfect, not always holy, not completely normal, messy, honest and wonderful moms that read them. MK's conversational approach connects with readers like dear friends cozied up on a coffee date.

"I love how honest and relatable Mary Katherine is in her writing. When an author is raw, it is easy to make a connection to their work."

– Meredith Masony, Founder of That's Inappropriate

"One of Facebook's funniest parents!"

– Today Show Parenting Team

KEY FEATURES

- Features funny and relatable personal essays.
- Expands on Backstrom's already popular Mom Babble community posts and stories.
- Includes a forward by Meredith Masony, founder of That's Inappropriate and That's Inappropriate Parents online communities with nearly 1 million followers across multiple channels.
- Makes a great gift for mothers.
- Grain embossed hardcover with ribbon.

Mary Katherine (MK) Backstrom is an essayist, viral blogger, founder and personality behind Mom Babble, a growing community of 200,000 followers. The Mom Babble social media pages boast more than 20 million views, and she has been awarded *The Today Show* Iris Award. Dealing both candor and inspiration, MK has become a well-known presence in the parenting blogosphere. Her publications include *The Today Show*, *Washington Post*, *Yahoo.com*, and *Scary Mommy*. MK is married to her college sweetheart (Ian), and they currently reside in sunny Florida with their son (Ben), daughter (Holland), and two golden retrievers.

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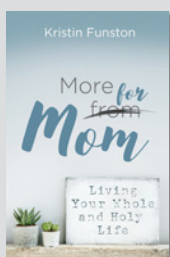
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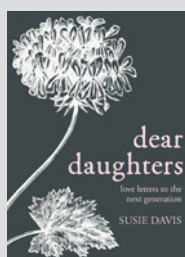
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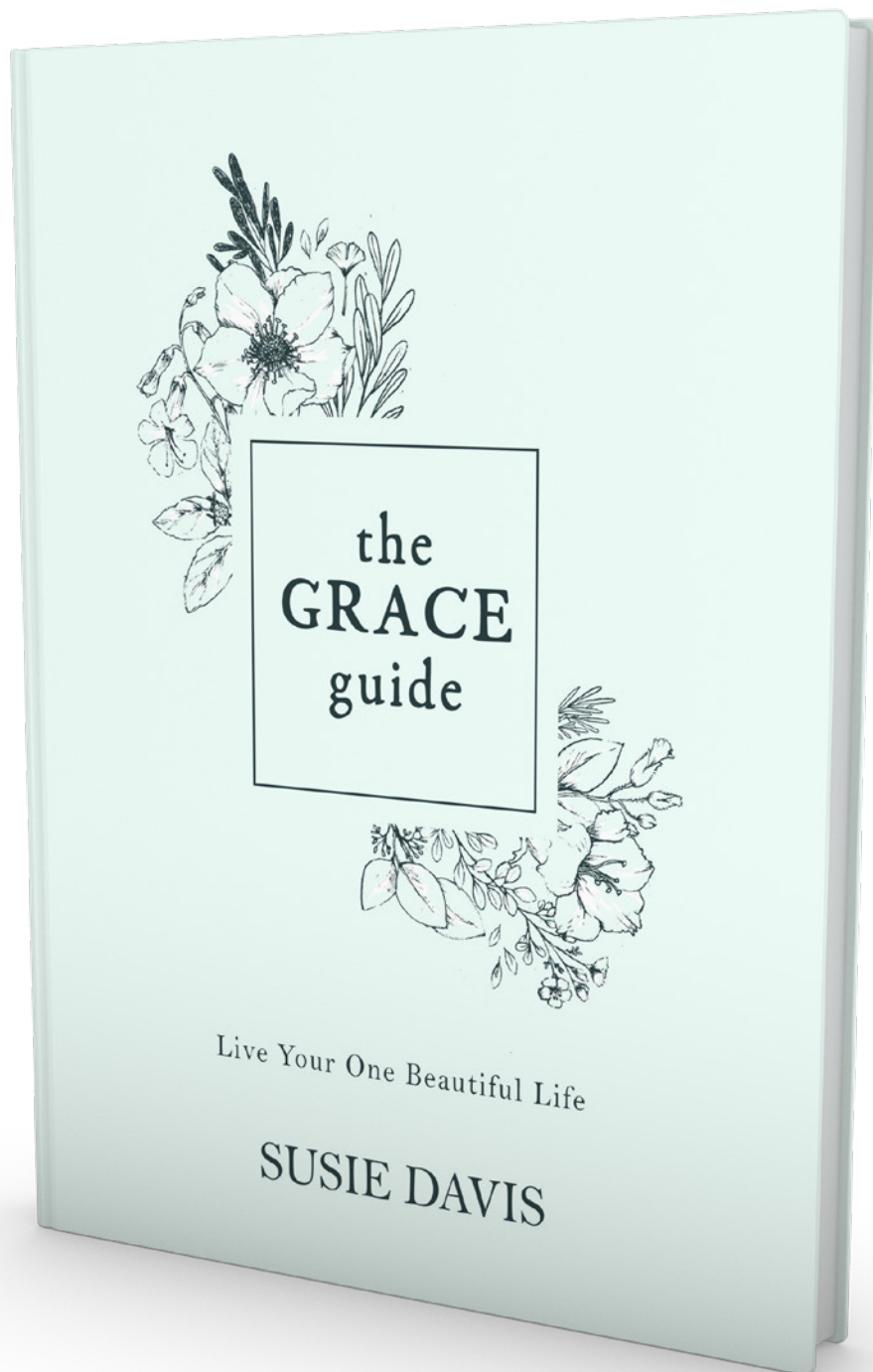
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THE GRACE GUIDE

Live Your One Beautiful Life

Susie Davis

A guide for extending God's grace to yourself and others.

What would you like to say to your younger self?

- That God loves you.
- To love the woman you are becoming.
- To not be so hard on yourself and others.

With *The Grace Guide*, Susie Davis invites readers to experience the grace upon grace God has for their life. It is a spiritual guide for women to grow in the Lord by reflecting on memories both joyful and hurtful with challenges like writing a letter to your younger self, questions of self-examination, and prayers to consider how God showed up for them in special times.

The Grace Guide shows readers how to love themselves like their good Father has always loved them and how to live their one beautiful life.

KEY FEATURES

- Includes a challenge to write a letter to your younger self.
- Offers spiritual guidance to learn to extend grace to yourself and others.
- Makes a great women's gift.
- Linen hardcover with ribbon and O-wrap.

Susie Davis is an author, speaker and co-founder of Austin Christian Fellowship. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Will Davis, Jr., and they have three delightful young adult children (Will III, Emily, and Sara) who are all married and living their own beautiful life. Susie's podcast, *Dear Daughters*, is full of wisdom and joy, offering women young and old the kind of comfort and companionship they crave. Aside from family and ministry, Susie is hopelessly addicted to horseback riding, McDonald's coffee, and pink geraniums. She loves bird watching, creek walking, and connecting the dots between God and nature. Her favorites include cooking, gathering people at her big French farm table, and asking deep questions. Visit her website: www.susiedavis.org.

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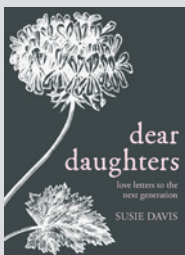
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KEY FEATURES

- Features one hundred inspirational devotions.
- Encourages women to rest and reflect in order to be their best self and grow in their love for the Lord.
- Makes a great women's gift.
- Third title in a popular devotional series.
- Padded hardcover with a ribbon.

FINDING CALM IN A BUSY DAY

Daily Reflections on Rest, Hope, and Love

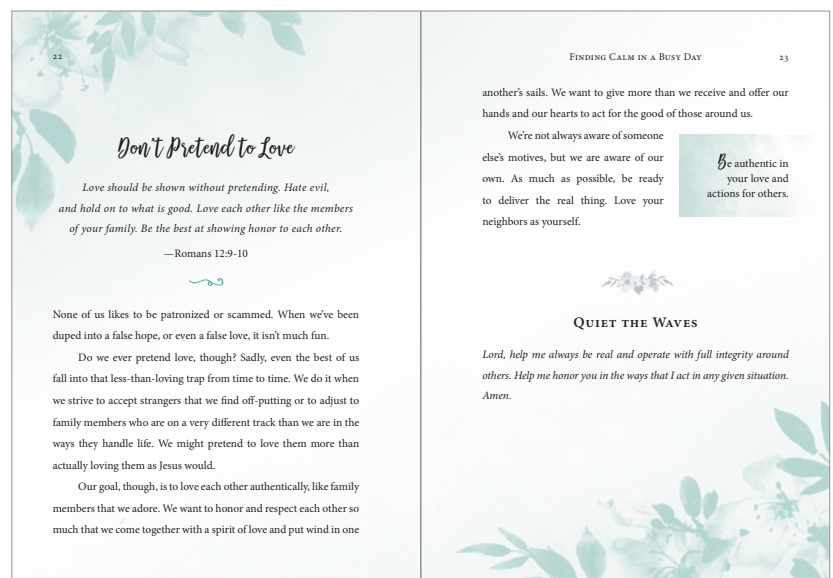
Find a place of rest and reflection amid the busyness of life.

Daily life, even with so many modern conveniences, keeps us in a constant state of busyness. Never-ending to-do lists, family, work, church, and social activities fill our minds and schedules leaving little energy or time for the reflection, prayer, and rest we need to be our best selves and accomplish all our tasks and activities.

Finding Calm in a Busy Day offers readers a place of rest in the busyness of life. These 100 devotions offer thoughtful insights, scripture, and prayer with a message that all are deserving of calm, peace, and hope, and are accepted and loved by God.

Encouraged by these devotions, readers will grow in their love for the Lord and will be equipped to face the challenges they encounter in their busy days through scripture, prayer, and reflection.

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MORNINGS WITH C.S. LEWIS

30 Reflections on the Christian Life

Rueben P. Job, Perry Bramlett, Norman Shawchuck

Begin your day each morning with a devotion based on the writings of C.S. Lewis!

A number of years ago, friends and coauthors Bishop Rueben P. Job, Perry Bramlett, and Norman Shawchuck created together a spiritual reader pairing a collection of quotes from beloved author C.S. Lewis with their own unique spiritual reflections. After their deaths, their work was recovered and Abingdon is excited to share this story and this beautiful book posthumously with those looking for daily inspiration from excellent and thoughtful Christian writing.

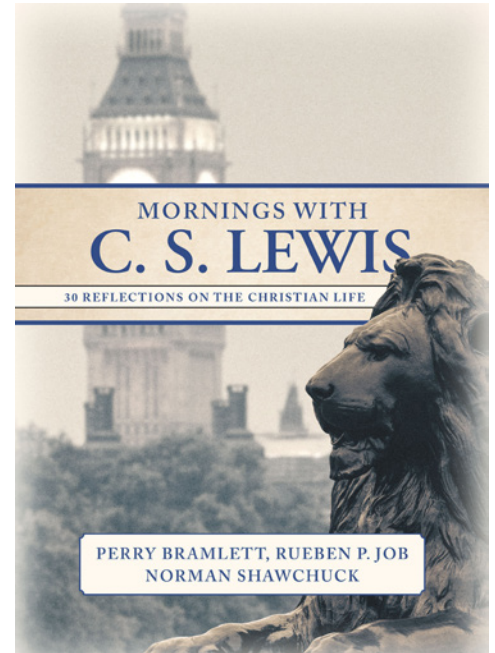
Mornings with C.S. Lewis combines three strong spiritual voices writing on topics of grief, joy, fear, loss, salvation, and love for today's readers inspired by quotes from C.S. Lewis. The collection of thirty devotions begins each day with a short quote from Lewis followed by a reflection from Job, Bramlett, or Shawchuck in a beautifully designed book.

This collection is perfect for starting any time of the year and is an excellent gift for the C.S. Lewis fan in your life.

Rueben P. Job was a United Methodist bishop, pastor and acclaimed author and served as World Editor of The Upper Room publishing program. Best-known for the classic book, *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*, he also authored or co-authored *A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants*, *A Wesleyan Spiritual Reader*, *Living Fully*, *Dying Well*, *Listen*, and co-edited *Finding Our Way: Love and Law in The United Methodist Church*. Bishop Job also chaired the Hymnal Revision Committee that developed the 1989 United Methodist Hymnal.

Perry C. Bramlett was a respected minister and the founder of C. S. Lewis for the Local Church—Interstate Ministries, a nationwide speaking and teaching ministry and is the author of *C. S. Lewis: Life at the Center*, *Touring C. S. Lewis' Ireland and England* and was a contributor to the best-selling *C. S. Lewis Readers' Encyclopedia*.

Norman Shawchuck was a teacher and consultant at Vanguard University of Southern California. He founded Shawchuck & Associates and worked and taught in Korea, Indonesia, Egypt, and Israel. He was the author of several church leadership books as well as coauthor, with Rueben P. Job, of the *Guides to Prayer* series.



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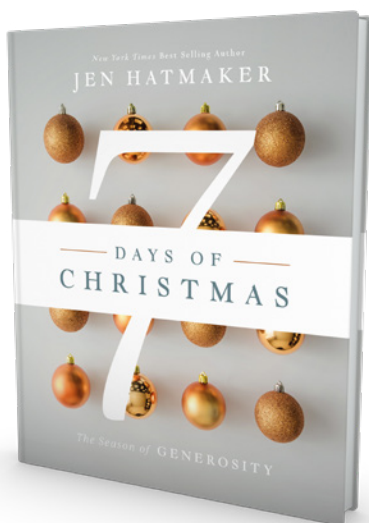


KEY FEATURES

- Contains thirty original unpublished devotions on popular C.S. Lewis quotes.
- Contains a daily prayer pattern with Scripture for each devotion.
- Beautifully designed pages with thirty quotes from C.S. Lewis.
- The perfect gift for the C.S. Lewis fan in your life.
- Devotions can begin at any time of the year.

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is dedicated to inspiring readers through books and devotions by stand-out authors whose creativity and thoughtfulness encourage spiritual growth.



7 Days of Christmas

7 Days of Christmas covers 7 days during the Christmas season to practice both generosity and restraint.

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Girl Be Brave

100 reflections encouraging women to face their fears, embrace their future and discover that they are braver than they ever thought possible.

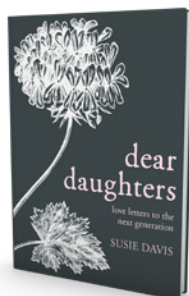
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Heart & Home

Short devotions draw a clear connection between the basics of interior design and scripture to encourage spiritual growth.

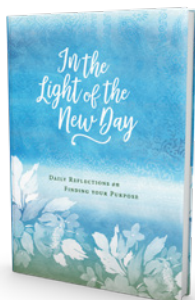
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Dear Daughters

Through topical chapters and space for journaling, *Dear Daughters* shares wisdom and inspiration for any woman.

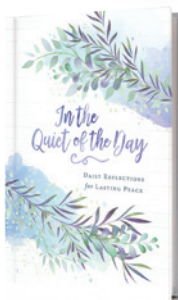
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In Light of the New Day

These 100 devotions around the topic of purpose inspire the reader with scripture, thoughtful insights, and prayer.

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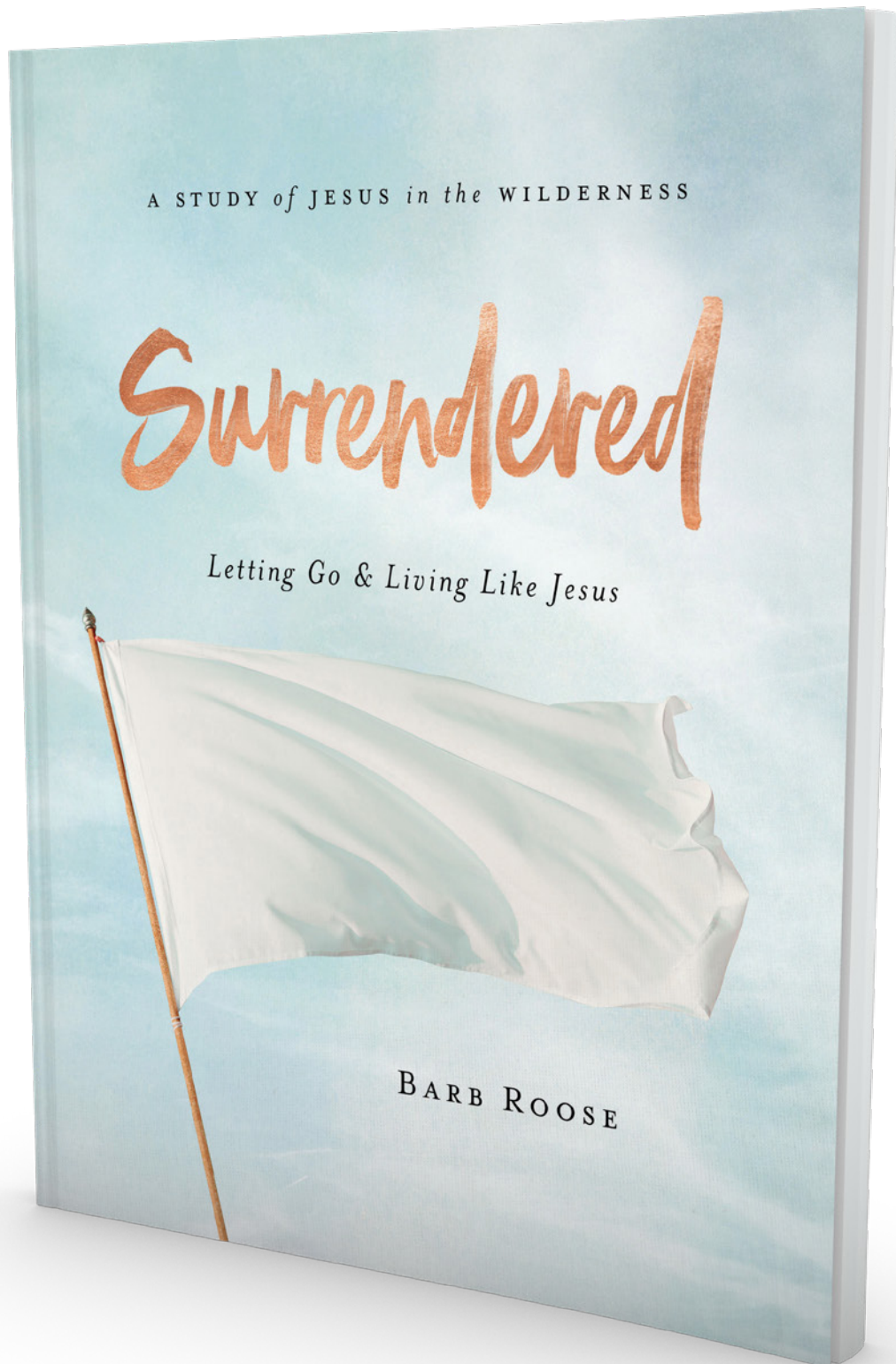
In the Quiet of the Day

These 100 devotions around the topic of peace inspire the reader with scripture, thoughtful insights, and prayer.

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BIBLE STUDIES

SPRING & SUMMER 2020



SURRENDERED - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK

Letting Go and Living Like Jesus

Barb Roose

Learn how to surrender like Jesus.

Are you facing a problem in life that you just can't fix, no matter what you do? Perhaps you've heard the phrase "Let go and let God." But it's easier said than done. Is it possible that giving up on what you can't change is God's path to peace for your life? In this six-week Bible study of Jesus in the wilderness, Barb explores Jesus' time of testing and contrasts it with the Israelites' failures in the wilderness.

As you learn from Jesus' example, you'll discover six principles that will equip you to let God lead you to victory despite your circumstances as you deal with the problems and pain you are facing:

- Recognize You Can't Handle It
- Stop Following Your Feelings
- Give Up Control and Reach for God
- Embrace God's Better Blessing
- Let Go of Fear
- Experience the Blessings of a Surrendered Life

If you're tired of following your feelings or being disappointed by unchanging circumstances, learn how to surrender like Jesus and experience God's power and peace in your life as never before.

KEY FEATURES

- A six-week study of Jesus in the wilderness.
- Helps women find the path of peace through genuine surrender, following the example of Jesus.
- Workbook includes five lessons for every week of study.
- DVD features dynamic, engaging teaching in six 20-25 minute segments.

Barb Roose is a popular speaker and author who is passionate about connecting women to one another and to God, helping them apply the truths of God's Word to the practical realities and challenges they face as women in today's culture. Barb enjoys teaching and encouraging women at conferences and events across the country, as well as internationally. She is the author of the *Joshua: Winning the Worry Battle* and *Beautiful Already: Reclaiming God's Perspective on Beauty* Bible studies and the books *Winning the Worry Battle: Life Lessons from the Book of Joshua* and *Enough Already: Winning Your Ugly Struggle with Beauty*. She also writes a regular blog at BarbRoose.com and hosts the "Better Together" podcast. Barb lives with her family in Toledo, Ohio.

Participant Workbook

Release: April 7, 2020 **Price:** \$16.99

Paperback **ISBN:** 9781501896286

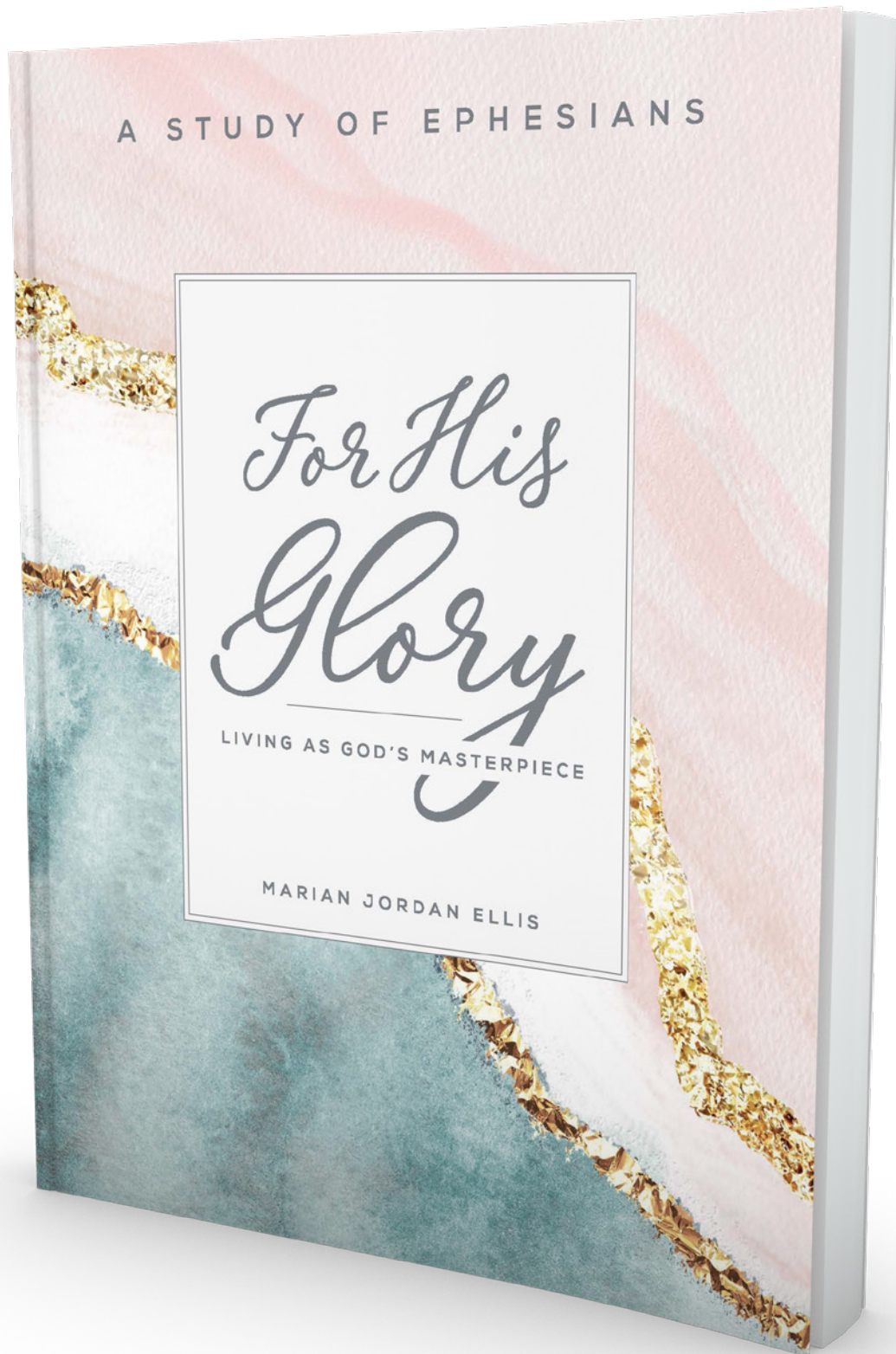
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COMPANION PRODUCTS

Leader Guide		9781501896309	\$14.99
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FOR HIS GLORY - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK

Living as God's Masterpiece

Marian Jordan Ellis

Discover your true worth in christ.

What comes to mind when you hear the word masterpiece? Perhaps you think of a beautiful painting, a spectacular home renovation, or a captivating sunset. But few of us would describe ourselves with that word. We tend to listen instead to the lies that define us as rejected, unwanted, less than, ugly, stupid, or a failure. Sometimes we can feel more like worthless junk than a valuable masterpiece. Yet that is exactly what God's Word says that we are!

In *For His Glory*, Marian Jordan Ellis leads us in an in-depth study of Ephesians to help us dismantle the lies we've believed about ourselves and replace them with a new identity built on God's Word. The truths in this beloved epistle speak to the core beliefs we carry about ourselves, revealing to us our part in God's magnificent design to redeem a people for Himself who reflect His glory to the world. Drawing on her own journey of transformation and her passion to equip women to overcome shame, insecurity, inferiority, and condemnation, Marian invites us on a journey to discover our true worth in Christ, our status as beloved children of God, and our glorious calling as His masterpiece.

KEY FEATURES

- A six-week, verse-by-verse study of Ephesians.
- Helps women discover how Jesus can take their broken and make it beautiful.
- Workbook includes five lessons for every week of study.
- DVD features the dynamic Bible teaching of Marian Jordan Ellis in six 20-25 minute segments.

Marian Jordan Ellis is passionate about Jesus and helping women of all ages and stages to experience the victorious Christian life. Having a Master's degree in biblical studies, she hosts a monthly community Bible study for hundreds of women at Mission City Church in San Antonio, where she serves as the Director of Women's Ministry. The founder of Redeemed Girl Ministries, Marian speaks at women's conferences and events both domestically and internationally and regularly shares her writings and Bible teachings through her blog, website (Redeemedgirl.org), the Redeemed Girl App, and YouTube channel. She is the author of *Stand: Rising Up Against Darkness, Temptation, and Persecution*, and numerous other titles. She and her husband, Justin, have three children and one very spoiled dog.

Participant Workbook

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Paperback **ISBN:** 9781501888687

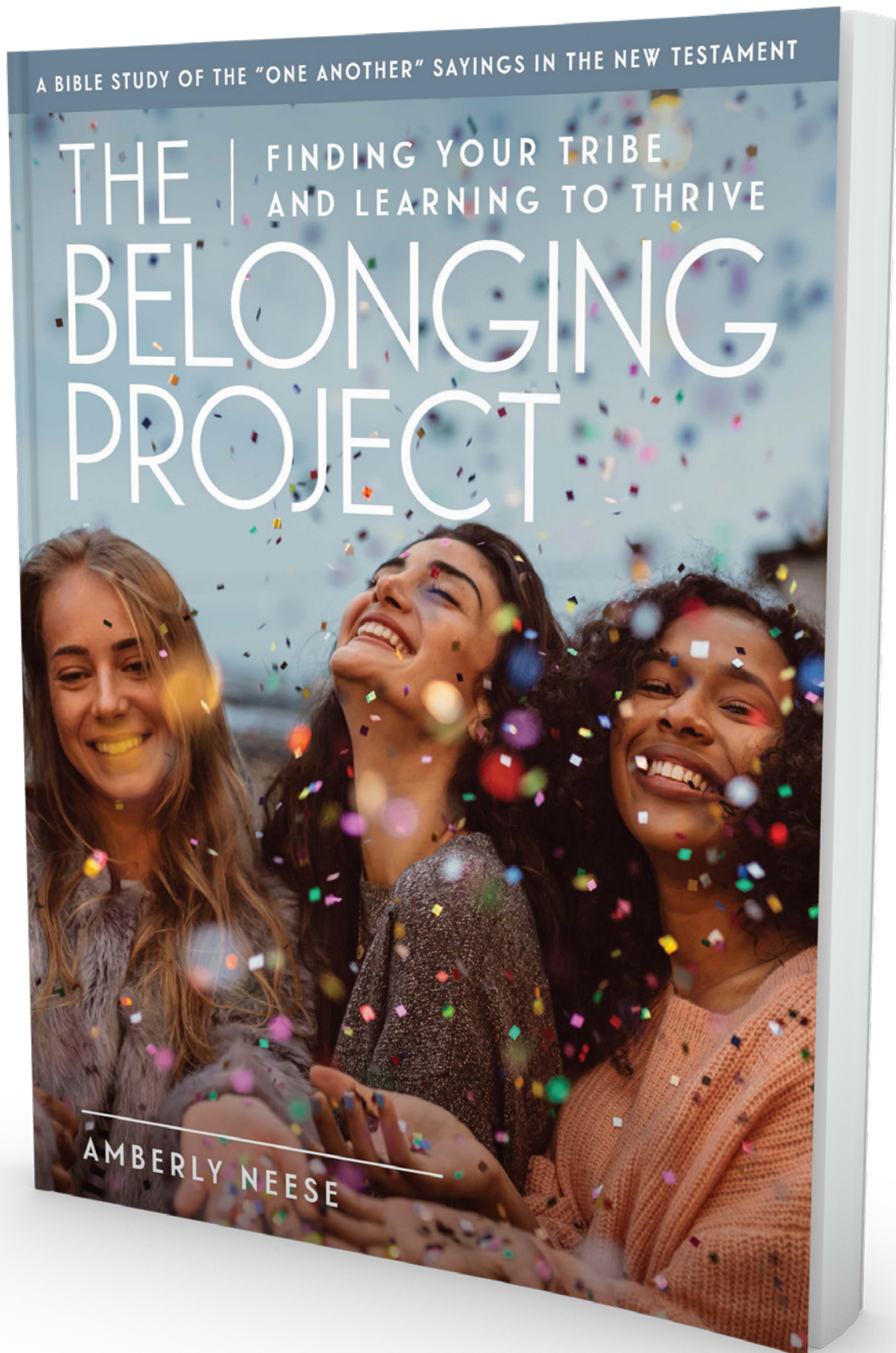
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COMPANION PRODUCTS

Leader Guide		9781501888700	\$14.99
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THE BELONGING PROJECT - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GUIDE WITH LEADER HELPS

Finding Your Tribe and Learning to Thrive

Amberly Neese

Discover true community.

Has the pursuit of the “perfect life” left you feeling depleted, disappointed, dissatisfied, and disconnected? Are you tired of being lonely and left out at work, home, church, and online? Are you hungry for true community, deeper connection with God, and friendships that are greater than just “likes” on social media? Are you ready for real connections with those around you?

In this four-week Bible study, Amberly Neese provides biblical and practical help for cultivating meaningful relationships that glorify God through an exploration of four “one another” sayings in the New Testament:

- Love one another
- Serve one another
- Build up and strengthen one another
- Forgive one another

In her trademark style, Amberly combines Bible study with delightful humor to create a refreshing and engaging experience that will encourage and equip women to pursue deeper relationships and true belonging.

KEY FEATURES

- A shorter, four-week study ideal for in-between or busy times.
- Accessible and friendly format.
- DVD features the amazing Amberly Neese, who masterfully combines solid Bible teaching and delightfully funny humor (in four 20-minute segments).
- Inspires and encourages women to pursue deeper relationships and true belonging for a more fulfilled, purposeful life.
- Helps women grow in their capacity to love, serve, and forgive.
- Study guide with leader helps includes group session guides, discussion questions, prayers, video viewer guides, and more.

Amberly Neese loves sharing the joy of Christ. She is a popular speaker/teacher, humorist, and all-around encourager who has won the hearts—and funny bones—of people all over the country. Amberly is a featured speaker for the Aspire Women’s Events and the main host and female comedian for Marriage Date Night, two popular Christian events that tour nationally. She and her husband have two children and live in Prescott, Arizona, where they enjoy the great outdoors, the Food Network, and all things Star Wars.

Study Guide with Leader Helps

Release: May 5, 2020 **Price:** \$16.99

Paperback **ISBN:** 9781501898754

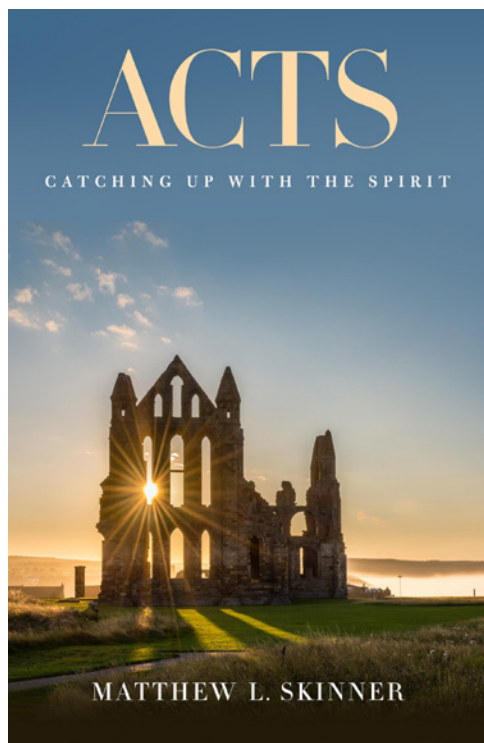
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COMPANION PRODUCT

DVD		9781501898778	\$44.99
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Release: March 3, 2020 **Price:** \$16.99

Paperback **ISBN:** 9781501894558

Size: 5.5 x 8.5 **Pages:** 144

BISAC: RELIGION / BIBLICAL STUDIES / NEW TESTAMENT



KEY FEATURES

- Each of the six chapters presents a picture of early church life and history that provide a window into how the church could function today.
- Helps inform our understanding of the character of God, the challenges of faith, and the purpose of the church.
- 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.

ACTS

Catching up with the Spirit

Matthew L. Skinner

Learn to walk more closely with God with the boldness and the zeal of the apostles.

The Acts of the Apostles is a unique and crucial book that chronicles the story of God's grace flooding out to the world through the lives of the apostles in the decades immediately following Christ's ascension into heaven.

In *Acts: Catching up with the Spirit*, author and biblical scholar Matthew Skinner provides a broad yet theologically attuned introduction to this important book and its message of fulfilling the Great Commission.

Skinner explores six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian gospel, the work of God's people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world.

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

Matthew L. Skinner is Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary and has contributed to various resources for scholars, church leaders, and laypeople interested in the Bible's connections to faith and life. He is the author of *Intrusive God*, *Disruptive Gospel: Encountering the Divine in the Book of Acts*, *A Companion to the New Testament*, and *The Trial Narratives: Conflict, Power, and Identity in the New Testament*. He has written about the Bible for websites including Huffington Post, Working Preacher, and ON Scripture and he co-hosts Sermon Brainwave, a popular weekly podcast that offers assistance to preachers as they interpret biblical texts to prepare their sermons.

COMPANION PRODUCTS

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THE WESLEYAN JOURNEY

A Workbook on Salvation

Maxie Dunnam

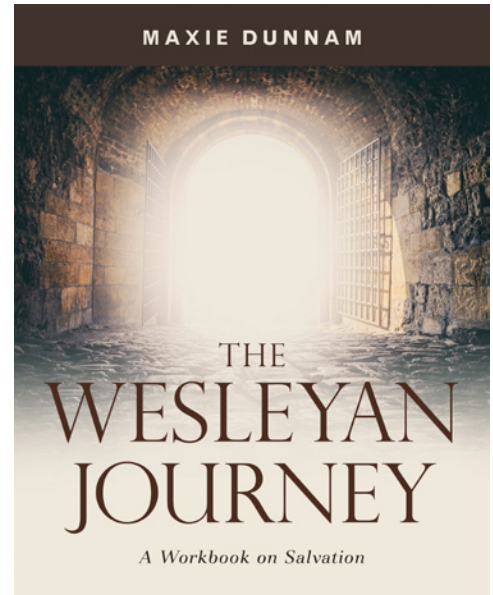
Explore the Wesleyan understanding of salvation through grace.

The transforming work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer was a central theme of John Wesley’s life and work.

In *The Wesleyan Journey: A Workbook on Salvation*, beloved pastor and author Maxie Dunnam invites readers to spend time every day exploring Wesley’s understanding of salvation through prayer, study, and reflection. Based on John Wesley’s theology and the Bible’s teaching on what it means to be saved, this workbook will help readers consider anew God’s ever-present grace, the experience of acceptance, pardon, and forgiveness, and the lifelong journey to become more Christ-like.

Through eight weeks, each with seven days of content for prayer and self-reflection, Dunnam leads us through Wesley’s understanding of salvation in the Bible, helping us see that full salvation is not a one-time experience of redemption but a lifelong process of becoming more like Jesus every day.

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.



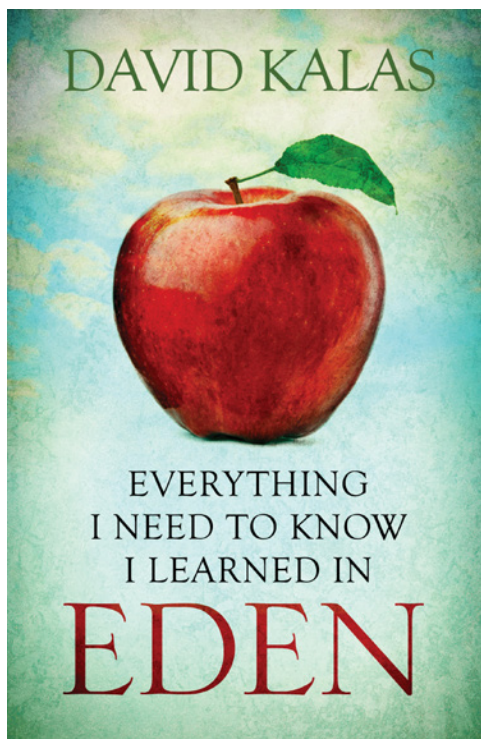
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BISAC: RELIGION / CHRISTIAN LIFE / SPIRITUAL GROWTH



KEY FEATURES

- Explores the Wesleyan understanding of salvation through the three forms of grace.
- Provides daily readings, reflection, prayer, and Scripture in a workbook format with journaling.
- Eight-week experience guides readers to become more like Christ each day.
- Experiential approach that emphasizes transformation of one’s heart and attitudes through deep reflection.
- Offers a resource that churches and pastors can use to introduce people to Wesley’s theology.
- The Pastor Guide offers guidance and tips for pastors on how to use, promote, and share this study, with ideas for how to incorporate it into worship and invite people into the journey.

COMPANION PRODUCT			
Pastor Guide		9781501898402	\$12.99



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Paperback **ISBN:** 9781501879425

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BISAC: RELIGION / BIBLICAL STUDIES / OLD TESTAMENT



KEY FEATURES

- Deep dive into Genesis with relatable application to modern life.
- Unpack truths about God’s nature, all revealed in the first few chapters of the Bible.
- Perfect for Christians at all stages of their spiritual journey.
- Author’s thoughtful and assuring style helps readers experience the Old Testament in new ways.

EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN EDEN

David Kalas

To truly understand God, we have to return to Eden!

Building off the concept that life’s basic lessons are taught to us early from the Robert Fulgham classic, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, author and Pastor David Kalas takes a similar approach, suggesting that the most important lessons for humanity were revealed at the beginning...in the book of Genesis.

Kalas takes us back to that first classroom—the Garden of Eden—found in the beginning of the book of beginnings. In fact, the word *genesis* translates to “beginning”. *The Gospel According to Leviticus* leads readers through origins of important concepts in Christianity. It is in the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, that we discover fundamental insights from the origins of God’s nature, human nature, creation, temptation, sin, redemption, and more. If we truly dig in and learn these truths from the first book of the Bible, we will all be well-positioned to read and understand the rest of what follows.

A Leader Guide is also available for six-week group study.

David Kalas is pastor of First United Methodist Church in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He is the author of *The Gospel According to Leviticus*, *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 PRODUCT

Leader Guide		9781501879449	\$12.99
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HEBREWS

Grace and Gratitude

David A. deSilva

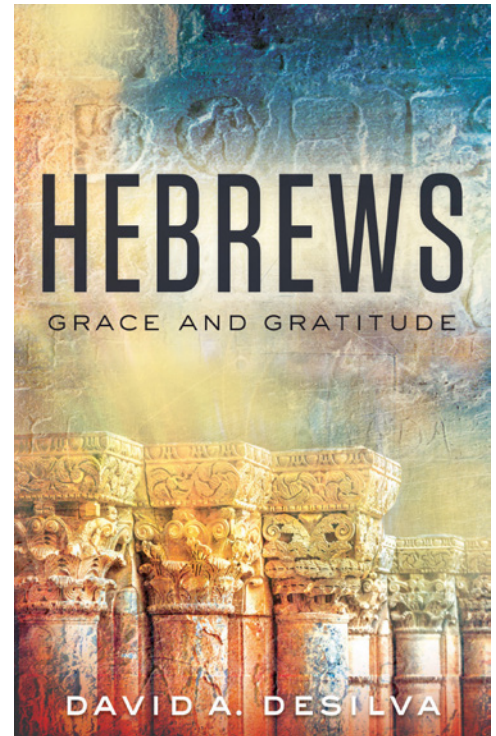
Connecting God’s grace in our lives with the call to invest ourselves in God’s mission.

The Book of Hebrews helps us see the connection between God’s grace in our lives and the call to invest ourselves in God’s mission in the world. In doing so, we express gratitude for the salvation we have received and respond to God’s grace by being faithful to the One who delivers us.

In *Hebrews: Grace and Gratitude*, author and New Testament scholar David deSilva takes you through a study of Hebrews, tracing the themes of grace and gratitude through this unique New Testament book. In the Book of Hebrews, you will discover a bold perspective on who Jesus is and what he has done, as well as a powerful reflection on the meaning and significance of his death and resurrection in light of the Old Testament. As you read and study this letter, you will receive a deeper appreciation for the salvation we have received through Christ and hear afresh God’s call to a life of gratitude and faithfulness.

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

David A. deSilva, an elder in the Florida Annual Conference, attended Princeton University, Princeton Theological Seminary and earned his Ph.D. in Religion at Emory University. He currently serves as Trustees’ Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Greek at Ashland Theological Seminary. He has written 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*. He also served as *Apocrypha* Editor for the Common English Bible and has published extensively in journals, reference works, and adult Bible curriculum



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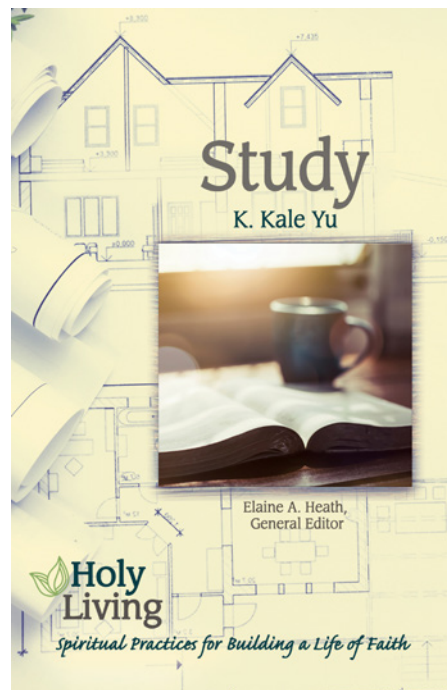
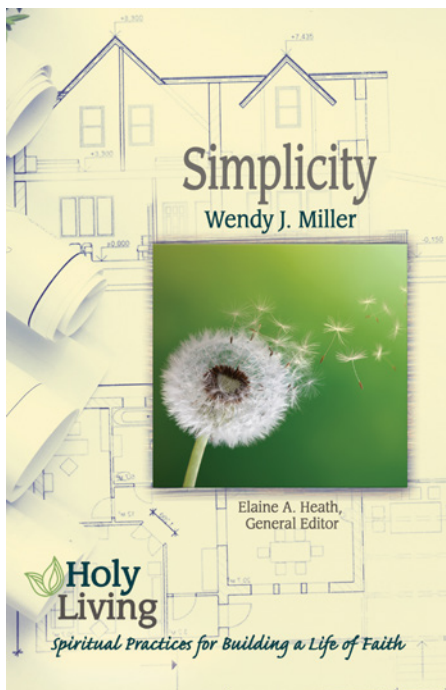
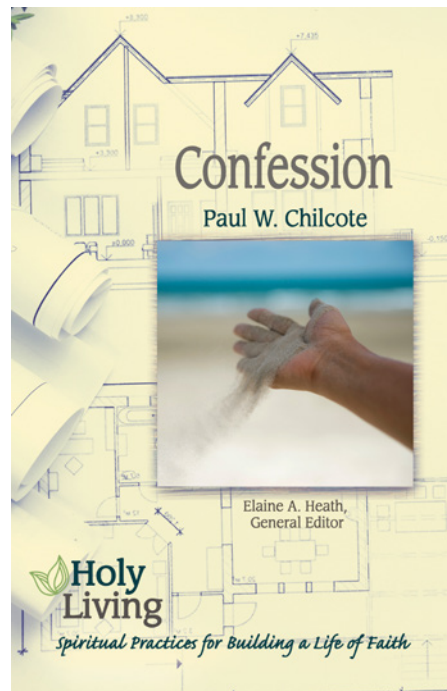
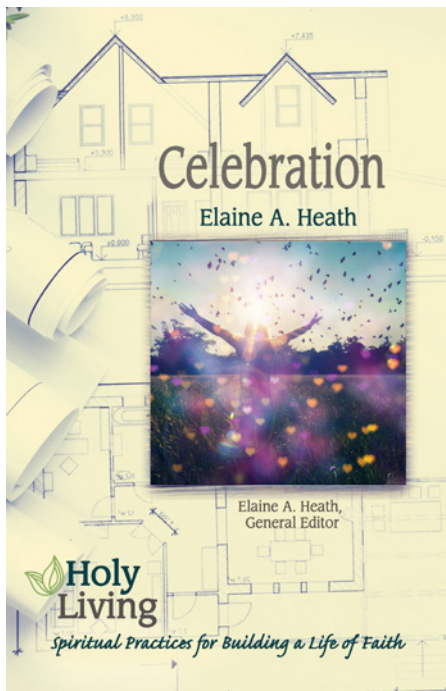


KEY FEATURES

- Study the Book of Hebrews with a New Testament scholar.
- Discover God’s grace and our response, God’s generosity and our gratitude.
- Connect the ideas of salvation, grace, and personal faith and with our call to witness, service, and mission.
- Six-week study 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.

COMPANION PRODUCTS

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HOLY LIVING SERIES

Spiritual Practices for Building a Life of Faith

Your daily walk with Christ starts here.

“While physical training has some value, training in holy living is useful for everything. It has promise for this life now and the life to come.” (1 Timothy 4:8 CEB) Christians crave a deeper, more intimate relationship with God. The spiritual disciplines are historical practices that can guide us in our daily walk, bringing us closer to Christ. The Holy Living series brings a fresh perspective on the spiritual disciplines, enabling us to apply their practices to our current lives. Practicing these spiritual disciplines opens us to God’s transforming love.

CELEBRATION

The act of celebration has deep and ancient roots among God’s people, who throughout their history have joyfully celebrated God’s deliverance and faithfulness. In life’s high and happy moments, celebration happens naturally. But what about when life’s experiences are dull and flat, or worse, when they cause us to hit rock bottom? Does God expect us to celebrate then? God does, and we can. This book explores celebration not as an isolated event or an occasional occurrence but as a response to the reality that God is continually present, always faithful, and ever loving. Celebration as a spiritual practice involves a posture of living so well-anchored in the fuller story of God’s involvement with people throughout history that anticipatory faith and hope, regardless of present circumstances, inform our thoughts, words, and actions. This book shows us how to embrace and live into this posture.

SIMPLICITY

At its core, the spiritual practice of simplicity enables us to eliminate from our lives all the things—both material possessions and thoughts, habits, and attitudes—that distract us from God so that God has complete freedom to work in and through us. Simplicity brings freedom, balance, and perspective to our lives and enables us to align our priorities with the priorities of God. It reorients us and allows us to be open to the present moment. Developing the spiritual practice of simplicity is key to a healthy, vibrant relationship with God and others. This book helps us know how to begin and implement this practice.

KEY FEATURES

- Four-week study length meets the needs of those searching for short-term study options for their small groups.
- Each study focuses on one spiritual discipline and provides practical ways to incorporate that discipline into daily living.
- Each study situates the spiritual practices as means to an end—a transforming relationship with God made possible through the practice of the spiritual disciplines.

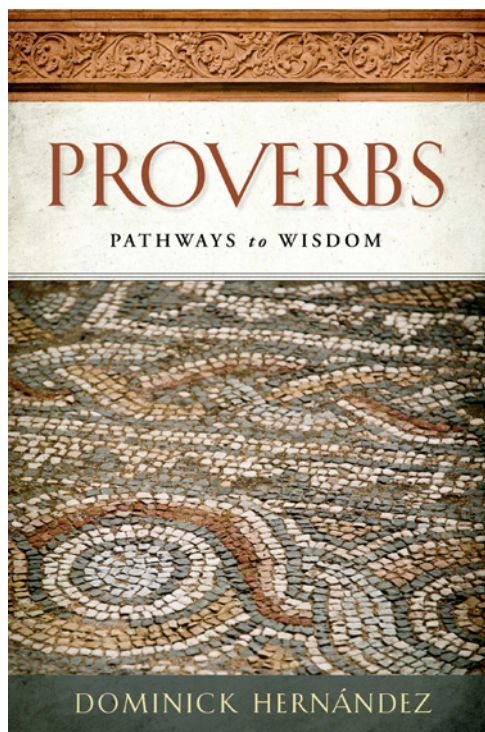
CONFESSION

Confession may be good for the soul, as the saying goes, but most people give little thought to its practice, at least on a daily basis. Like prayer, a person’s needs tend to trigger a confessional response. As a result, we often have a limited understanding of the true nature of the practice. Confession is so much more than a call to apologize, though that is an integral part. Confession is fundamentally relational, providing the opportunity to experience a much fuller relationship with God. This book provides opportunities both to examine and to practice the many forms that confession takes. It begins by looking at our confession of faith (not sins) and what we affirm about the nature and purposes of God. From there it moves to exploration and practices of individual confession, mutual confession, and worship, which provides one of the most significant contexts for the people of God to confess their sin before God and one another.

STUDY

In order to fully embrace study as a spiritual practice, we must first rid ourselves of the idea that study is a boring, dull, and unimaginative exercise. Study as a spiritual practice is, in fact, just the opposite: exciting, stimulating, and imaginative. It is a way to encounter and experience the living God, examine and discover more of ourselves in relation to God, and deepen our faith in God. Study fills us with God’s words, and the more we study, the more of God’s words fill our hearts and minds and inform our thoughts, words, and actions. This book challenges our preconceptions of study and offers practical steps on how to develop the habit of study.

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KEY FEATURES

- Puts this often familiar piece of Wisdom Literature in historical and literary context.
- Allows readers to explore verses arranged by theme.
- Offers various interpretations to open the way for contemporary readings.
- Explores authorship, genre, and historical setting.
- Book can be a stand-alone resource or combined with the DVD and Leader Guide for a four-week study.

PROVERBS

Pathways to Wisdom

Dominick Hernández

The book of Proverbs invites people to grow in wisdom—biblical wisdom in order to experience the good life.

The book of Proverbs is a practical book written for people like us—parents, children, friends, and coworkers. A collection of biblical sayings and wisdom that will make our modern lives run a bit more smoothly. Inside you encounter the wise and the foolish, all on a journey to find the wisdom that comes from God alone.

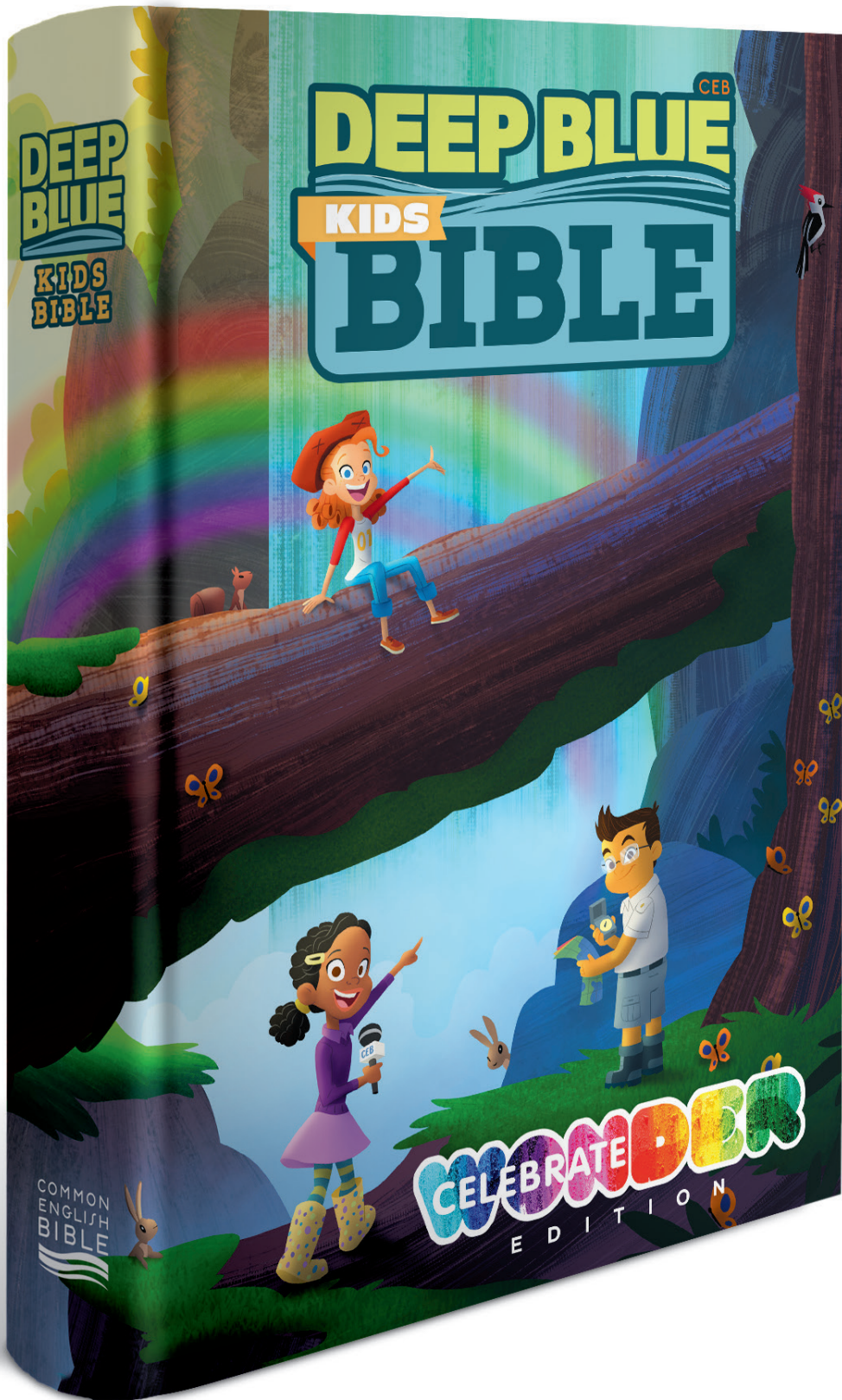
Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom explores the context, language, and interpretation of this wisdom literature genre. Each chapter covers the historical context and interpretations of well-known verses and prevalent themes throughout the book. From the figure of wisdom to the Woman of Valor in Proverbs 31, Hernández explores these verses and reveals literary and historical details that bring more meaning to familiar passages. Additional components for a four-week study include a DVD featuring Dominick Hernández and a comprehensive Leader Guide.

Dominick Hernández is the Assistant Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He teaches Old Testament and serves as the Director of the seminary's Online Hispanic Program. Dr. Hernández completed his PhD in Hebrew Bible at Bar-Ilan University (Ramat Gan, Israel) where he was trained in Semitic Philology. Dr. Hernández teaches on an array of topics including biblical wisdom, ancient Near Eastern literature, and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Dr. Hernández is deeply invested in the academic community in which he continues to research, write, and present at scholarly conferences. Dr. Hernández is committed to the church, having served in English, Spanish, and Hebrew-language ministries in the United States and abroad.

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SPRING & SUMMER 2020



DEEP BLUE KIDS BIBLE: CELEBRATE WONDER EDITION

New “Wonder” edition of the bestselling Deep Blue Kids Bible inspires a deeper curiosity in children to explore the Bible.

The engaging Deep Blue Kids Bible introduces children to three characters – Asia, Edgar, and Kat – who walk children through the Bible to discover what it means in their lives.

This interactive Bible includes four-color icons and illustrations throughout with a wealth of notes, historical facts, book introductions, devotionals, and other interactive elements to capture inquisitive young minds. The Deep Blue Kids Bible encourages a thirst for God’s timeless message. For children ages 7 to 12.

This new “Wonder” edition includes new introductory pages that inspire wonder and curiosity in children to learn more about the Bible. This edition can be a stand-alone Bible for any child, and it also complements the new Wonder curriculum, available in 2020.

KEY FEATURES

- For children 7 to 12.
- 4-color throughout.
- Presentation page.
- In-text subject headings.
- Bible dictionary.
- Eight full-color maps exclusively from National Geographic.
- New introduction inspires wonder in children.

Interior Sample

Exodus 3:1

Moses at the burning bush

Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro, Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. The Lord's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up. Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up. When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush. "Moses, Moses!" Moses said, "Yes here."

Then the Lord said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground." He continued, "I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. I've come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that's full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live. Now the Lord asked God for God's name. In Moses' time, people believed that knowing a god's true name meant they had that god's power. God answered by saying, 'I am who I am.' So God told Moses that God's full power was to be known in a name.

Israelites' cries of injustice have reached me. I've seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

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LIFE PRESERVER

How did Moses first hear God's voice? Exodus 3:1-12

Throughout the Old Testament there are stories of people who heard God speaking to them, or who met God in strange and interesting places. For example, Moses was taking care of a flock of sheep when all of a sudden the Lord's messenger appeared in a bush that was on fire. And then Moses heard God's voice calling him. It was at this place that God called Moses to lead God's people out of Egypt and made a promise to be with Moses. God may not speak to you today in a burning bush, but God is certainly present and active in your life. Look for the ways you hear God's voice and the work of God's hands in the world today. We hear God's voice when, like Moses, we agree to take on important tasks of leadership. We hear God's voice when we feed the hungry, help a friend, or take care of those who are sick. We hear God's voice whenever we meet with someone who is lonely. We hear God's voice whenever we remember to share our love and our talents with someone else.

God said, "I'll be with you. And this will show you that I'm the one who sent you. When you bring the people out of Egypt, you will come back here and worship God on this mountain."

God's special name

But Moses said to God, "If I now come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they are going to ask me, 'What's this God's name?' What am I supposed to say to them?"

God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am." So say to the Israelites, "I Am has sent me to you." God continued, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this is how all generations will remember me."

Go and get Israel's elders together and say to them, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me. The Lord said, 'I've been paying close attention to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt. I've decided to take you away from the harassment in Egypt

Exodus 4:3

to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land full of milk and honey."

"They will accept what you say to them. Then you and Israel's elders will go to Egypt's king and say to him, 'The Lord, the Hebrews' God, has met with us. So now let us go on a three-day journey into the desert so that we can offer sacrifices to the Lord our God.'" However, I know that Egypt's king won't let you go unless he's forced to do it. So I'll use my strength and hit Egypt with dramatic displays of my power. After that, he'll let you go.

"I'll make it so that when you leave Egypt, the Egyptians will be kind to you and you won't go away empty-handed." Every woman will ask her neighbor along with the immigrant in her household for their silver and their gold jewelry as well as their clothing. Then you will put it on your sons and daughters, and you will rob the Egyptians."

Signs of power

Then Moses replied, "But what if they don't believe me or pay attention to me? They might say to me, 'The Lord didn't appear to you!'"

The Lord said to him, "What's that in your hand?"

Moses replied, "A shepherd's rod."

The Lord said, "Throw it down on the ground. So Moses threw it on the ground,

God's THOUGHTS My THOUGHTS

God Uses Unlikely People to Do Amazing Things Exodus 4:1-17

Sometimes we're asked to do things we are afraid of. Some people may be scared to talk to a new student in their class at school. Others may worry about singing or talking in front of a group of people. When we're afraid, we may feel hot all over and have trouble speaking or moving. Whenever you feel frightened, it may help to remember that you're not alone. Many people, including Moses, have been afraid.

When God told Moses to go and tell Pharaoh to free the Israelites, Moses—the former prince of Egypt—tried to get out of it. Moses asked God, "What if the Israelites don't believe me?" He even told God that he had a problem speaking, as if God didn't already know.

In the end, Moses obeyed God. The Israelites were freed from their slavery, and Moses became one of the greatest leaders in history.

God uses unlikely people to do amazing things. Pharaoh had many advisors, but only Joseph the prisoner explained the king's dreams and saved the land of Egypt from drought. There were many soldiers in the army of Israel, but God used David, a young boy, to defeat Goliath. Esther was understandably terrified of being killed when she approached the king to save her people.

God doesn't use only the people who are strong, talented, or rich. God chooses people who will obey.

Think of a time when you overcame a fear.


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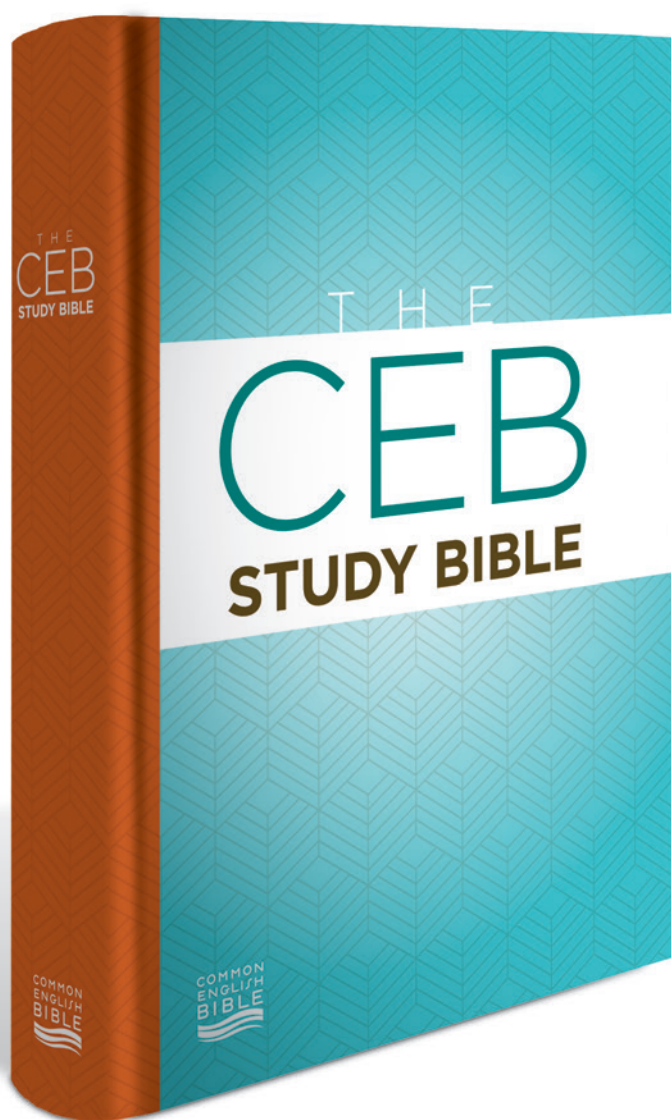


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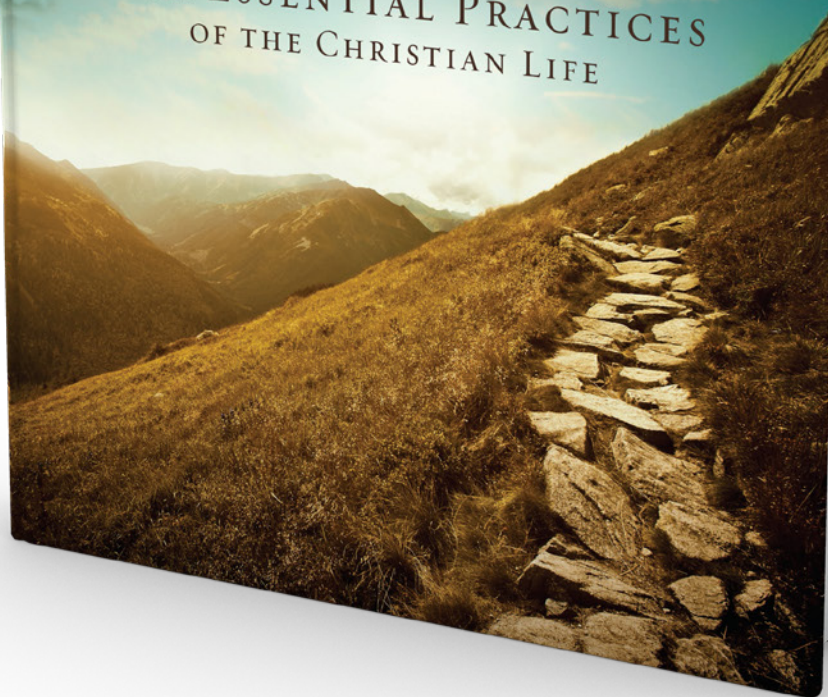
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ADAM HAMILTON

Author of *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why*

THE WALK

FIVE ESSENTIAL PRACTICES
OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



THE WALK

Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life

Adam Hamilton

Discover Five Spiritual Practices to Help You Walk Closer with God.

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him?

In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life. In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith.

Additional components for a six-week adult study include a comprehensive Leader Guide and a DVD featuring the engaging teachings of author and pastor Adam Hamilton. Also available are resources for children and youth.

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.
- By examining the life and teachings of Jesus, we discover clear, concrete ways to follow him daily in our personal lives and together with others in the church.
- Hear from the author, Adam Hamilton, in short teaching videos each week.
- Perfect for Lent and Easter.

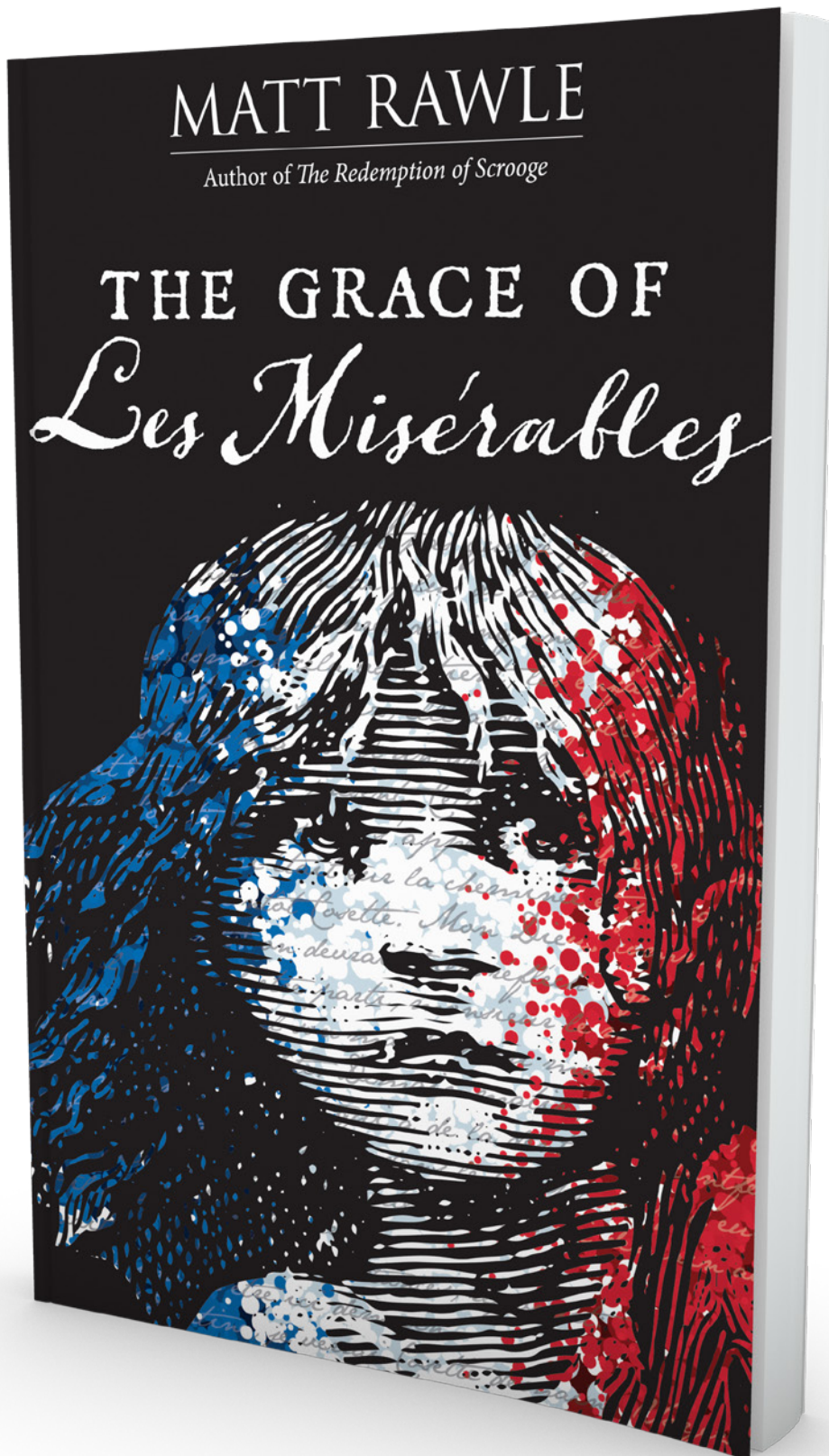
Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. The Church Report named Hamilton's congregation the most influential mainline church in America, and he preached at the National Prayer Service as part of the presidential inauguration festivities in 2013. Hamilton is the best-selling and award-winning author of *Simon Peter, 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.com.

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THE GRACE OF LES MISÉRABLES

Matt Rawle

This Lent ponder the themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love.

Victor Hugo’s *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you’ve tackled the 1,400-page 19th century novel, witnessed the Broadway musical (and memorized its soundtrack), or seen the several screen adaptations of it, you already know its power.

In his book and six-week Bible study *The Grace of Les Misérables*, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six themes found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo’s story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world.

In keeping with his previous works, Matt Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world.

Additional components for a six-week study include a DVD featuring Matt Rawle, a comprehensive leader guide, a youth resource, and Worship Resources Flash Drive.

KEY FEATURES

- Readers will look at the novel and hit Broadway Musical, *Les Misérables*, through the lens of faith alongside countercultural examples of justice, poverty, freedom, and love.
- Readers will learn to examine culture more closely in order to rediscover and reinvigorate their Christian faith.
- A six-week study perfect for Lent, Easter, or any time of the year.
- DVD features the teaching of Matt Rawle in 8-10 minute sessions.
- Leader Guide includes complete session plans for facilitating the study

Matt Rawle is Lead Pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Bossier City, Louisiana. Matt is an international speaker who loves to tell an old story in a new way, especially at the intersection of pop culture and the church. He is the author of a new series of books titled *The Pop in Culture Series*. The series includes *The Faith of a Mockingbird*, *Hollywood Jesus*, *The Salvation of Doctor Who*, *The Redemption of Scrooge*, and *What Makes a Hero?*.

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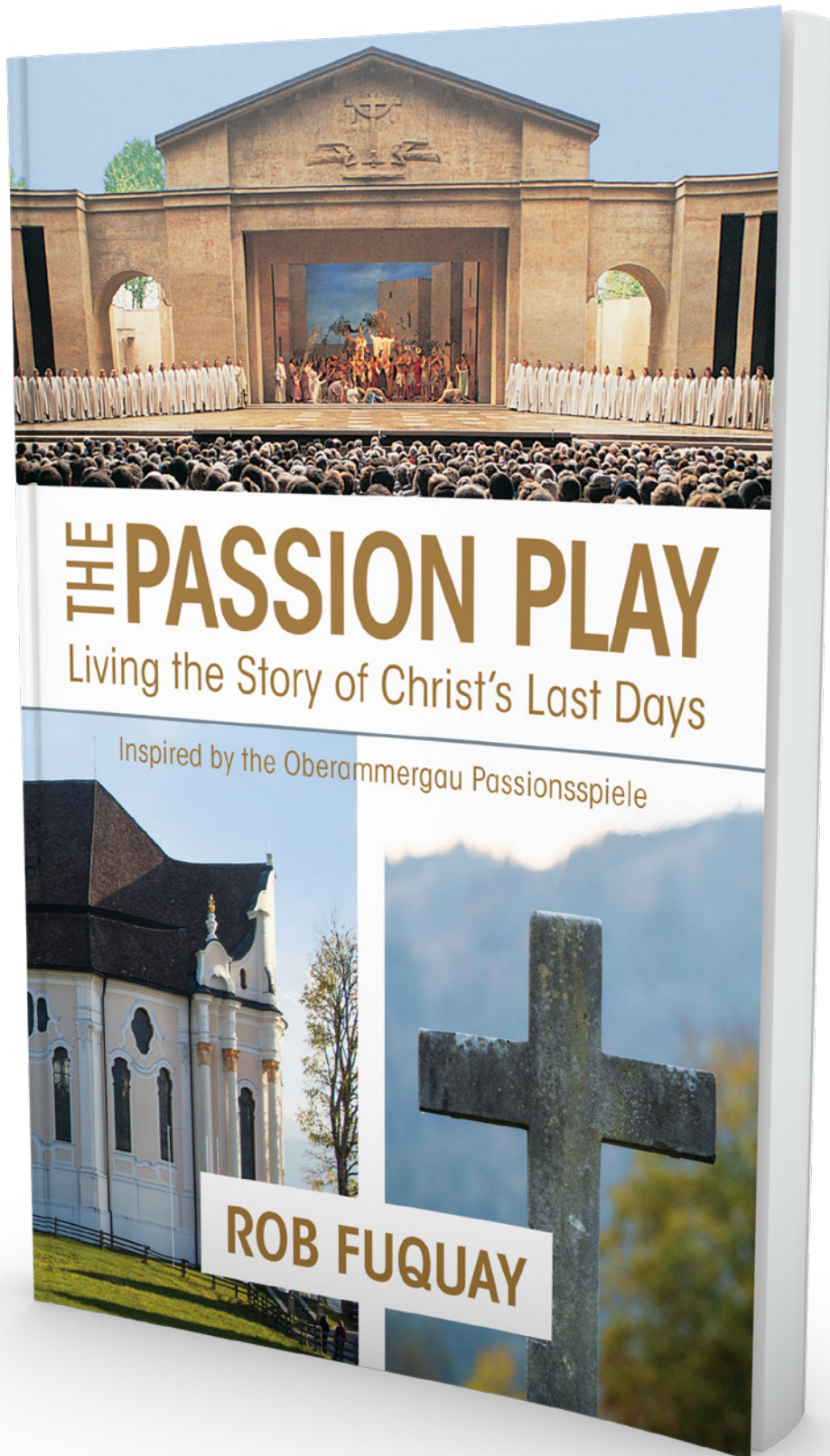
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THE PASSION PLAY

Living the Story of Christ's Last Days

Rob Fuquay

Recognize your own place in the story of the Passion of Jesus.

With few exceptions, the Oberammergau Passion Play has been presented by the inhabitants of the village of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany every 10 years since 1634. The play is a staging of Jesus' Passion story, covering the final period of his life from his visit to Jerusalem to the journey to the cross.

In his new book and study, *The Passion Play: Living the Story of Christ's Last Days*, author and pastor Rob Fuquay follows the biblical story of the Passion and how it has been experienced through the centuries against the backdrop of this amazing play.

Perfect for Lent, this book and study takes you on a journey to the origins of the Passion Play and helps you understand how the play has been used both as a ritual of praise and later as a weapon through its anti-Semitic past. The book and study helps readers and small groups feel a sense of connection to the play while recognizing their own place in the story of Jesus.

Additional components for a six-week study include a DVD featuring Rob Fuquay filmed on location in Oberammergau, Germany and a comprehensive Leader Guide.

KEY FEATURES

- Partnership with Educational Opportunities to commemorate the event by promoting the book and study to several thousand travelers.
- DVD includes behind the scenes footage, onsite teaching with Rob Fuquay, and interviews with people whose lives have been changed by playing a part in the production.
- Helps readers and small groups feel that sense of connection to the play and recognize their own place in the story of Jesus.
- An ideal book and study for Lent and Easter.

Rob Fuquay is the senior pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. He has served various congregations with his gifts of strong preaching, leadership development, and visioning. Rob is the author of *New Reformation: From Luther's World to Ours* and *The God We Can Know*, a seven-week study designed for the entire congregation to explore the "I Am" sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. He is also the author of *Which Way, Lord: Exploring Your Life's Purpose* in the Journeys of Paul on how to discern and follow God's leading.

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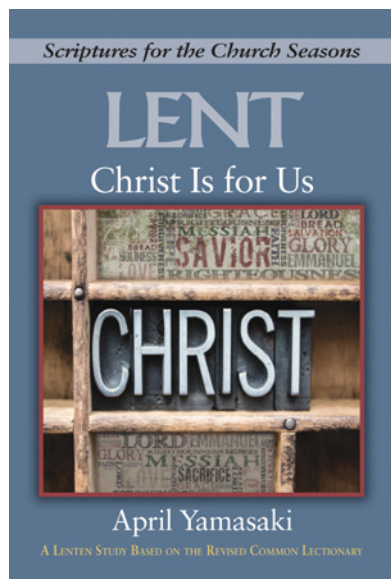
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CHRIST IS FOR US

Scriptures for the Church Seasons

April Yamasaki

Explore God's saving and redeeming love through a seven-week Lenten study.

Christ Is for Us, originally released in 2016, invites readers to explore God's saving and redeeming love through a seven-week study of the Scripture readings for Lent and Easter. Key Bible passages call us to embrace God's salvation and the new life offered to us through Christ.

April Yamasaki is a pastor and author of books on spiritual growth and Christian living. She has served as the pastor of Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Abbotsford, British Columbia. She has written several books, including *Spark: Igniting Your God-Given Creativity*, *Sacred Pauses: Spiritual Practices for Personal Renewal*, and *Four Gifts: Seeking Self-Care for Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength*. Her writing may be found online at www.aprilyamasaki.com.

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THE SANCTUARY FOR LENT 2020

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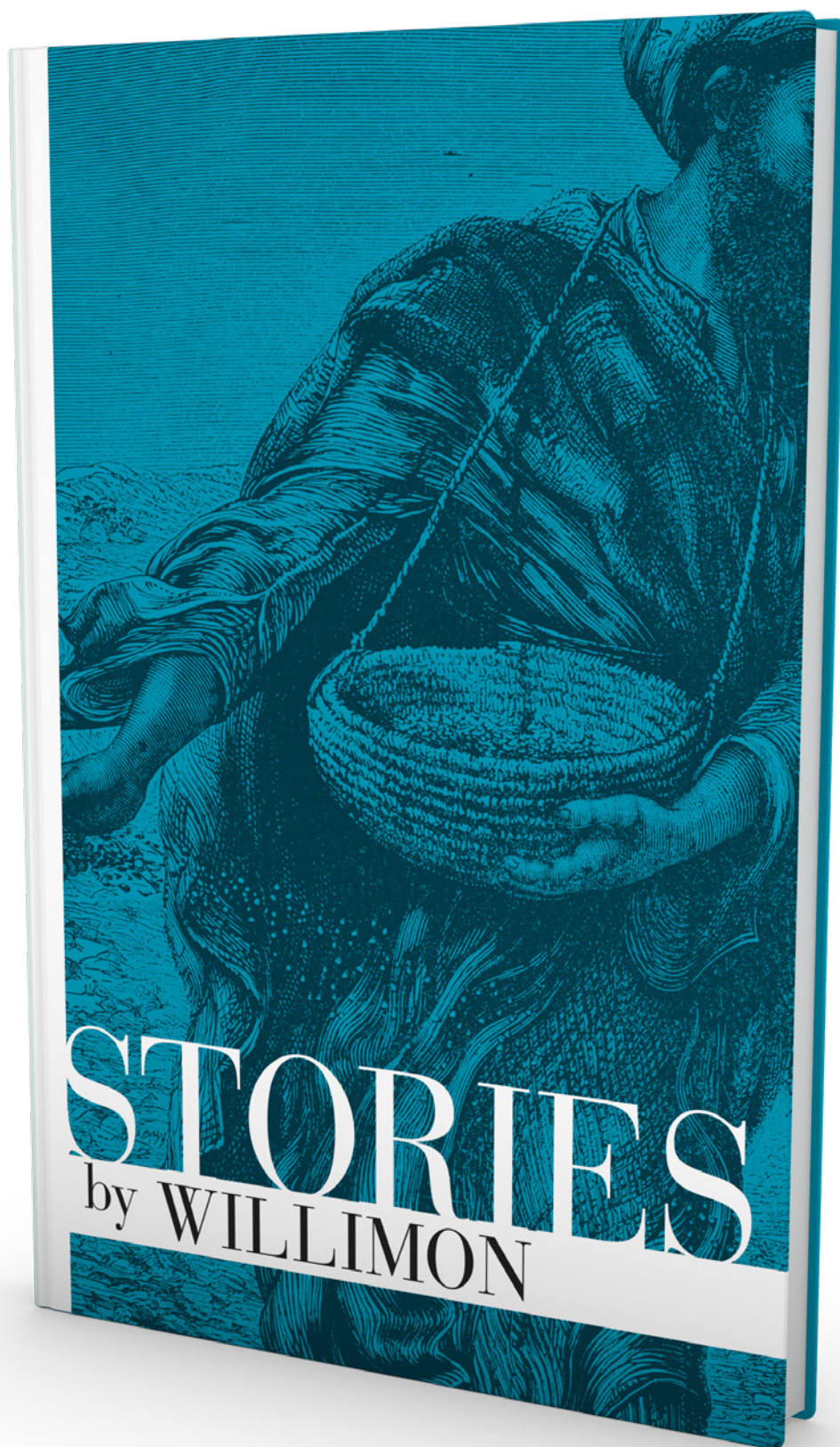
Devotions by Sam McGlothlin for each day of Lent.

Beginning with Jesus's words from the Sermon of the Mount, *The Sanctuary for Lent 2020* leads the reader on a 46-day trek through the wilderness. Broken down into six weekly themes, the reader is charged to Repent, Recover, Remember, Rest, Rise, and Relive for each day of Lent, from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. Each day's devotion includes a suggested Scripture reading and a highlighted Bible verse, a short devotion, and a closing spiritual practice. This annual favorite helps readers faithfully journey Lent as they prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection and is a wonderful congregational resource. The 3 3/4" x 9" trim allows for a larger print size. Sold in packages of 10, the booklets are designed to fit in a #10 envelope. This enables your church to include them in your Lent mailing, especially to parishioners unable to attend service and makes it easy to mail to visitors or share as a part of a prison ministry.

Sam McGlothlin is Associate Pastor at Belle Meade UMC in Nashville, Tennessee. Sam worked for Mountain T.O.P., a non-profit dedicated to rural life ministry in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee.

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Will Willimon is known and read throughout the world for his riveting, edgy, witty, and provocative stories or parables. His most beloved, memorable, and impactful stories are presented in this collection. *Stories by Willimon* will expose readers to joy, agony, thankfulness, greed, trust, fear, healing, suffering, laughter, weeping, yearning, irony, hatred, and love. Readers may see themselves or their friends at times in these stories. Fellow storytellers are likely to retell these stories to friends, family, colleagues, and churches. Preachers will find illustrative materials to support their sermons and all readers will be inspired by the insights into the Christian faith provided. An index to scripture references is included to assist with tying the stories to sermon illustrations.

KEY FEATURES

- Stories that provide insights into human nature and Christian faith.
- Stories that challenge, inspire, and empower people of faith.
- Stories to support effective sermon illustrations.
- Index to scripture references included.
- 95 stories included.

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

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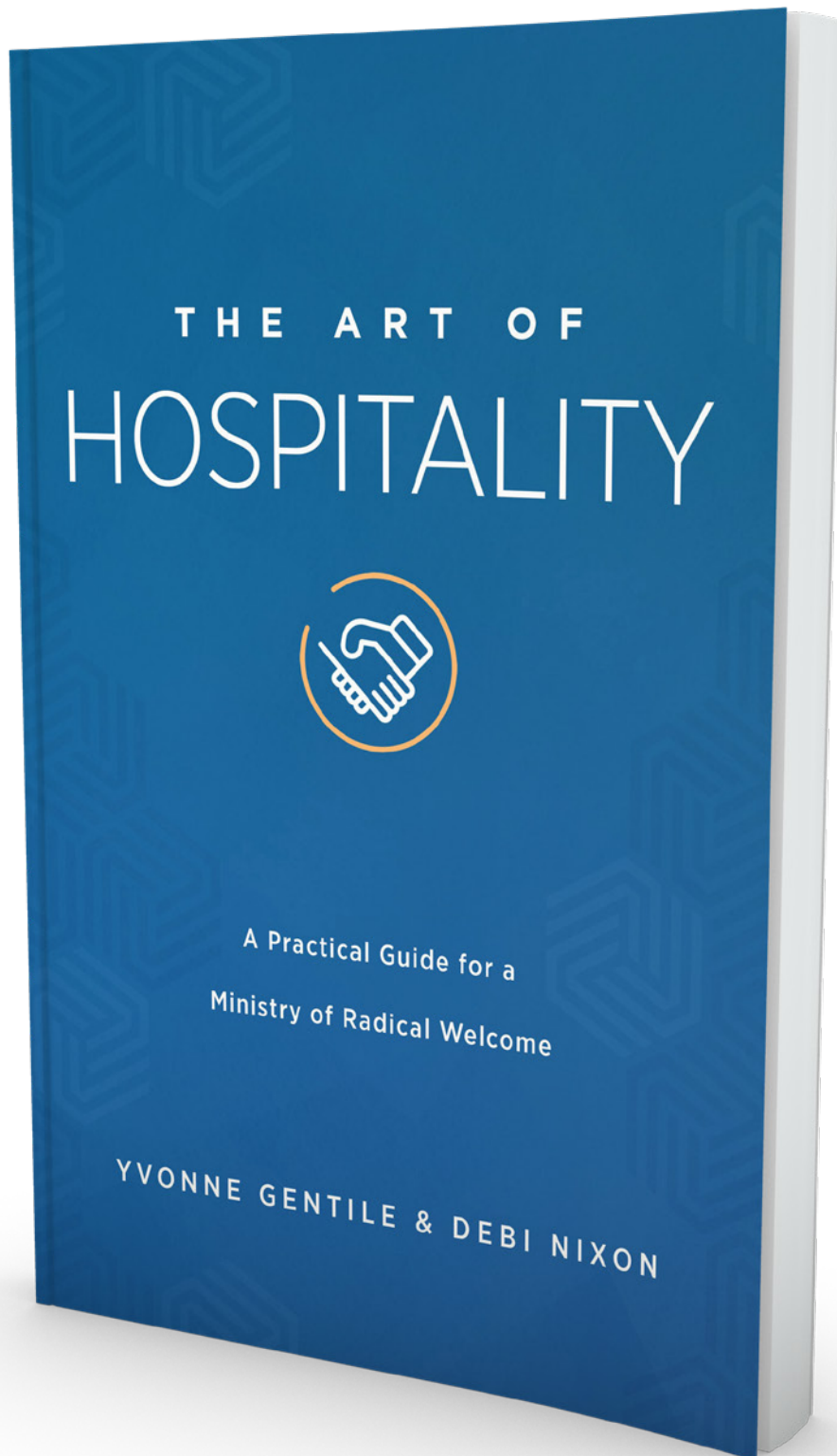
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THE ART OF HOSPITALITY

A Practical Guide for a Ministry of Radical Welcome

Debi Nixon & Yvonne Gentile

Create a culture of radical hospitality that surprises and delights guests beyond their expectations.

Engaging worship and intentional follow-up processes are important, but what compels guests to return to our churches is the warmth of our welcome and hospitality that goes beyond their expectations.

The Art of Hospitality, a new comprehensive program developed by hospitality experts from the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, promises to guide a local church in exactly what the program's title implies: the artform of creating radical hospitality that infiltrates the heart and culture of the entire church. Complete with techniques and strategic planning throughout, *The Art of Hospitality* will effectively change how you do church, leaving guests surprised, delighted, and eager to return.

Loaded with key principles and methods honed by hospitality experts Debi Nixon and Yvonne Gentile in their work at The Church of the Resurrection, this guide is designed to engage staff across all ministry areas in creating a common language around the ministry of welcome.

- The book is a foundational guide targeting pastors, staff, and lay leaders across all ministry areas of a church.
- The Implementation Guide includes step-by-step strategies for leadership and teams tasked with developing and leading hospitality ministry.
- The Usher and Greeter Handbook provides a guide to the responsibilities of those who are generally the first faces visitors encounter in church: the usher and the greeter. Intended for training use by church staff or volunteers, the text covers responsibilities related to all aspects of creating a welcoming atmosphere for visitors and new members.

KEY FEATURES

- Strategic and practical pieces designed for pastors, staff, and/or volunteers engaged in the ministry of welcome, hospitality, visitor care, outreach, connections or membership.
- Video training to enhance the program.
- Church-wide companion piece to prepare the congregation for radical hospitality.
- Participants will learn key principles and methods to create a culture of radical hospitality that permeates the entire congregation.

Debi Nixon serves as one of the Managing Executive Directors at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, with direct oversight of the Regional Campuses and Catalyst Ministry. She has served on the church staff in several key roles moving from volunteer to staff member in 1994 as the founding Director of Children's Ministries. She is passionate about the renewal of the church and helps lead Church of the Resurrections initiatives for leadership training and resource sharing for churches across the country. Debi has a B.S. in Marketing and spent ten years in corporate sales, training, special event planning, and retail management. She and her husband live in Olathe, Kansas.

Yvonne Gentile serves as Senior Director of Hospitality & Connections at Church of the Resurrection. Before joining church staff in 2011, Yvonne worked in an executive leadership capacity in retail, where she discovered the power of radical hospitality. She is co-author of three books: *Serving from the Heart: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service*, *Leadership from the Heart: Learning to Lead with Love & Skill*, and *Leadership Essentials: Practical Tools for Leading in the Church*. Yvonne and her husband Frank have been part of Resurrection since 1996. Together they enjoy movies, road trips, and spending time with family.

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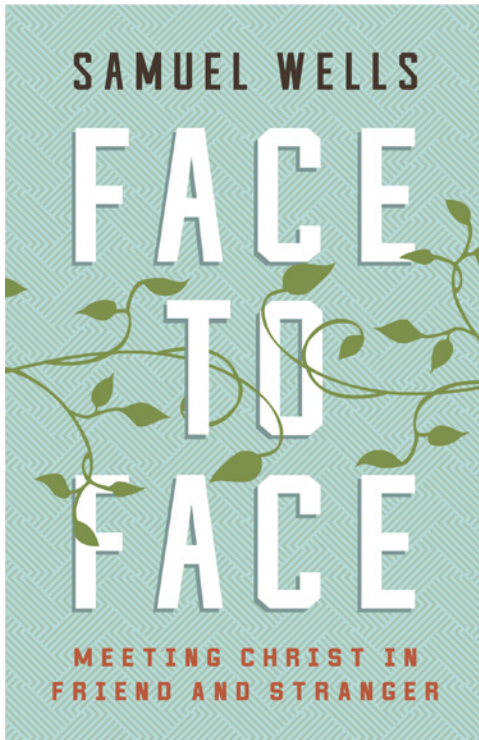
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- Learn from real-life pastoral care encounters.
- Extended introduction on the nature and practice of pastoral ministry.
- Be inspired to bring your gifts to face to face, pastoral care encounters.

FACE TO FACE

Meeting Christ in Friend and Stranger

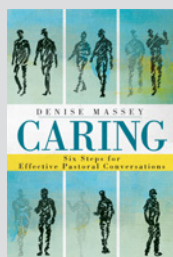
Samuel Wells

Experience the power of God in God's gifts and in their healing power when face to face with those in need.

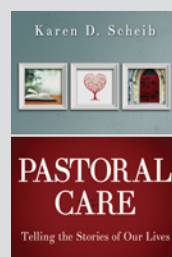
Pastors, priests, and pastoral caregivers often accompany people who are struggling to negotiate experiences of sickness, bereavement, or anxiety. There are no easy answers in such situations, no formulaic remedies, and no slick theological explanations. The process of being present, listening, and responding is demanding. It can require skills and wisdom beyond ministers' own experience. Often, caregivers feel they receive as much or more than they give to the care seekers in such encounters. In *Face to Face*, Samuel Wells reflects theologically and pastorally on twenty such encounters in care giving that were both hugely challenging and hugely instructive for him. The result is a book of profound practical wisdom and understanding that will inform and enrich pastoral ministry for all who read it. An extended introduction on the nature and practice of pastoral ministry provides the foundation for the telling of these memorable and moving accounts.

Samuel Wells is a priest in The Church of England and vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, London. He served as dean of Duke University Chapel and research professor of Christian ethics at Duke Divinity School, Durham, N.C., from 2005 to 2012. In addition to his ministry at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, he is a visiting professor of Christian ethics at King's College London. In 2018, Wells was installed as Honorary Canon Theologian of Guildford Cathedral. He has written numerous books and articles on Christian social ethics.

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GOSPEL DISCIPLESHIP PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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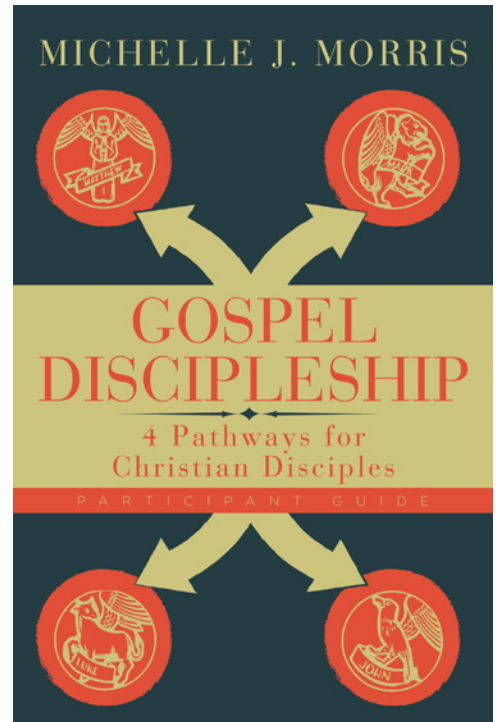
Michelle J. Morris

Live and walk on the unique path Jesus is calling you to follow as a disciple.

There was a time when discipleship was taken for granted. It was assumed that people could be persuaded to believe and that each person would step into the path that took them to Jesus. That assumption is no longer valid. As early as the Gospels, Jesus and his biographers recognize that each person brings experience to the journey, which travels through different times and places. The discipleship path for each individual disciple is assessed and determined through this *Gospel Discipleship Participant Guide* while the discipleship path for the congregation as a whole is assessed and determined through the *Gospel Discipleship Congregation Guide*.

By understanding what type of disciple you are, participants in Gospel Discipleship can clarify the path they need to walk. Some people love to go on mission trips; some people really thrive learning from a great teacher; some people connect to God through painting and music; and some people just want to have a cup of coffee and talk about life and eventually get around to talking about Jesus. Participants in Gospel Discipleship can be set free from the guilt of not feeling like a “real” disciple because they don’t feel called to experience the journey the same way as everyone else. Instead, participants can become the disciple Jesus wants them to be. They can spend their valuable time and energy living and walking on the path where Jesus is calling them to follow.

Michelle Morris is Lead Equipper for the United Methodist Arkansas Conference Center for Vitality. Prior to joining the Center for Vitality, she served as pastor to United Methodist churches in West Memphis and Fort Smith. She has a B.A. in English and French and an M.A. in Comparative Literature from the University of Arkansas. She graduated with her M.Div. from Perkins School of Theology in 2009 and her Ph.D. from the Graduate Program in Religious Studies at Southern Methodist University in 2014. She also graduated with a certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies. Her dissertation examined the subject of infertility in the New Testament. She was a contributor to the CEB Womens Bible, and she periodically writes for the Adult Bible Studies Curriculum for Abingdon/Cokesbury. Michelle and her husband, Travis, have a son, Soren (not named for Kierkegaard).



Participant Guide

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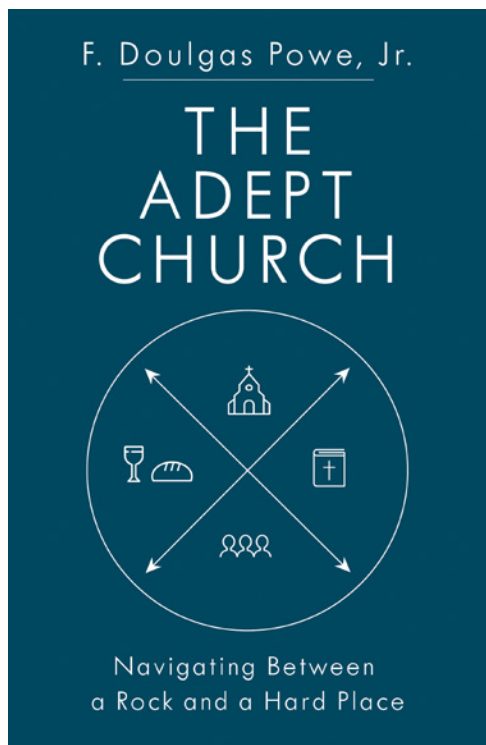


KEY FEATURES

- Walks participants through the process to determine the unique path of discipleship Jesus calls them to follow.
- Recognizes that people are called to engage in discipleship in different, unique ways.
- Enhances the discipleship experience for participants and their impact as a follower of Jesus on the world.
- The participant guide focuses on the pathway for individuals. The congregation guide assess the pathway for the congregation as a whole based upon the characteristics and priorities of the congregation.

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KEY FEATURES

- Assists congregations to take a “look in the mirror” to truly see their current situation.
- Helps congregations develop realistic roadmaps for navigating through the “rock and a hard place” of their current situation to their future.
- Suggests practical first steps for moving forward.

THE ADEPT CHURCH

Navigating Between a Rock and a Hard Place

F. Douglas Powe, Jr.

Help congregations take an honest “look in the mirror” to understand their current situation and respond.

A theologically grounded, yet practical, user-friendly guide for church leaders seeking to save their churches. A methodical, logical approach for strategic development and decision-making. A clear process for showing congregations how to define their reality, and a map showing the way to move forward.

- Offers a clear process to help congregations understand their situation by taking an honest “look in the mirror.”
- Helps congregations build a realistic roadmap for moving forward.
- Illustrates how the status quo (institutionalism) is rewarded and that seeking transformation goes against institutionalism.
- Outlines what it means to be an adept church, a church that can navigate between a rock and a hard place because it makes decisions based upon where it needs to go and not where it is currently.
- Provides practical, first steps for congregations to move forward.

F. Douglas Powe, Jr. is an ordained elder in the Baltimore/Washington Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. He is the Director of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership and professor of evangelism and of urban ministry at Wesley Theological Seminary. Powe is committed to helping urban congregations and congregations in transitional areas to flourish through community partnering. His research interests are church revitalization, urban theology, and Methodist theology. He holds an M.Div. from Candler School of Theology and a Ph.D. in systematic theology from Emory University.

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WONDERING ABOUT THE BIBLE WITH CHILDREN

Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible

Elizabeth Caldwell

Help the Bible become a life-long companion for faith and spiritual growth for the children in your church.

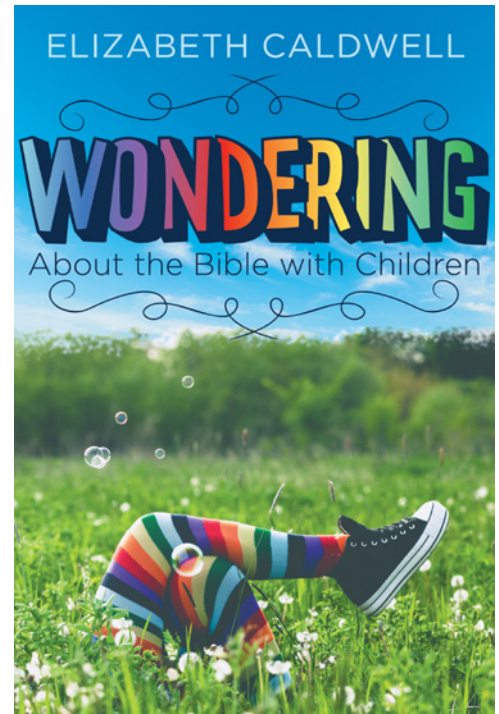
Wondering about the Bible with Children encourages natural curiosity and wonder as biblical faith stories are read. This book addresses the following questions:

- How do we talk about miracle stories, healing stories, and the creation stories? What about violence?
- What's the reader's role in helping children learn about the Bible and feel comfortable asking questions about what they read?
- When kids ask about the relevancy of the Bible for today, what do we say?

How we read and interpret the Bible with children may mean the difference between whether or not it will continue to be an important source for their faith development as they become young adults. We want to teach them in ways that they don't have to unlearn later.

Written by an expert in children's ministry as a guide for anyone helping with the Celebrate Wonder Sunday school curriculum; however, it is relevant for all adults who want to explore ways to help children read, engage, wrestle, and grow into deeper understanding of the Bible. *Wondering about the Bible with Children* is for those who come to the Bible with souls open to be fed and who want their children to seek faith and wisdom.

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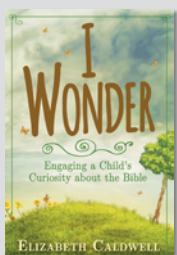
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- Written by a recognized expert in children's ministry.
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- Demonstrates how to cultivate and customize Fresh Expressions to fit local contexts.
- Motivates ministry teams to take risks, experiment, and when necessary, fail well.
- Reminds Wesleyans of their roots and brings that tradition into modern day contexts to introduce people to Jesus and revitalize congregations.

A FIELD GUIDE TO METHODIST FRESH EXPRESSIONS

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According to Fresh Expressions U.S., “a Fresh Expression is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of those who are not yet part of any church.” Fresh Expressions are introducing people to Jesus, expanding the kingdom, and revitalizing churches. Congregations need a practical and theological resource that can help them cultivate Fresh Expressions. As consultants who work nationwide and as innovative pastors, authors Michael Beck and Jorge Acevedo awaken congregational leaders and ministry teams to a distinctive Wesleyan approach for the Fresh Expressions movement. In *A Field Guide to Methodist Fresh Expressions*, they show congregations how to cultivate and customize Fresh Expressions that fit their local context.

Lost in the milieu of divisive issues that threaten to tear the church apart, Wesleyans have forgotten their DNA as a renewal movement, born not from doctrinal disputes but from a missional imperative. In this sense, the Fresh Expressions movement is the most “Methodist” thing in the denomination today. *A Field Guide to Methodist Fresh Expressions* will help guide the way.

Michael Adam Beck is South Atlantic Coordinator Fresh Expressions US, Cultivator of Fresh Expressions for the North Central District, and a Cultivator of Fresh Expressions for the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. Beck serves as co-pastor of Wildwood United Methodist Church with his wife. Beck earned a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and is concluding a Doctorate in Semiotics and Future Studies at Portland Seminary.

Jorge Acevedo is the Lead Pastor at Grace Church, a multi-site United Methodist congregation in Southwest Florida. Jorge led a group of young clergy in the creation of the book and Bible study *Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas* and is author of *Vital: Churches Changing Communities and the World*. He is a contributor to *Circuit Rider* magazine, *Good News* magazine, and *Our Faith Today*.

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EMBODY

Five Keys to Leading with Integrity

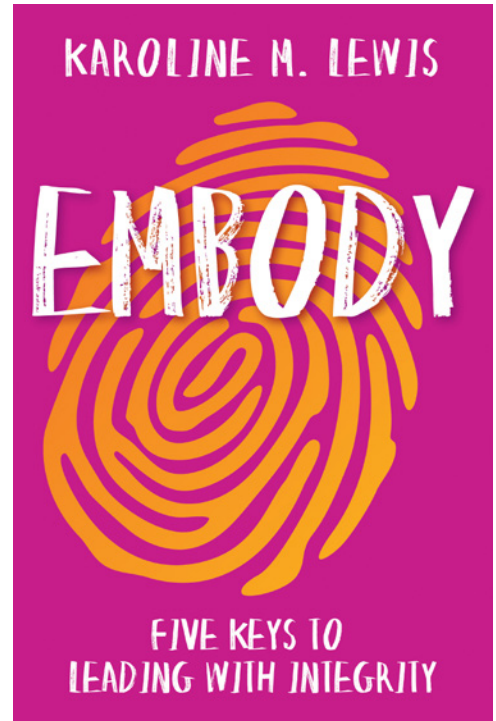
Karoline M. Lewis

Embody your Christian beliefs in every decision, every act of ministry leadership.

Pastors and other leaders feel trapped in systems and institutions where actions and decisions often seem to have little to do with the scripture they read or the theology they profess. They are swept into leadership norms that resemble business models more than mission. They see in others and (sometimes) recognize in themselves the disconnect between their own theology and their leadership. They feel unable to fully integrate their beliefs with their behavior. Many leaders—younger ones, especially—are frustrated and disillusioned by this disconnect. They see hypocrisy all around them, and in themselves. They see that our culture is at a critical juncture, which gives ministry a greater sense of urgency. But they want to do things differently, to be what they believe. They want to embody their Christian beliefs in every decision, every act of ministry leadership. The functional authority of scripture must be evident in the way church leaders lead, both within the congregation and in the public square. The way church leaders lead proves the bible does—or does not—matter.

In *Embody*, Karoline Lewis shows how to frame leadership in the church and public square theologically, and from the perspective of incarnation. She shows how leadership can be a direct line between what you believe and what you do. She incorporates examples of Jesus' leadership and the Paraclete in the Gospel of John, showing how leadership was achieved by walking beside. *Embody* offers practical things for the reader to consider and do, instruction and guidance for how to make the 'integration steps' necessary in order to become an embodied leader, and exploration of core components of embodied leadership.

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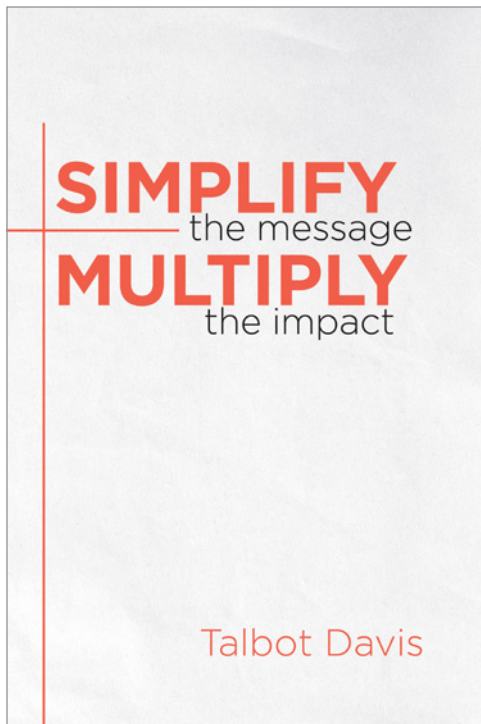
- Practical things for the reader to consider and do in order to embody leadership.
- Instruction and guidance for making the 'integration steps' necessary in order to become an embodied leader.
- Exploration of the core components of embodied leadership.

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- The contents has been tested on a living, breathing cohort of preachers.
- The contents stems from the experiences and reflections of a weekly practitioner of the preaching craft.
- Filled with examples of the enhanced impact of a simplified message.
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SIMPLIFY THE MESSAGE

Multiply the Impact

Talbot Davis

Deliver sermons with clarity, passion, and boldness.

Simplify the Message: Multiply the Impact is designed to help preachers break through the noise of culture and the cauldron of church to deliver sermons with clarity, passion, and boldness. This book meets the needs of two cohorts in particular: 1) young preachers developing their skills who need structure, a process, and hope, and 2) more seasoned preachers who may have “settled”, needing tools to invigorate their preparation and inspire their delivery.

Paul told the Corinthians: “When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I didn’t come preaching God’s secrets to you like I was an expert in speech or wisdom. I had made up my mind not to think about anything while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and to preach him as crucified.” (I Corinthians 2:1-2, CEB)

Author Talbot Davis shares the insights and habits that will empower the reader’s preaching and teaching to be:

- Both creative and disciplined;
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Simple is the opposite of simplistic. Sermons with clear & unmistakable focus are best able to plumb the depths not only of Gospel beauty but of the hearers’ lives

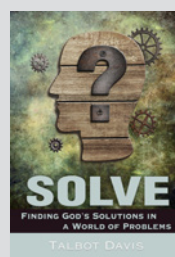
Talbot Davis is the pastor of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, a congregation known for its ethnic diversity, outreach ministry, and innovative approach to worship. He has been repeatedly recognized for his excellence in congregational development. During his 10-year term as pastor at Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church prior to serving Good Shepherd, that congregation doubled in size and received the conference’s “church of excellence” award six times. Talbot has also received the conference’s Harry Denman Award for Excellence in Evangelism. Since Talbot began serving at Good Shepherd in 1999, average worship attendance has quadrupled, growing from 500 to 2000 each Sunday. Talbot holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Princeton University and a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. He lives in Charlotte with his wife, Julie, and they have two grown children.

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Frank A. Thomas

Preach on difficult topics so that the message can be heard and transformative without damaging the pastor-congregation relationship.

Preachers increasingly see the need to deliver sermons that are “dangerous” in a variety of ways, the way they challenge hearers’ comfort levels and challenge established powers and hierarchies. Thomas helps readers understand those dangers—especially the forces of power and hierarchy that are so intrinsic in our everyday lives and in society as a whole. He teaches how to anticipate and navigate those forces, to open opportunities for dangerous preaching, and to mitigate negative impact on congregants, the preacher, and preacher-congregation relationships.

Surviving a Dangerous Sermon is a logical follow-up to Thomas’s previous book, *How to Preach a Dangerous Sermon*. It equips preachers to say what must be said, in a way that it is heard, so that the sermon has a chance to do its work on human hearts, without negative consequences.

Frank A. Thomas currently serves as Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Homiletics and Director of the Academy of Preaching and Celebration at Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis, Indiana.



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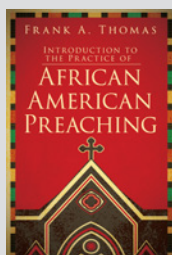
KEY FEATURES

- Provides a logical follow-up to Thomas’s *How to Preach a Dangerous Sermon*.
- Provides practical instruction on how to preach what needs to be said without negative consequences.
- Helps preachers navigate the results of preaching dangerous sermons to the benefit of both the congregants and the preacher.

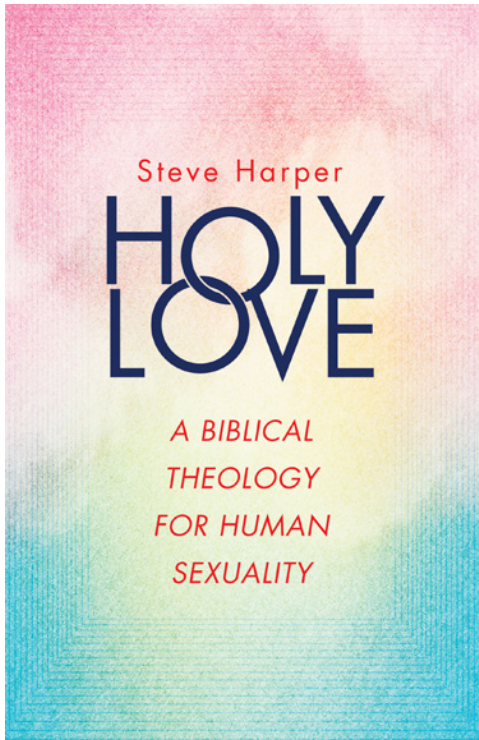
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KEY FEATURES

- Presents a fresh, rigorous, yet concise, theological examination of the Bible's teachings on human sexuality.
- Presents theological arguments using very accessible language making it appropriate for a broad audience.
- Will help readers make the constructive case that biblical, Christian teaching is compatible with faithful, covenantal love and intimacy amidst all sexual orientation.
- Appropriate for both individual and small group study.

HOLY LOVE

A Biblical Theology for Human Sexuality

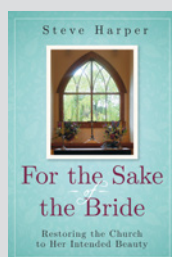
Steve Harper

Do conservatives or progressives “own” the teachings about what the Bible says about human sexuality and marriage? For some—perhaps a vocal minority—the question is no longer up for debate or discussion: conservatives win. For others, the issues are not that simple. A fresh, rigorous, but yet concise, theological examination of the Bible’s teachings is required. There are other ways to interpret scripture faithfully with respect to sexuality other than the conservative interpretation.

In *Holy Love*, Steve Harper strives to articulate the truth about the teachings of the Bible and Wesleyan tradition on human sexuality. This very accessible book is intended for church leaders, small groups, and those interested in understanding the Bible’s teaching on this fundamental component of human life, experience and relationships. The book will help church leaders and small groups make the constructive case that biblical, Christian teaching is compatible with faithful, covenantal love and intimacy amidst all sexual orientations.

Steve Harper is a retired United Methodist Elder in the Florida Annual Conference, and a retired seminary Professor who taught for 32 years in the disciplines of Spiritual Formation and Wesley Studies. He is the author of 22 books, the co-author of 19 others, numerous articles, and a frequent speaker in churches, conferences, and retreats. Harper’s ministries have included youth minister, evangelist, pastor, professor and seminary administrator. He and his wife Jeannie oversaw A Foundation for Theological Education, and they co-founded Shepherd’s Care, a ministry to ministers. Steve also served as Dean of the Chapel and Director of the Pathways Initiative at The Upper Room in Nashville. He lives in Winter Springs, Florida.

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THE BIBLE AND MORAL INJURY

Reading Scripture Alongside War's Unseen Wounds

Brad E. Kelle

The Bible and Moral Injury offers an exploration (with case studies) of the interpretation of biblical texts, especially war-related narratives and ritual descriptions from the Old Testament, in conversation with research on the emerging notion of moral injury within psychology, military studies, philosophy, and ethics. This book explores two questions simultaneously:

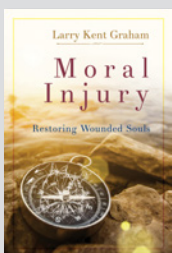
1. What happens when we read biblical texts, especially biblical stories of war and violence, in light of emerging research on moral injury?, and
2. What does the study of biblical texts and their interpretation contribute to the emerging work on moral injury among other fields and with veterans, chaplains, and other practitioners?

The book begins by explaining the concept of moral injury as it has developed within psychology, military studies, chaplaincy, and moral philosophy, especially through work with veterans of the U.S. military's wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. A major part of this work has been the attempt to identify means of healing, recovery, and repair for those morally injured by their experiences in combat or in similar situations. A key element for the book is that one feature of work on moral injury has been the appeal by psychologists and others to ancient texts and cultures for models of both the articulation of moral injury and possible means of prevention and healing. These appeals have, at times, referenced Old Testament texts that describe war-related rituals, practices, and experiences (e.g., Numbers 31).

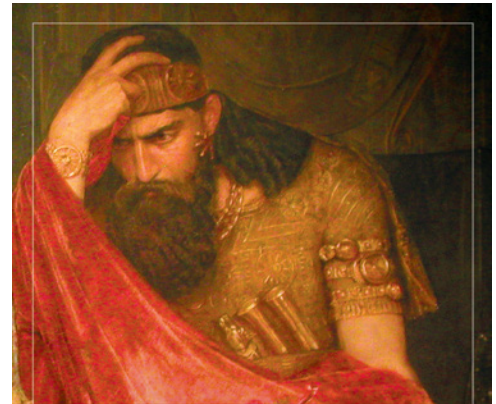
This book is not simply an effort to interpret various biblical texts through the lens of moral injury. It seeks to explore and suggest what critical interpretation of the biblical texts can contribute to the work on moral injury. In the end, *The Bible and Moral Injury* suggests that current formulations of moral injury provide a helpful lens for re-reading the Bible's texts related to war and violence. Also, biblical texts and their interpretation offer resources for those working to understand and express the realities of moral injury and its possible means of healing and repair.

Brad E. Kelle is Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, School of Theology and Christian Ministry, Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California. He has served as the chair of the SBL's Warfare in Ancient Israel Consultation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature.

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The Bible and Moral Injury

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Brad E. Kelle

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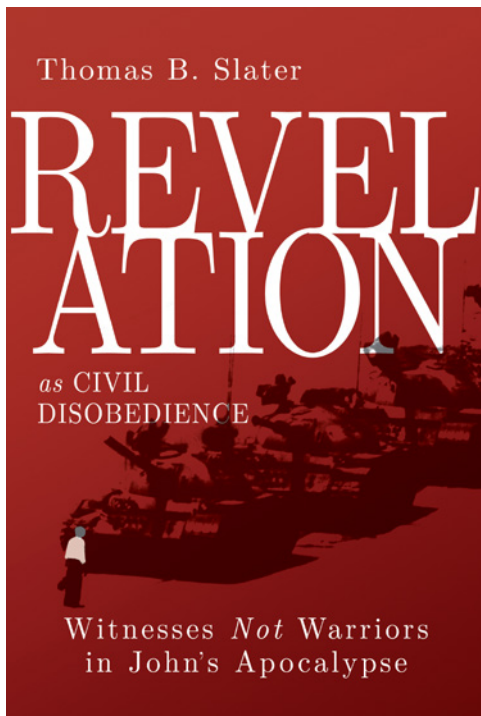
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KEY FEATURES

- Offers a resource for better understanding the emerging notion of moral injury and its import for interpreting biblical texts.
- Describes and illustrates how the study of biblical texts can contribute rich dimensions to emerging understandings of moral injury and the work of moral recovery and repair.
- Identifies biblical practices of war-related rituals (dividing spoils, memorial building, celebration, lament) as well as more general moral and theological convictions at work in the Bible's formulations around violation, violence, and war.
- Opens with a preface by a major practitioner in the broader field of moral injury, veteran's services, military chaplaincy, and psychology.



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KEY FEATURES

- Provides fresh insights into the book of Revelation.
- Offers readers an alternative approach reading this apocalyptic book through the lens of civil disobedience.
- Serves to connect contemporary concerns about the violence of the book or its justification of military action with a critical corrective reading.
- Readers will be introduced to a unique and fresh reading of the book of Revelation from the perspective of both ancient and contemporary cultural challenges.
- Readers will see as a source and template for faithful life in Christ today through a focus on nonviolent witness instead of retribution.

REVELATION AS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

Witnesses Not Warriors in John's Apocalypse

Thomas B. Slater

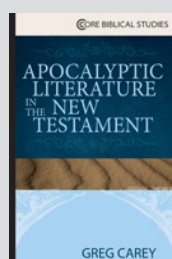
Judgment belongs solely to God. Christians must wait faithfully for God to act.

The book of Revelation is a form of civil disobedience that focuses upon sustaining a faithful witness in spite of the consequences. The author defines civil disobedience as resisting unjust laws in nonviolent ways even if it means the potential death of the protestor (e.g., Rev. 12:11). Along those same lines, the book also redefines conquering as sustaining a faithful witness under duress, modeled after the faithfulness of Jesus, even to death (e.g., 1:5; 2:10, 26-28; 6:9-11; 14:12; 20:4). Even when resistance is expressed in military terms, Christians never take up arms (e.g., Rev 12:7-12; 14:1-5; 19:11-21) but overcome evil through their faithful witness. Slater argues, for example, that Rev 19:21 symbolically refers to a powerful spoken witness that defeats evil.

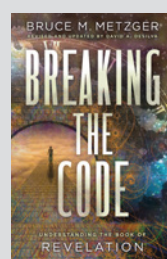
This study develops a way for Christians to read and appreciate the book of Revelation. Many decry the violent nature of the book without noting that Christians are never encouraged to take up arms. Along those same lines, many laypersons see the book as a justification for military intervention against Satan and his minions. They too miss the fact that the book of Revelation never tells Christians to arm themselves. Rather, Christians defeat evil by witnessing faithfully. Both sides would be challenged to rethink and reassess their respective positions given the stress on faithful witness in the book.

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ECCLESIOLOGY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

E. Elizabeth Johnson

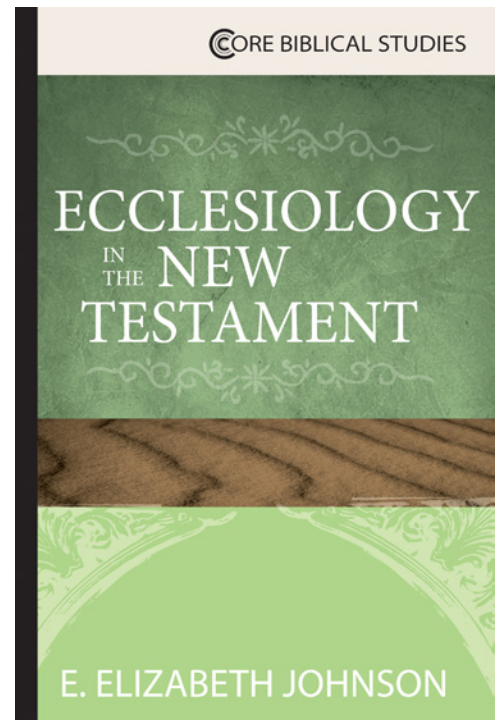
How the New Testament writers talk about the church.

The earliest Christians thought of themselves in communal terms. They did not simply make individual commitments to Jesus as God’s messiah; they constituted themselves as communities shaped by the in-breaking of God’s realm. They likely learned to do so from Jesus himself. When he summoned an inner circle of his followers and numbered them twelve, he signaled that his ministry had the character of a reform movement within Israel.

In his work of preaching, healing, exorcism, and prophetic sign actions, Jesus shaped his followers into what would eventually become the church. By transgressing contemporary religious and social boundaries in his ministry, he planted the seeds of the church’s later inclusion of non-Jews.

This book will investigate New Testament texts about the church from a comparative standpoint. That is, the various authors adopt different metaphors for their communities—family, assembly, nation, priesthood, and so on to make varying claims about how they ought to live together and how they ought to live among their neighbors. In their descriptions of themselves as the church, Christians implicitly and explicitly describe their theology but also the Roman empire, the Jerusalem temple, the synagogue, popular philosophical circles, and first-century domestic order.

E. Elizabeth Johnson is J. Davison Philips Professor of New Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Her Ph.D. is from Princeton Theological Seminary. Johnson is interested in the ways the church uses the Bible to think about faith and life. She is drawn to exploring how the Pauline letters invite us to reflect about who God is and what Jesus’ death and resurrection mean for human life and society. She has also published a number of articles on the New Testament related to families and family values.



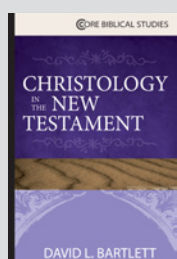
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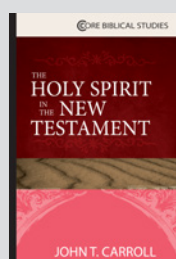
KEY FEATURES

- Introduces basic biblical texts related to ecclesiology.
- Readers will become familiar with different voices from the writers of the New Testament.
- Shows that what the church means to Christians reflects their understanding of their life together, God, God’s work in Christ, and what the world should be.
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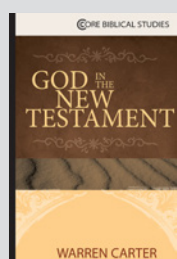
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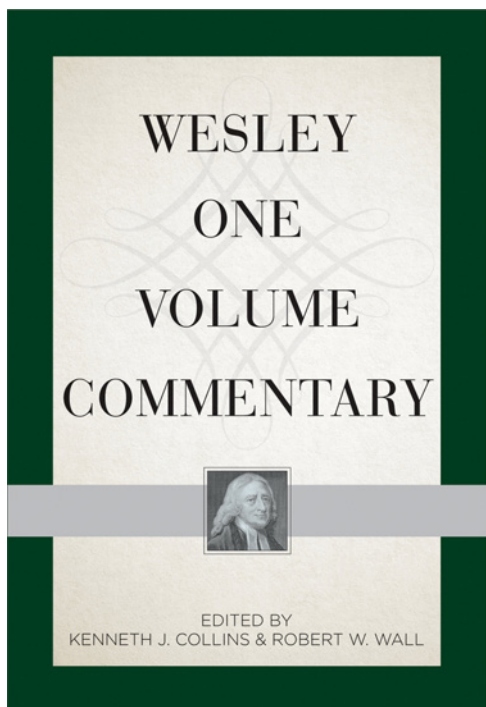
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- Fully explore the Wesleyan interpretation of Scripture in ways only hinted at in the Wesley Study Bible.
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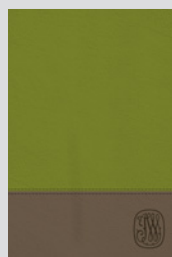
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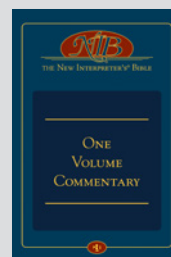
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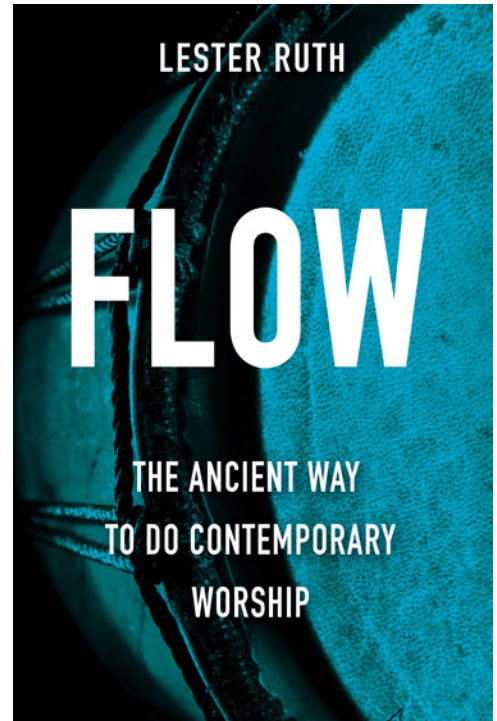
Lester Ruth

Plan and implement contemporary worship that honors tradition.

Is there a way to do the prescribed or suggested orders of worship from denominational worship resources—such as the *United Methodist Book of Worship*, *Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship*, the *Book of Common Worship* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), or the *Book of Common Prayer*—in a way that feels legitimately and authentically contemporary?

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Lester Ruth is the Research Professor of Christian Worship at Duke Divinity School. Ruth holds degrees from Notre Dame, Candler School of Theology of Emory University, and Asbury Theological Seminary. He was a student of James F. White - the former University of Notre Dame Professor of Theology (Liturgical Studies). He co-authored *Lovin’ On Jesus: A Concise History of Contemporary Worship* with Dr. Swee Hong Lim.



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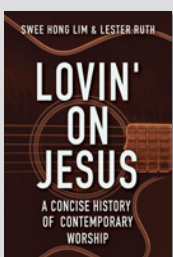
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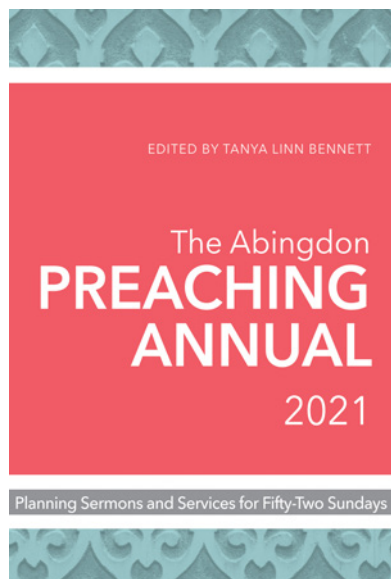
- Provides step-by-step guidance for re-thinking traditional worship that honors the tradition.
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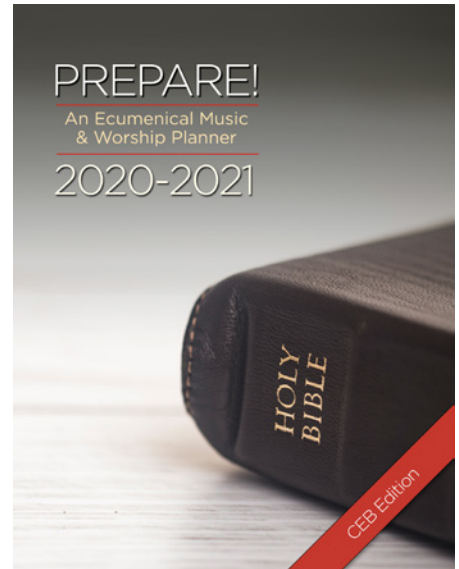
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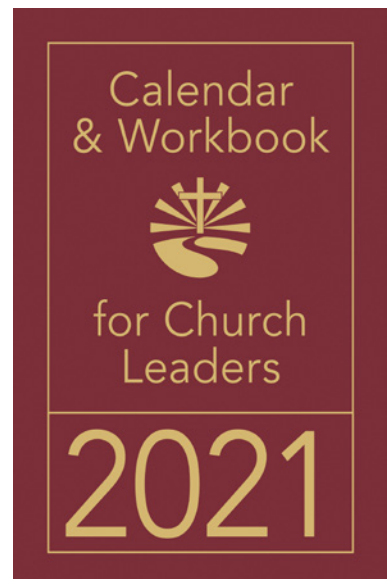
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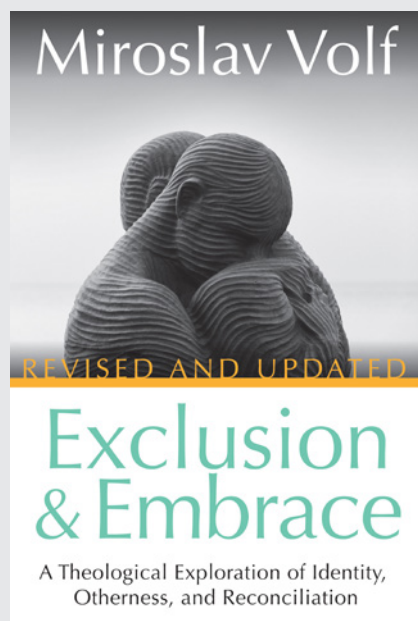
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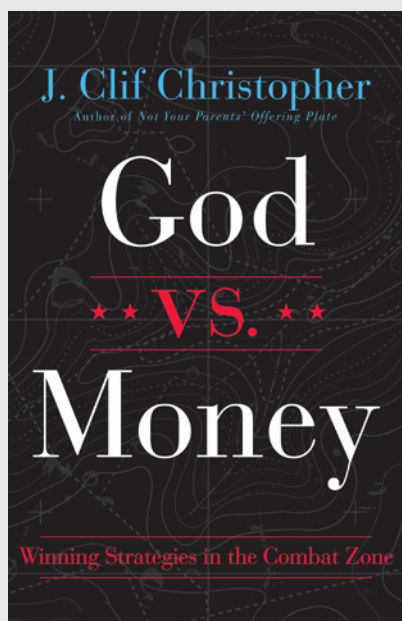
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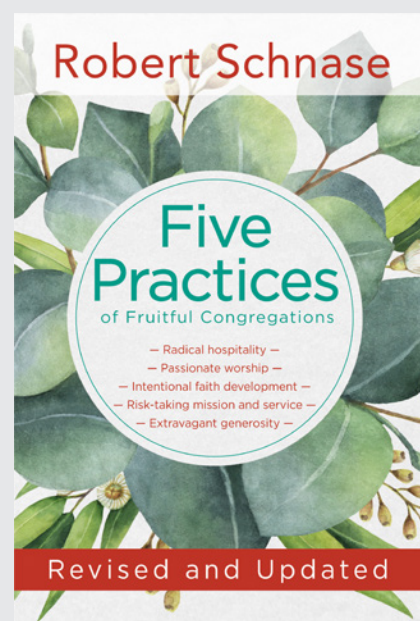
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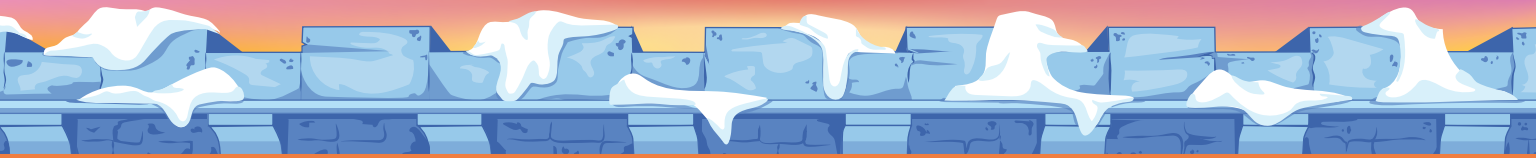


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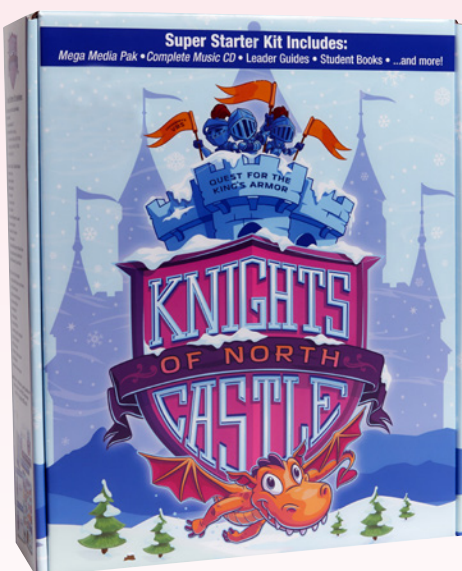
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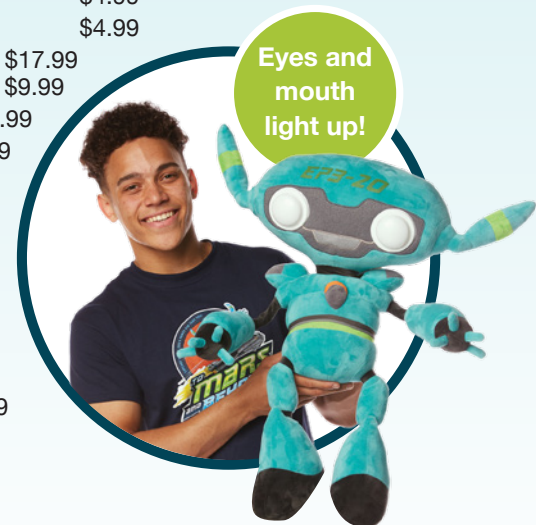
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The Champions in Life Starter Kit contains:

- Worship DVD, including an introduction video, music videos, and movement instructionals and demonstrations
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Leader Guides

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Pre-Reader Leader Guide | \$14.99

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Reader Leader Guide | \$14.99

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Leaflets

The *Bible Story Basics* Leaflets are four-panel activity sheets featuring colorful and realistic art offering creative ways to involve children in the Bible story. Meant to be used in class and taken home, they facilitate a connection between church and home for each child with weekly questions and prayers to share as a family.

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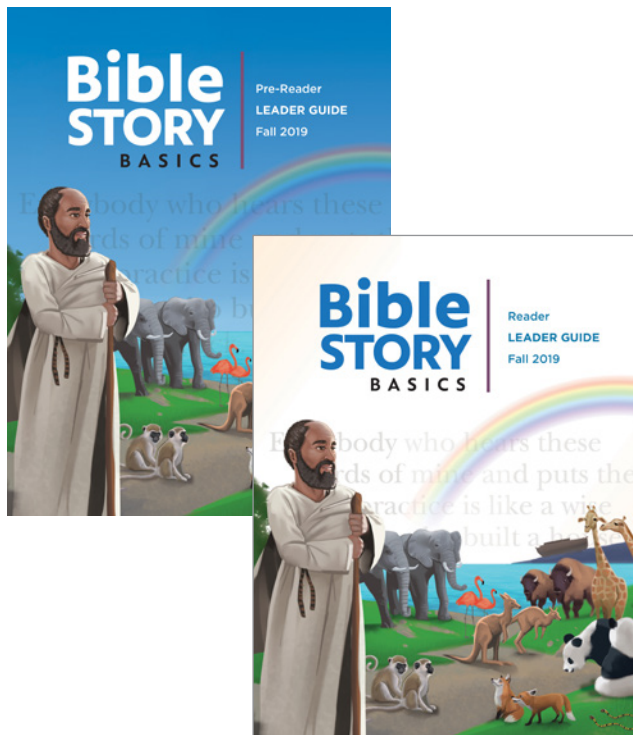
Reader Leaflets | \$8.99

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Take-Home CD | \$19.99

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Annual Class Pack | \$49.99

The Class Pack includes 12 beautiful pictures (8.5 x 11) for each unit’s memory verse that enhances the Sunday school area with relevant artwork that supports the faith experience. The pack also includes an attendance chart and CD-ROM with extra content and the year’s music.

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Class Pack Components

CD-ROM: Bible Story Basics Class Pack Resources
 Fall 2019–Summer 2020

PRINTABLE RESOURCES

- Twelve 8 1/2 x 11 Pictures
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- Four 8 1/2 x 11 Postcards
- Attendance Chart (12)
- One 8 1/2 x 11 Postcard Bible
- Library Reference Poster (12)
- One 8 1/2 x 11 Postcard
- Bible Library Poster (12)

SONGS

- The B-I-B-L-E, 2:34
- I've Got a River of Life, 2:37
- Hallelu! Oh, 2:46
- I Will Be with You, 2:49
- Safe Inside Your Love, 2:52
- Hear Us As We Pray, 2:55
- Joyful, Joyful, 2:58

Picture Cards:

- Unit 1: *God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.* Genesis 1:31
- Unit 2: *Look up at the sky and count the stars... This is how many children you will have.* Genesis 15:5
- Unit 3: *The LORD will protect you on your journeys—whether going or coming.* Psalm 121:8
- Unit 4: *Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, "He's been raised from the dead."* Matthew 28:7

Attendance Chart: Fall 2019–Summer 2020. Includes sections for Fall 2019, Winter 2019-20, Spring 2020, and Summer 2020.

Find out more at BibleStoryBasics.com/retailers

Bible STORY BASICS

Scope & Sequence

Fall 2019—Summer 2020

Fall 2019

UNIT 1: Beginnings
BV: Genesis 1:31

Creation
Genesis 1:1-25

God's Image
Genesis 1:26-2:4a

Adam and Eve
Genesis 2:4b-3:24

Noah
Genesis 6:1-9:17

Tower of Babel
Genesis 11:1-9

UNIT 2: Ancestors
BV: Genesis 15:5

Abraham and Sarah
Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6

Abraham and Lot
Genesis 13:1-12

The Birth of Isaac
Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Isaac and Rebekah
Genesis 24:1-67

UNIT 3: Blessings
BV: Genesis 28:14

Jacob and Esau
Genesis 25:19-28

The Birthright
Genesis 25:29-34

The Blessing
Genesis 27:1-46

Jacob's Dream
Genesis 28:10-22

Winter 2019-20

UNIT 1: Hope
BV: Isaiah 2:5

Swords and Plows
Isaiah 2:1-5

Mary's Story
Luke 1:26-38, 46-47

Joseph's Story
Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus' Story
Luke 2:1-7

Shepherd's Story
Luke 2:8-20

UNIT 2: Calling
BV: Matthew 4:19

Follow the Star
Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus Is Baptized
Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus Calls the Fishermen
Matthew 4:18-22

Beatitudes
Matthew 5:1-12

UNIT 3: Wisdom
BV: Matthew 7:24

The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:5-15

The Bird in the Sky
Matthew 6:25-34

The Golden Rule
Matthew 7:12

The Two Houses
Matthew 7:24-27

Spring 2020

UNIT 1: Journey
BV: Psalm 121:8

Man in the Synagogue
Matthew 12:9-14

Jesus and the Children
Matthew 19:13-15

Last Supper
Matthew 26:31-56

In the Garden
Matthew 26:31-56

Peter
Matthew 26:57-58, 69-75

UNIT 2: Alleluia
BV: Matthew 28:7

Hosanna!
Matthew 21:1-11;
27:32-66

Easter
Matthew 28:1-10

Breakfast on the Beach
John 21:1-19

The Great Commission
Matthew 28:16-20

UNIT 3: Believers
BV: Acts 2:4

Believers Share
Acts 4:32-37

Choosing the Seven
Acts 6:1-7

Philip and the Ethiopian
Acts 8:26-40

First Called "Christians"
Acts 11:19-30

Pentecost
Acts 2:1-41

Summer 2020

UNIT 1: Paul
BV: Philippians 4:13

Paul's Conversion
Acts 9:1-20

Love in Action
Romans 12:9-18

Paul Escapes
Acts 9:20-25

Be Glad and Endure
Philippians 4:4-14

UNIT 2: Leaders
BV: 2 Timothy 1:7

Be a Leader
Acts 16:1-5; 1 Tim.
4:7b-16

Be Encouraged
2 Timothy 1:3-7

Lydia
Acts 16:11-15

Paul and Silas
Acts 16:16-40

UNIT 3: Prophets
BV: 1 Kings 18:39

Elijah and the Ravens
1 Kings 16:29-30; 17:1-7

Elijah and the Prophets
1 Kings 18:20-39

Elijah and Elisha
1 Kings 19:1-21

Elisha and the Widow
2 Kings 4:1-7

Elisha and Naaman
2 Kings 5:1-19a



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HOLY MOMENTS

Activities for Teaching Children About Worship

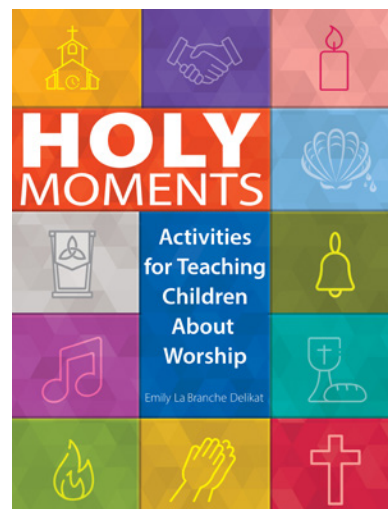
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Holy Moments: Activities for Teaching Children About Worship is a library of activities created to help children fully understand how and why we worship together as a community of faith.

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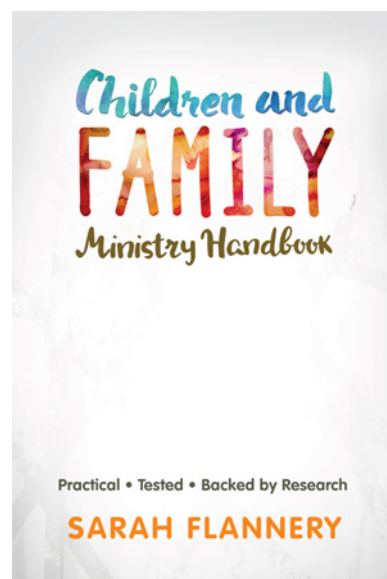
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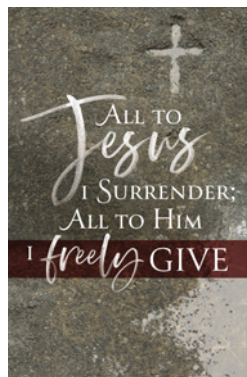
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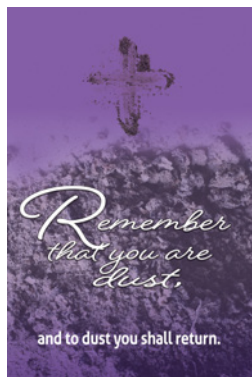
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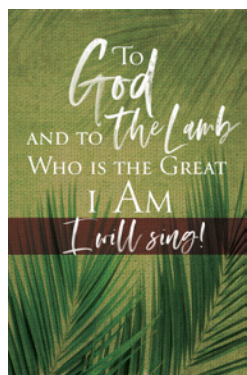
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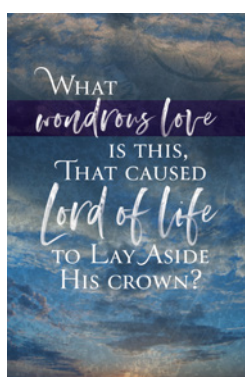
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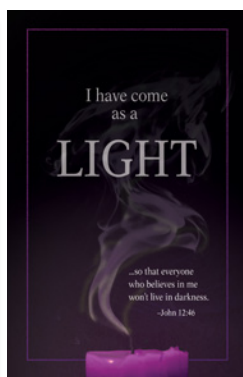
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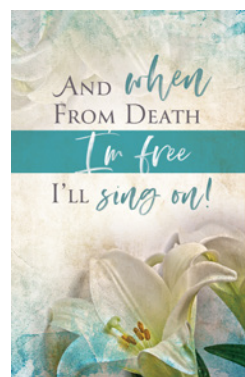
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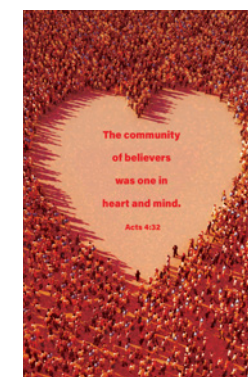
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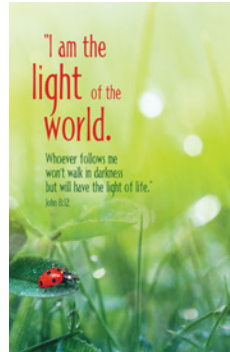
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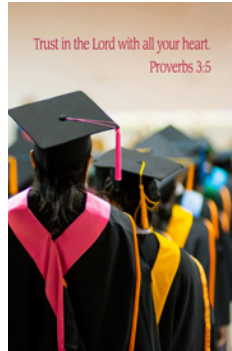
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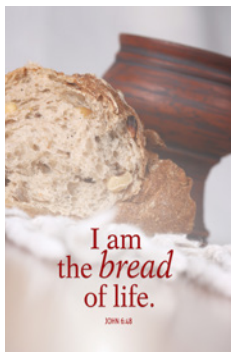
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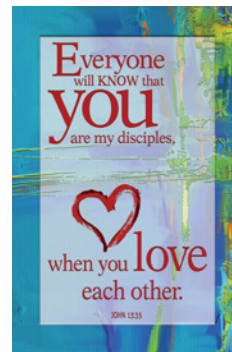
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James A. Harnish is a retired United Methodist pastor, writer, and teacher. He served in pastoral ministry for 43 years in Florida, including 22 years as senior pastor of Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa. Harnish was founding pastor of St. Luke’s UMC in Orlando. He and his wife, Martha, live in Longwood, Florida.



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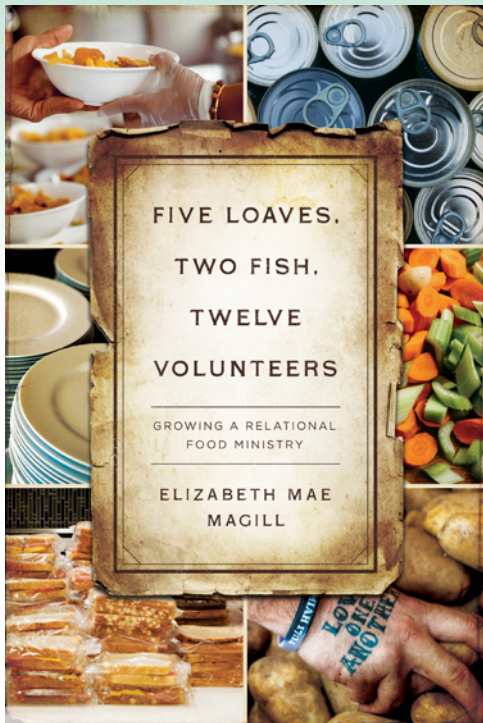


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Sixty-two percent of food pantries and meal programs in the United States are faith-based. Most of these ministries are transactional; people needing food interact with church volunteers to earn access to direct service.

Elizabeth Magill advocates relational ministry as a better model for food ministry. People donating food or money eat with the people who need food and get to know them as they serve alongside them. Those needing food share all aspects of the ministry, including planning, setting up, leading, serving, and cleaning. As volunteers become better acquainted, they can form deep, meaningful relationships, creating a new way to be the church.

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TARGET AUDIENCE

- Laypeople and clergy who care about food ministry in churches.
- People who think the church should focus on building relationships.
- People who wish the church were more engaged in crossing the boundaries of class and race.

KEY FEATURES

- Practical advice for changing or starting a food ministry to include volunteers who are food insecure.
- True stories from eight church-based food ministries that share their ministry with the people who need their services.
- Bible study and analysis of how food ministries engage in direct service.
- Suggestions for how to meet people, get to know them, involve them as volunteers, and create a new form of church.

Five Loaves, Two Fish, Twelve Volunteers tells the stories of eight churches that share food ministry with people who need their services. Full of practical advice, this book emphasizes that building relationships and offering radical welcome is more important work for churches than efficiency or order. It helps congregations evaluate their outreach and advises them on how to do it differently.

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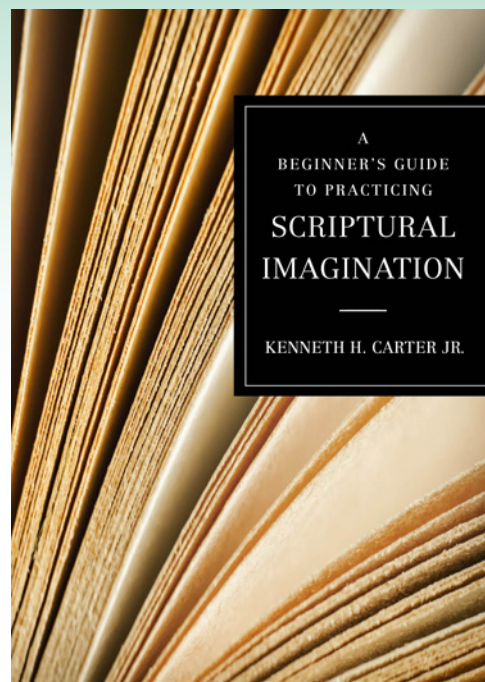
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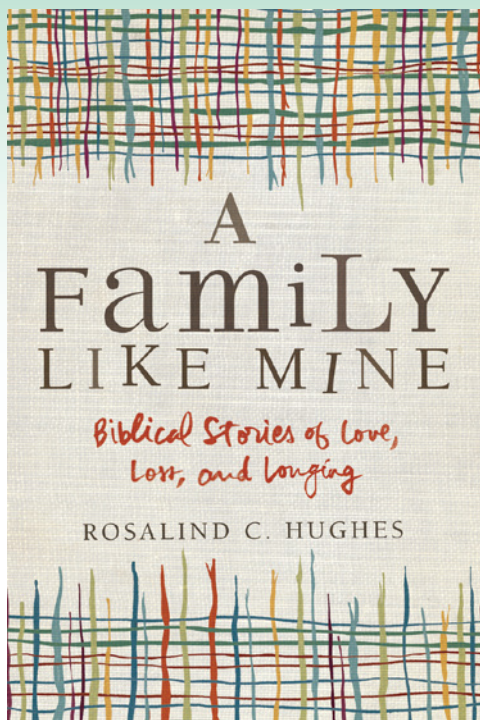


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- Fresh, new expressions of the church.
- Seminary students.
- Short-term mission teams.
- Campus ministry groups and their leaders.
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- Those who have moved away from the understanding of faith and family in which they were raised.
- Bible study groups.

KEY FEATURES

- Storytelling basis of book makes it accessible.
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- Reflection/discussion questions at the end of each chapter.

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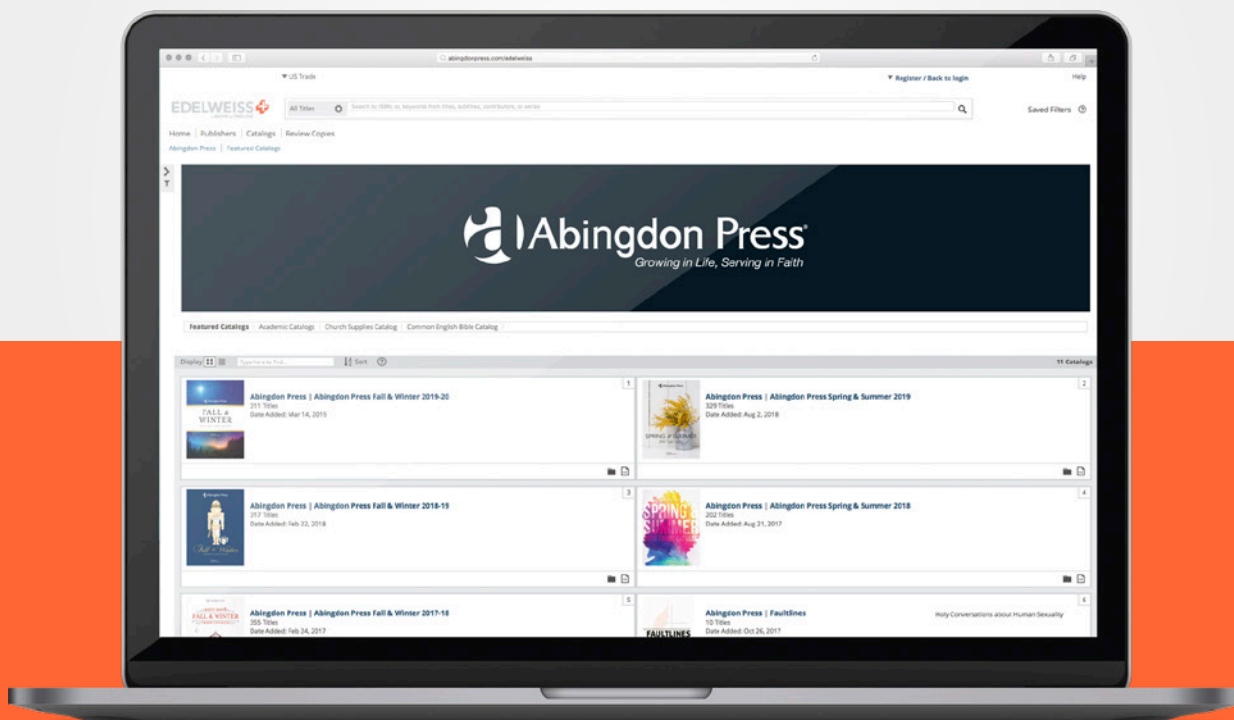
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