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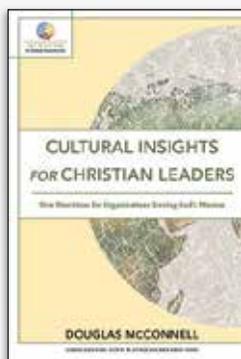
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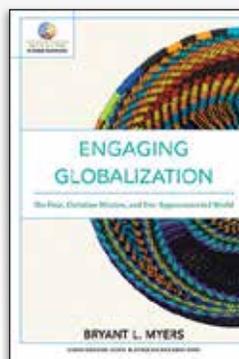
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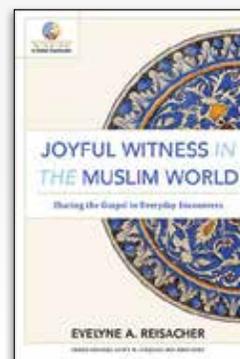
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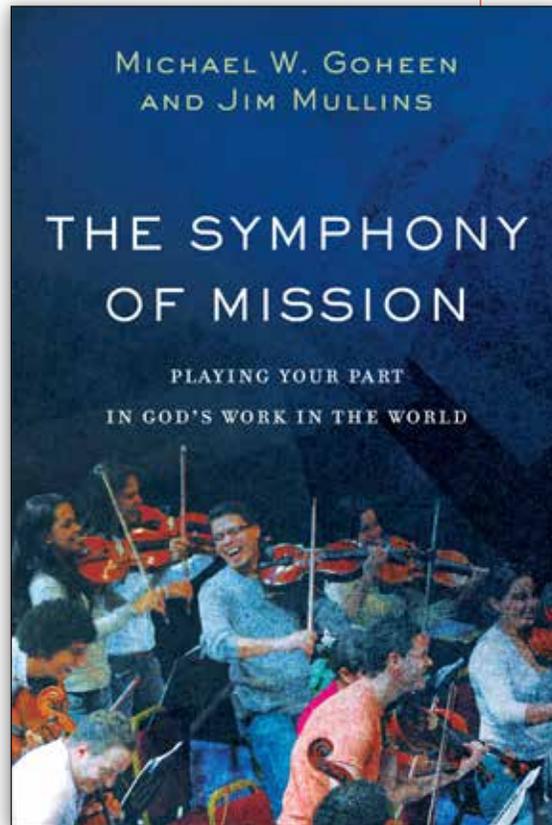
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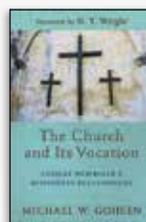
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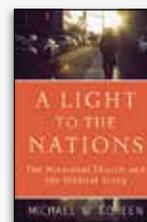


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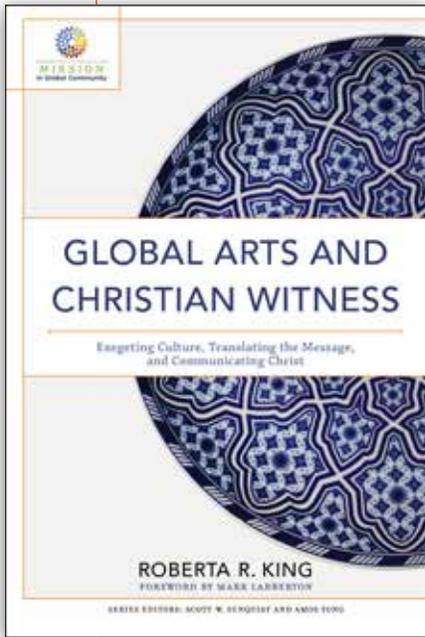
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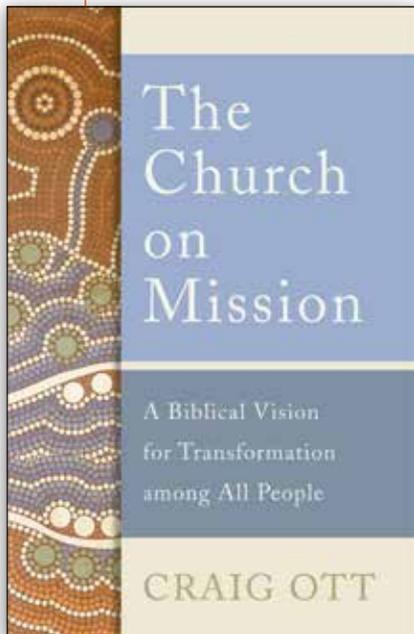
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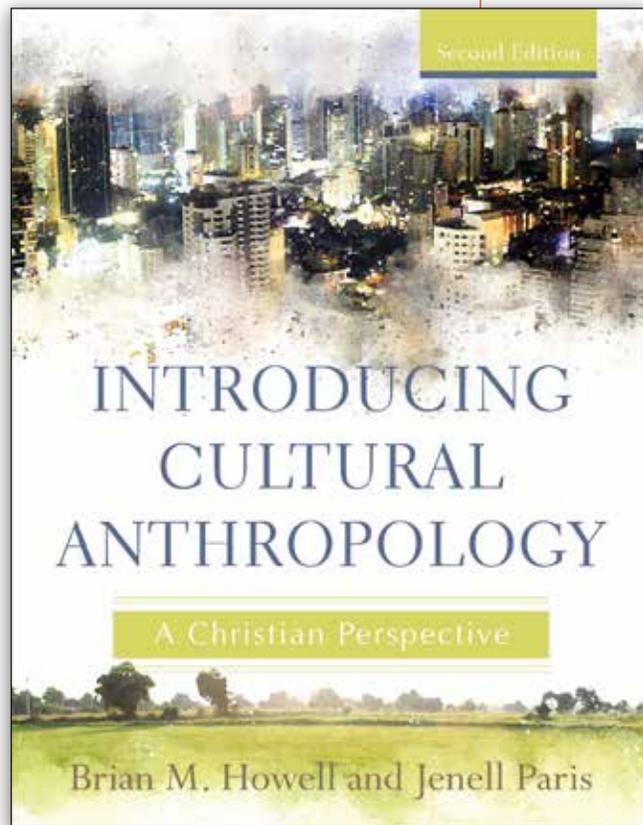
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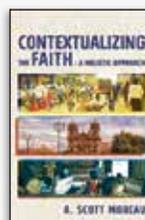
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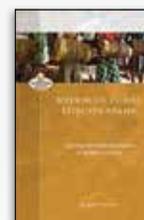
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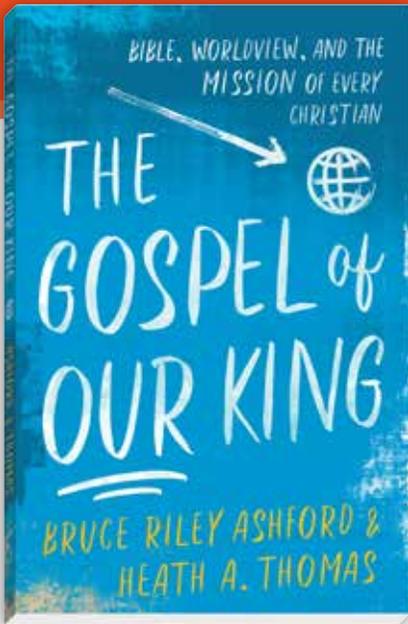


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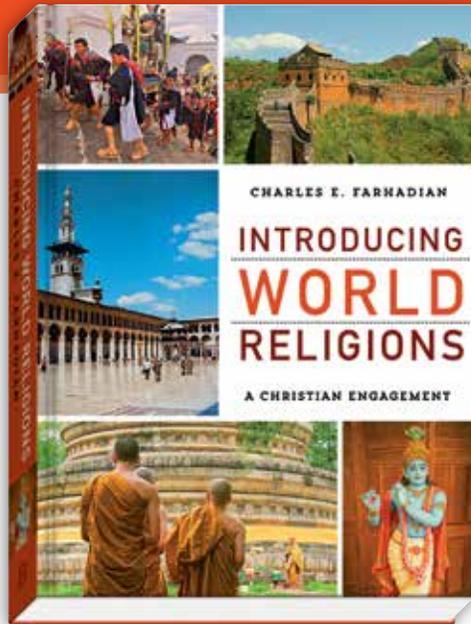


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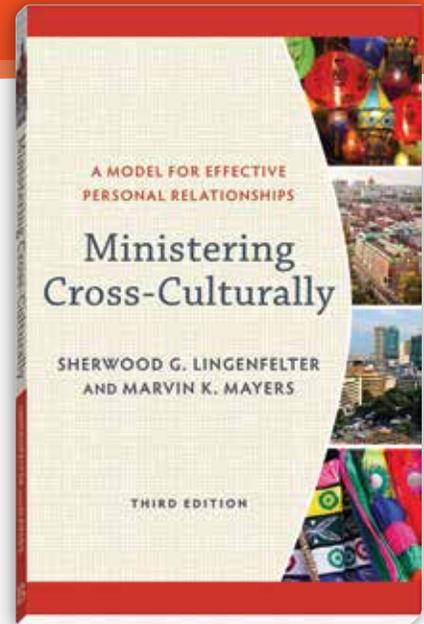
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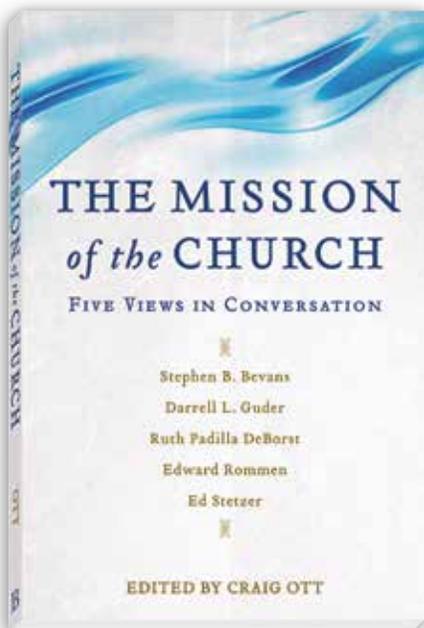
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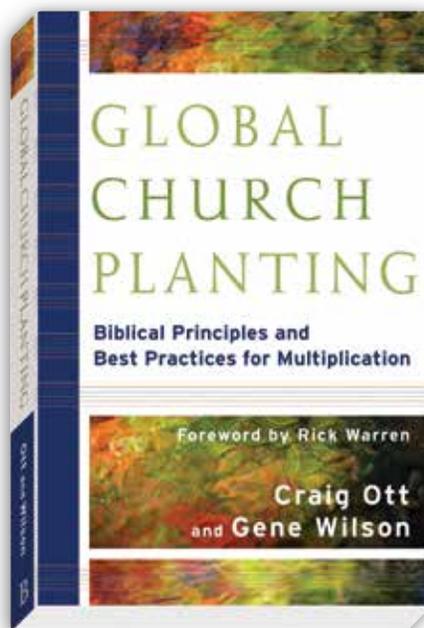
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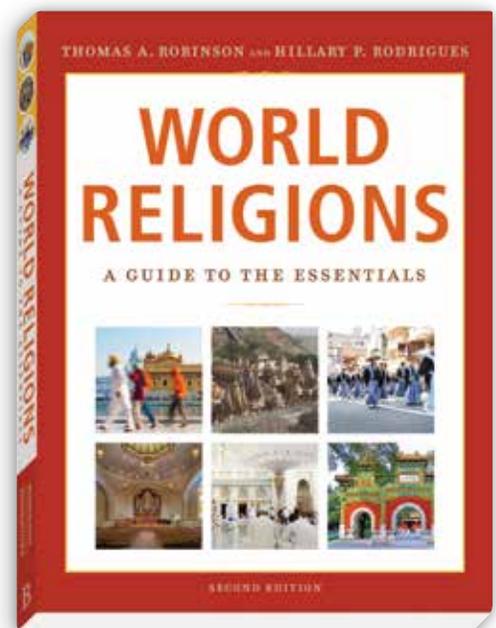


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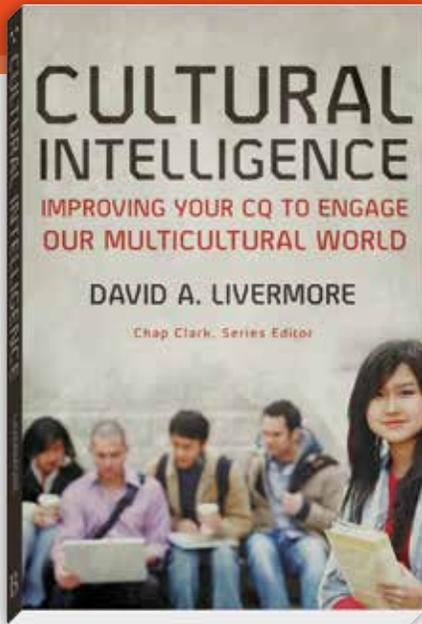


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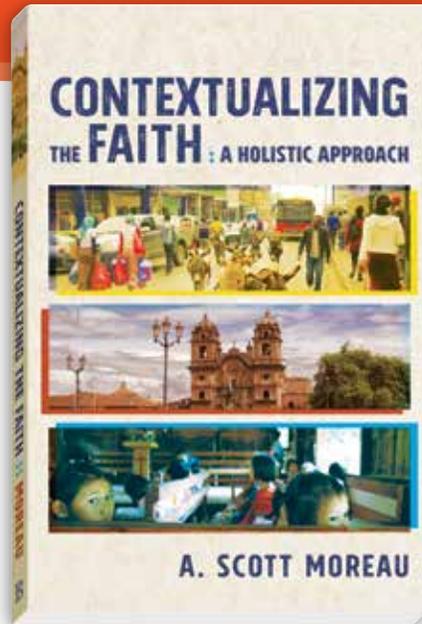


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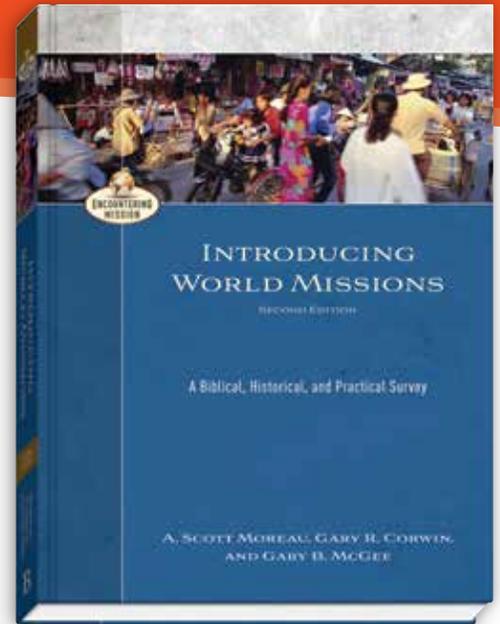
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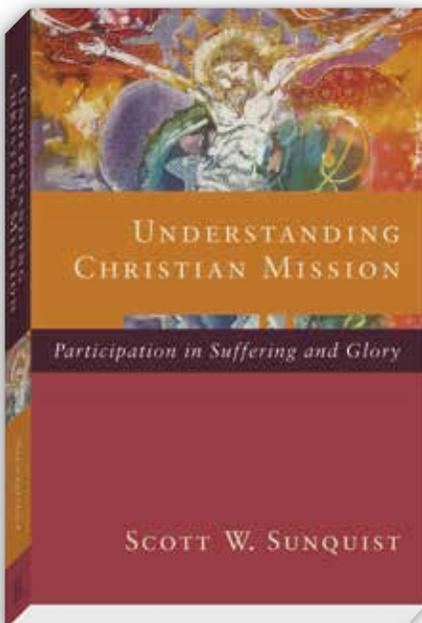


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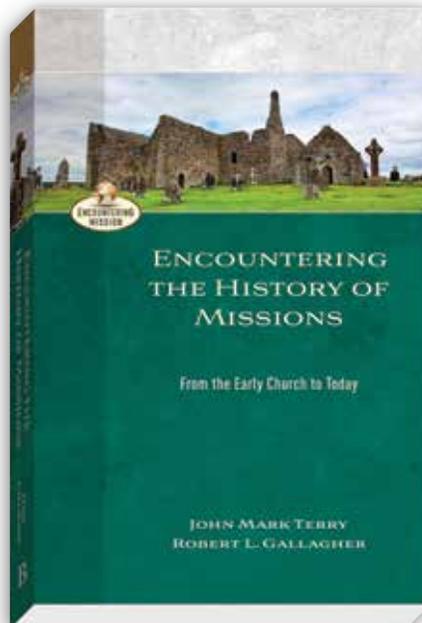
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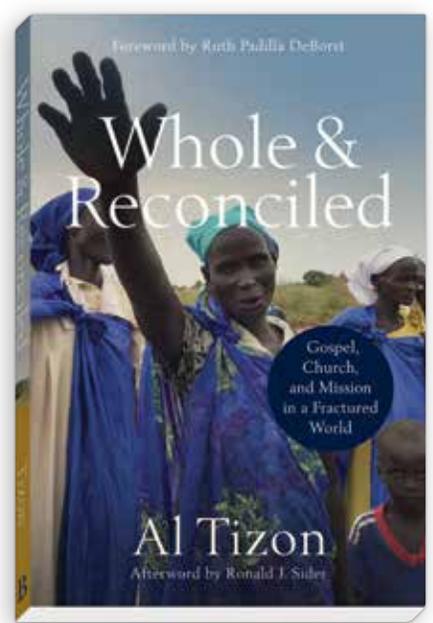


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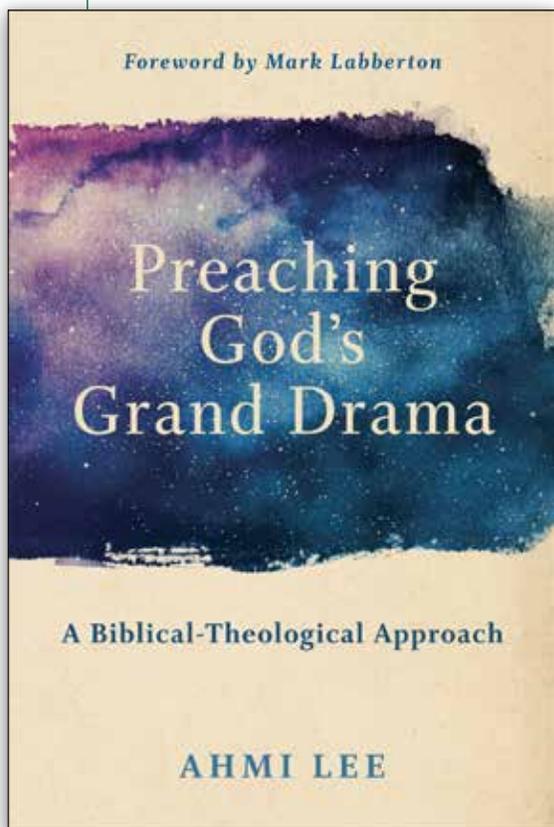


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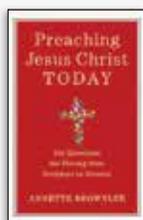
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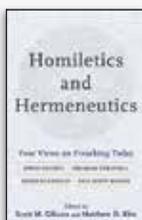
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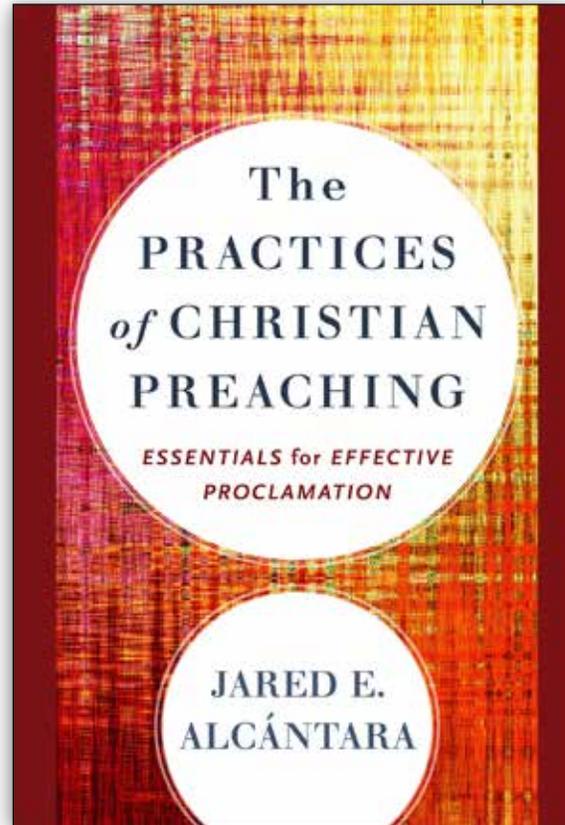
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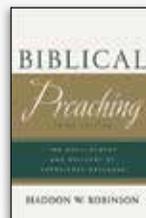
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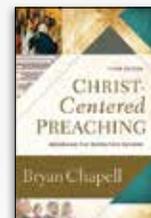
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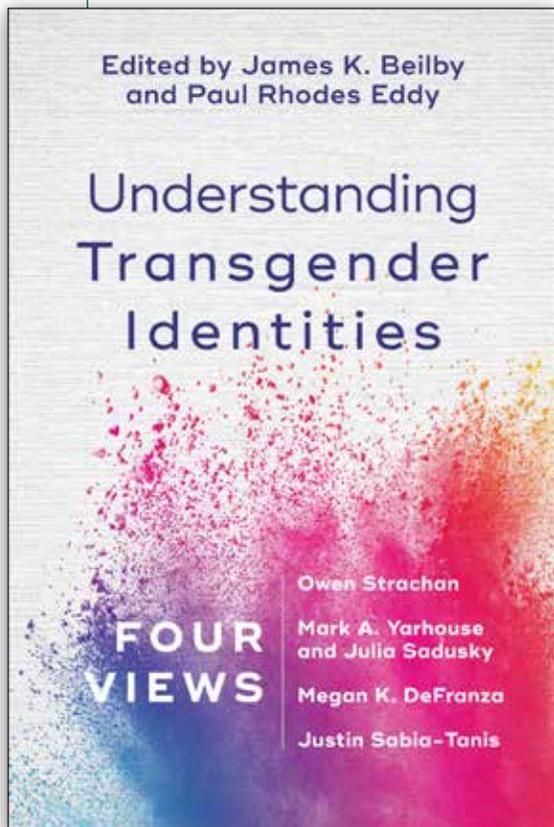
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We have sought to find contributors who have some fundamental differences on the important issues within this debate. In particular, we have focused on finding contributors who hold differing perspectives on such questions as whether sex is binary; whether gender is binary; whether there are stable, transcultural, or divinely ordained gender expressions/roles; and whether social and/or medical/surgical transitioning is appropriate or advantageous for transgender individuals. . . .

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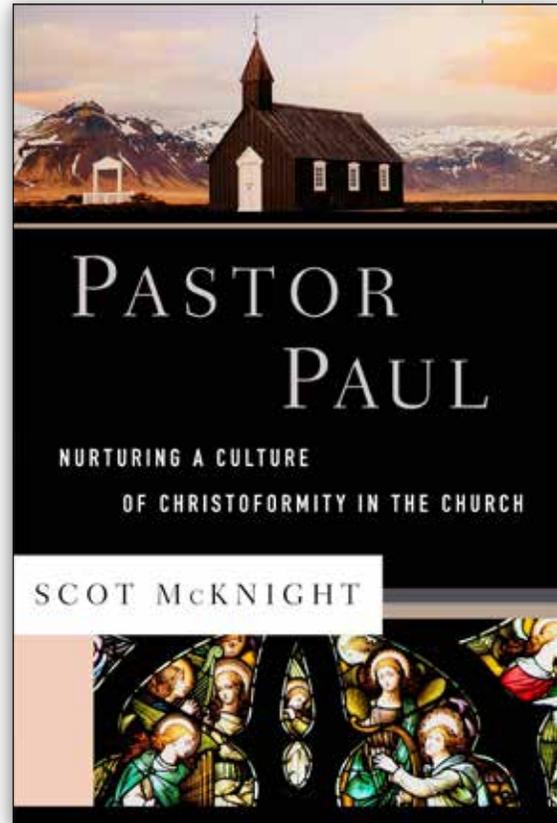
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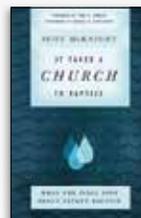
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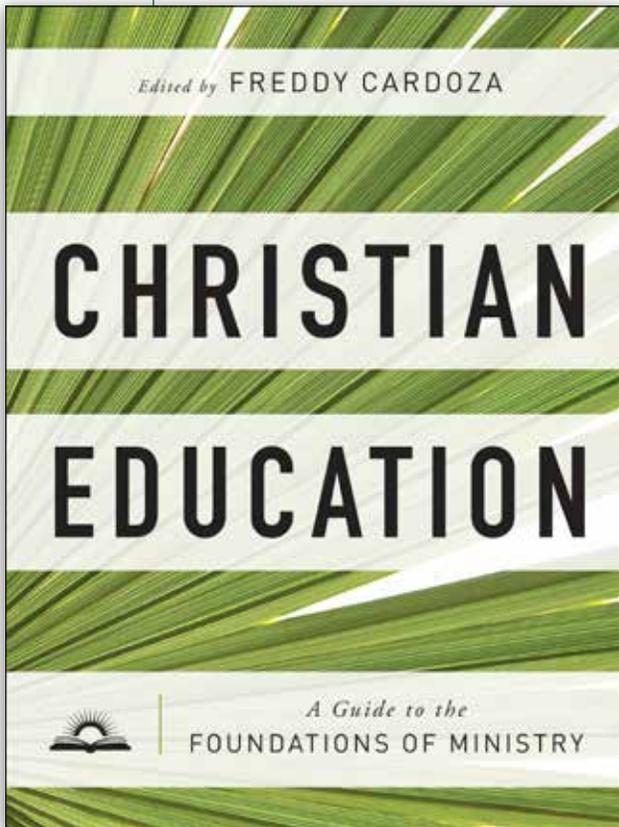
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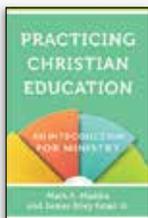
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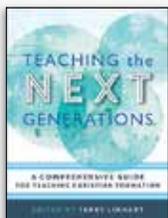
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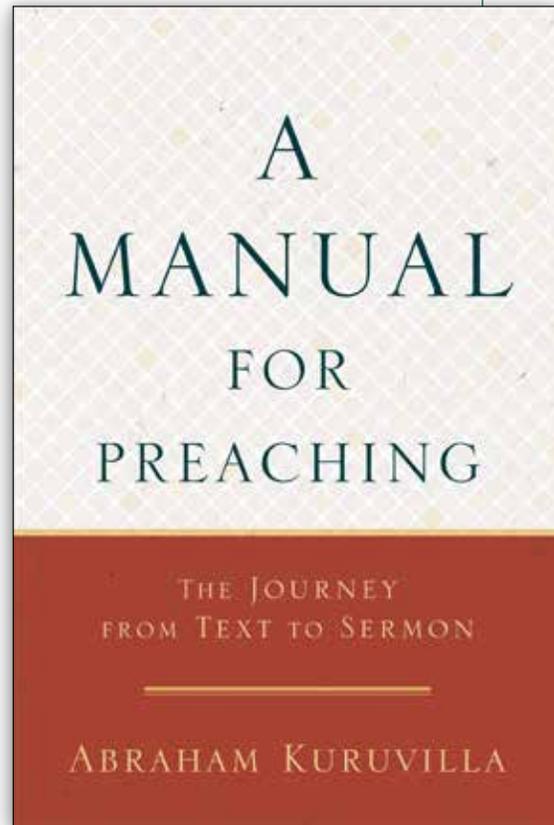
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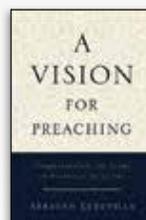


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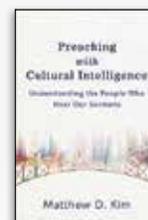


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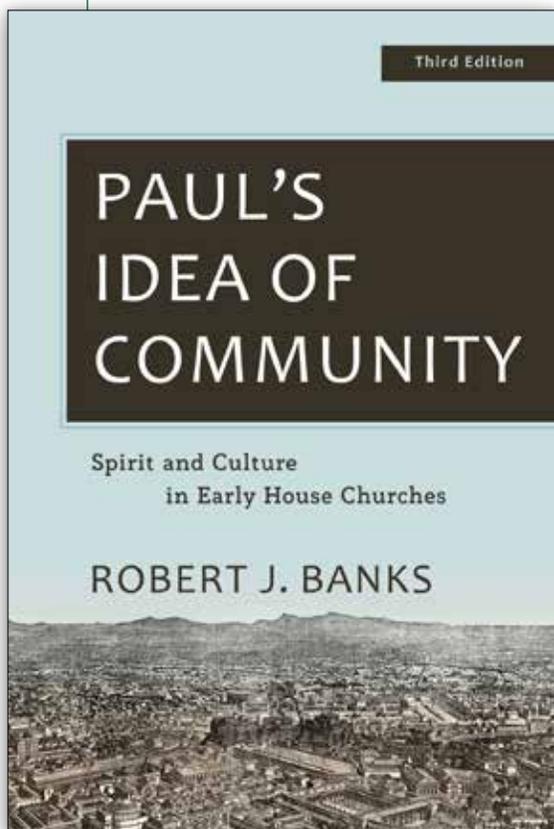
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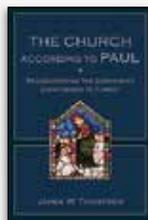
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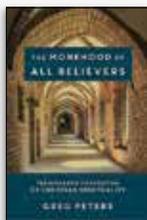
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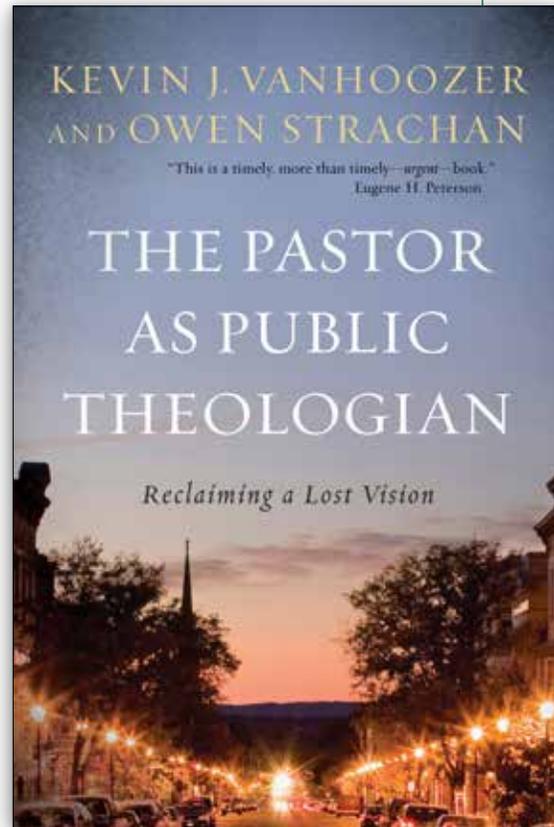
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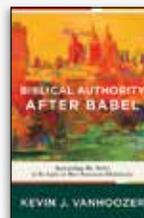
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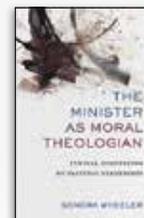
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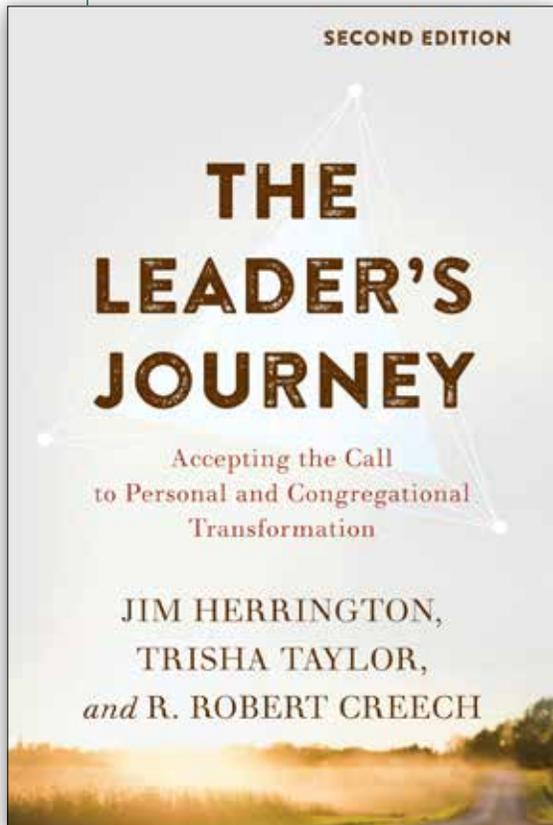
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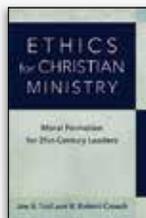
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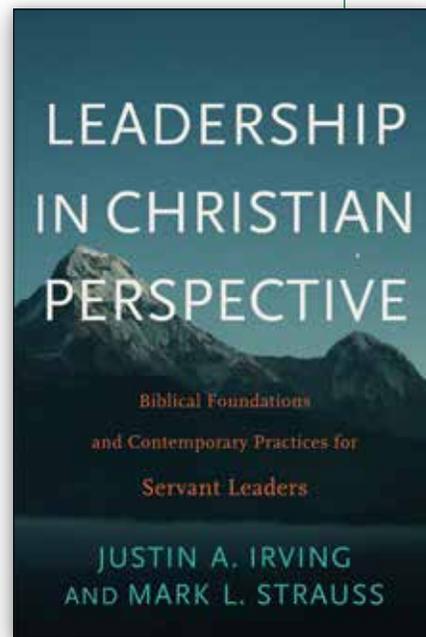
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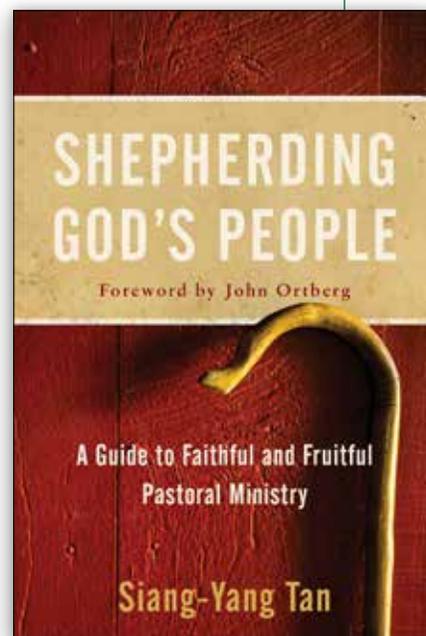
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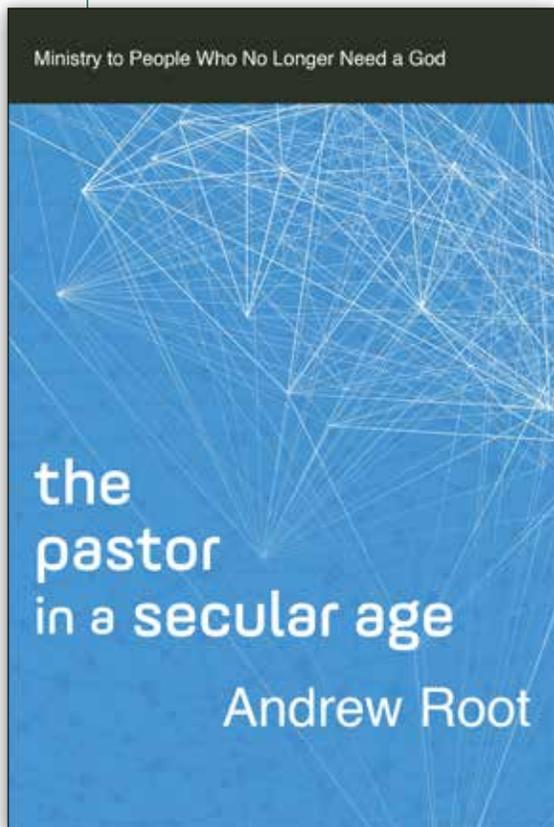
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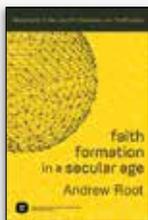
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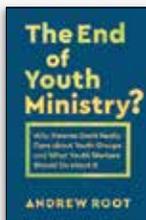
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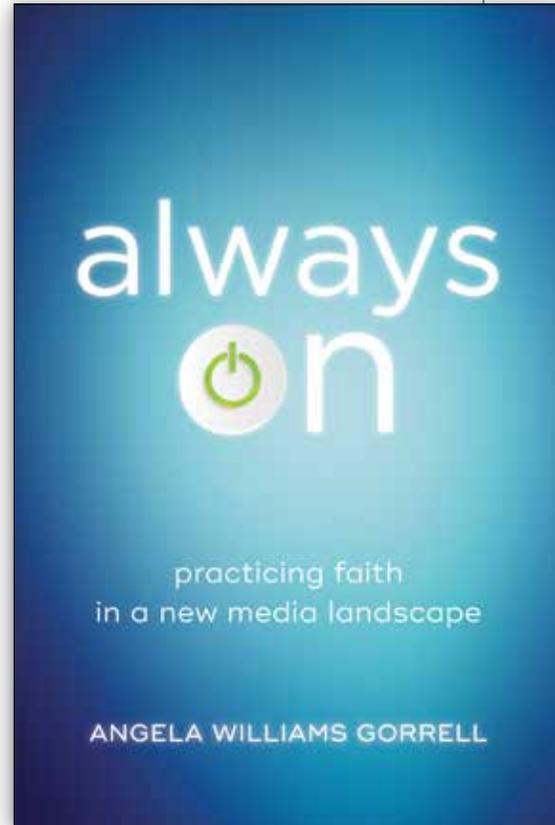
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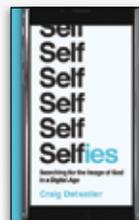


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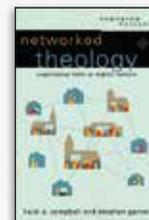
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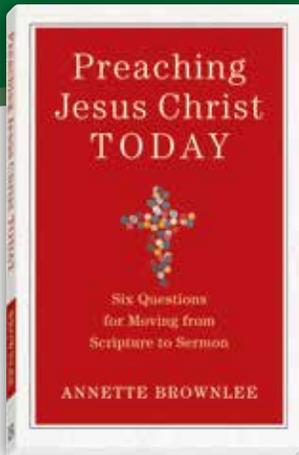


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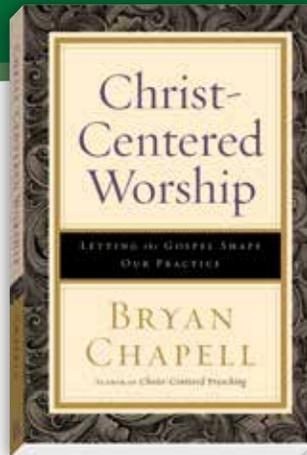


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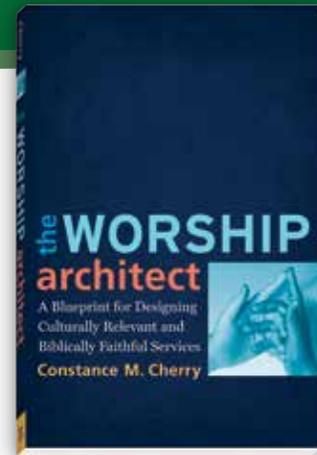
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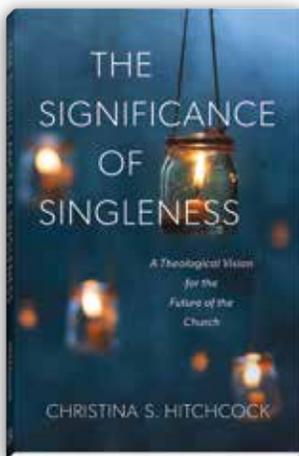
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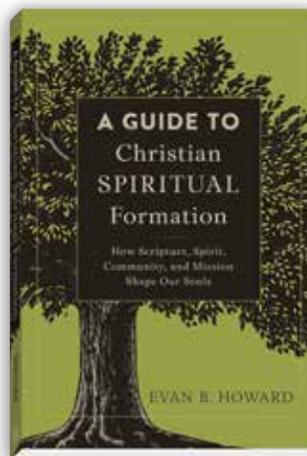
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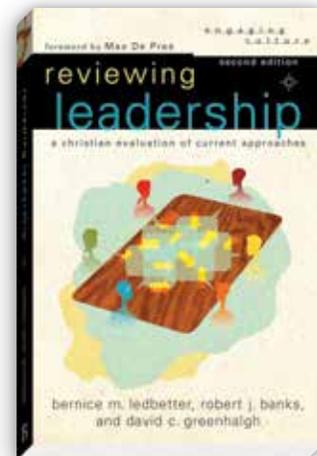
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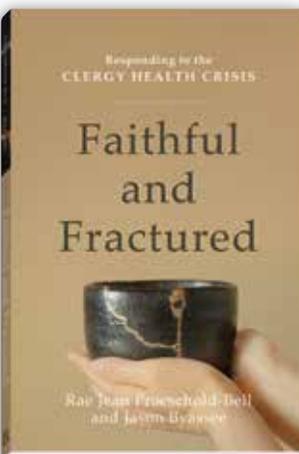
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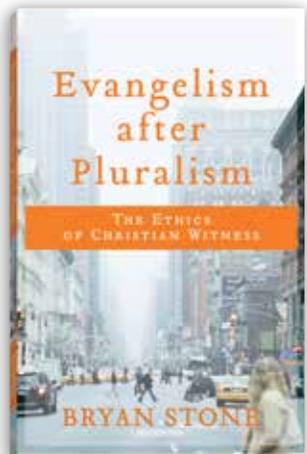
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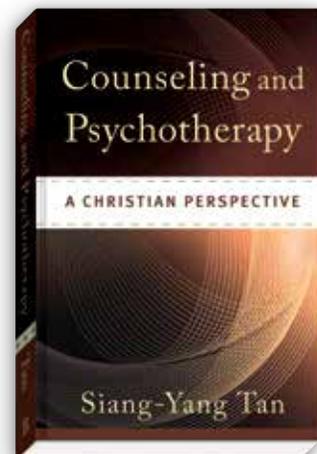
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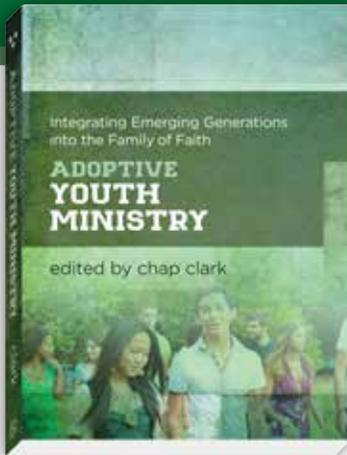
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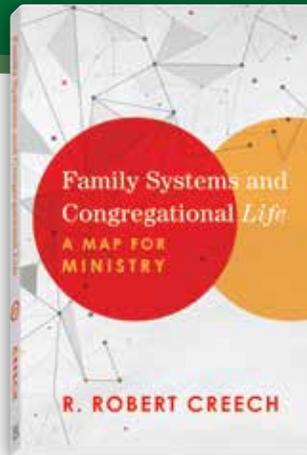
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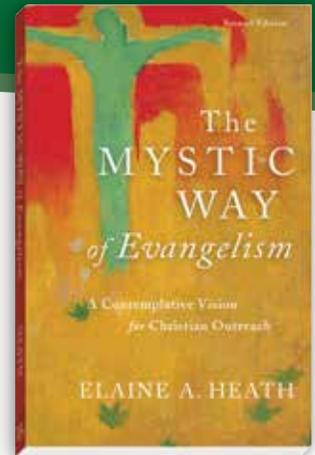
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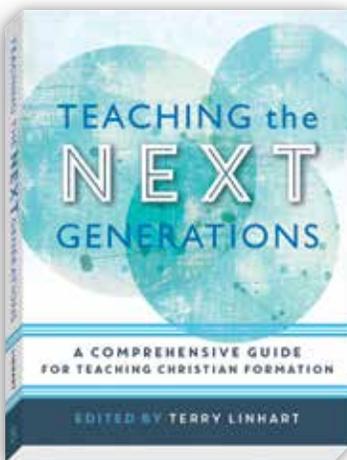


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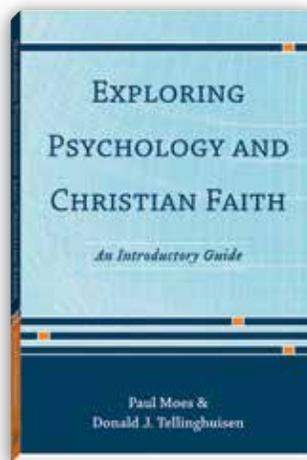


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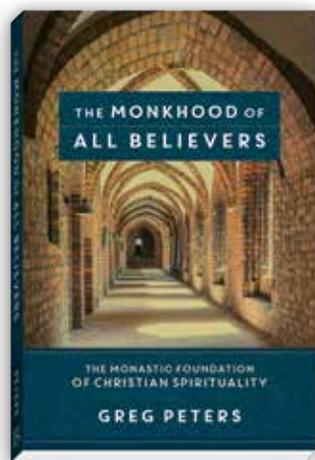


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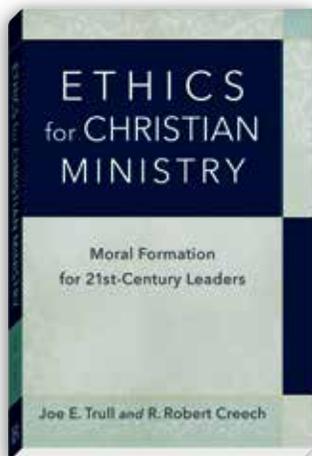


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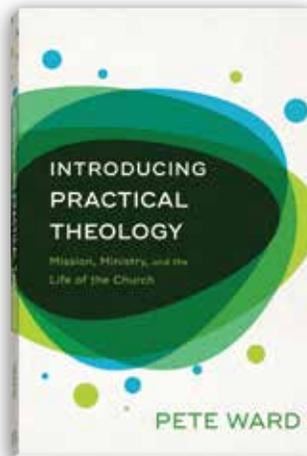
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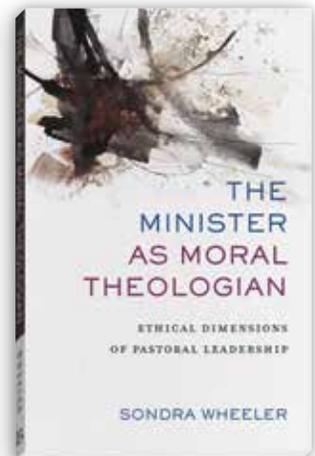
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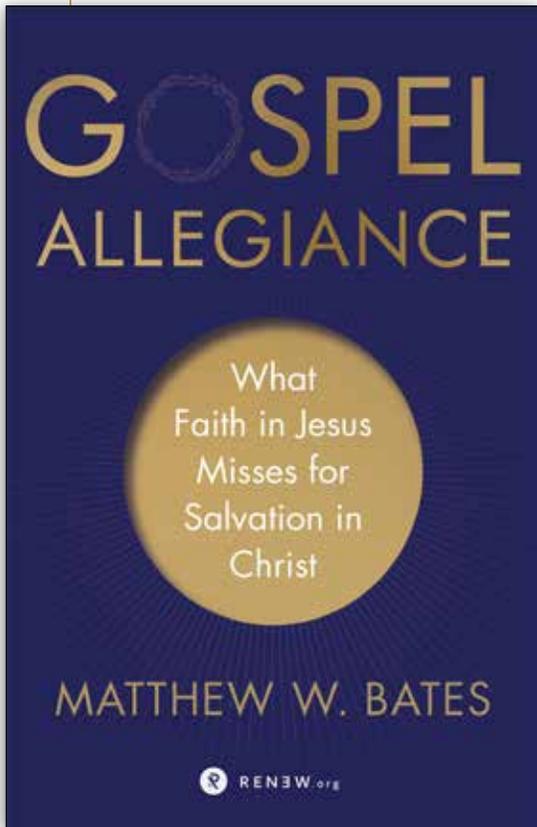
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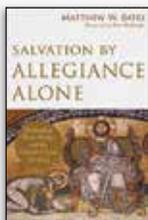
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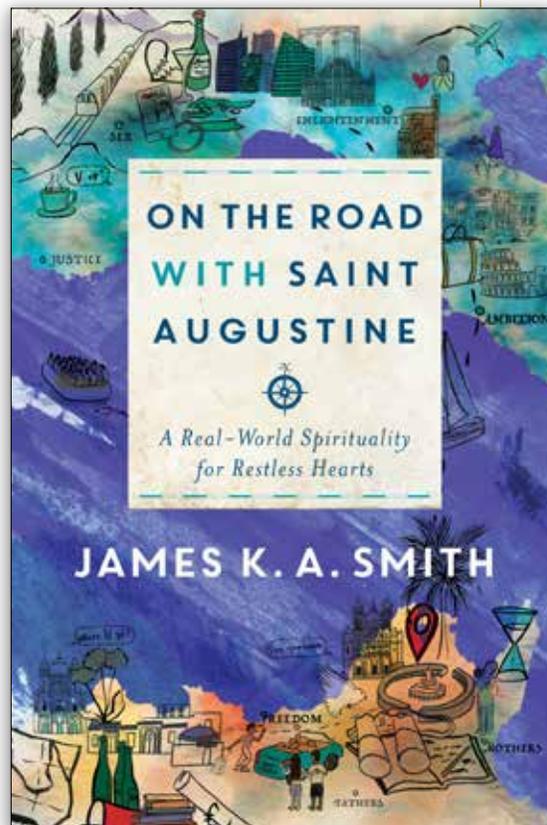
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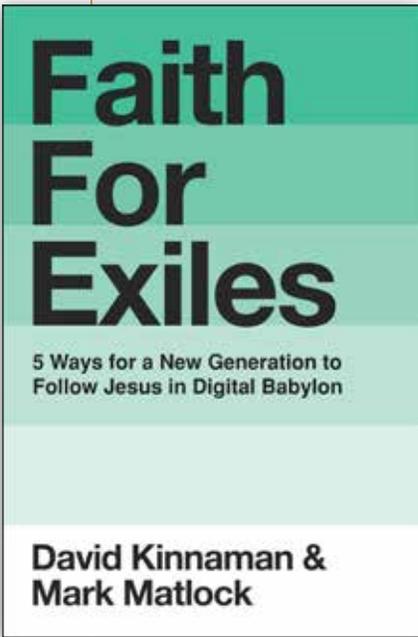


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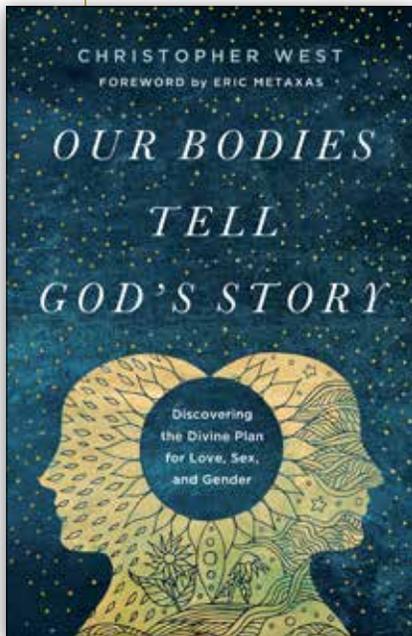
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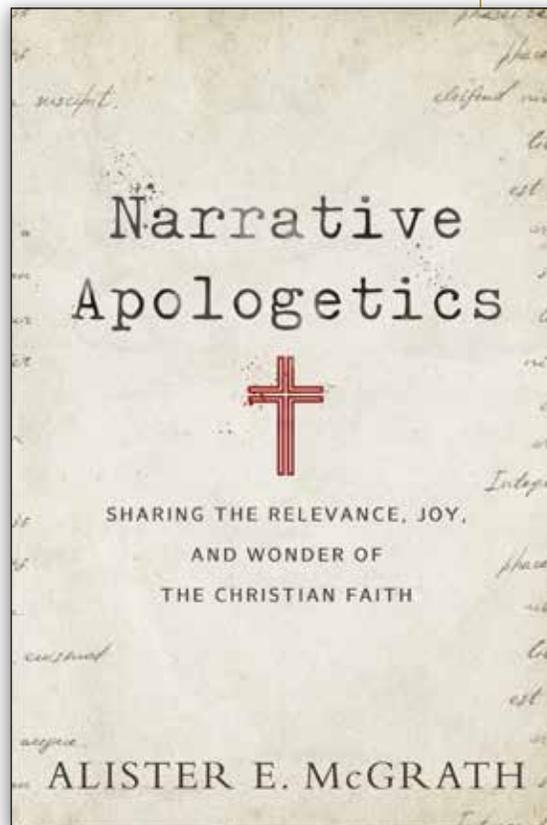
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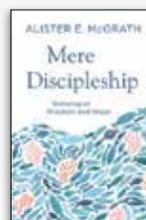
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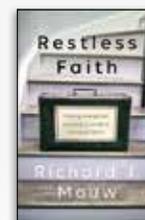
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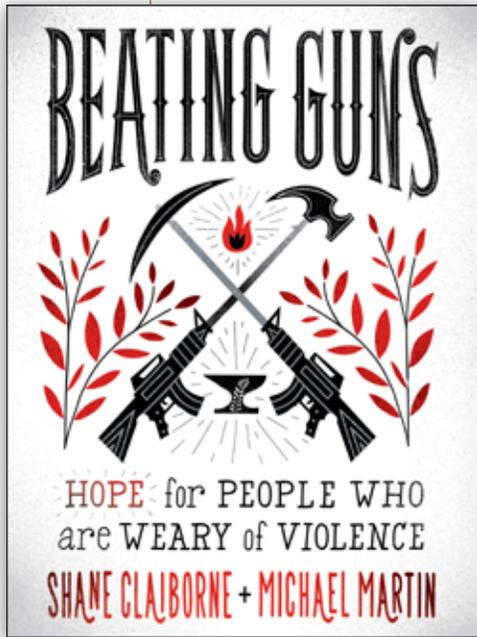
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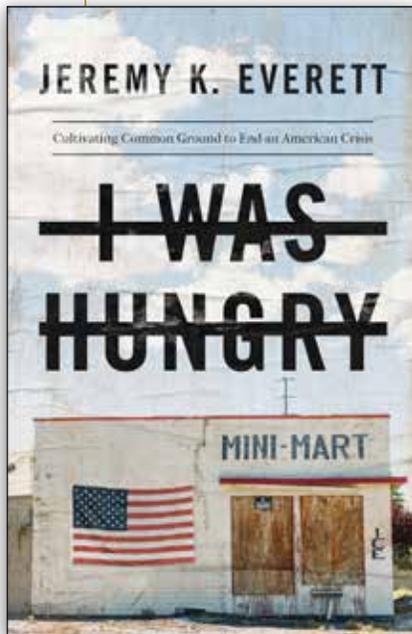


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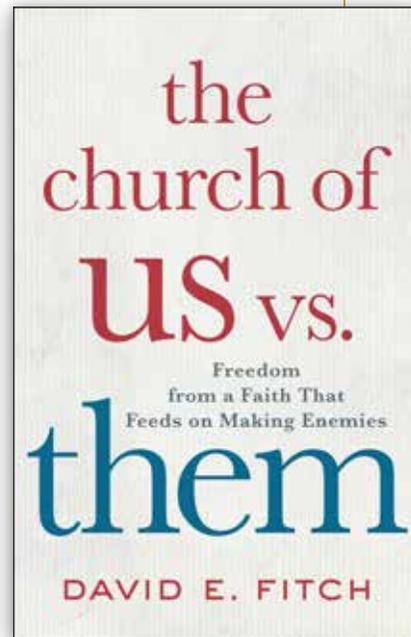
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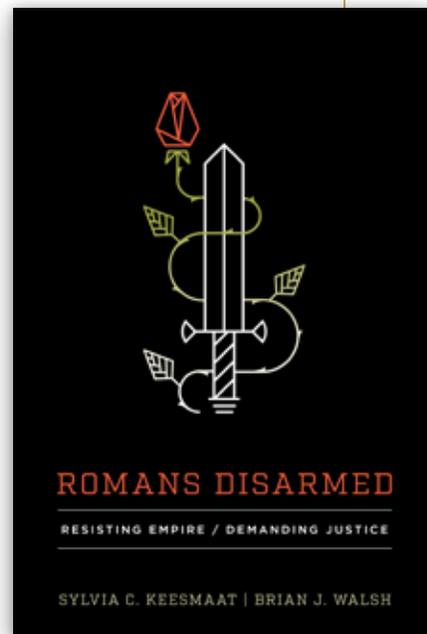
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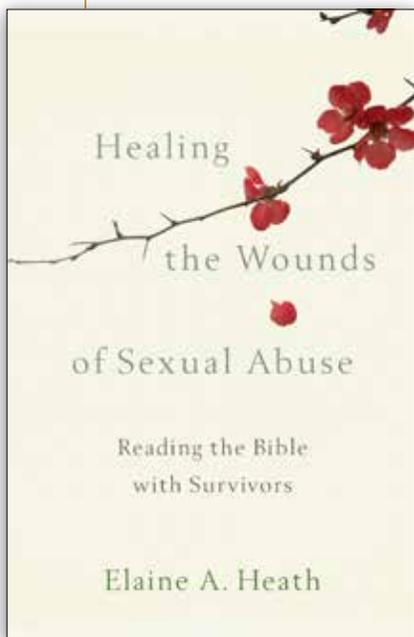
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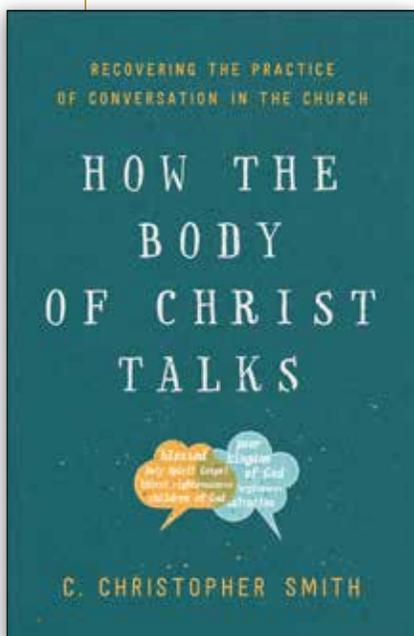
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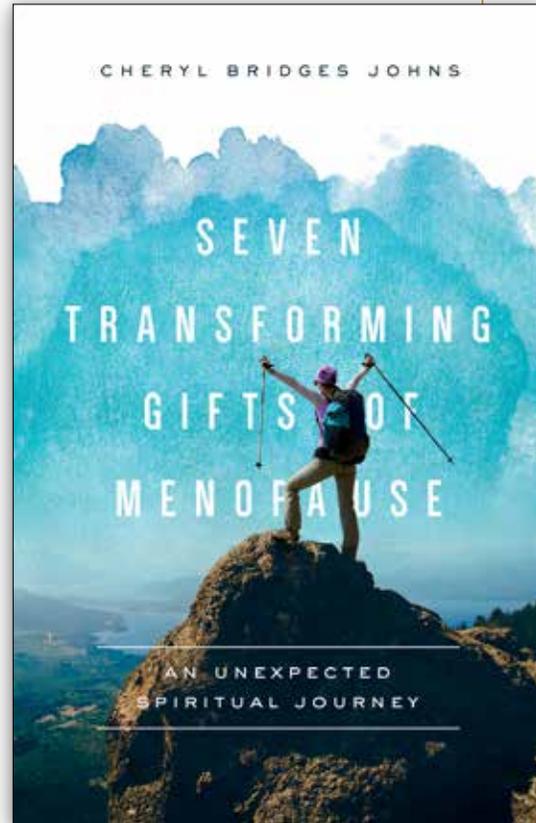
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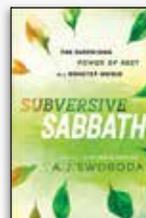
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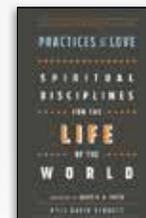
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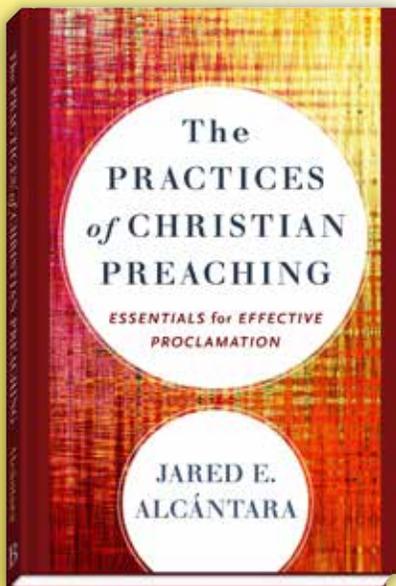
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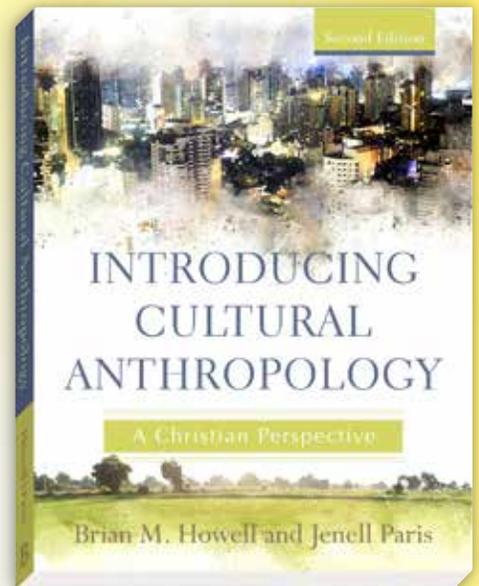
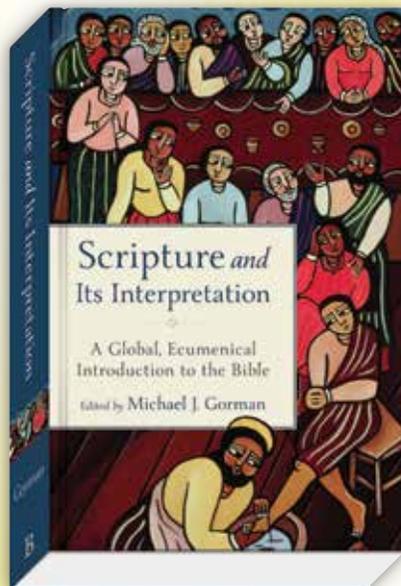
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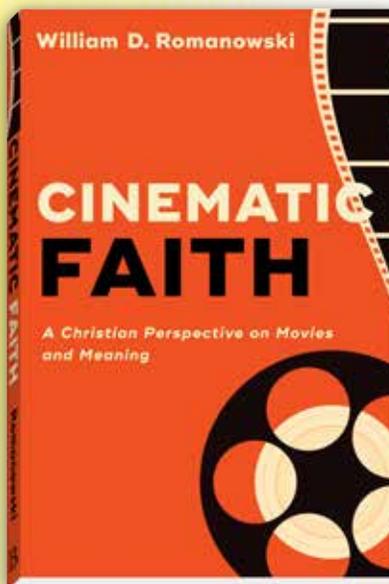
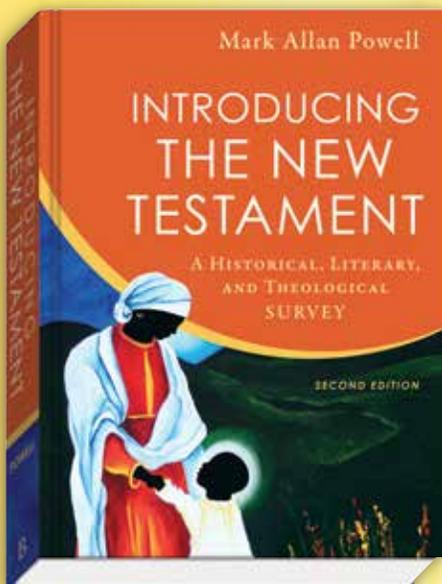
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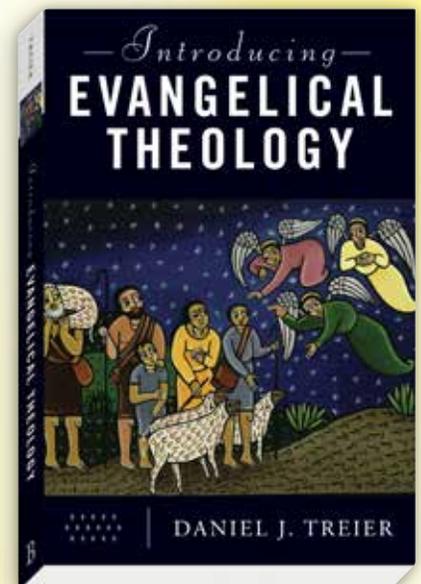
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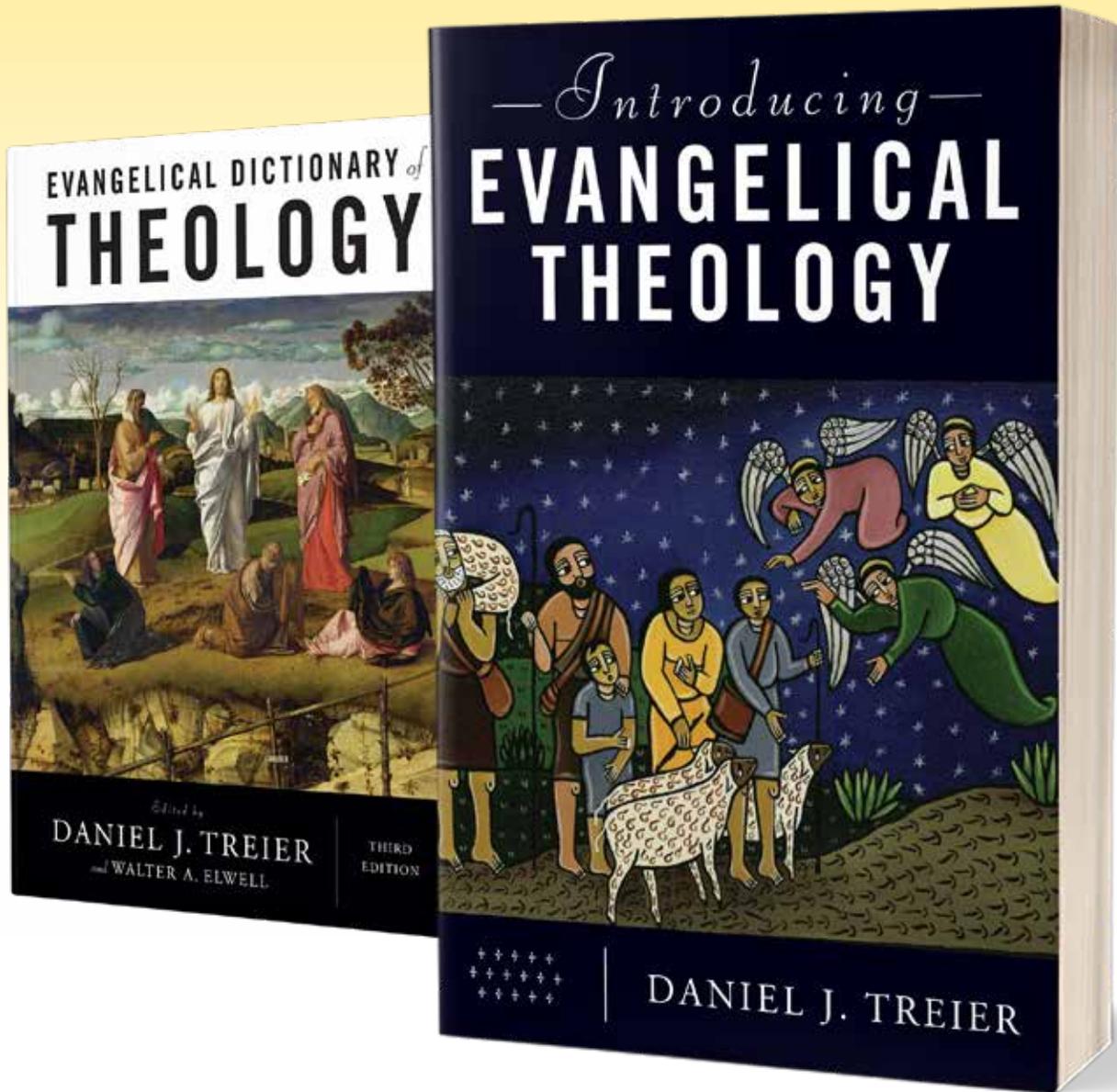


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