

## Advocating for Justice

*An Evangelical Vision for Transforming Systems and Structures*

**Stephen Offutt, F. David Bronkema, Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy, Robb Davis, and Gregg Okesson**

Christians are increasingly interested in justice issues. Relief and development work are important, but beyond that is a need for advocacy. *Advocating for Justice* shows how transforming systems and structures results in lasting change, providing theological rationale and strategies of action for evangelicals passionate about justice. Each of the authors contributes both academic expertise and extensive practical experience to help readers debate, discuss, and discern more fully the call to evangelical advocacy. They also guide readers into prayerful, faithful, and wise processes of advocacy, especially in relation to addressing poverty.

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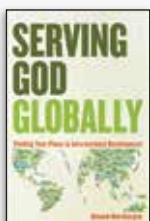
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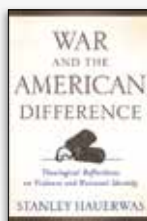
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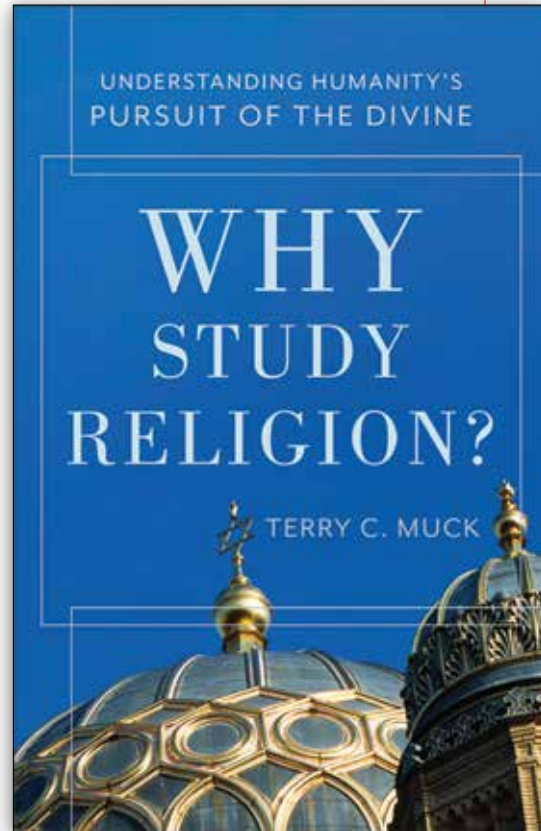
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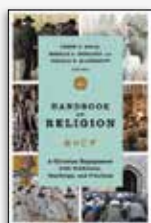
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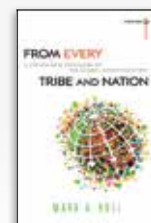
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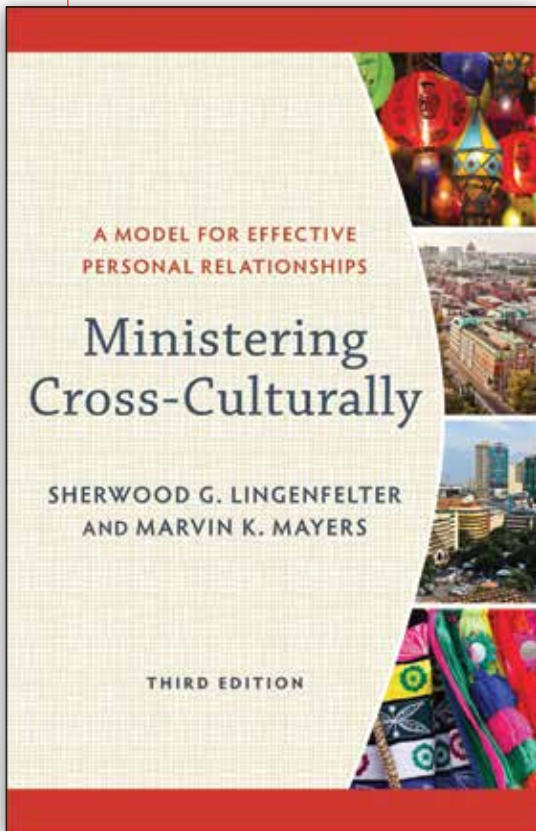
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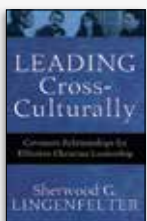
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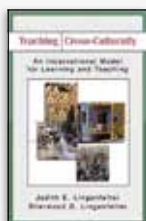
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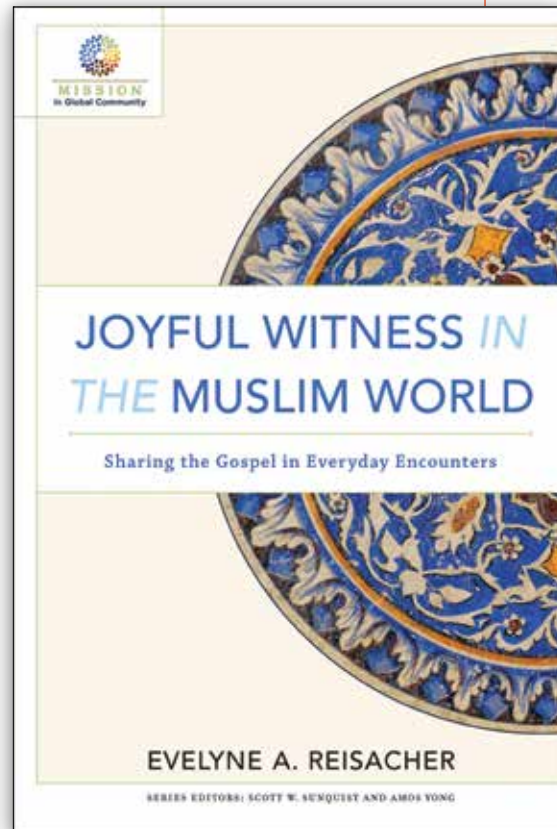
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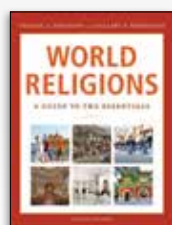


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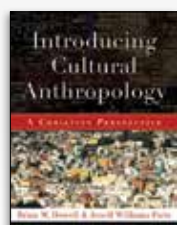
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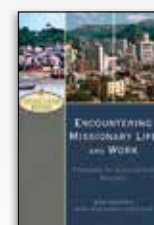
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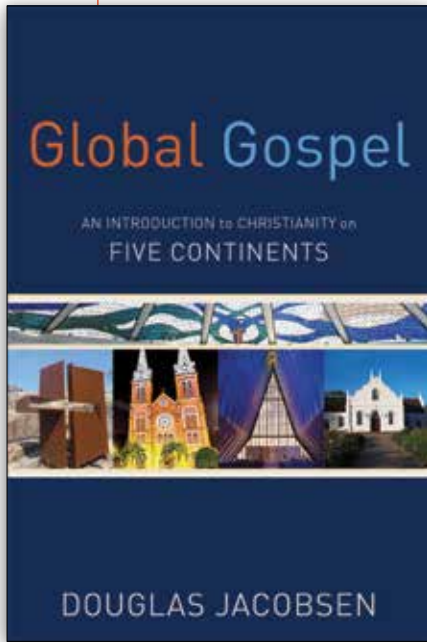
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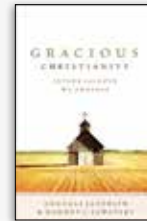
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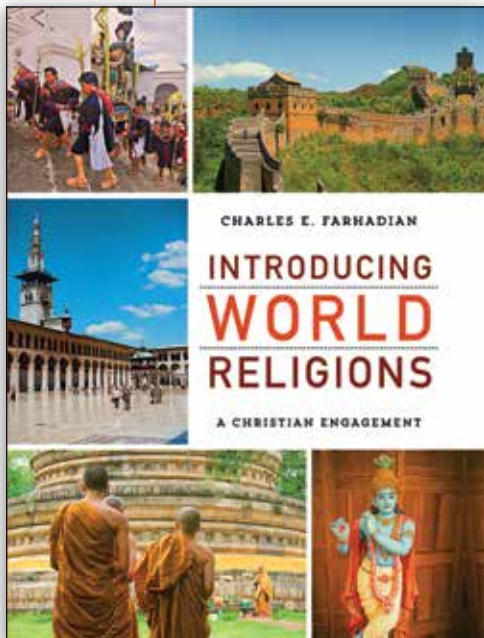


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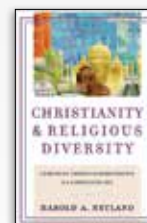
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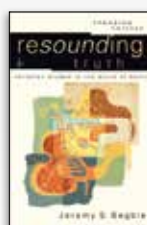
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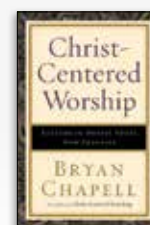
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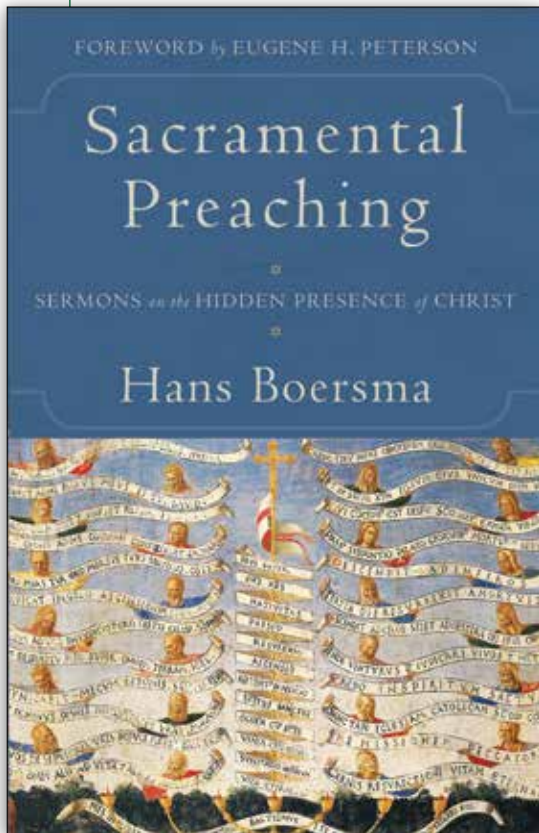
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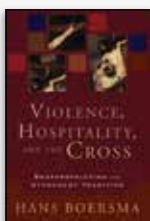
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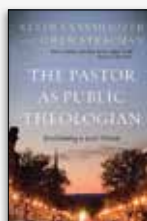
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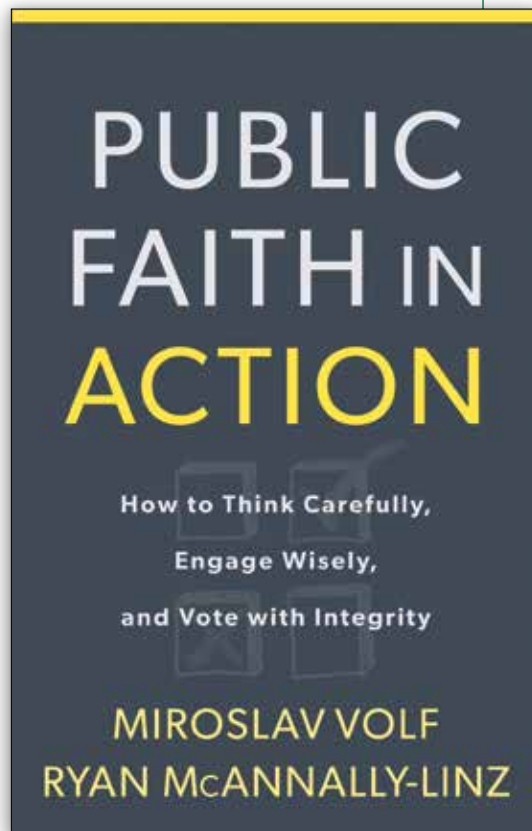
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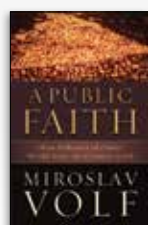
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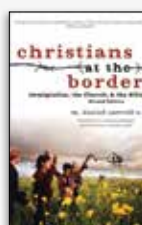
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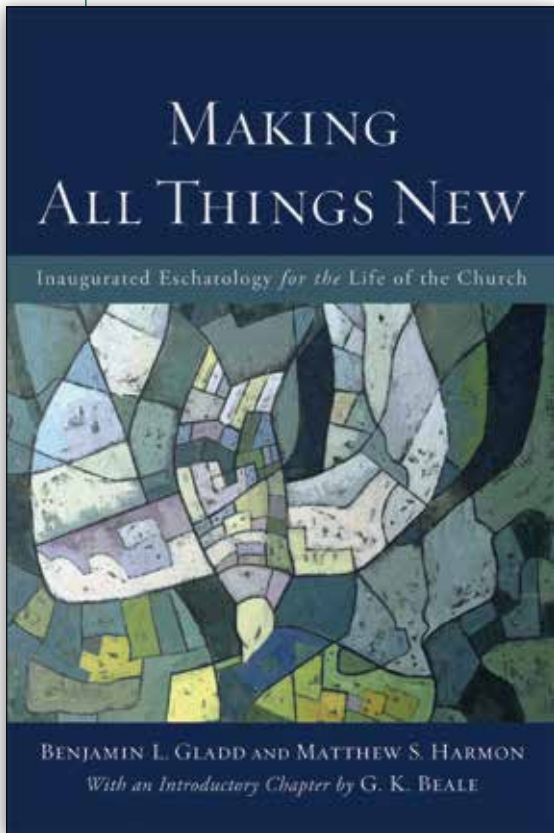


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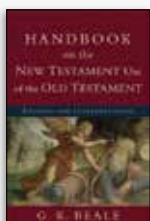
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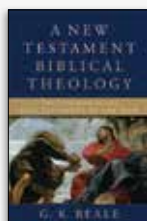
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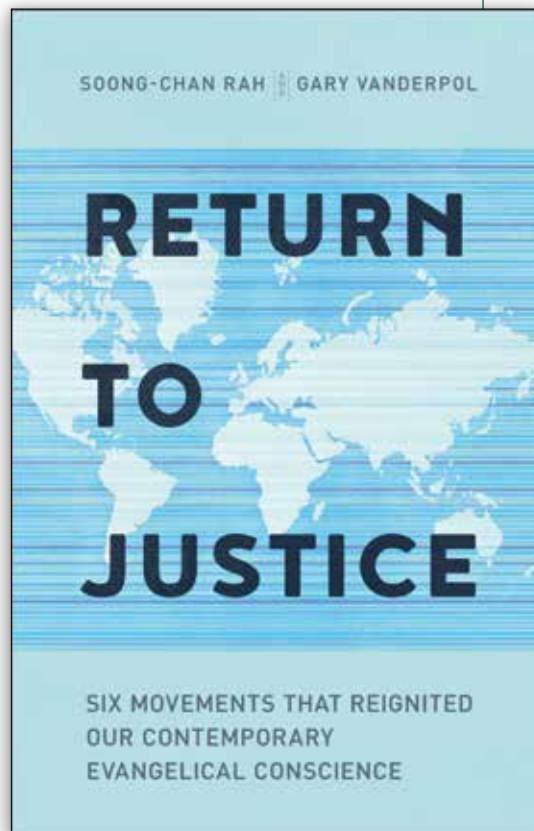
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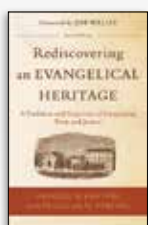
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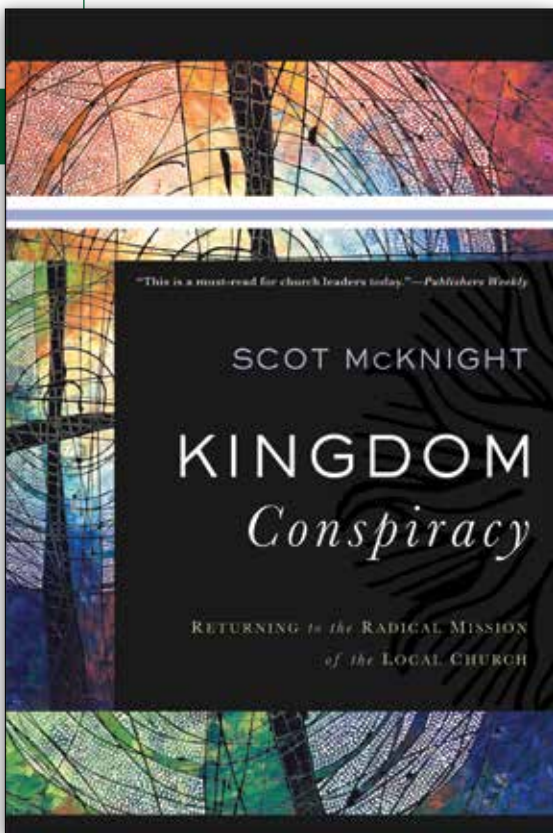


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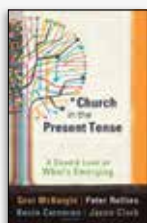
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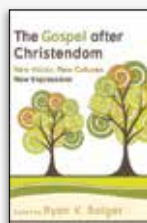
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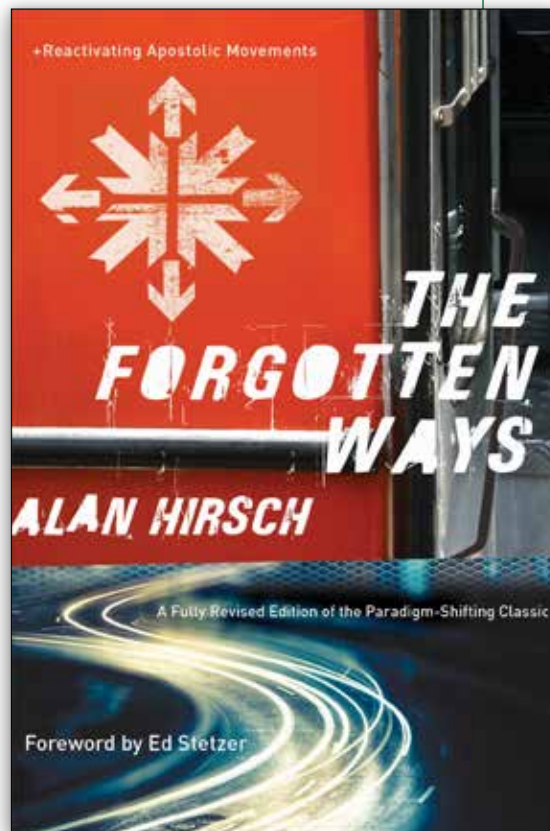
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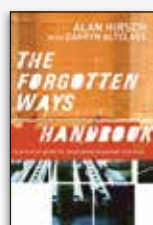
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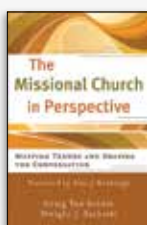
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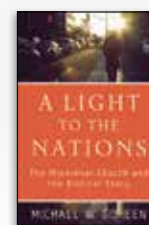
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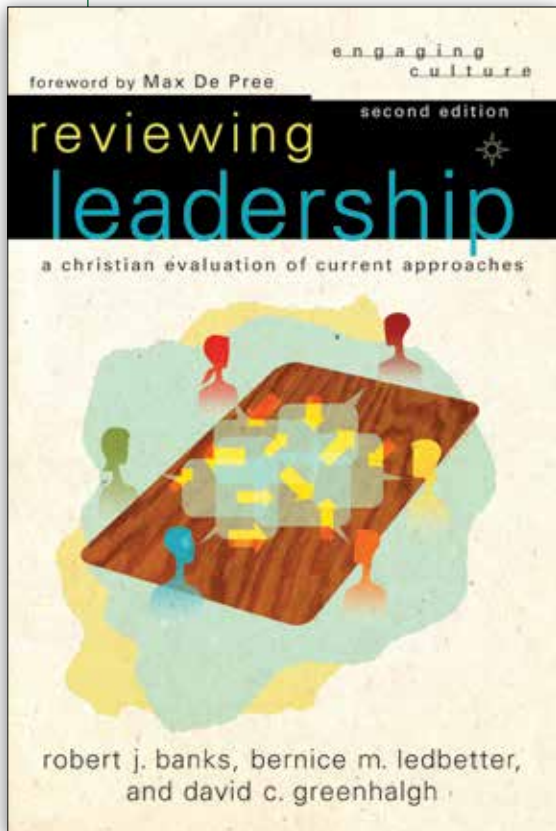
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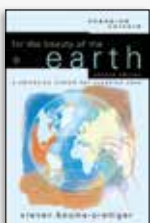
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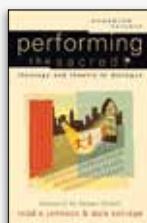
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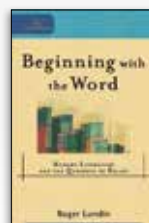
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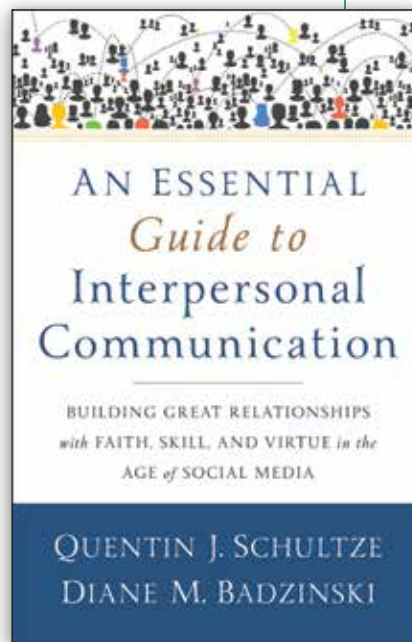
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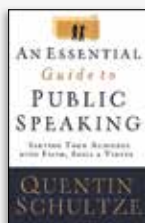
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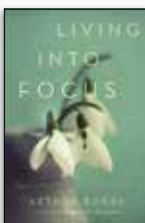
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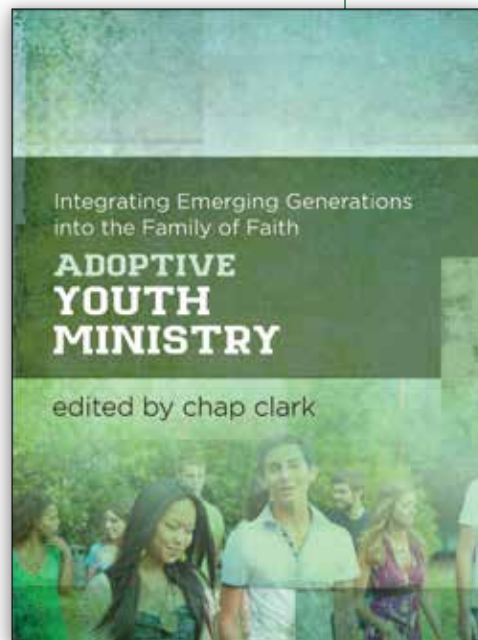
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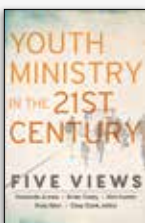
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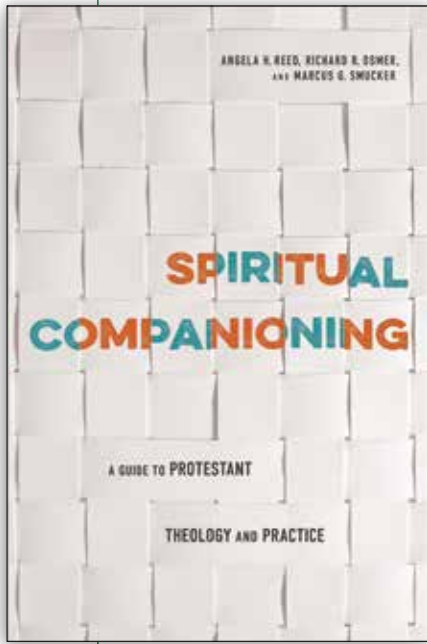
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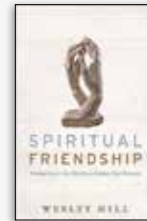
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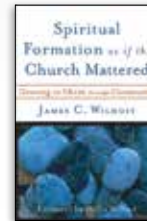
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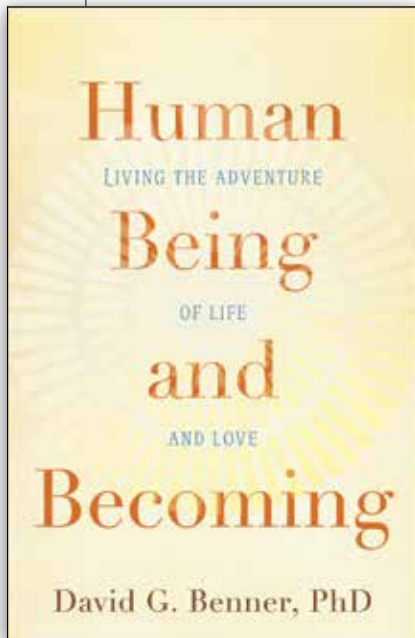
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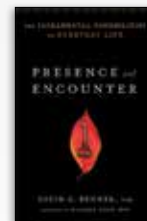
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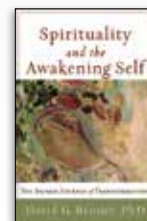
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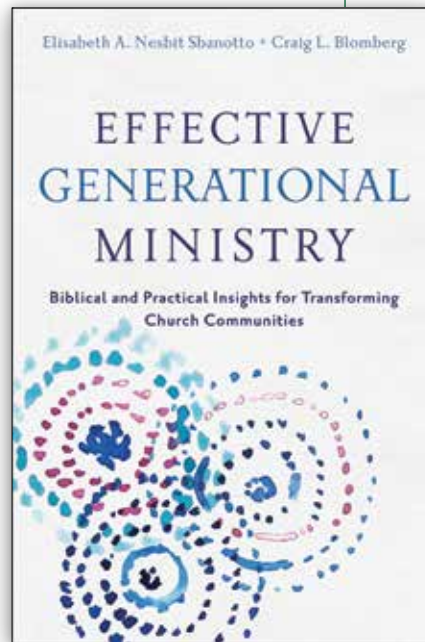
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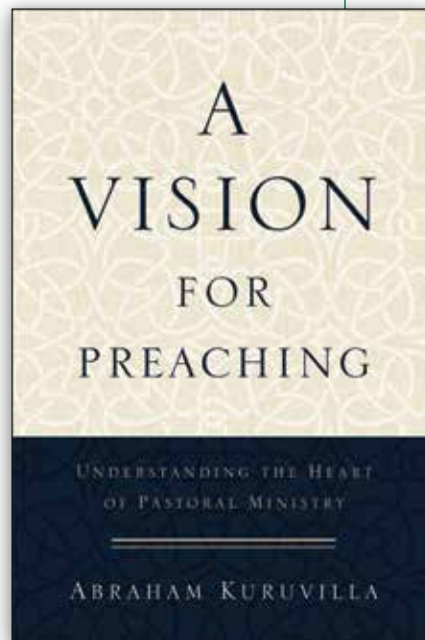
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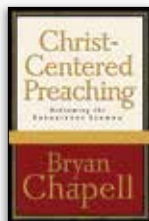
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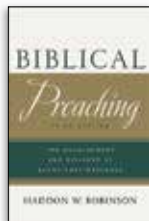
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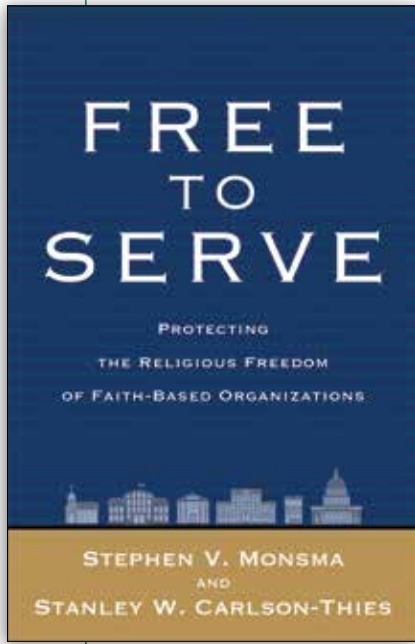
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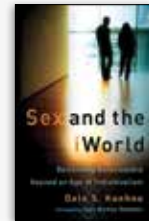
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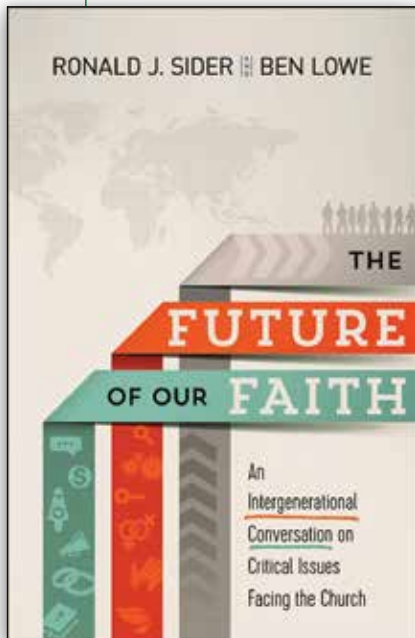
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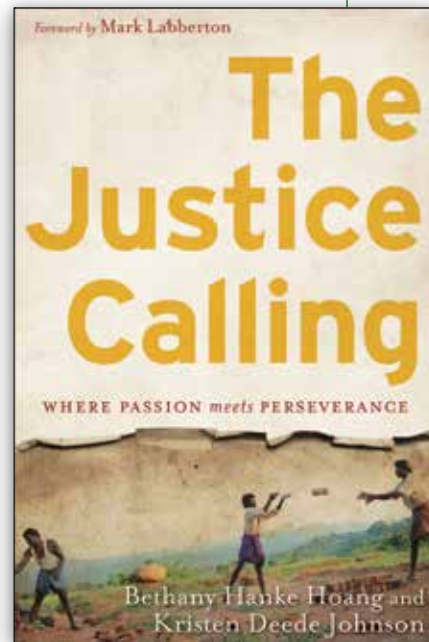
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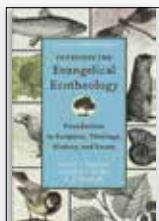
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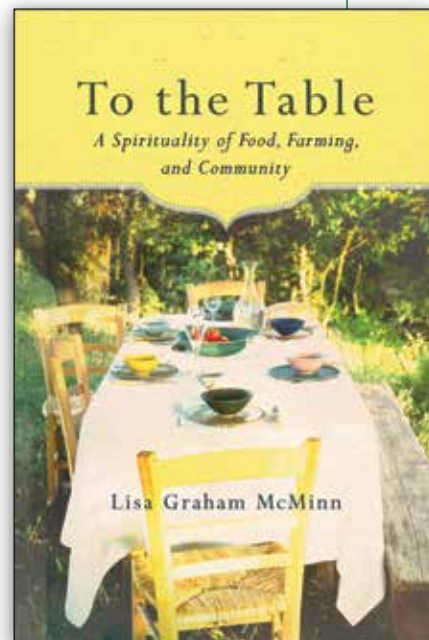


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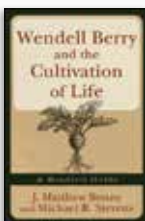


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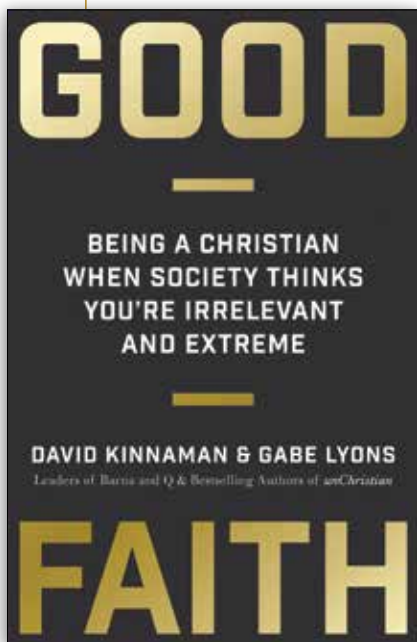
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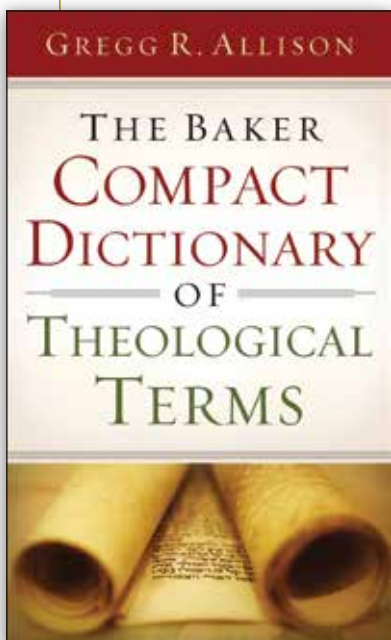
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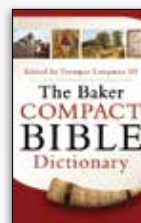
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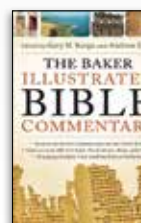
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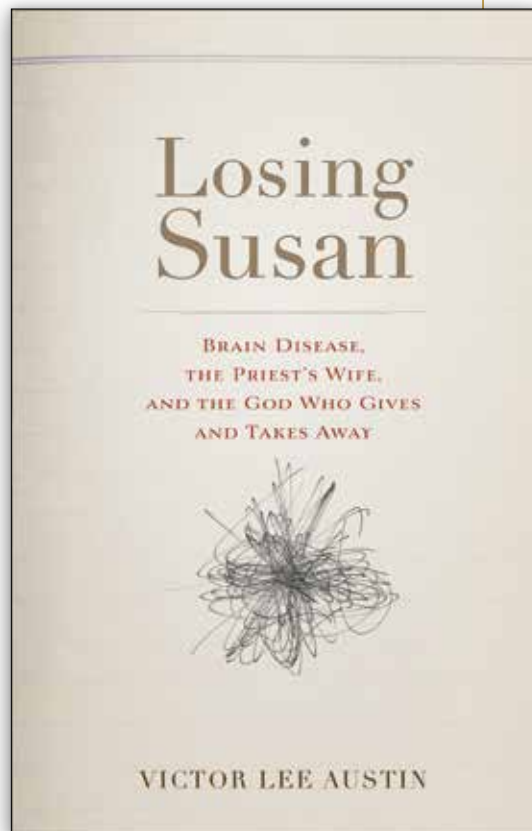
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Love was received: We lived together for fifteen years and had children and foster babies and many other joys of love.

Love was taken away: Susan had a brain tumor, and its (yes, successful) treatment began a disease in her brain that started taking her away from me.

It took nearly twenty years. But God is persistent. As the psalmist has it: "like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us" (39:12). He took Susan away from me.



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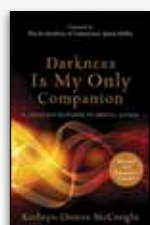
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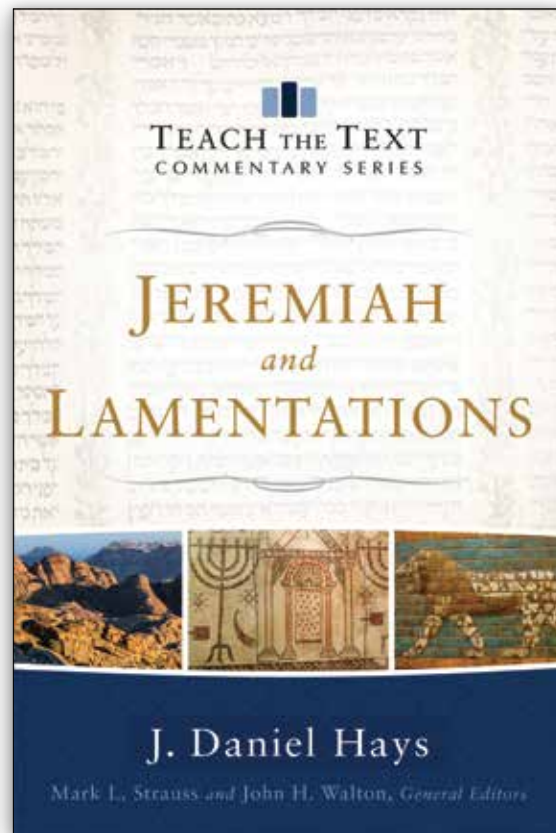
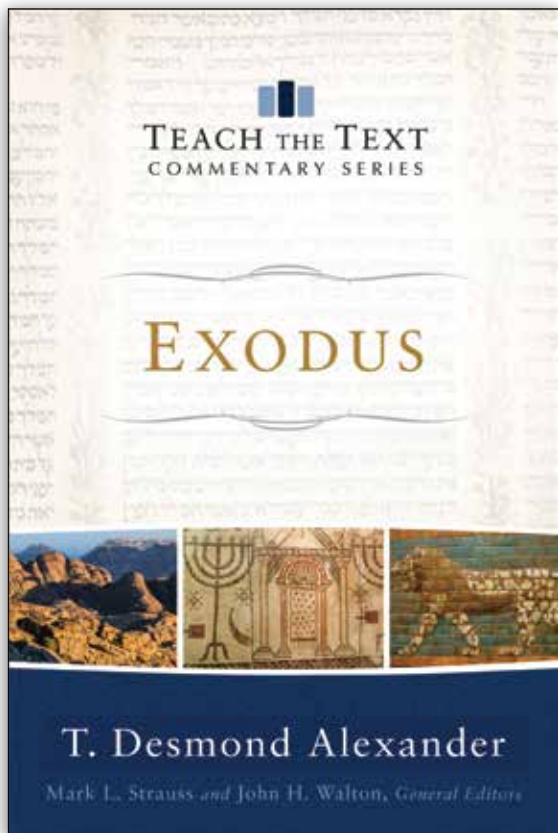
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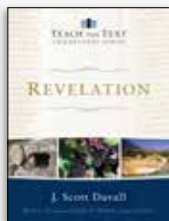
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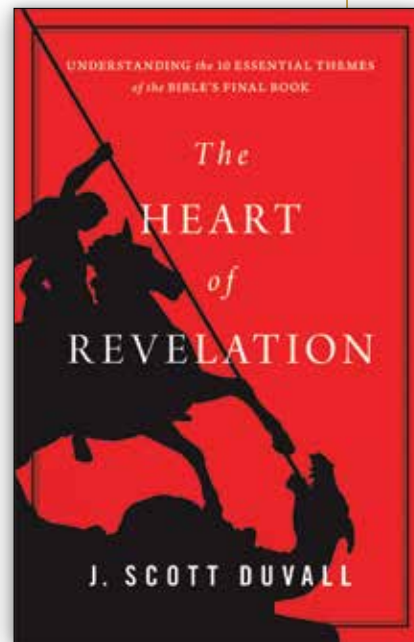


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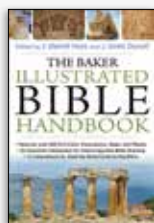
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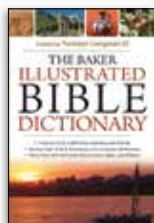
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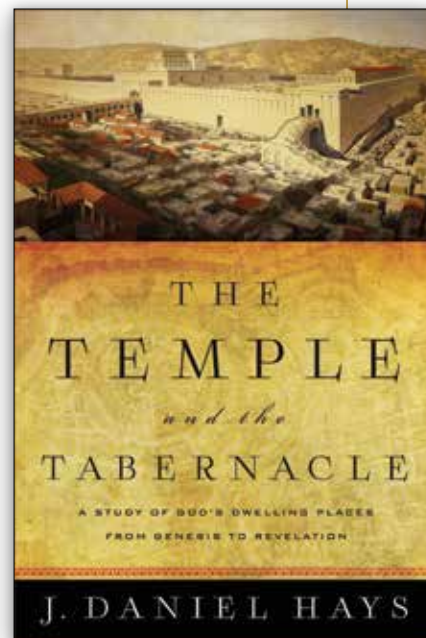


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