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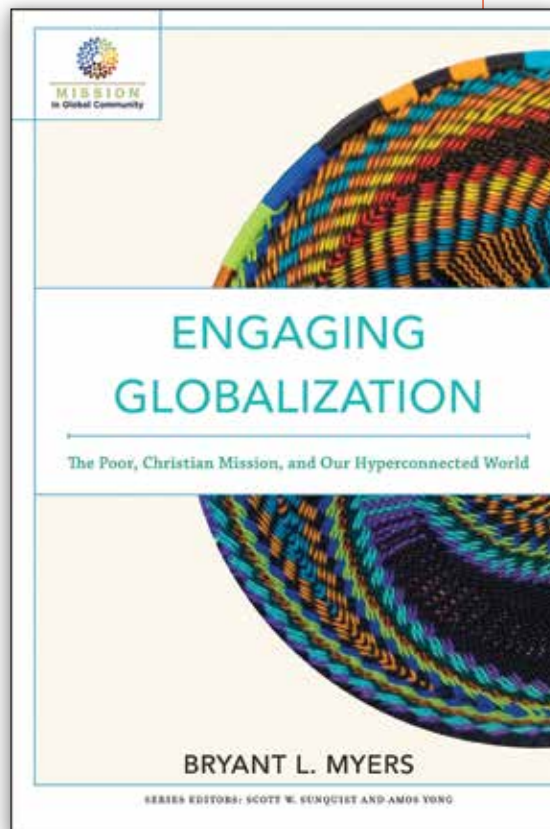
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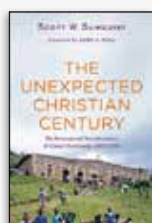
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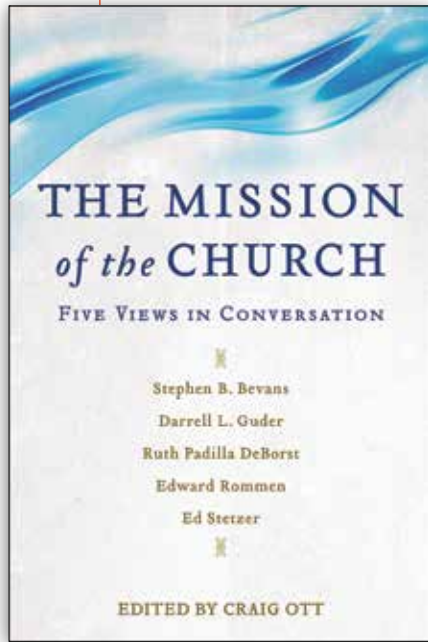
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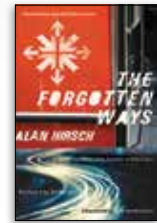
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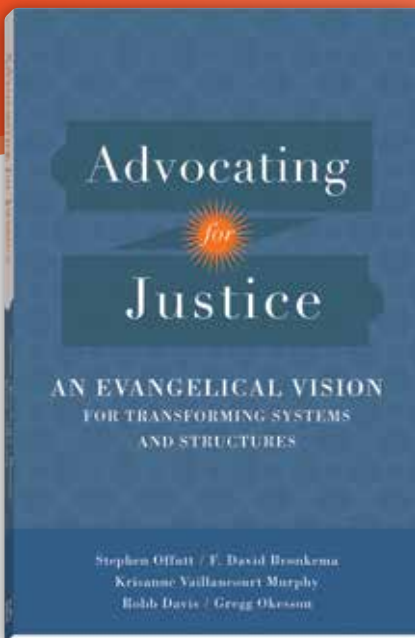


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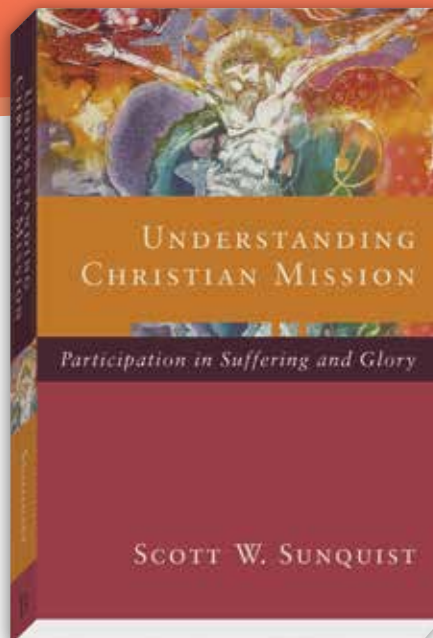


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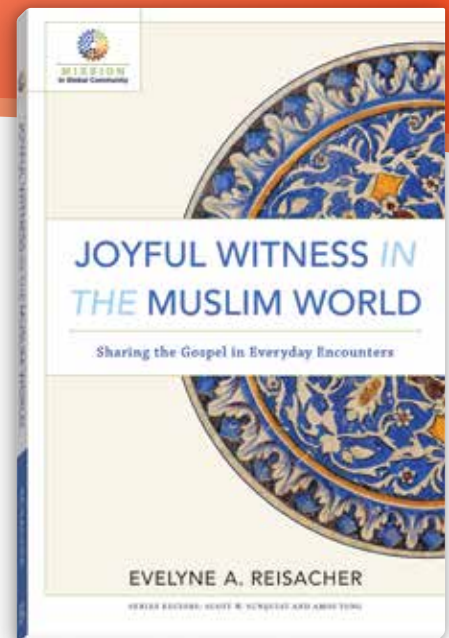
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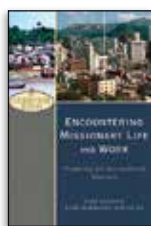
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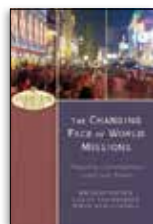
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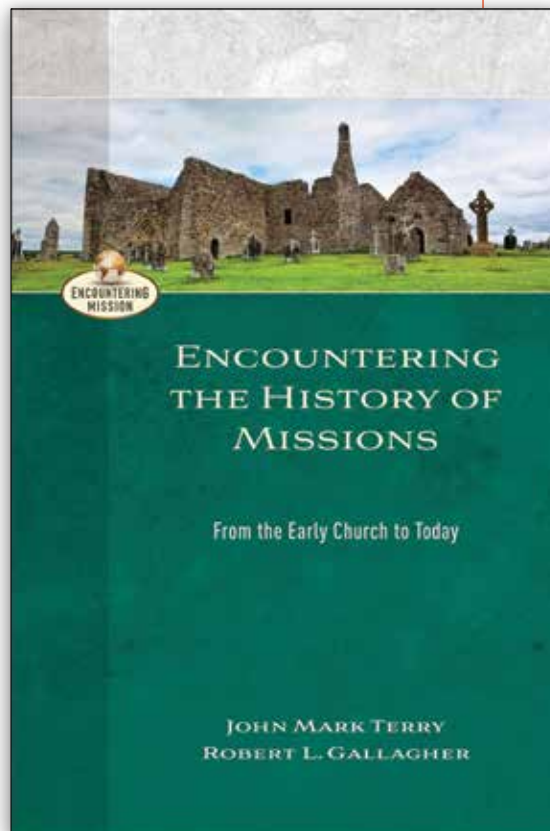
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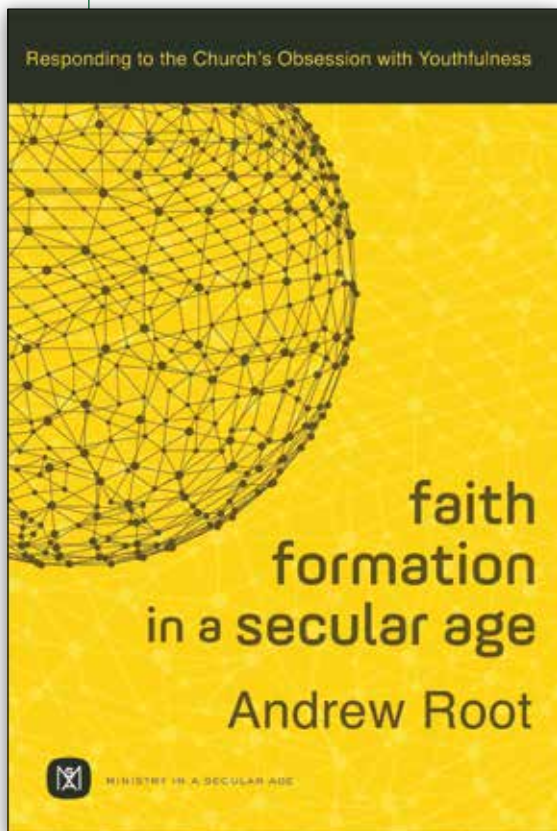
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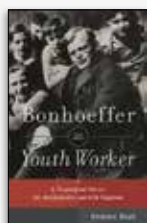
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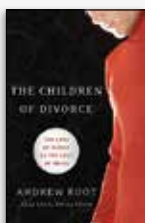
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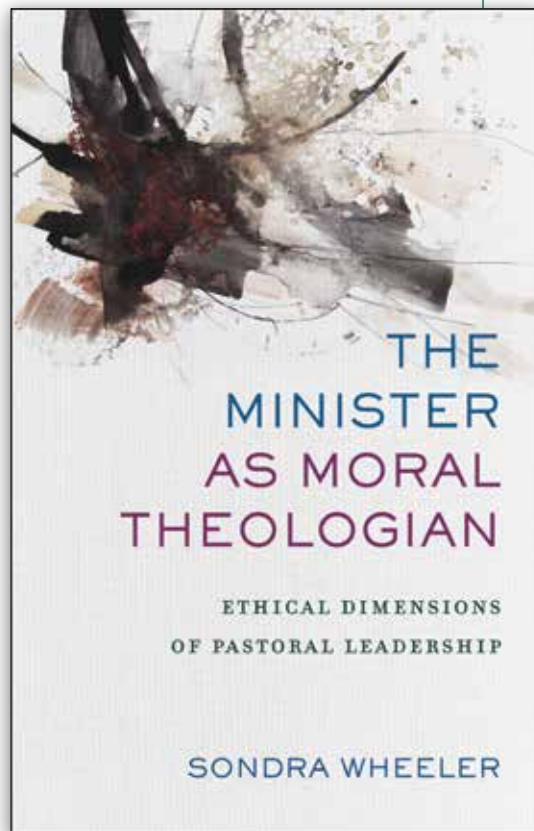
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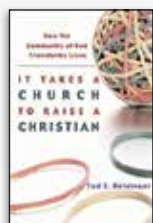
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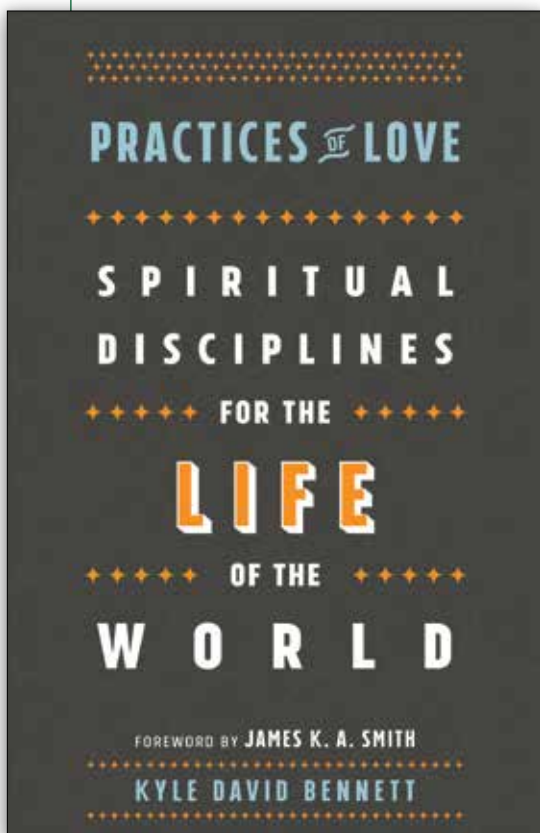
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Foreword by James K. A. Smith

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### EXCERPT

We tend to link our personal relationship with God to stimulation and the need to feel what some psychologists have called “positive” emotions. In essence this means that when we don’t feel good, we turn to God to make us better. Our hope is that God will replace the “negative” emotions (e.g., sadness, anger, fear) that we are feeling with “positive” ones (e.g., excitement, serenity, confidence). We want and expect to feel something when we reach out to God.

It’s not wrong for us to enjoy “positive” emotions. There’s nothing wrong with feeling good. Yet what seems to happen in our lived practice of worshiping is that we don’t simply *enjoy* the stimulation; we *expect* it from God. We don’t just *value* “positive” emotions, but in our lived experience and practice, we *demand* them from God every time we step foot in church or “meet” with him.

If we pay close attention to our expectations and experiences, this search for stimulation and “positive” emotions is at the heart of our lived practice of spirituality. And if you’re anything like me, this is what founded and fueled your passion and practice of spiritual disciplines. It’s probably how you still practice these disciplines. Truth be told: I think it’s a problem.

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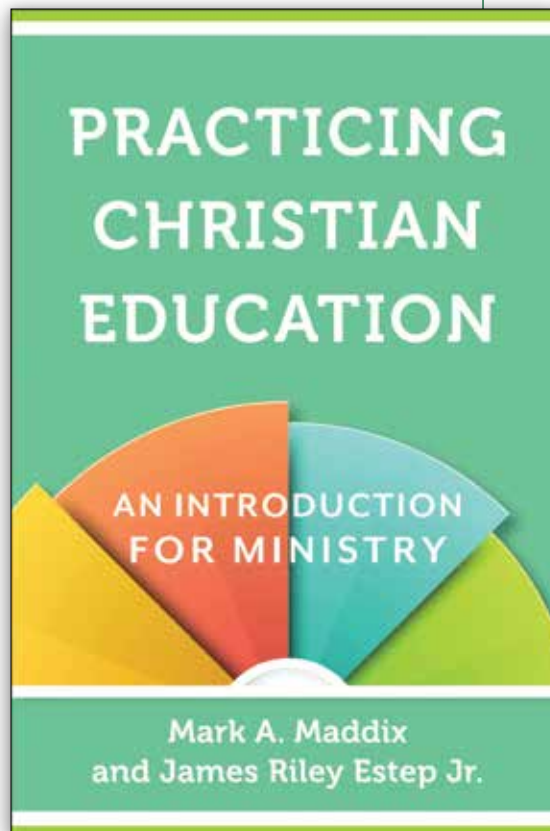
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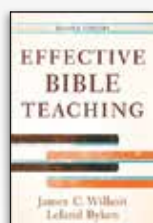
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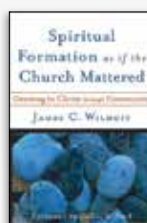
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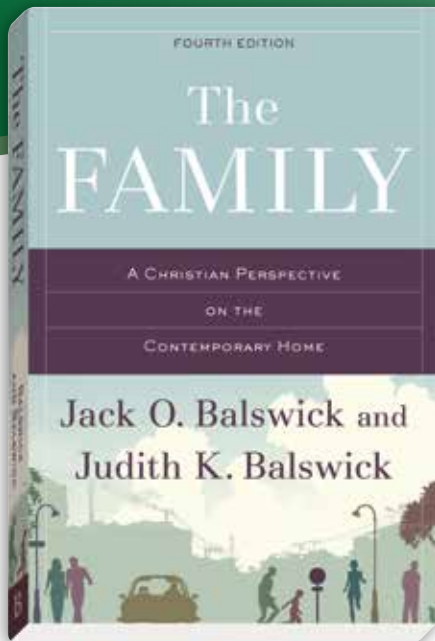
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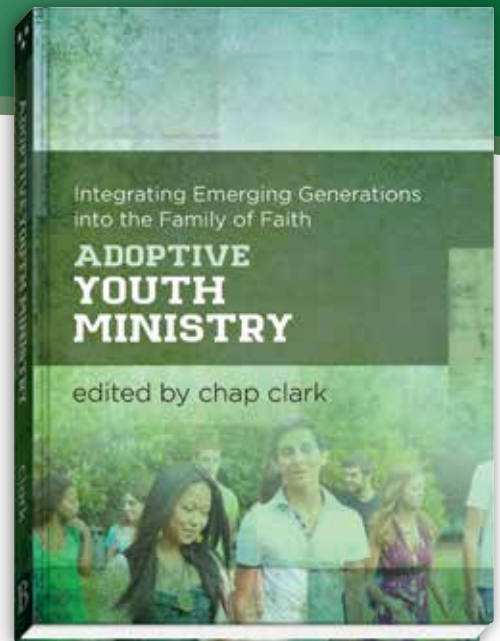
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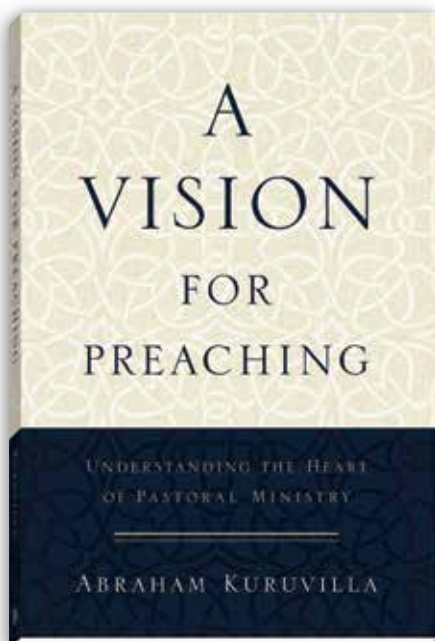


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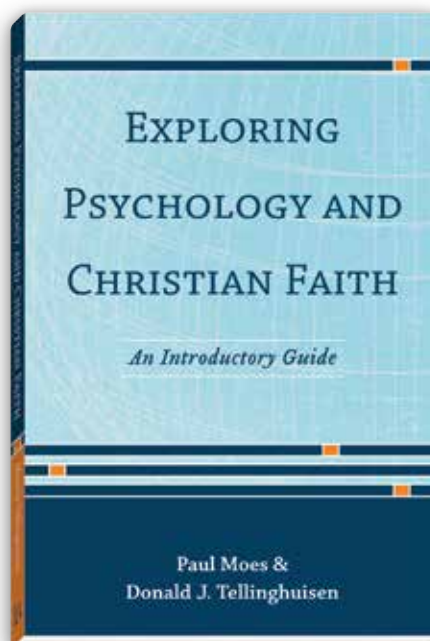


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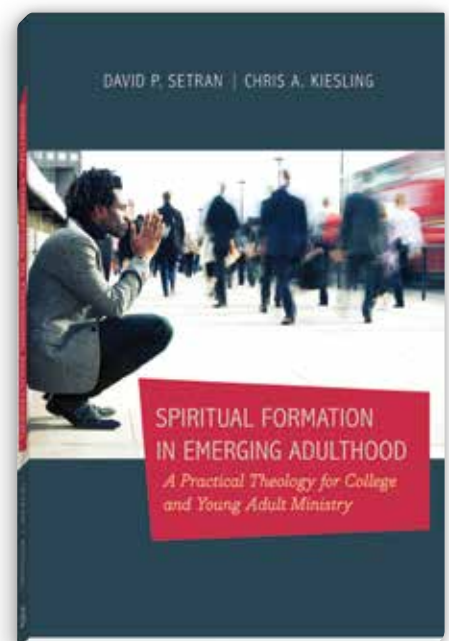


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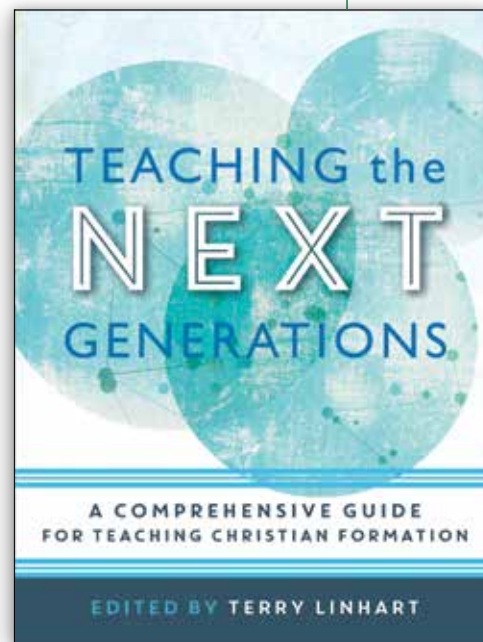
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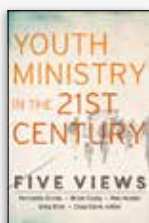
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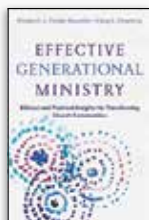
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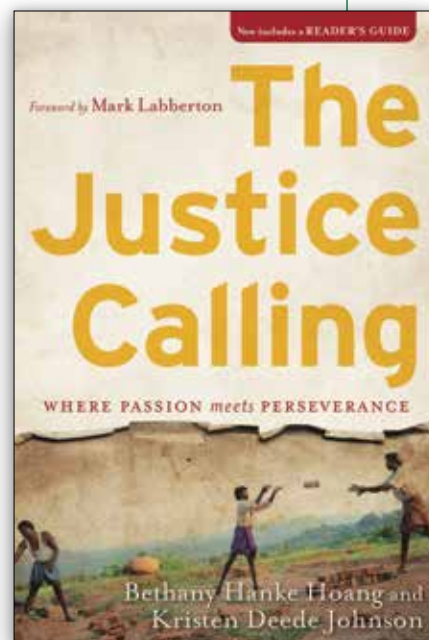
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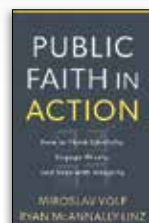
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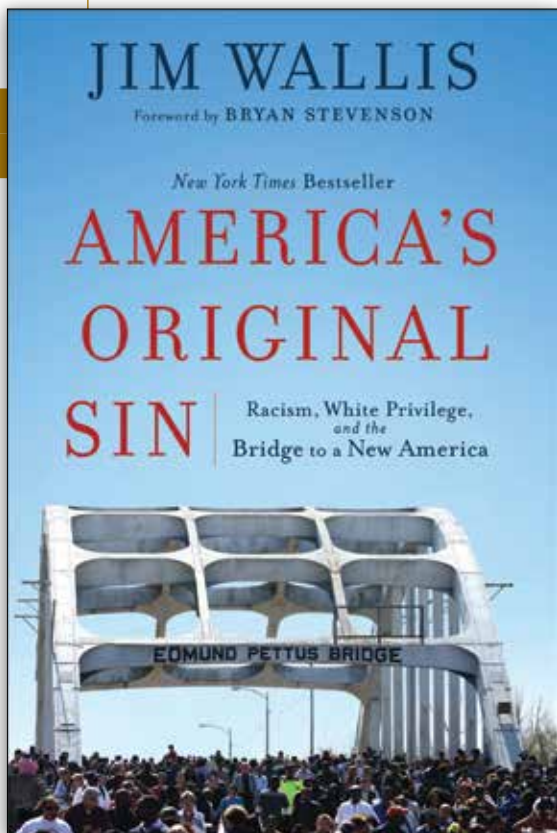
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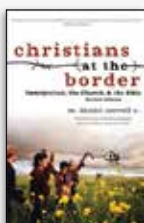
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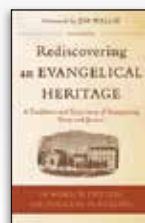
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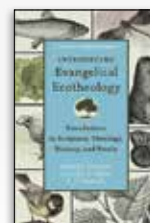
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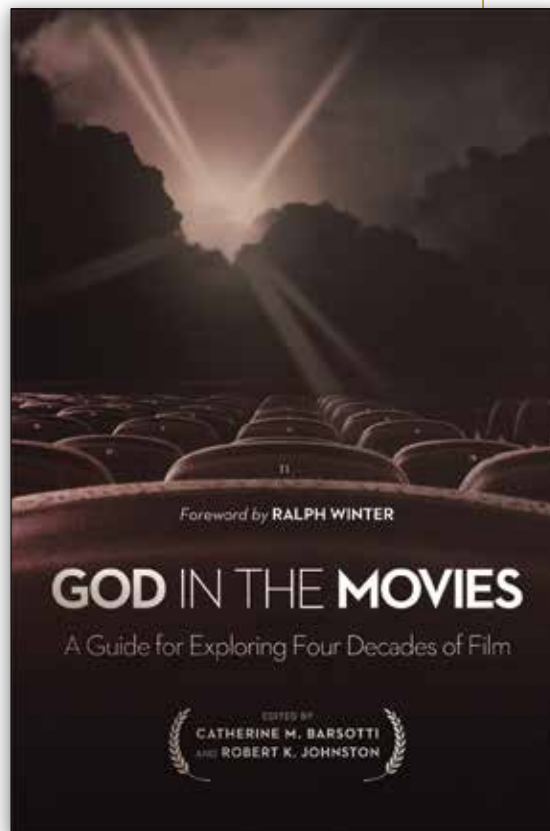
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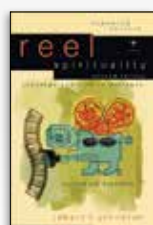
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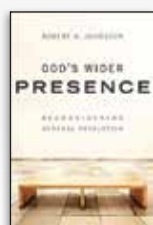
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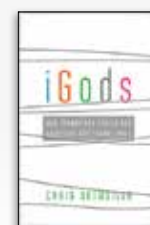
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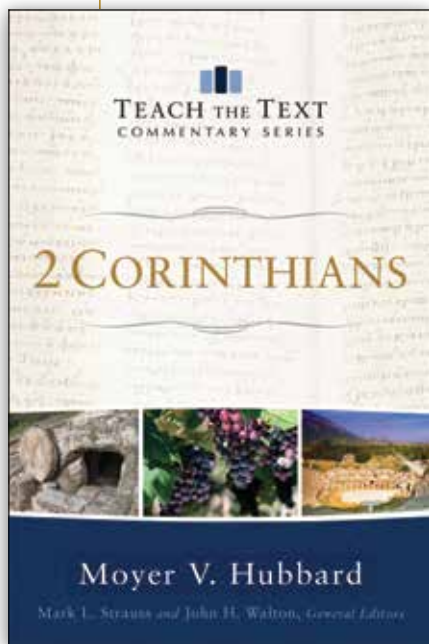


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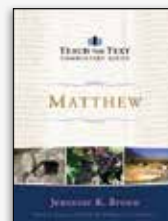
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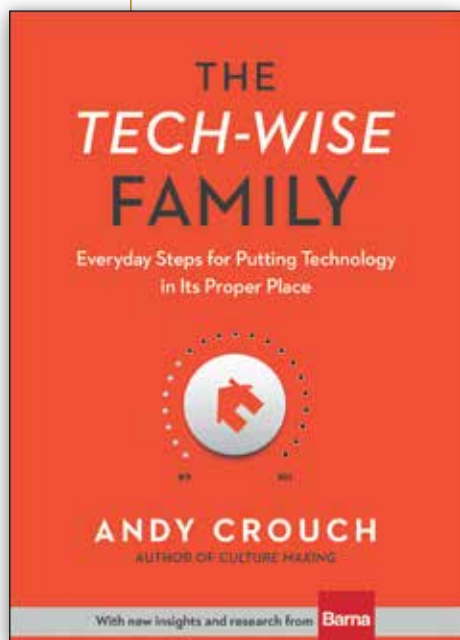
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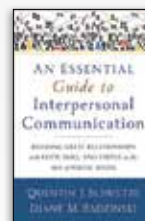
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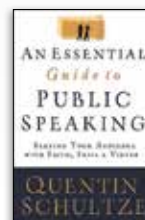
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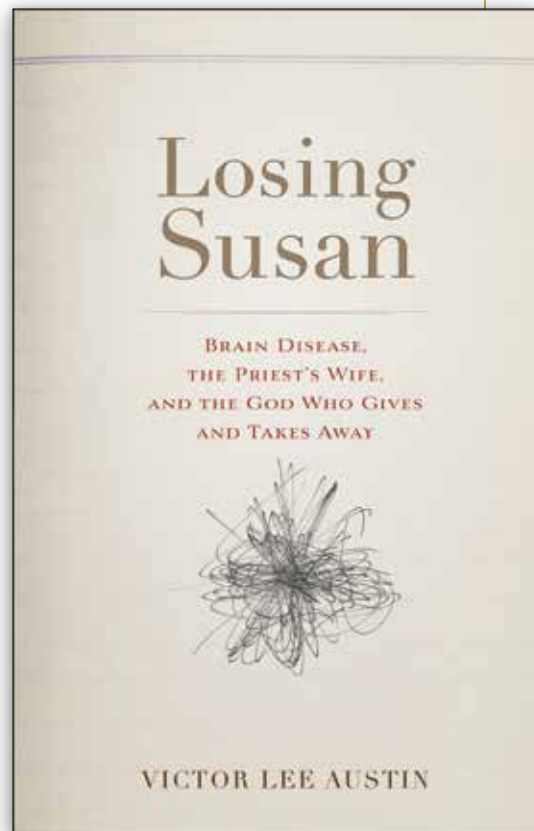
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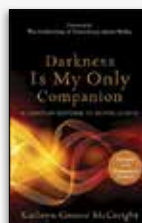
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