

“Mark reminds us that faith

EXCERPT

Sometimes God shows up.
Sometimes God shows off.

Jesus did both on the third day of a wedding feast in Cana, and that was just the beginning. Thirty-four distinct miracles are recorded in the Gospels, while countless more went unrecorded. John's Gospel spotlights seven miracles, unveiling seven degrees of God's power. Like the sun rising in the east, each miracle reveals another ray of God's glory. And they all come to a head when Lazarus steps out of the shadow of his tomb and into the light of The Grave Robber.

You may be reading this book because you need a miracle. Don't we all at some point in our lives? But this is not a book about miracles. It's a book about the only One who can perform them. So let me offer a word of caution at the outset:

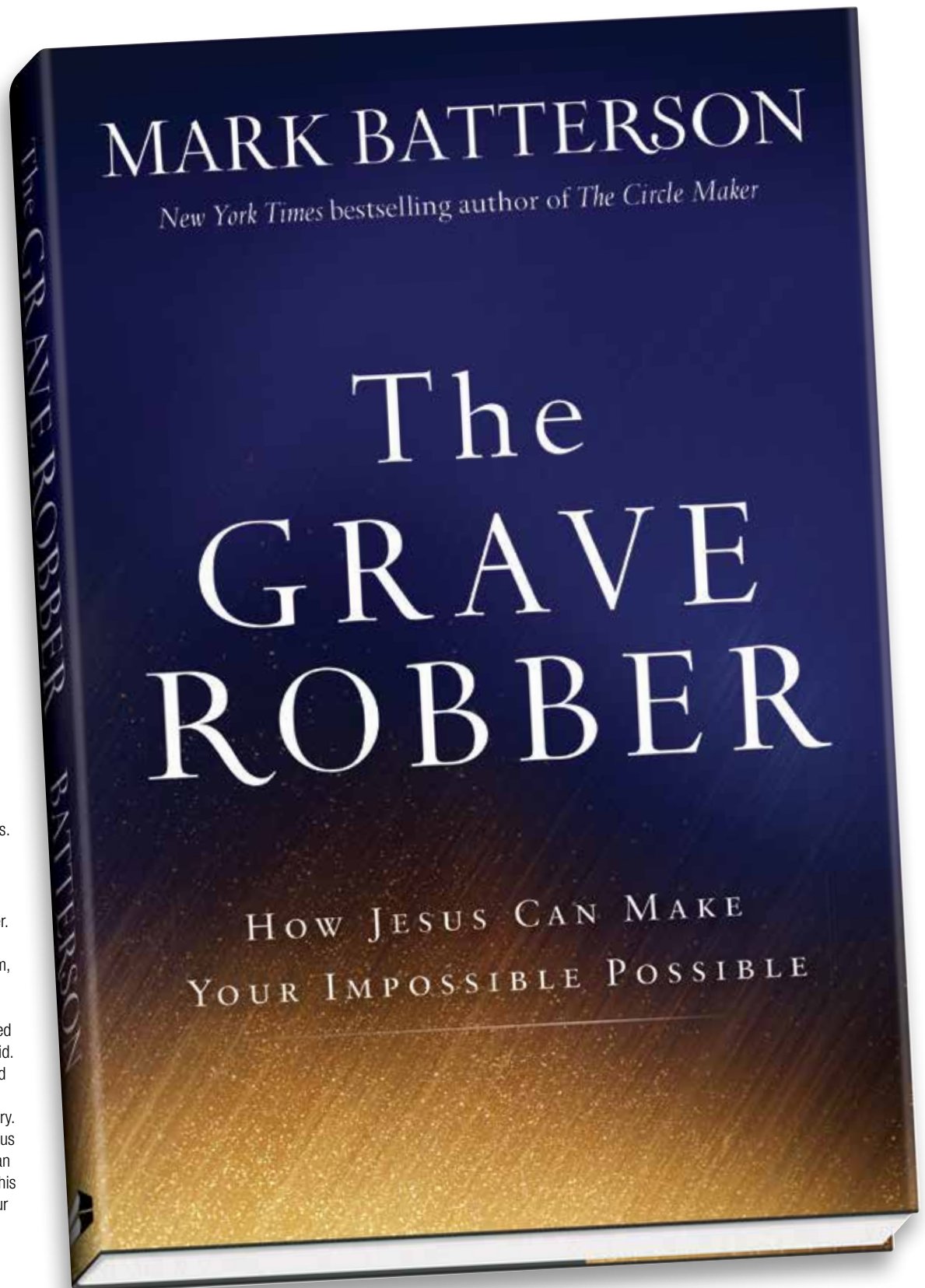
Don't seek miracles.

Seek Jesus.

And if you seek Jesus, miracles will find you.

Jesus is at the middle of every miracle. So the closer you get to Jesus, the closer you get to miracles.

Everyone wants a miracle. Of course, no one wants to be in a situation that necessitates one! But you can't have one without the other. The prerequisite for a miracle is a problem, and the bigger the problem, the bigger the potential miracle. If the wedding party hadn't run out of wine, there would have been no need for the Wine Maker to do what he did. What the bride and groom perceived as a problem was really a perfect opportunity for God to reveal his glory. And nothing has changed since Jesus turned water into wine, healed a man born blind, or called Lazarus out of his tomb four days after his funeral. Your impossible situation still doubles as God's greatest opportunity to reveal his glory.



in Jesus is worth the risk.” —Max Lucado

- *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Circle Maker*, with over 1,000,000 *Circle Maker* products sold
- Shows how the miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of John reveal what he wants to do in your life
- Stories of everyday people demonstrate that God still performs miracles today
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Do we believe that God still does miracles? Do we expect him to move in miraculous ways in our day-in and day-out lives? Maybe we’d like to see miracles, but it’s hard to see past our problems. All that is about to change, like water into wine.

“There are miracles all around us all the time,” says Mark Batterson, “but you won’t see them if you don’t know how to look for them.”

Now the bestselling author of *The Circle Maker* reveals the incredible power of the seven miraculous signs of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Batterson shows how they were not simply something Jesus did in the past, but something he wants to do *now*, in the present. He shares true stories of people today who are experiencing miracles in their lives. And he brings to light countless miracles, big and small, that we take for granted every day that point us toward the One who healed the sick, calmed the storm, and yes, even raised the dead.

But this is more than a book about miracles. It’s a book about the only One who can perform them. Batterson cautions readers, “Don’t just seek miracles. Seek Jesus. And if you seek Jesus, miracles will find you.”

Nothing has changed since Jesus called Lazarus out of his tomb four days after his funeral. Our impossible situations still double as God’s greatest opportunity to reveal his glory. No matter how big the problem is, God is bigger still. Anyone who longs to see God work in miraculous ways today will love Batterson’s faith-building, life-giving message.

The Grave Robber

Mark Batterson



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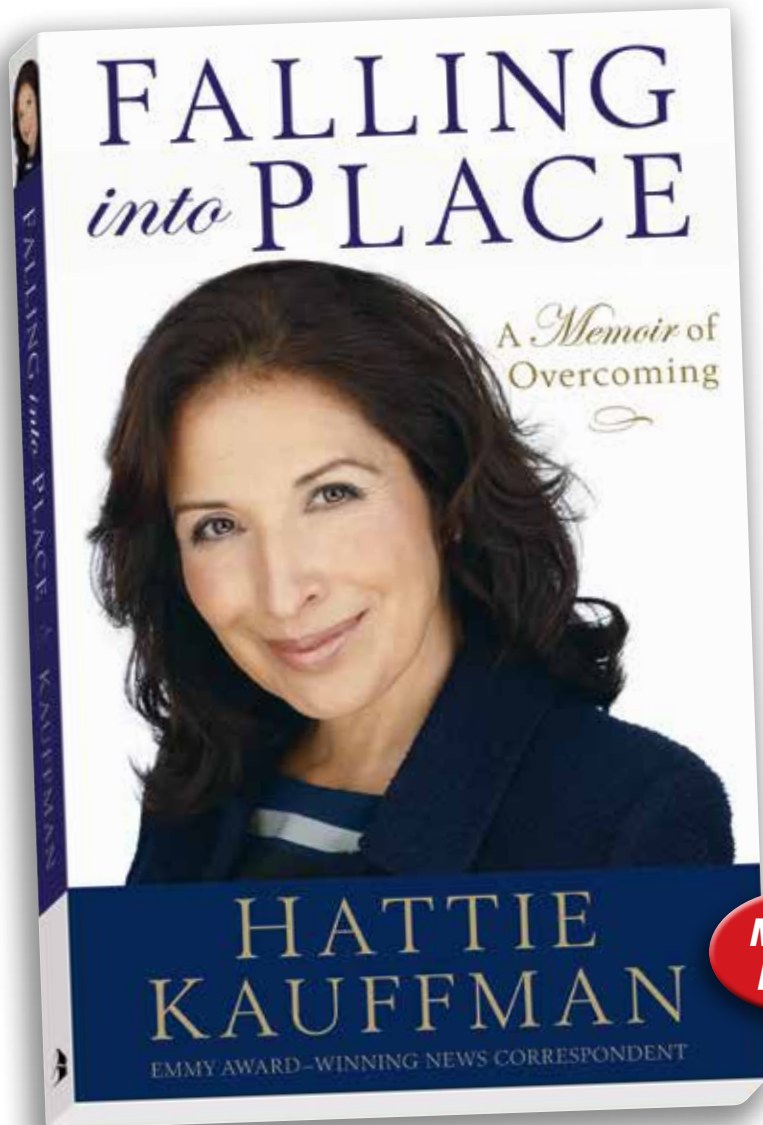


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“Mark Batterson shows us how to open our eyes to the miraculous and, in doing so, truly see that the One who walked on water and raised people from the dead is still working miracles today.”

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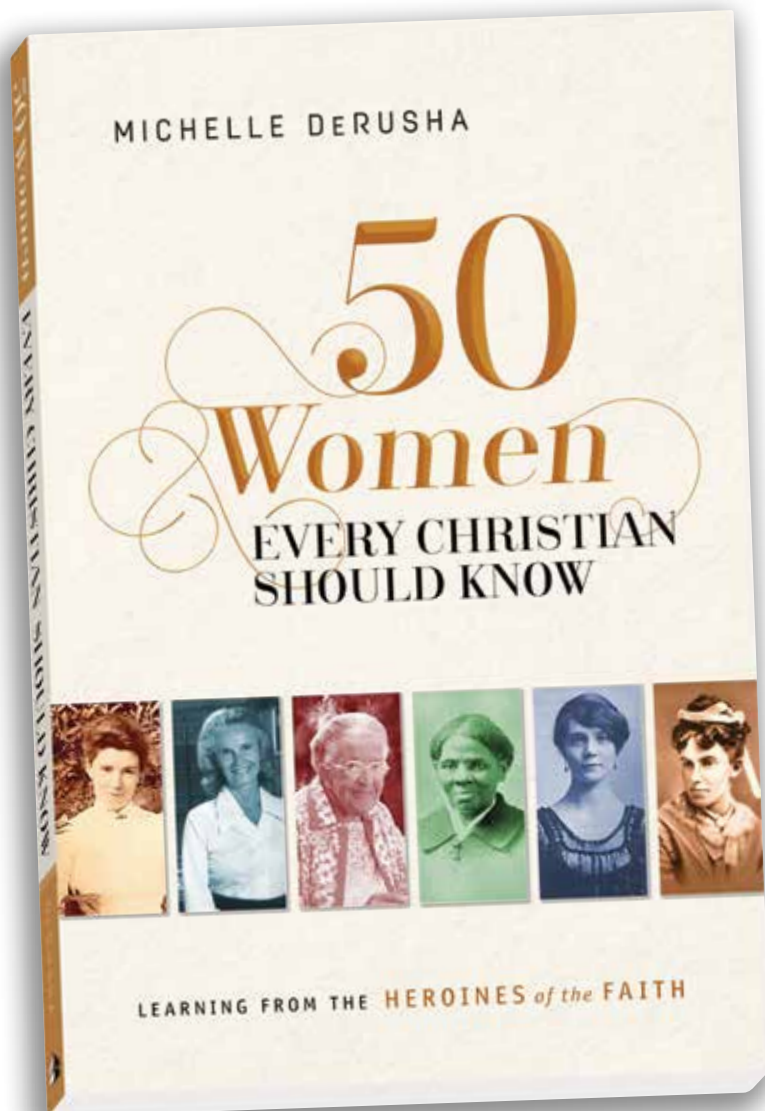


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REVIEW

"Kauffman's well-written account of her chaotic childhood is reminiscent of *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls."
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Fascinating Stories from the Lives of the Most Influential Christian Women



- Builds on the success of *50 People Every Christian Should Know*, over 100,000 copies sold
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Michelle DeRusha



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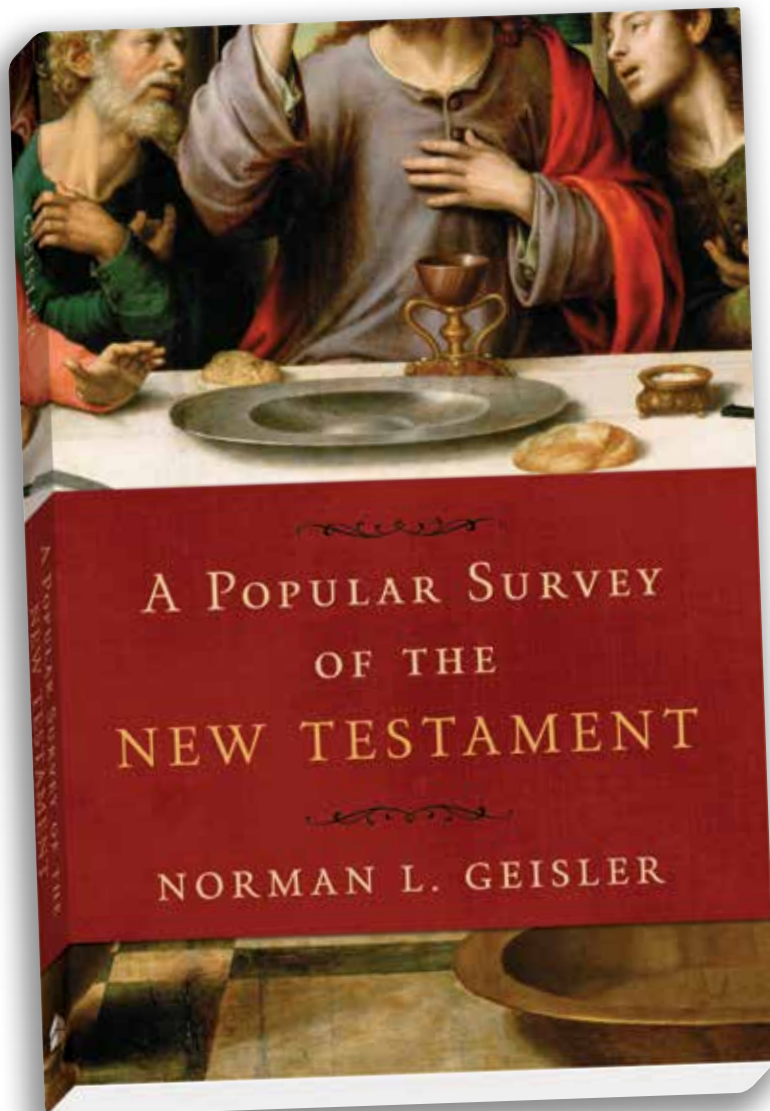
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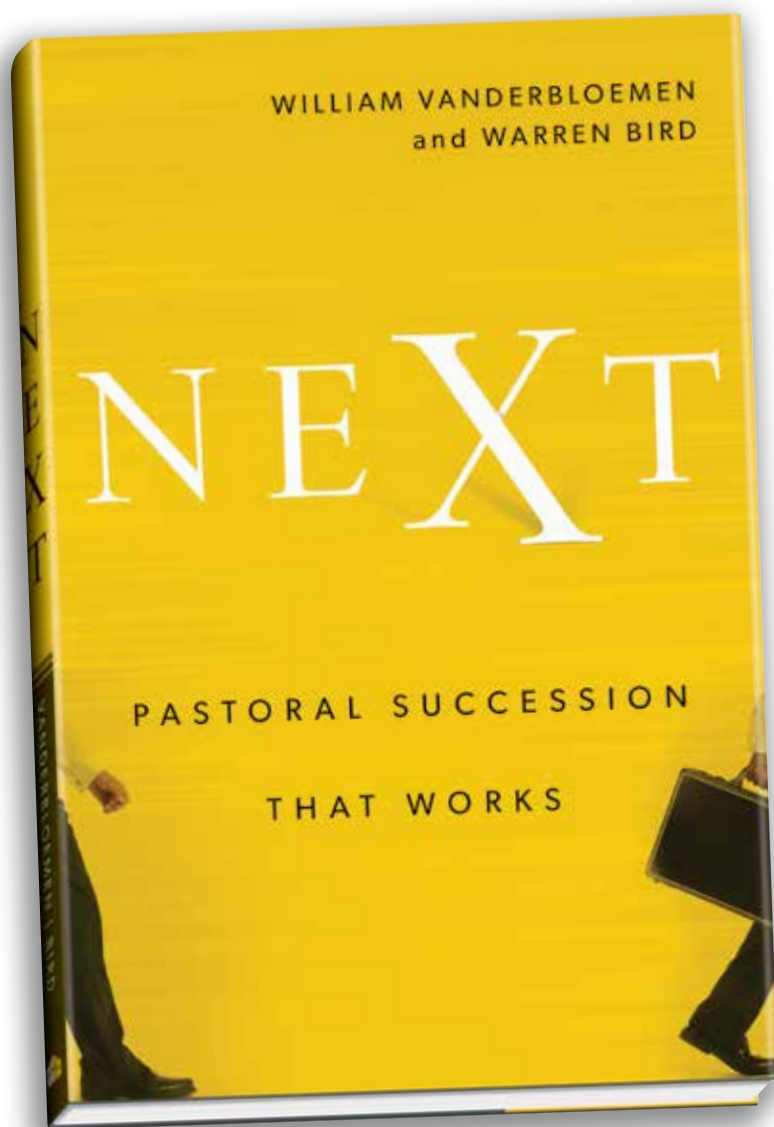
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William Vanderbloemen
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Warren Bird (PhD, Fordham University) is research director for Leadership Network, the nation's leading catalyst for helping innovative church leaders move from idea to impact. An ordained minister, he teaches at Alliance Theological Seminary. He is also author or coauthor of twenty-six books. He and his wife, Michelle, live in a suburb of **New York City**.



A Soldier's Inspiring Story of

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I was on life support, and showed few signs of life. The nurses told Kathreyn to talk to me, to tell me she was there. She spoke, and I swear to God even without ears I heard her. She took up watch by my side, my sweet girl who'd fought to get to me in time.

By Saturday night, my parents had arrived from Coleman. My mother had never flown on a plane before, much less several of them to reach her overseas destination, but nothing was going to stop her from reaching me. Kathreyn tried to prepare them for what they were going to see. I was experiencing no neurological response; my pupils were not moving, and my C-7 vertebrae fracture was serious. The fear of brain damage or brain death was real. I was bandaged over every area except my toes.

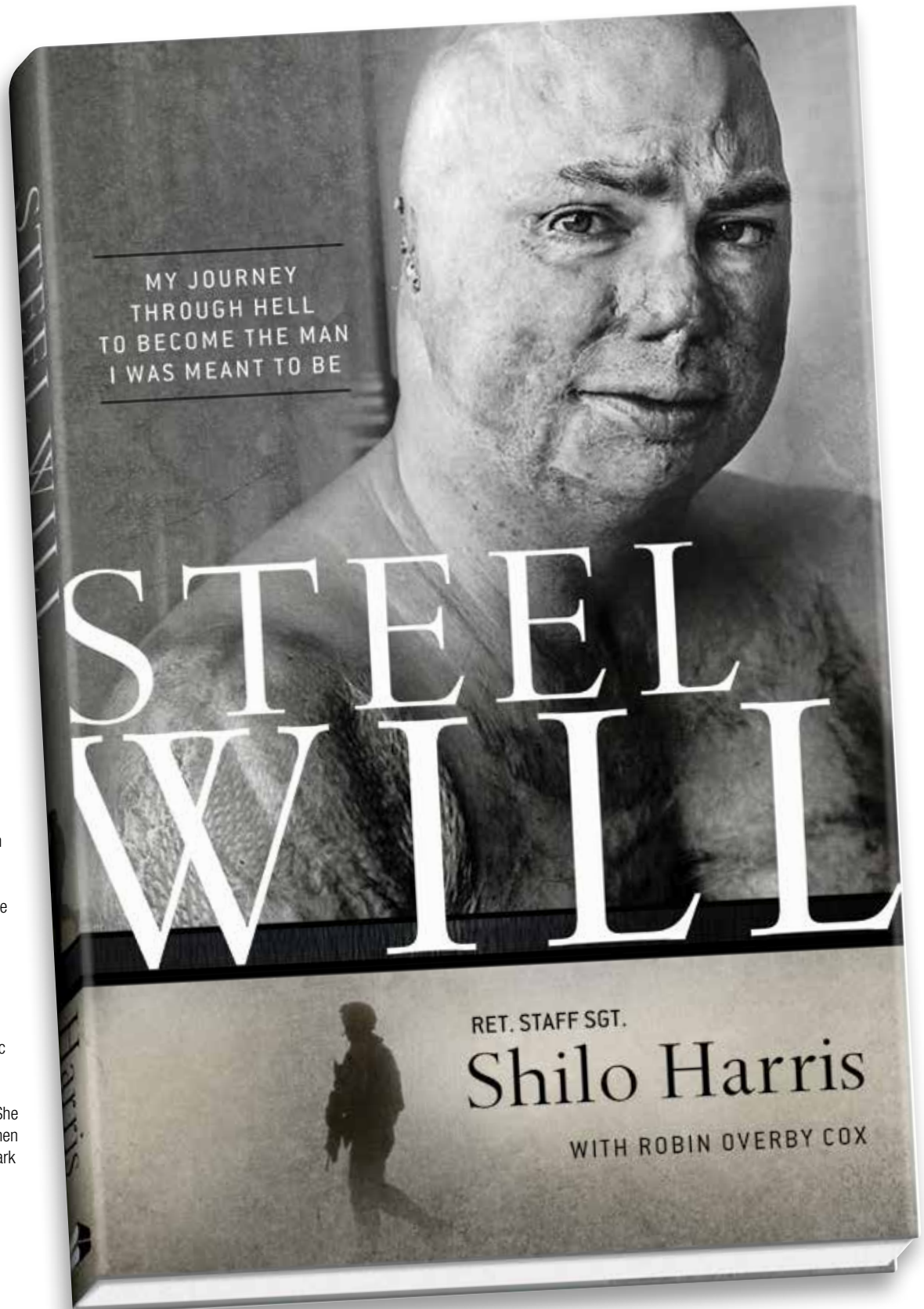
The medical team told Kathreyn, "We've got to stop these coma meds to see what's really going on. He's going to be in excruciating pain.

Kathreyn asked the obvious. "Why, then?"

"We've got to figure out if he can survive the trip to San Antonio with the trauma team." They warned my family, "The sedation drugs will leave his system in about four hours, and then..."

Kathreyn stopped and stared.

"If he survives, he'll experience pain beyond our comprehension." Four hours later I went into full panic mode. Kathreyn and I came nose to nose and made eye contact for a moment. She saw hell in my eyes. She told me we were in Germany, and then I blacked out, disappearing into a dark abyss that I came to know as hell.



Surviving the Unthinkable

- Encouragement for those who have loved ones suffering from PTSD
- A powerful true story of a man who overcame incredible odds
- Help for anyone overcoming a tragedy or potentially crippling life-changing event

On February 19, 2007, SSG Shilo Harris was patrolling an infamous southern Iraqi roadway when his Humvee was struck by an IED. Moments later, three members of his crew were dead and Shilo had sustained severe burns over 35 percent of his body, lost his ears and the skin off his face, and lost much of the use of his badly mangled fingers. This fiery moment was just the beginning of an arduous road laced with pain, emotional anguish, and much soul-searching. For forty-eight days Shilo lay trapped in a medically induced coma as his wife, unable to ease his suffering, had to come to grips with a man utterly changed.

This is the story of a young boy raised in a small Texas town under the heavy yoke of a father struggling with the personal aftermath of his service in Vietnam. This is the story of the first human being to participate in extracellular stem cell regeneration to regrow lost body parts. This is the story of the survivor not only of an explosion but of more than sixty surgeries to restore both form and function to his broken body. This is the story of the wife who stood by his side, made hard decisions, and continues to support her husband through his struggles with PTSD.

This is the story of a God who reshapes us into the people he wants us to be. And in that way, this is the story of all of us.

Anyone whose life has been touched by tragedy and loss, especially military families dealing with PTSD, TBI, amputations, and other realities of wartime service, will find strength, encouragement, and inspiration in this moving memoir.

Steel Will

Shilo Harris with Robin Overby Cox



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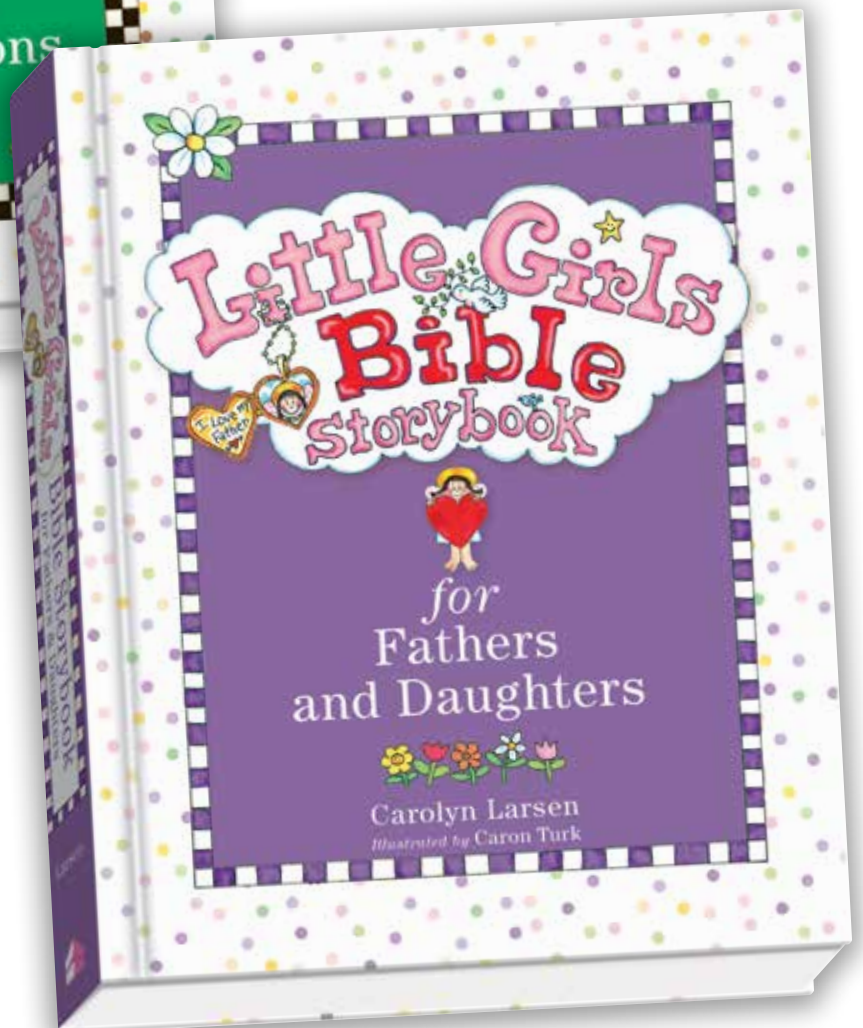
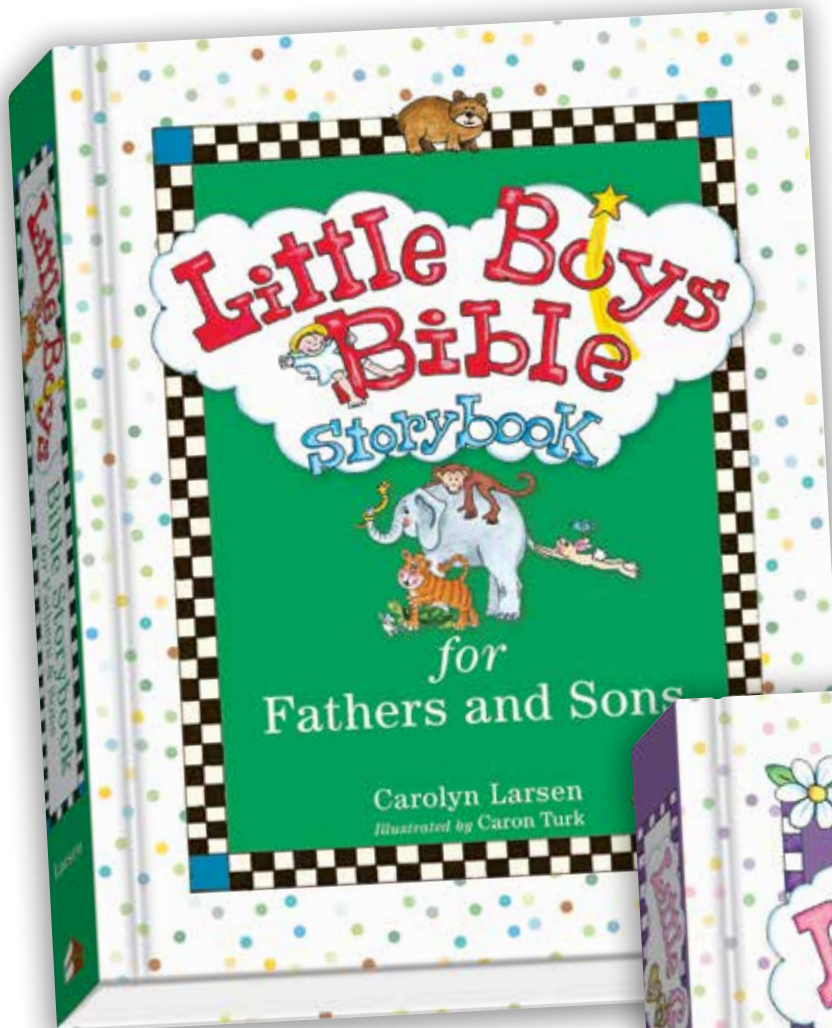
Shilo Harris enlisted in the US Army after 9/11. On his second deployment, he sustained catastrophic injuries when his vehicle was struck by an IED. Harris spent nearly three years in the burn unit of Brooke Army Medical Center. Harris retired from the military in 2010 and is now a motivational speaker, urging audiences to welcome veterans and wounded warriors home with open arms and open minds. He and his family were featured on ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* on December 11, 2012. They live in **Floresville, Texas**.



Robin Overby Cox is a career educator and librarian. Born in Augsburg, Germany, as an Army brat, she collaborated with Shilo in order to call communities to action on behalf of veterans. She graduated with honors from Florida State University and the University of South Florida. She calls **College Station, Texas**, home and has five children and six grandchildren.



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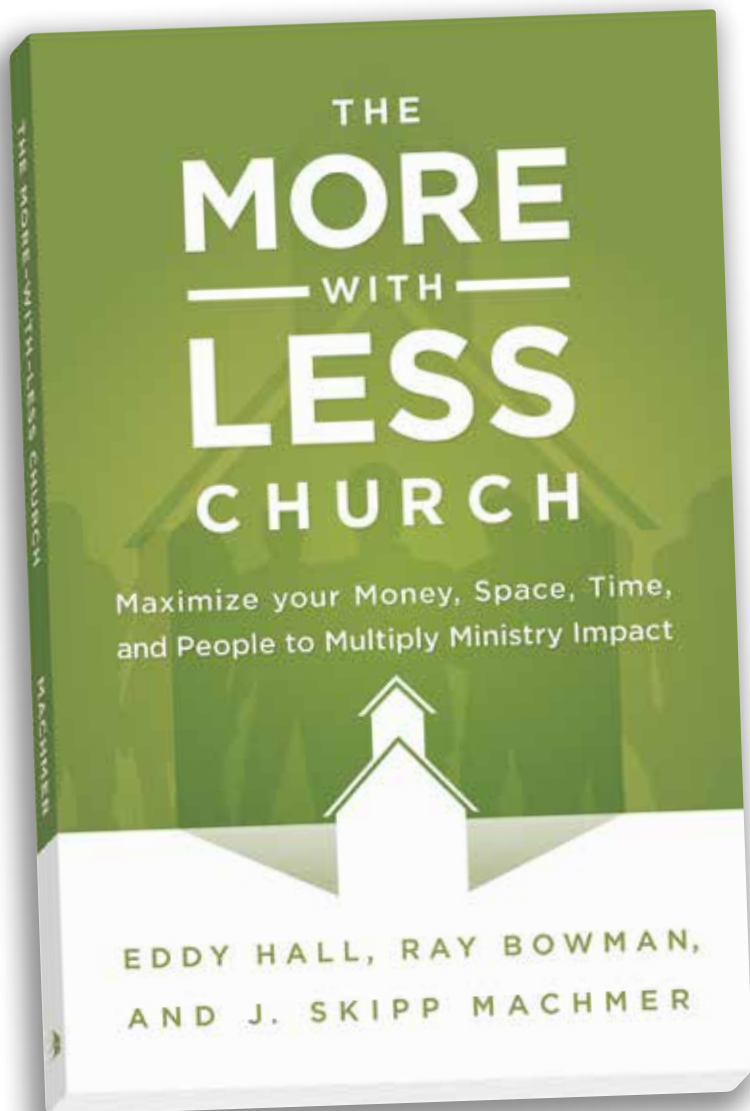
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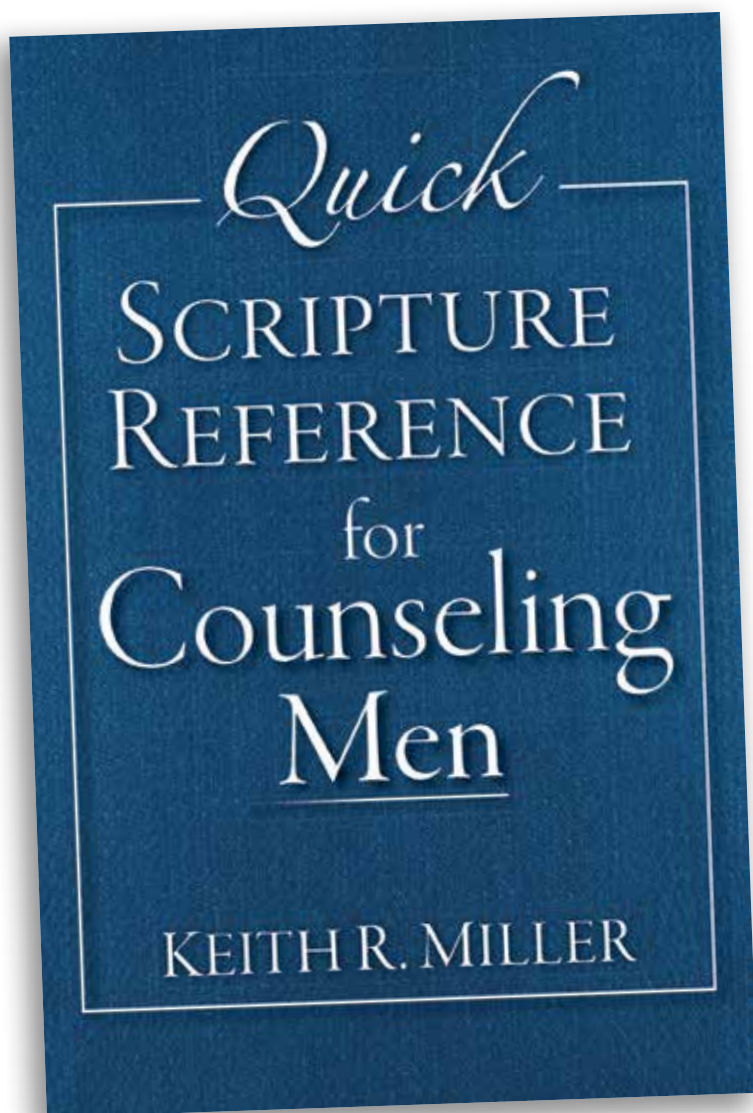
Ray Bowman is the founder of Living Stones Associates. As an architect he spent thirty years helping churches build new facilities before turning his energies to helping them make the most of the buildings they already had. The coauthor of several books, including *When Not to Build*, he continues to consult in retirement.



J. Skipp Machmer over the past seventeen years has served on the staffs of two churches, first as Creative Arts Pastor and now as Executive Pastor at Riverside Church in **Big Lake, Minnesota**. He has guided a church in transitioning from being inwardly focused to being outwardly focused, helped lead his congregation through the transition to multivenue worship, then becoming a multisite church, seeing attendance grow from 500 to over 1500, mostly through evangelism.



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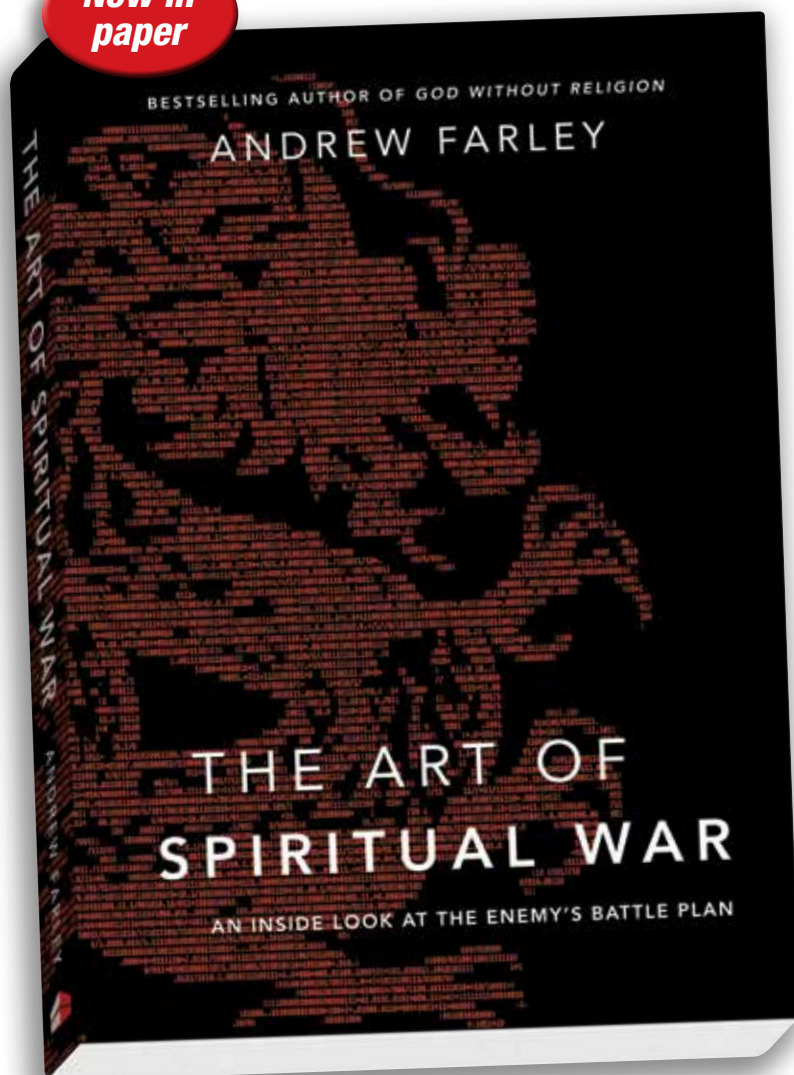
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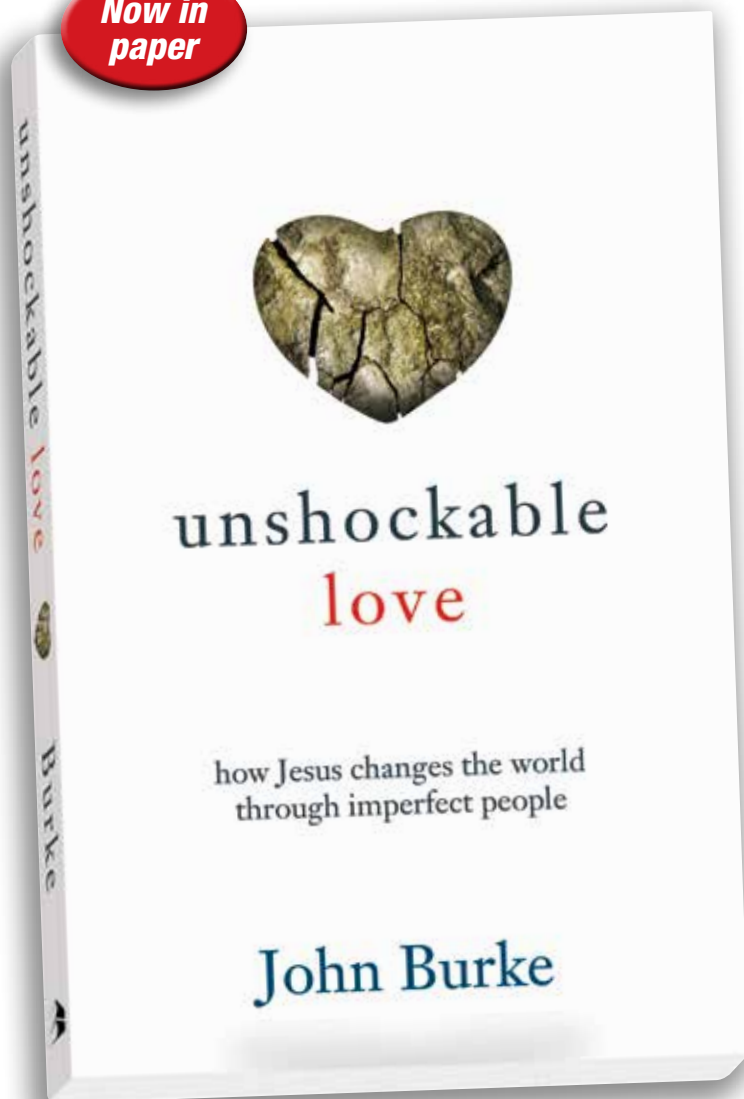
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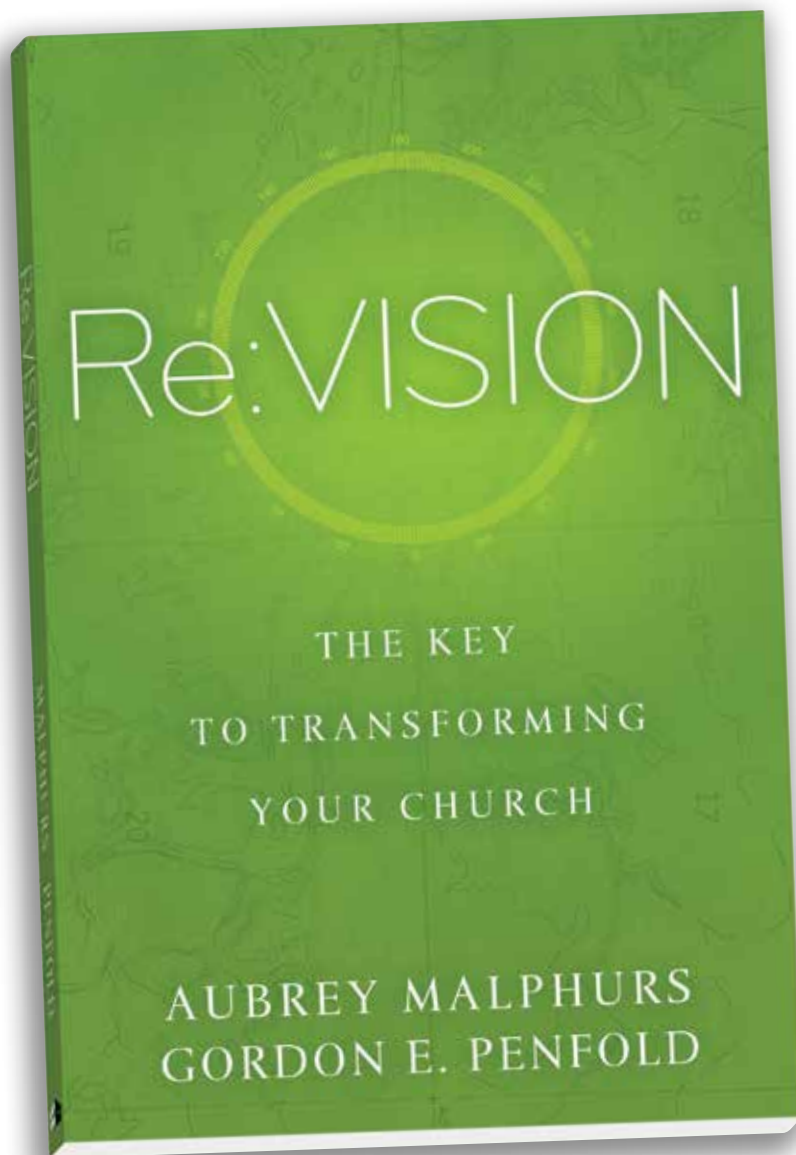
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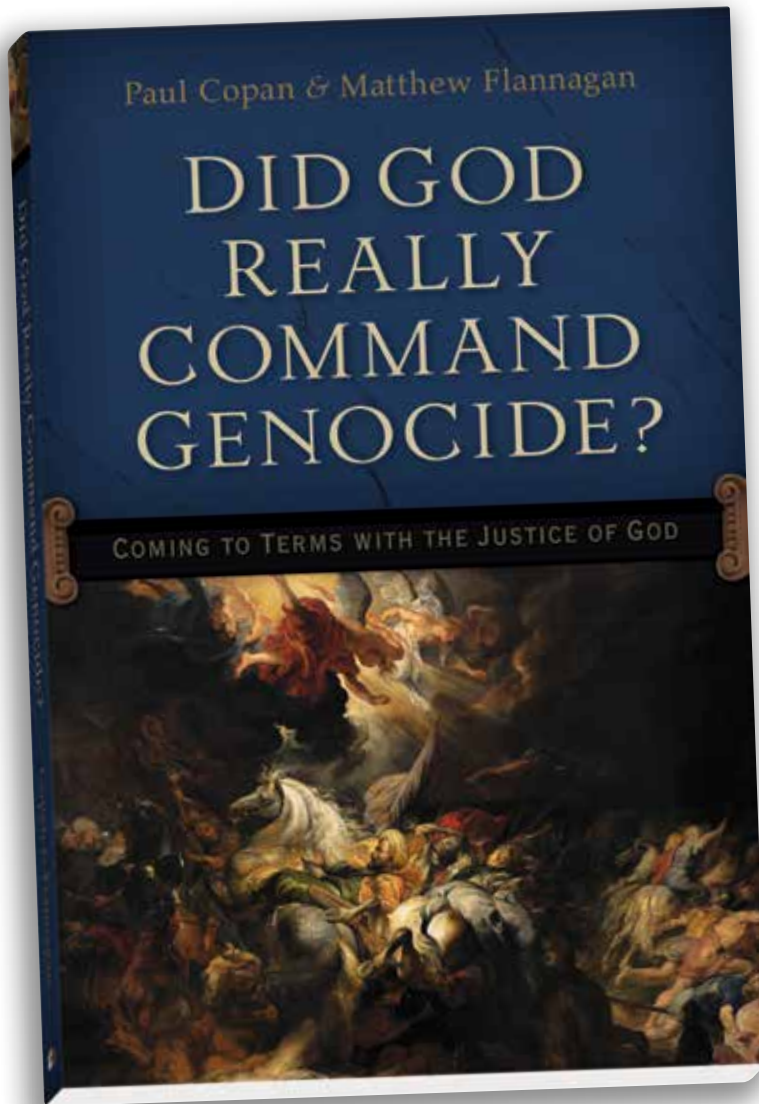
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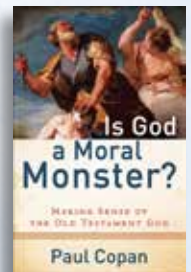
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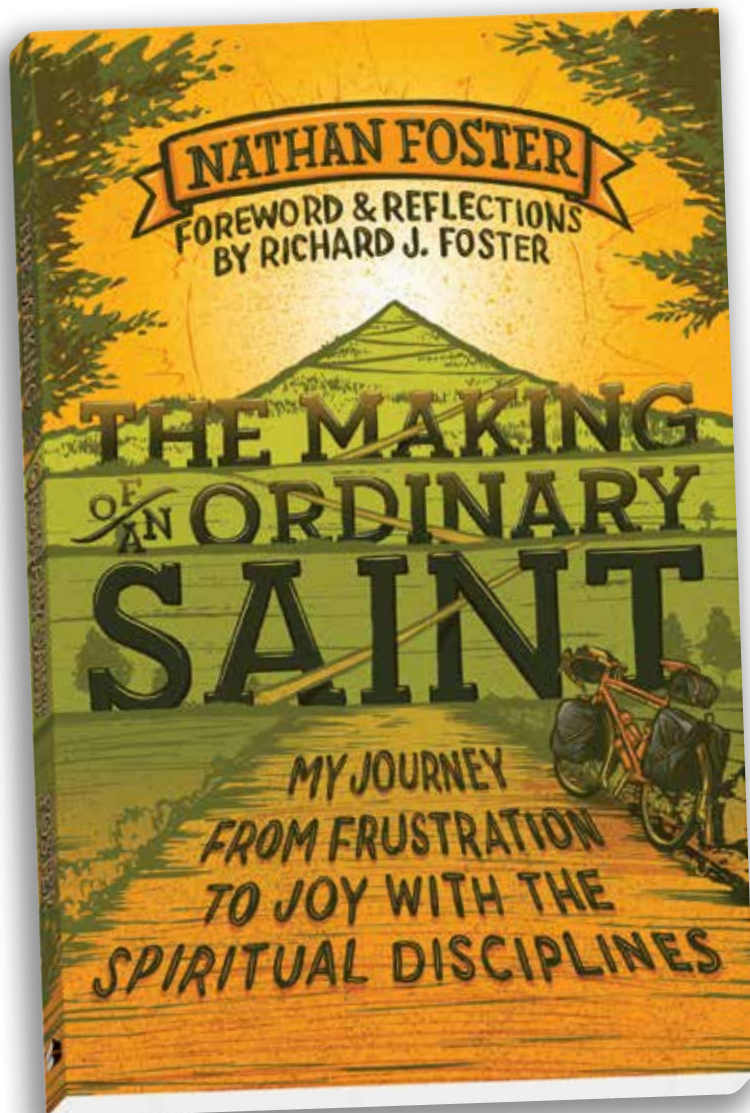


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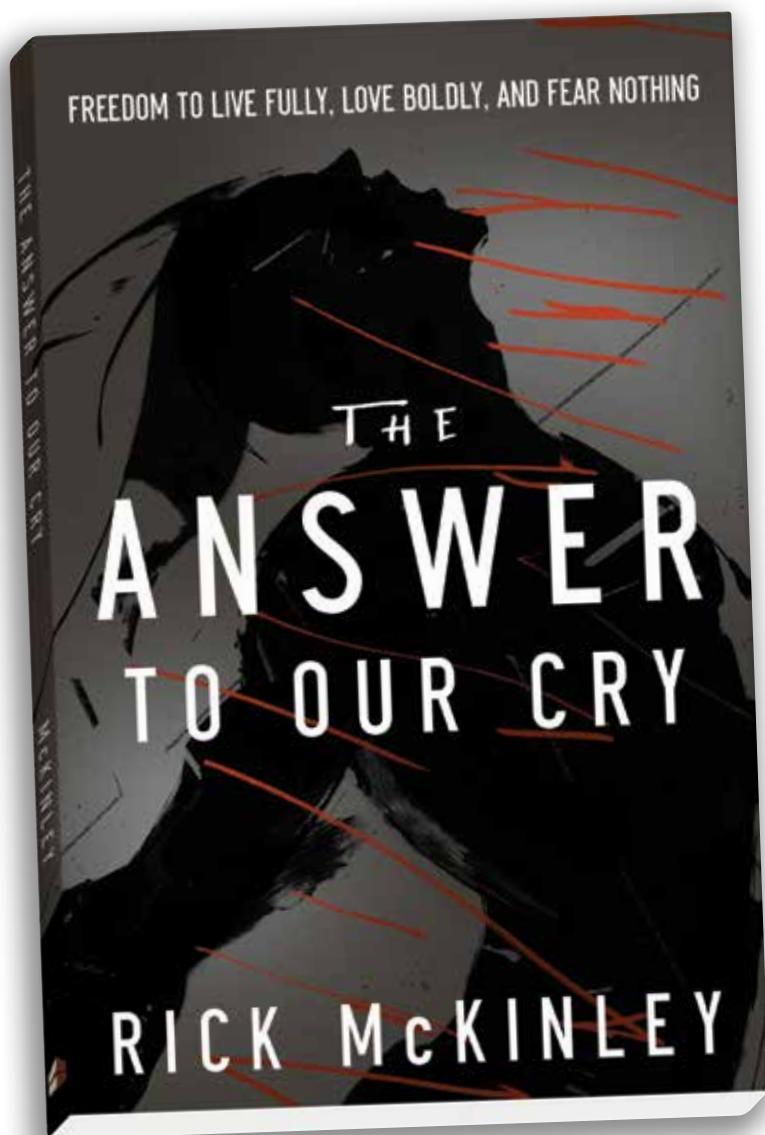
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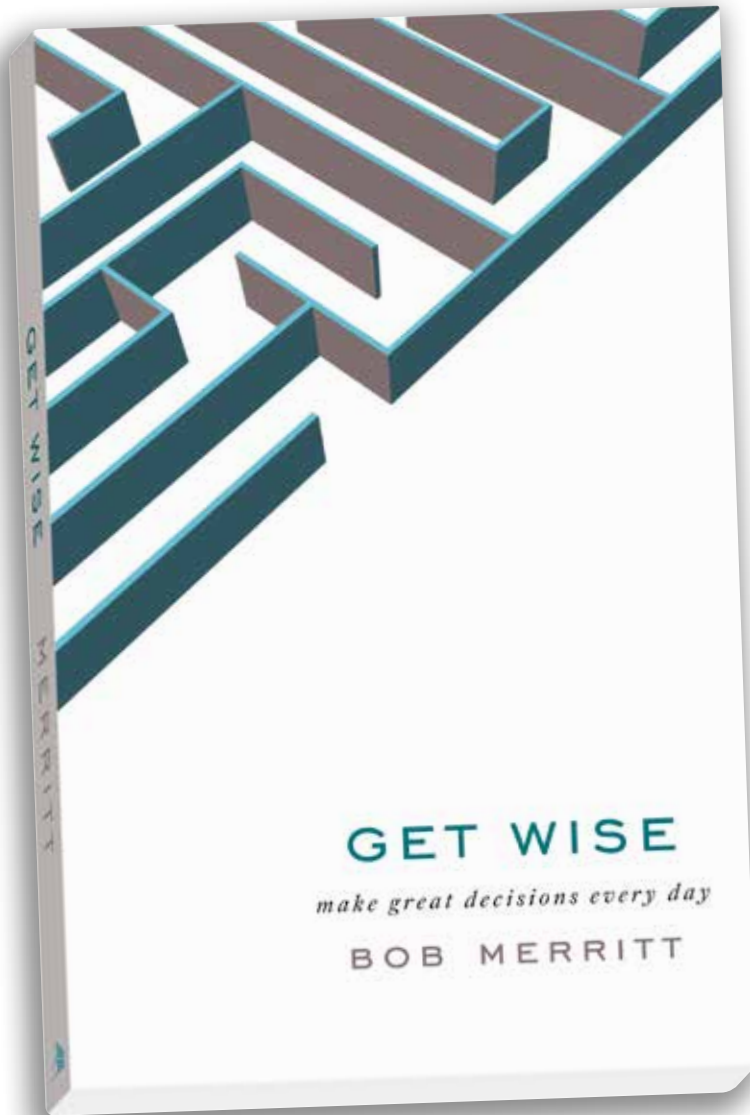
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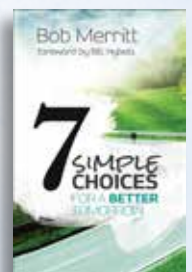
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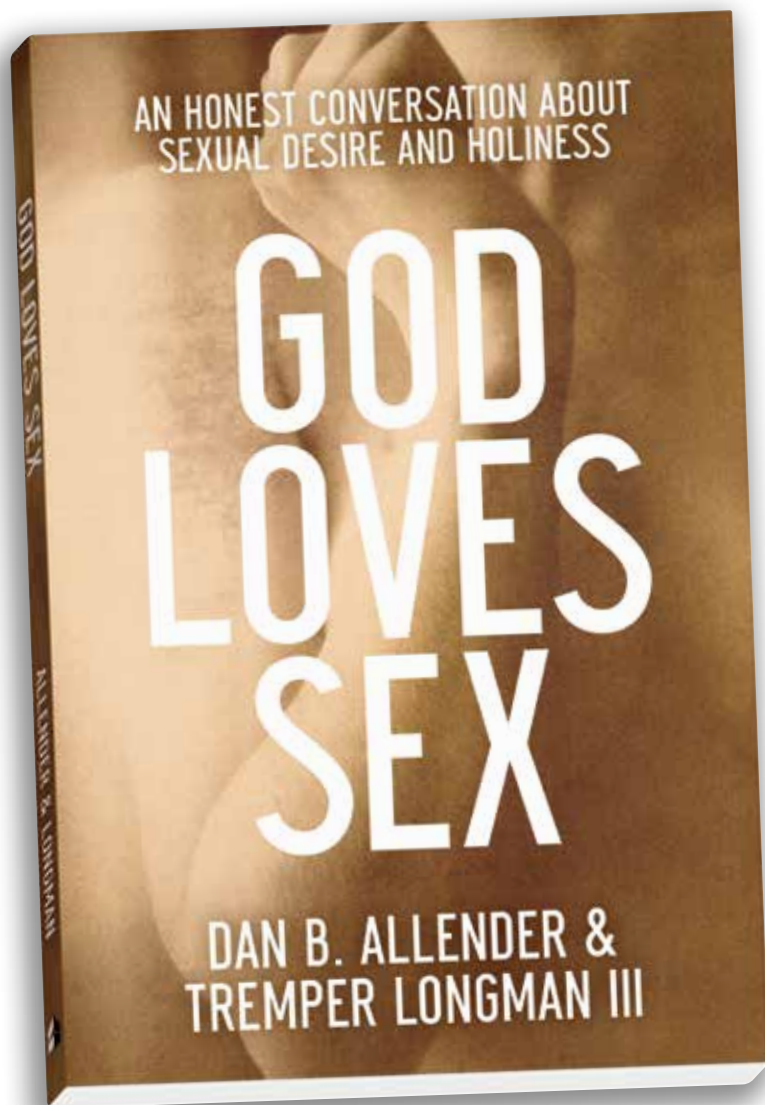
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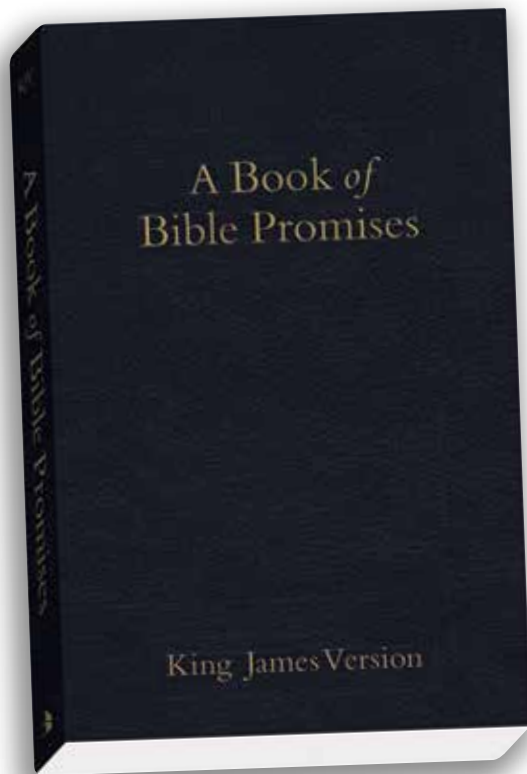
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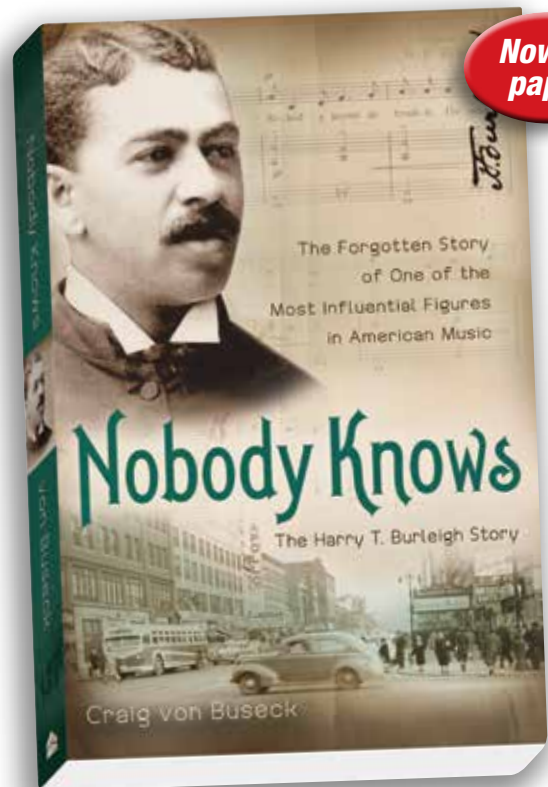
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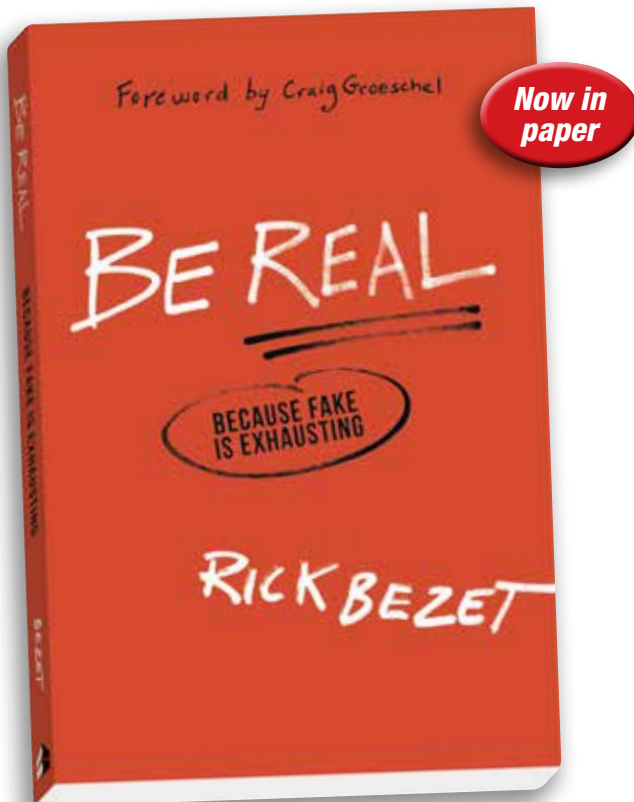
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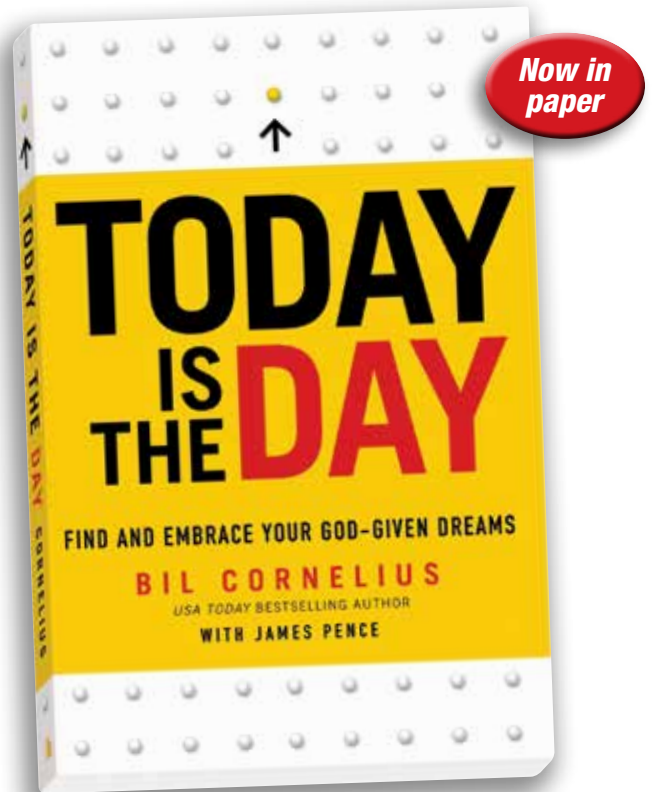
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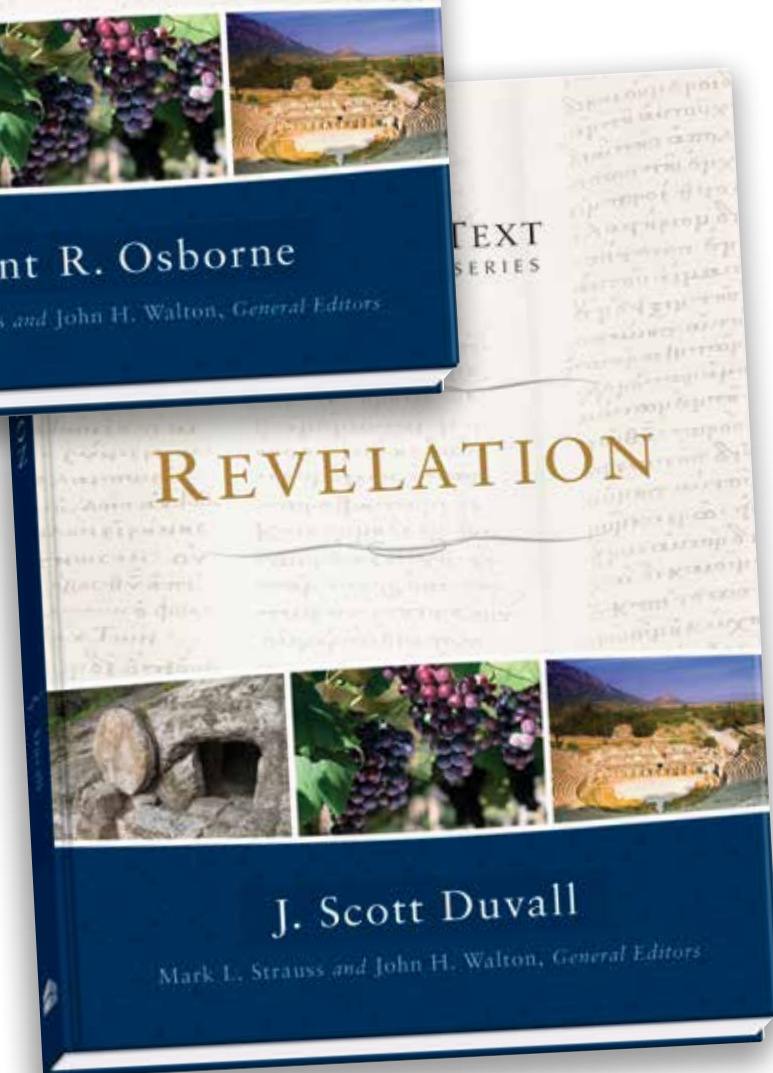
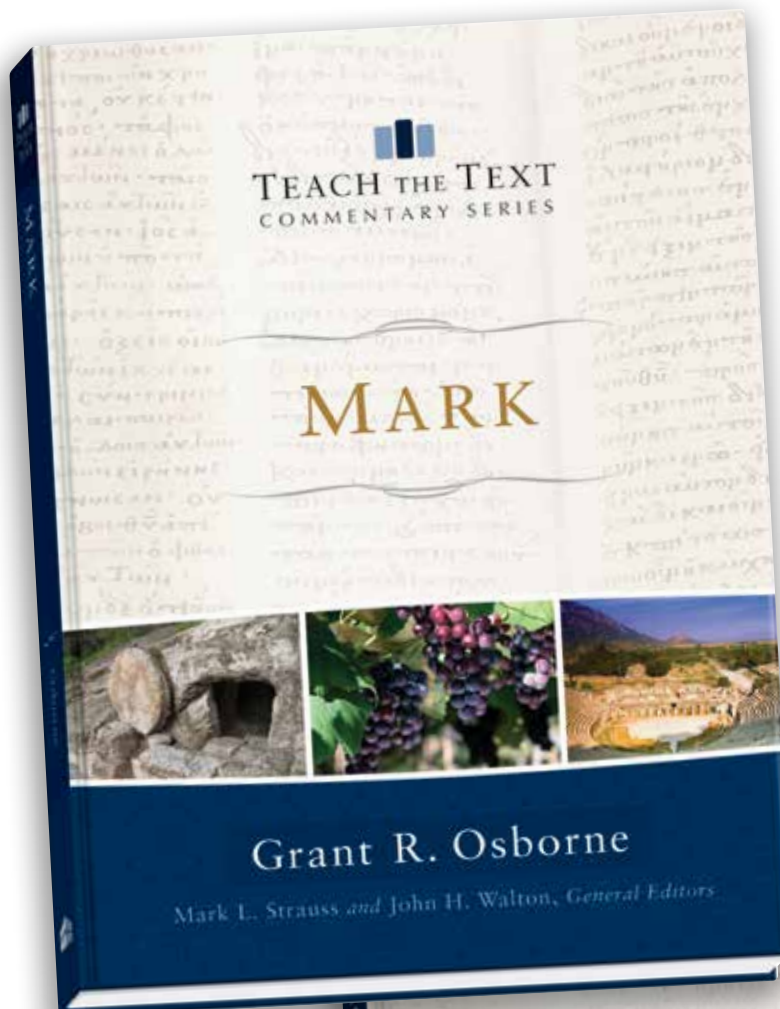
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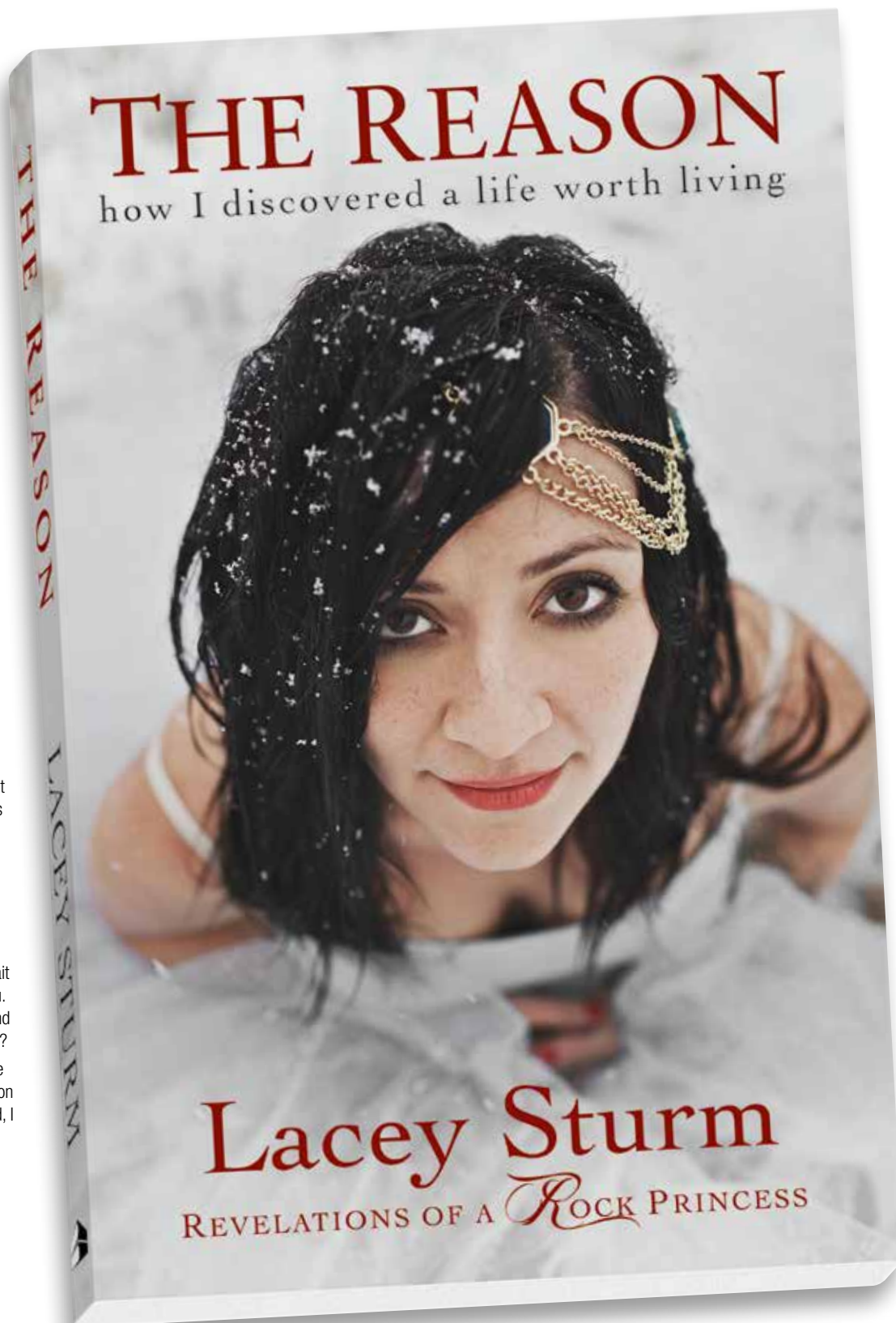
I don't believe in fate or accidents. I believe in cause and effect. Behind everything lies a cause, a reason. Why does the sun rise? Because the earth revolves around it once every twenty-four hours. Why do we read? Because, some say, we don't want to feel alone. Why am I alive, writing to you?

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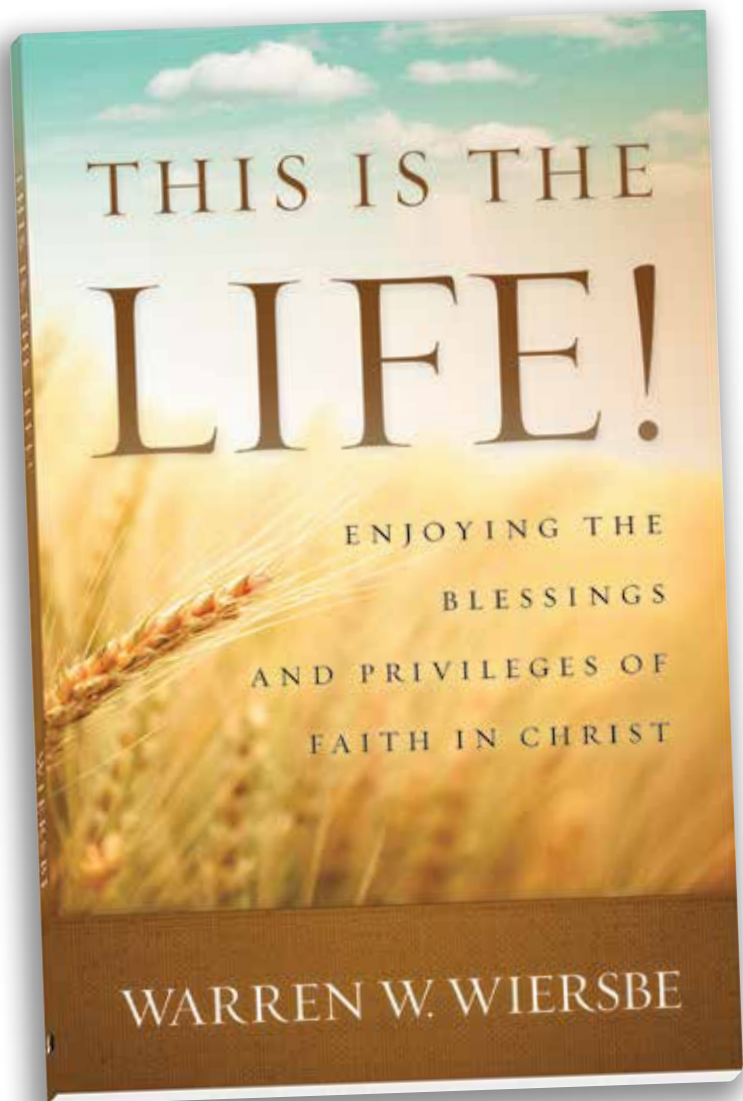
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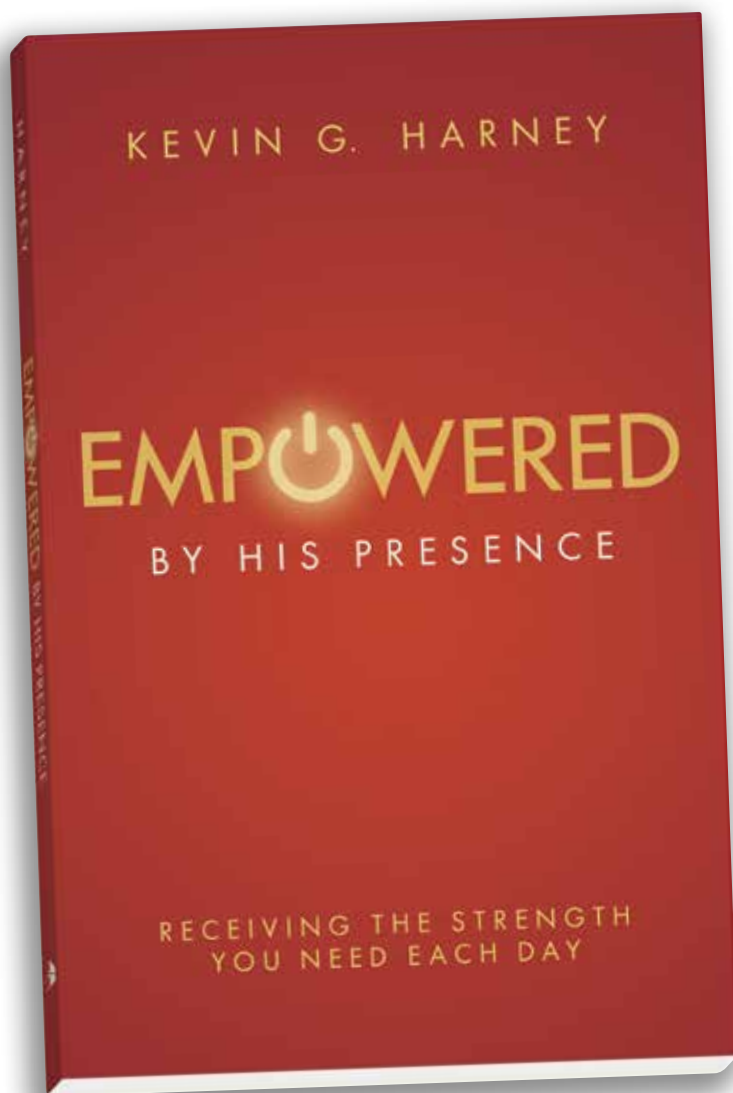
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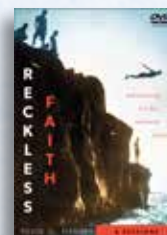
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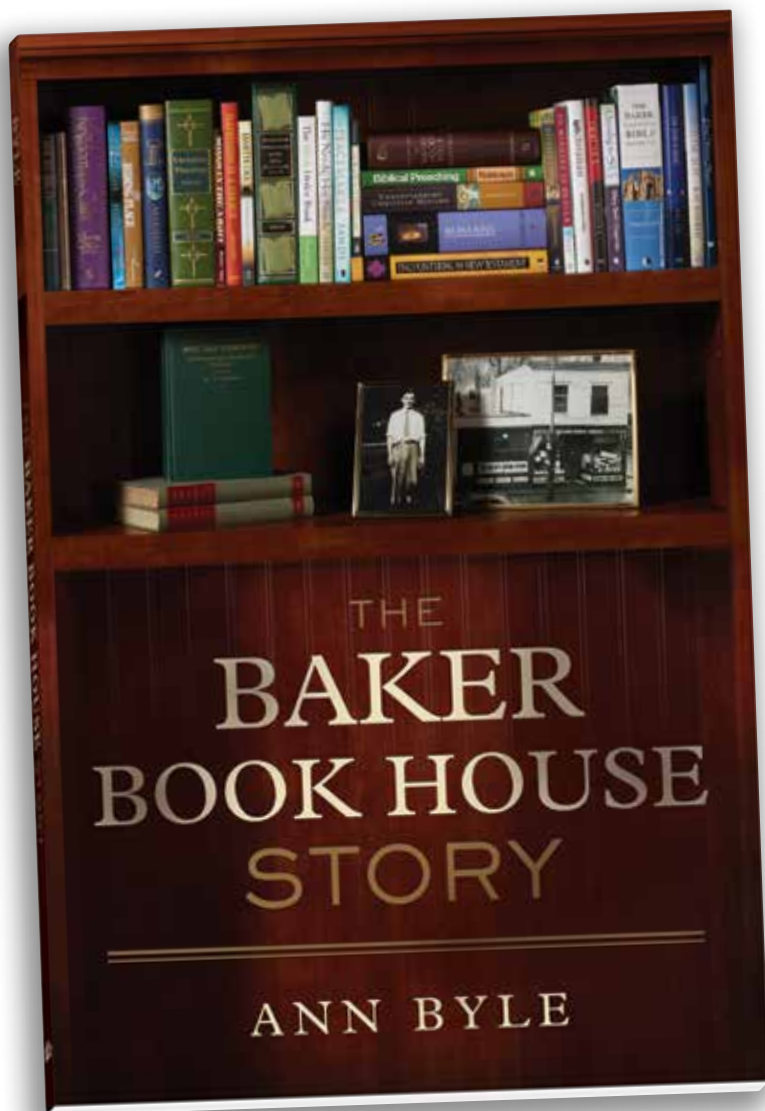


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