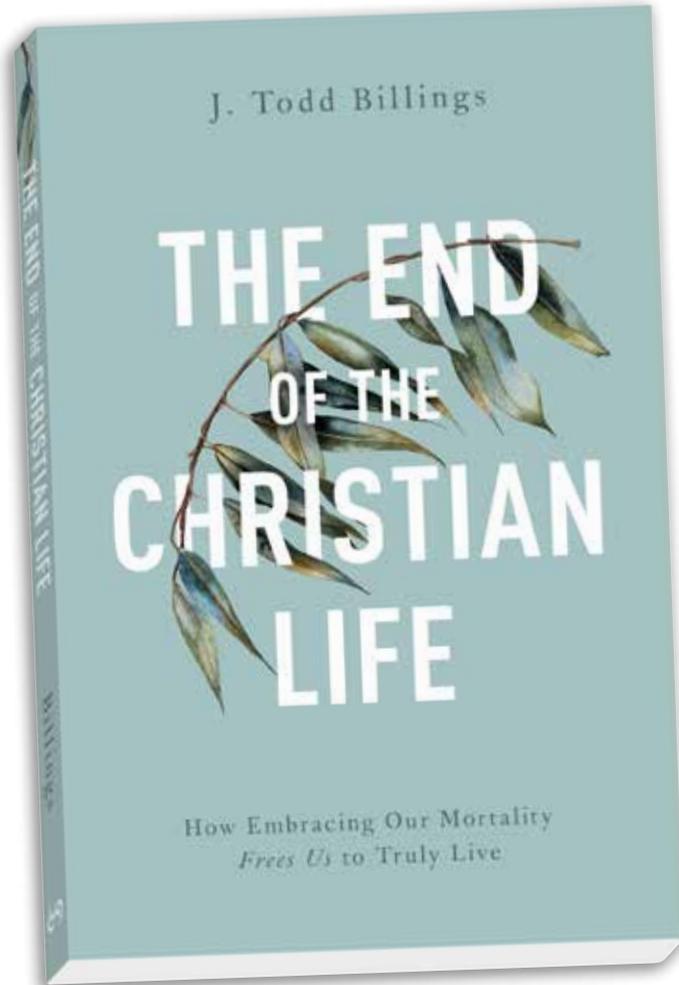




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# Embracing Resurrection Hope in a Death-Denying World



- Author writes as a cancer patient, a parent, a pastor, and a theology professor
- Author's previous book, *Rejoicing in Lament*, received a starred review in *Publishers Weekly* and a 5-star review in *Christianity Today*
- Offers a personal yet theological account of how we should face our own mortality and limitations

**W**e're all going to die. Yet in our medically advanced, technological age, many of us see death as a distant reality—something that happens only at the end of a long life or to other people.

In *The End of the Christian Life*, Todd Billings urges Christians to resist that view. Instead, he calls us to embrace our mortality in our daily life and faith. This is the journey of genuine discipleship, Billings says, following the crucified and resurrected Lord in a world of distraction and false hopes.

Drawing on his experience as a professor and father living with incurable cancer, Billings offers a personal yet deeply theological account of the gospel's expansive hope for small, mortal creatures.

Artfully weaving rich theology with powerful narrative, Billings writes for church leaders and laypeople alike. Whether we are young or old, reeling from loss or clinging to our own prosperity, this book challenges us to walk a strange but wondrous path: in the midst of joy and lament, to receive mortal limits as a gift, an opportunity to give ourselves over to the Lord of life.

## The End of the Christian Life

J. Todd Billings



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# How to Follow Jesus Using the Enneagram



- Author is a prominent pastor who leads courses and retreats on the Enneagram
- Helps readers understand the difference between identity and personality as applied to the Christian life and faith formation
- Offers fresh insight into how to read the Bible and a vision for transformation

Author A. J. Sherrill still remembers the moment when his life was forever changed by a word he didn't even understand at the time: Enneagram. A personality theory that includes nine different "types," the Enneagram has become a popular tool for self-awareness and improvement.

But in this book, Sherrill goes deeper, exploring with Christians how the Enneagram can be a pathway to profound spiritual transformation. Sherrill reveals the Enneagram as a tool to unlock new ways of viewing identity, personality, discipleship, spiritual practices, evangelism, and the Bible.

Using this fresh approach, Sherrill shows how our true identity is that of a beloved child of God. Recognizing that, we can move confidently into the world expressing this identity through our unique personality.

Through Sherrill's detailed spiritual exploration of each type, readers will emerge viewing the Enneagram as a precious gift to following Jesus more closely.

## The Enneagram for Spiritual Formation

A. J. Sherrill



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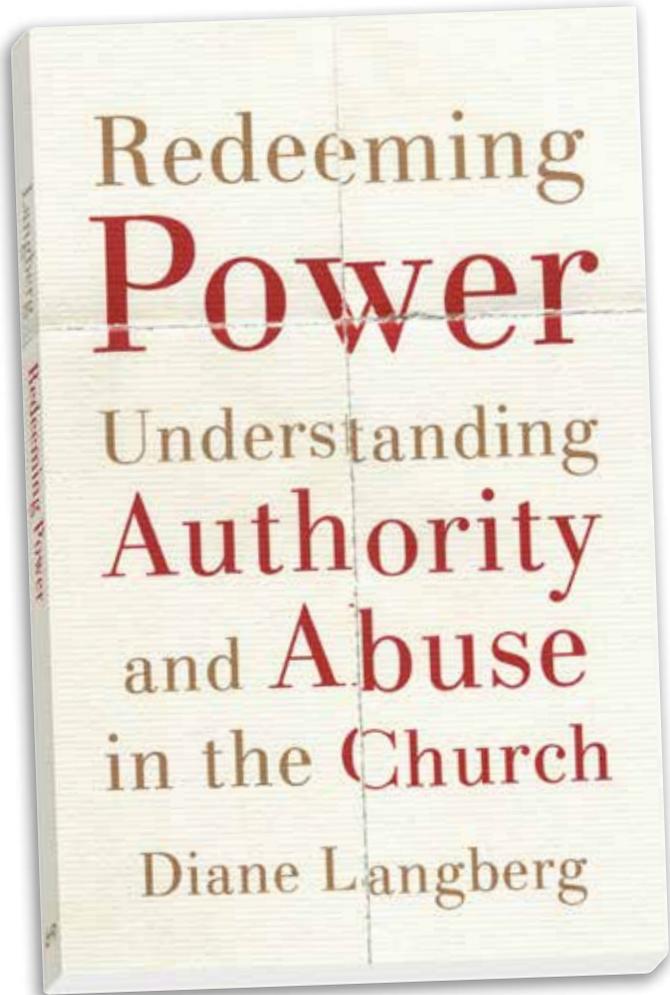
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# The Use and Abuse of Power in Christian Organizations



- Langberg is an internationally recognized psychologist and counselor with 47 years of experience
- Author is cofounder of the Global Trauma Recovery Institute and is on the board of G.R.A.C.E (Godly Response to Abuse in a Christian Environment) led by Boz Tchividjian
- Speaks into current #metoo and #churchtoo conversations

**P**ower has a God-given role in human relationships and institutions, but it can lead to abuse when used in unhealthy ways. Speaking into current #metoo and #churchtoo conversations, this book shows that the body of Christ desperately needs to understand the forms power takes, how it is abused, and how to respond to abuses of power.

Although many Christians want to prevent abuse in their churches and organizations, they lack a deep and clear-eyed understanding of how power actually works. Internationally recognized psychologist Diane Langberg offers a clinical and theological framework for understanding how power operates, the effects of the abuse of power, and how power can be redeemed and restored to its proper God-given place in relationships and institutions. This book not only helps Christian leaders identify and resist abusive systems but also shows how they can use power to protect the vulnerable in their midst.

## Redeeming Power

*Diane Langberg*



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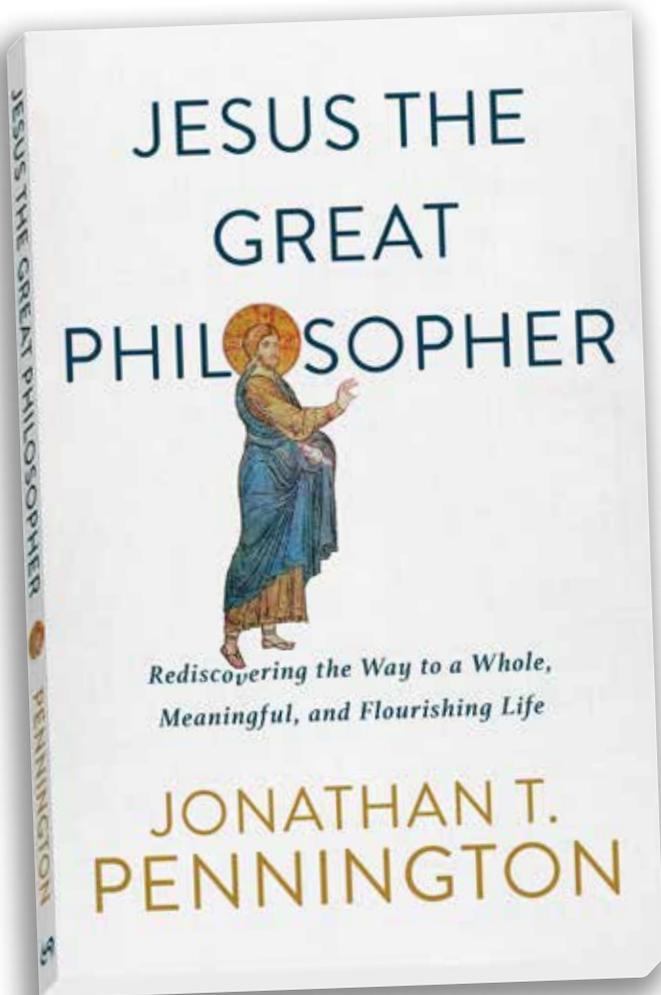
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# Surprising Wisdom for Life's Most Pressing Questions



- Author is a highly regarded New Testament scholar and a popular teacher
- Examines the Bible's teaching with an eye toward timeless questions and contemporary application (what it means to be human, how to process our emotions, how to relate to each other)
- Helps readers rediscover an important message in the Bible

Many of us tend to live as though Jesus represents the “spiritual part” of our lives. We don’t clearly see how he relates to the rest of our experiences, desires, and habits. How can Jesus, the Bible, and Christianity become more than a compartmentalized part of our lives?

Highly regarded New Testament scholar and popular teacher Jonathan Pennington argues that we need to recover the lost biblical image of Jesus as the one true philosopher who teaches us how to experience the fullness of our humanity in the kingdom of God. Jesus teaches us what is good, right, and beautiful and offers answers to life’s big questions: what it means to be human, how to be happy, how to order our emotions, and how we should conduct our relationships.

This book brings Jesus and Christianity into dialogue with the ancient philosophers who asked the same big questions about finding meaningful happiness. It helps us rediscover biblical Christianity as a whole-life philosophy, one that addresses our greatest human questions and helps us live meaningful and flourishing lives.

## Jesus the Great Philosopher

Jonathan T. Pennington



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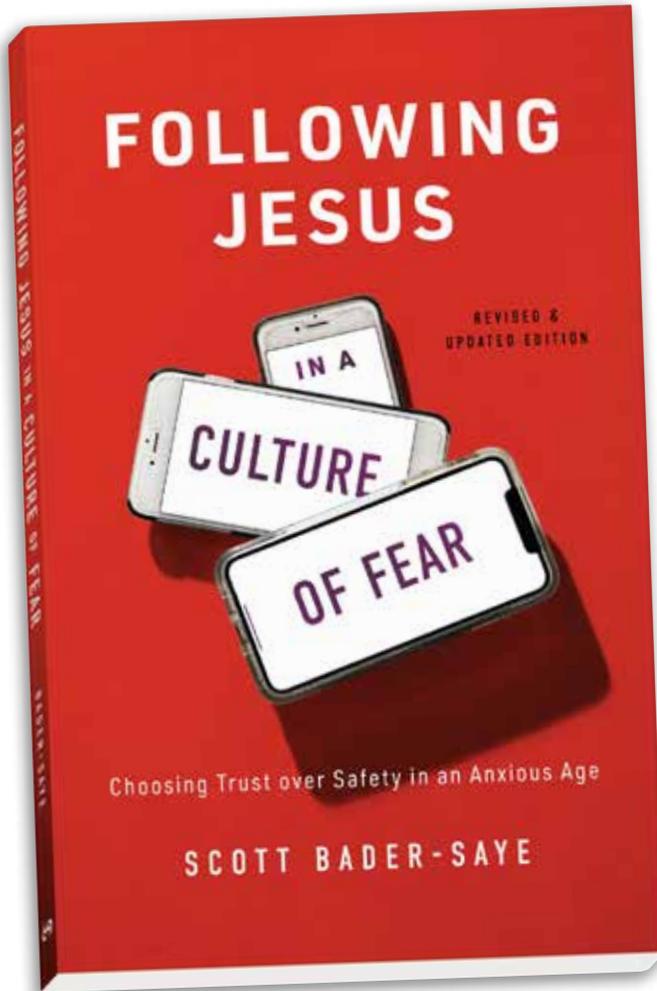
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# A Timely Christian Response to a World Warped by Fear



- A theologian examines the outsized role fear plays in contemporary life (news, political debates, marketing, religious rhetoric)
- Invites Christian communities to take the risks of hospitality, peacemaking, and generosity
- Updated to connect to readers today

**F**ear has taken on an outsized role in our current cultural and political context. Manufactured threats are advanced with little to no evidence of danger, while real threats are exaggerated for self-interested gain. This steady diet of fear produces unhealthy moral lives, leading many Christians to focus more on the dangers we wish to avoid than the goods we wish to pursue. As a fearful people, we are tempted to make safety our highest good and to make virtues of suspicion, preemption, and accumulation. But this leaves the church ill-equipped to welcome the stranger, love the enemy, or give to those in need.

This timely resource brings together cultural analysis and theological insight to explore a Christian response to the culture of fear. Laying out a path from fear to faithfulness, theologian Scott Bader-Saye explores practices that embody Jesus’s call to place our trust in him, inviting Christian communities to take the risks of hospitality, peacemaking, and generosity. This book has been revised throughout, updated to connect with today’s readers, and includes new discussion questions.

## Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear, revised & updated ed.

Scott Bader-Saye



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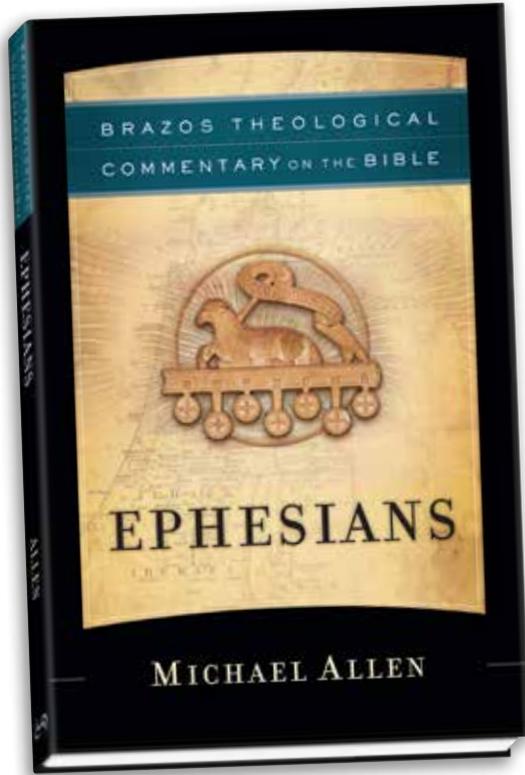
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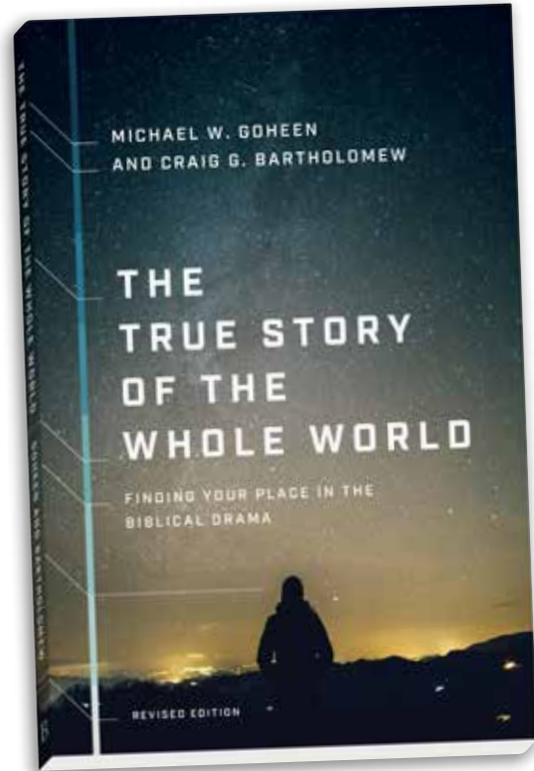
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### The True Story of the Whole World, revised ed.

Michael W. Goheen and Craig G. Bartholomew



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