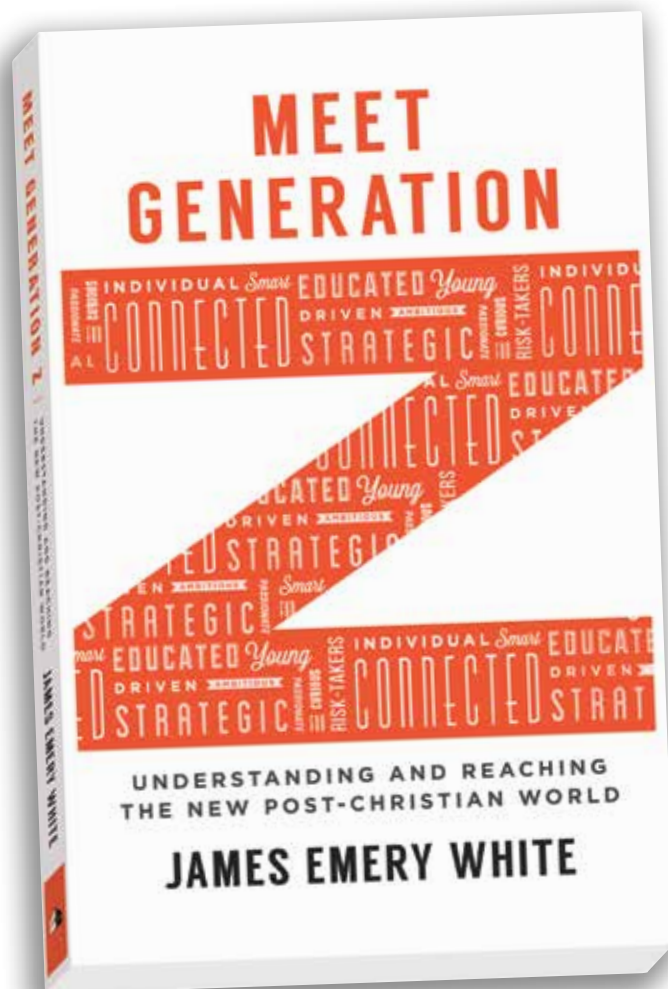




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- Award-winning author of *The Rise of the Nones*
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## Meet Generation Z

James Emery White



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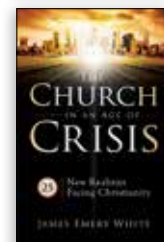
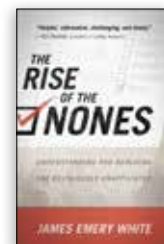
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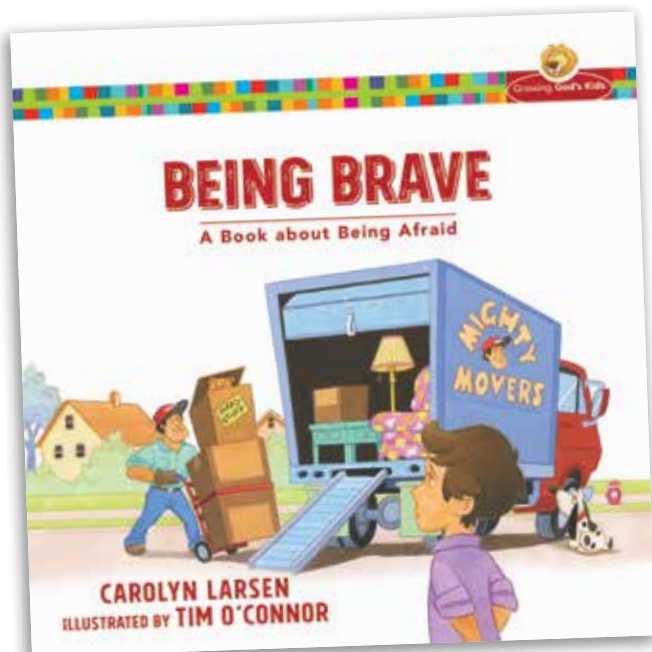


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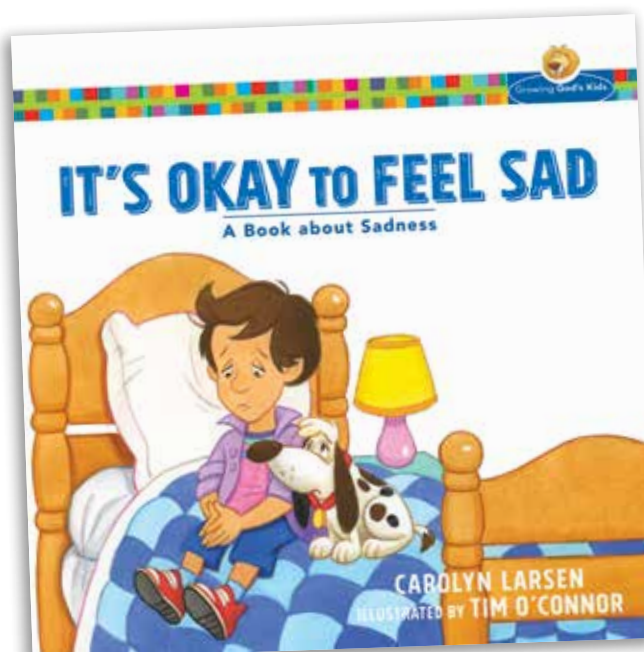
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## It's Okay to Feel Sad

GROWING GOD'S KIDS

Carolyn Larsen; Tim O'Connor, illustrator



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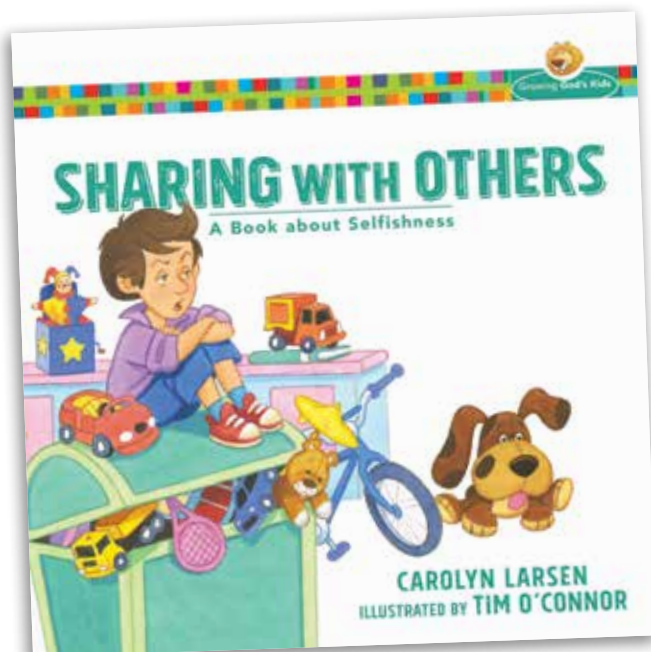
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## Sharing with Others

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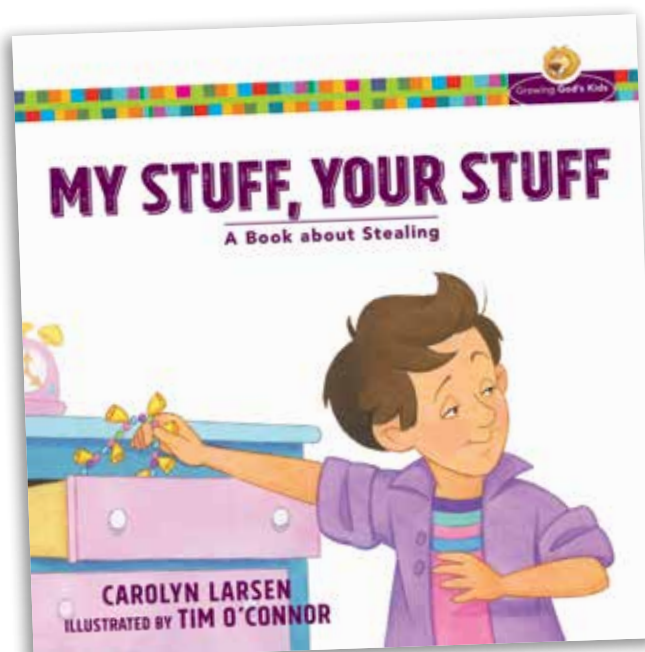
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## My Stuff, Your Stuff

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Carolyn Larsen; Tim O'Connor, illustrator



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# Bible Prophecy Shows God Remains in Control



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## The Stage Is Set

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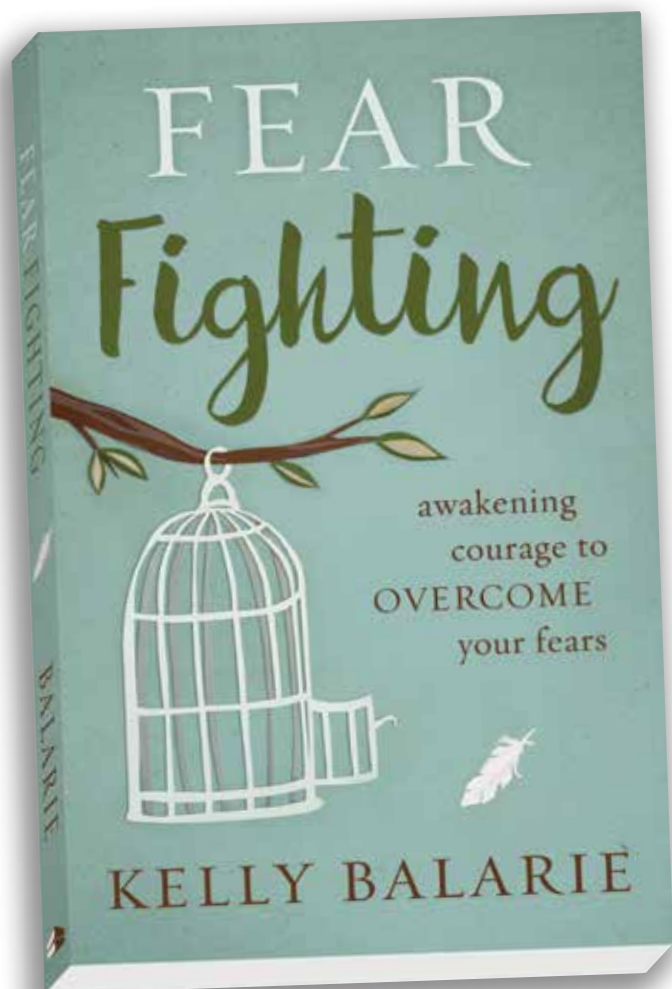
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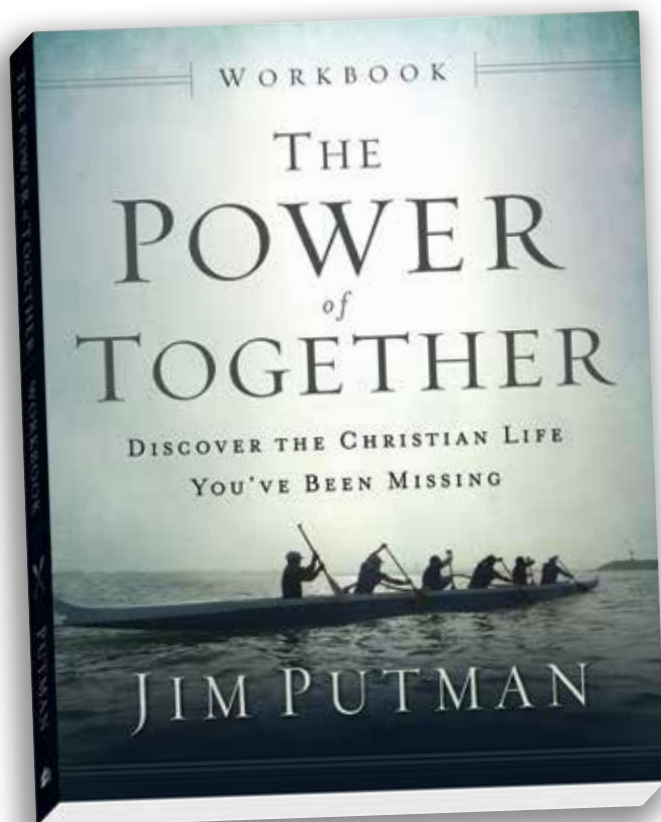
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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Kelly Balarie** is a passionate national speaker who has spent nearly ten years leading groups of women in spiritual growth, marriage building, and general Bible studies across the nation. She has lived her subject matter. Her faith was built as she battled through a debilitating eating disorder, depression, multiple sclerosis testing and concerns, company failures, family deaths, job losses, and times without income or money. Throughout difficult circumstances, Kelly has looked past the pain to uncover the beauty of God's always-developing purposes for her life. Her greatest desire is to share this treasured beauty with other women who need a fresh drink of God's grace and restoration. Kelly is a featured blogger at Crosswalk.com and iBelieve.com. Her work has been featured on Relevant, (in)courage.me and was also the cover story on *Today's Christian Woman*. She lives with her husband and two toddlers near the sun-soaked shores of the East Coast.



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## The Power of Together Workbook

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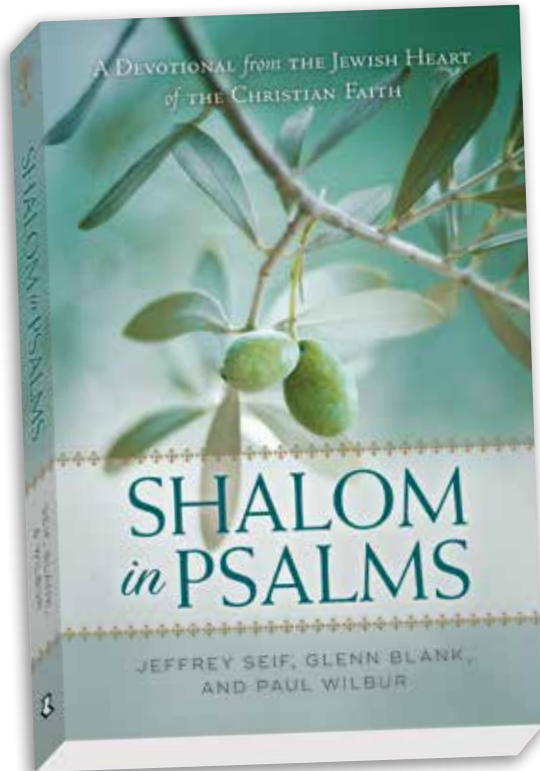
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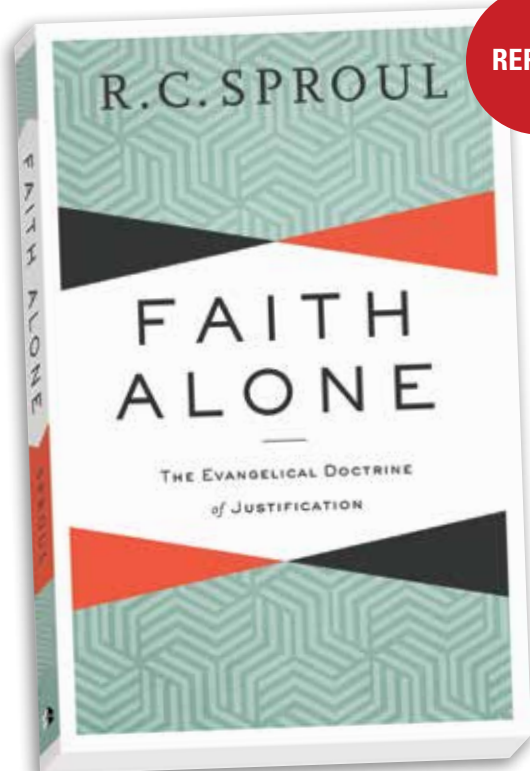
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For more than thirty-five years, **Paul Wilbur** has traversed the globe with guitar in hand, singing and declaring the praises of Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah who set him free so many years ago. He has served for years on Messianic and church staffs, is a published writer, and is an Integrity Music recording artist.

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### Faith Alone

R. C. Sproul



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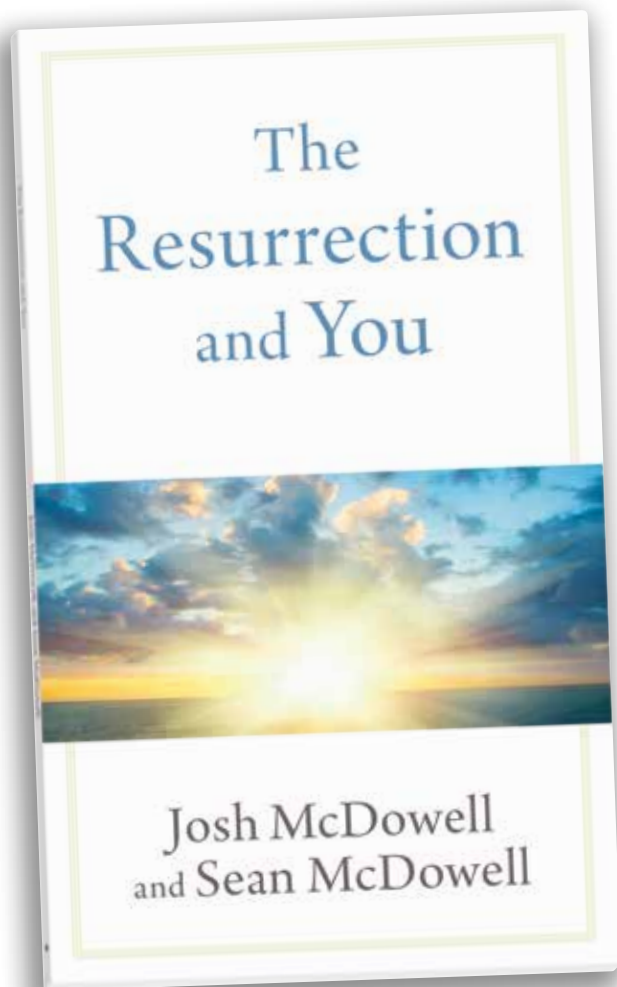
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**R. C. Sproul** has served the church as a seminary professor, preacher, and author of more than sixty books. He is the founder and chairman of Ligonier Ministries and can be heard teaching daily on the radio program *Renewing Your Mind*, which broadcasts on more than three hundred radio outlets in the United States and throughout fifty countries.



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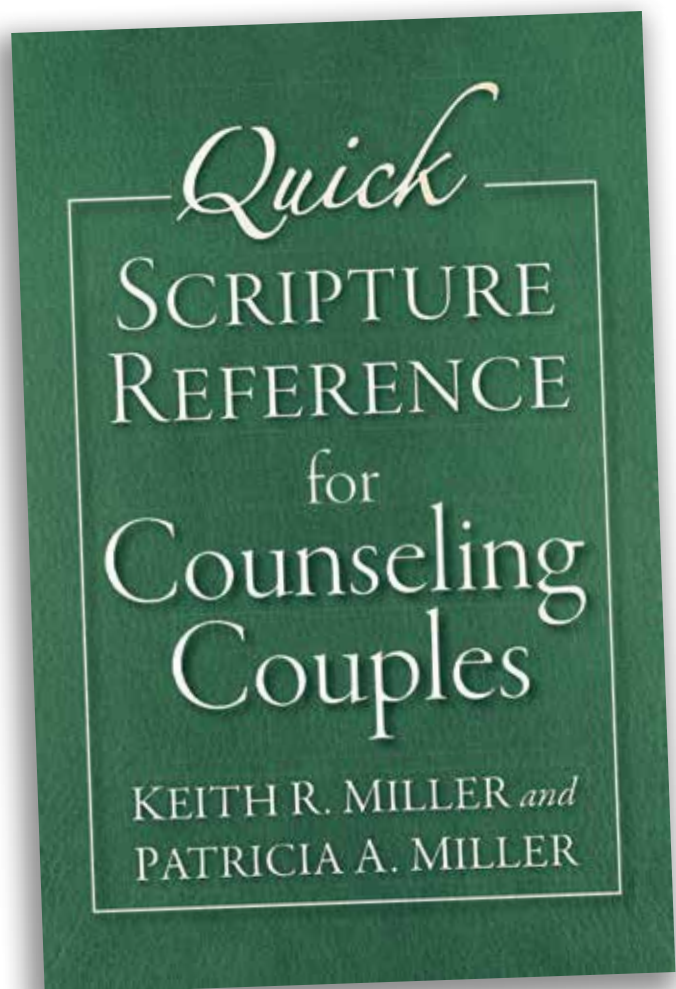
To date, Josh has written or cowritten nearly eighty books on topics ranging from Christian apologetics to common problems facing youth, including the bestselling *Evidence that Demands a Verdict* and *More Than a Carpenter*. For over thirty years, Josh and his wife, Dottie, have partnered in what he considers his first ministry: family. They have four children and live in Dallas, near the Josh McDowell Ministries headquarters.



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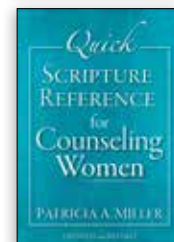
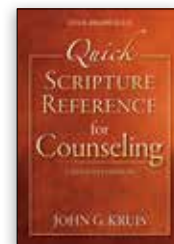
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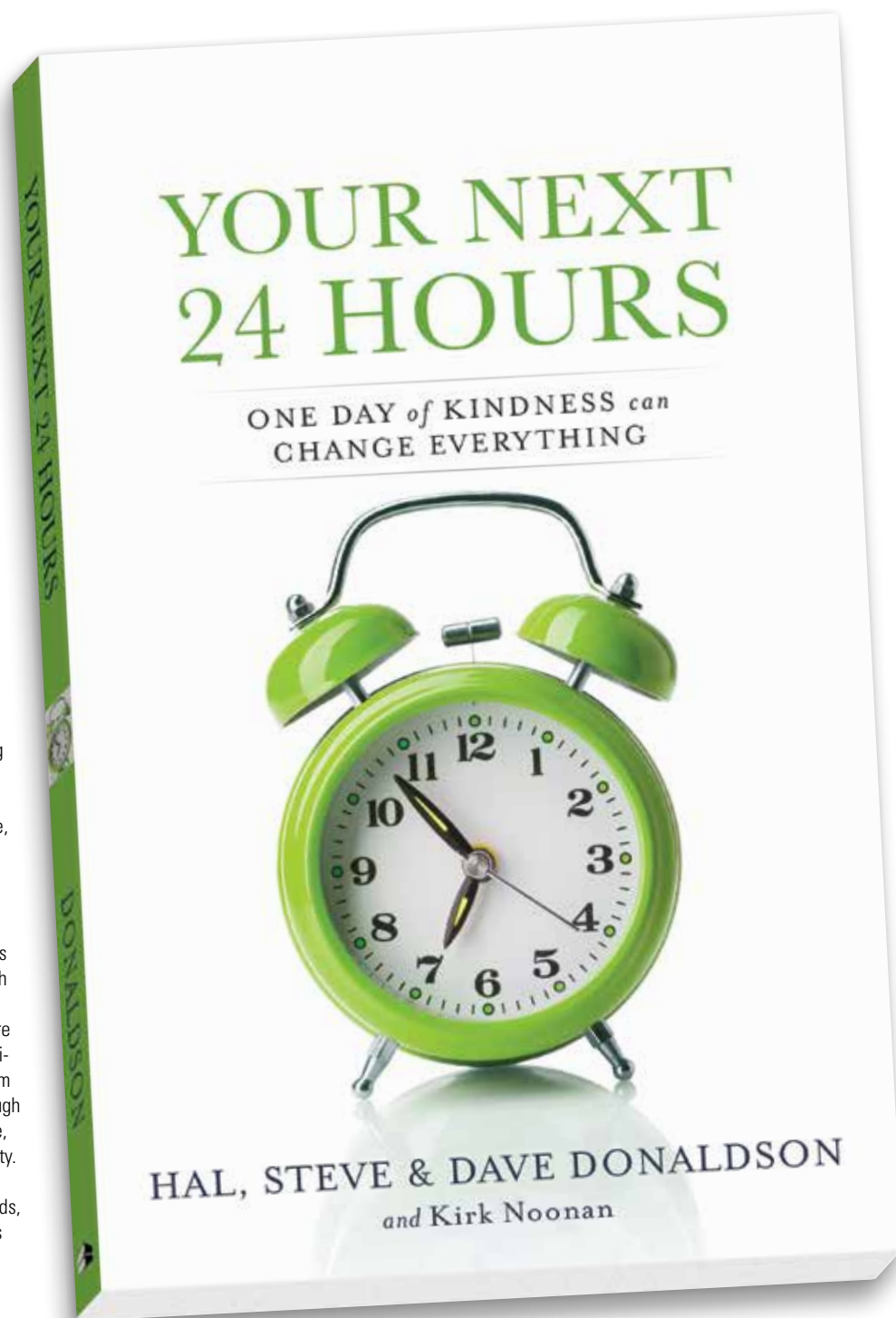
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One decision can change the course of your life. Perhaps you long for more happiness and purpose, but you feel trapped and helpless. You're running on life's treadmill. The speed is escalating and the slope is elevating. You've said, "If only I could dismount and set a different course." Well, that's what *Your Next 24 Hours* is all about. It's your roadmap to making this "day one" of a more rewarding life.

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# Discover the Power of Kindness

- In the tradition of *Pay It Forward* and *Random Acts of Kindness*, this book inspires readers to pursue a lifestyle of kindness
- Authors are the leaders of Convoy of Hope, an international humanitarian-aid organization based in Springfield, Missouri
- Authors have an email list of 180,000+ subscribers that will be used in promoting the book
- Authors have important networks that can be leveraged to market and sell this book, including Catalyst, TBN, ORU, and AOG

If asked, who among us wouldn't say we were kind people? But kindness is often manifested in feelings of pity or sympathy—especially when others are watching—rather than in deeds. And when it comes down to it, what good does mere feeling do for the world?

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Readers of *Your Next 24 Hours* will find deep satisfaction and joy as they discover how they can be part of a revolution of kindness that starts with them and reaches out through every person their lives touch.

## Your Next 24 Hours

Hal, Steve & Dave Donaldson  
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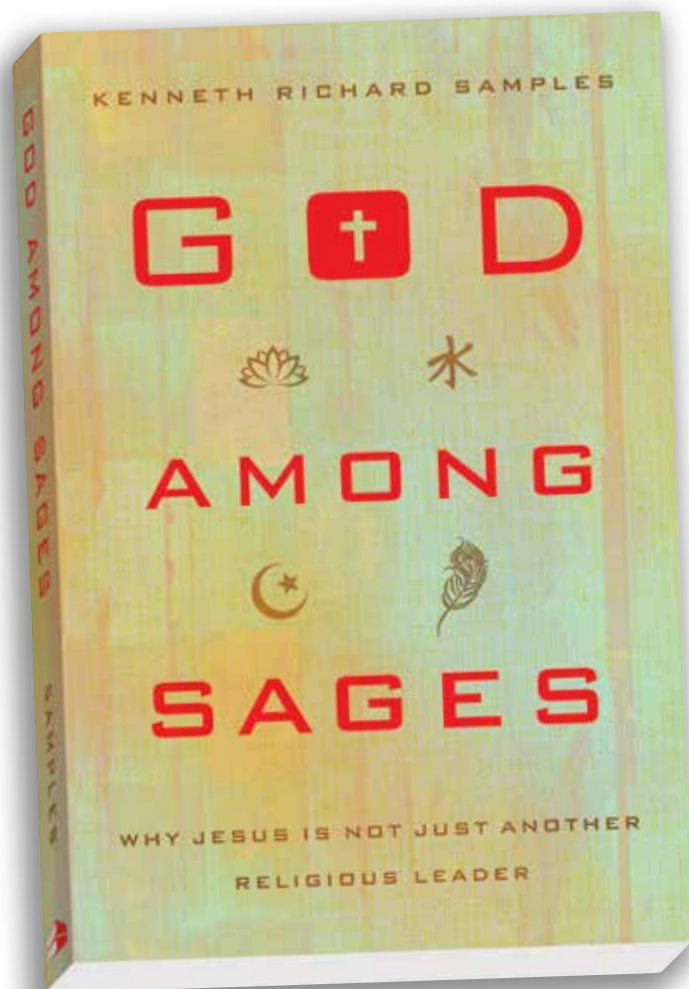


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# Why Jesus is Superior to Other World Religious Leaders



- Compares Jesus to Buddha, Krishna, Confucius, and Muhammad
- Focuses on a critical comparison of Jesus Christ with founders of four world religions
- Author is an apologist at Biola University, senior researcher at Reasons To Believe, and former radio cohost of *The Bible Answer Man*
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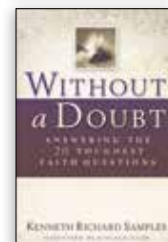
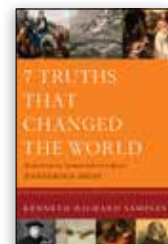
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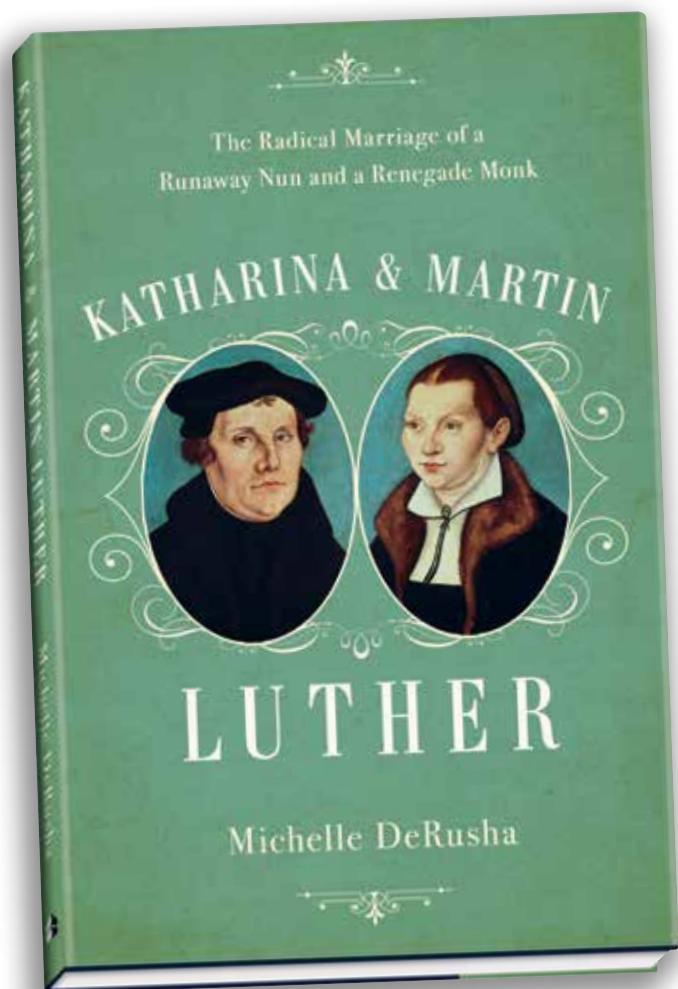
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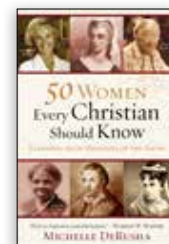
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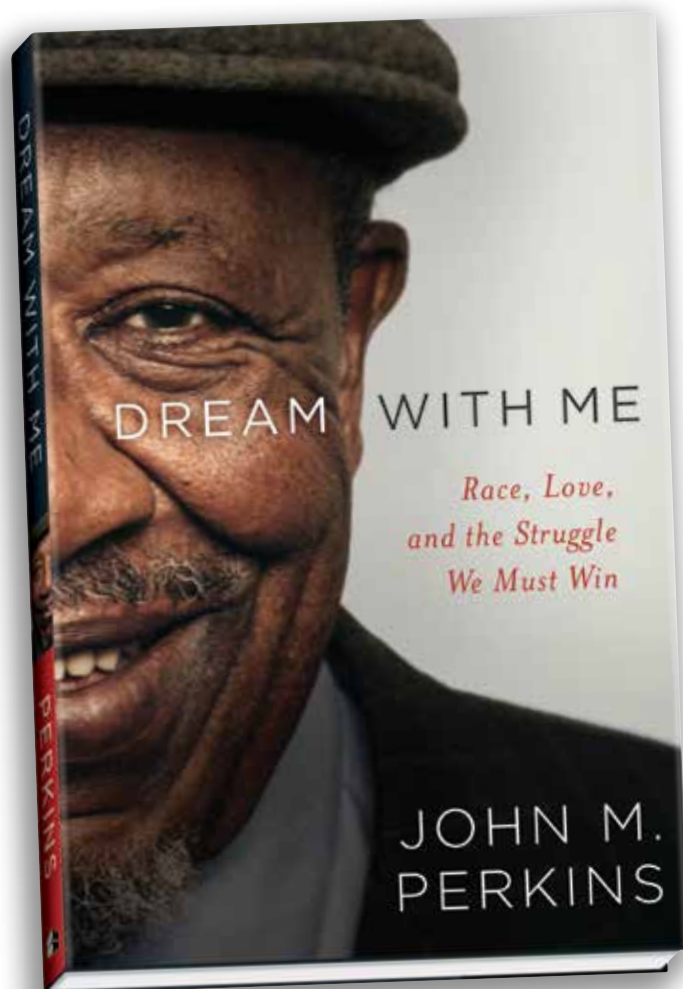


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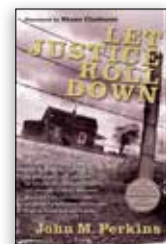
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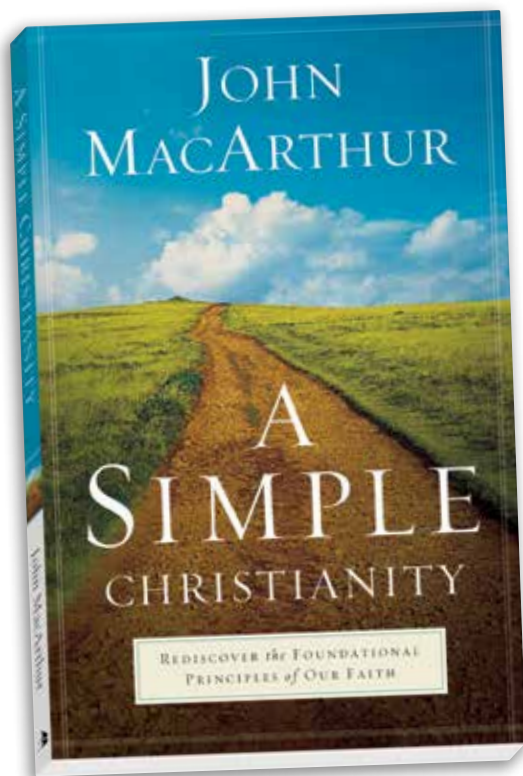
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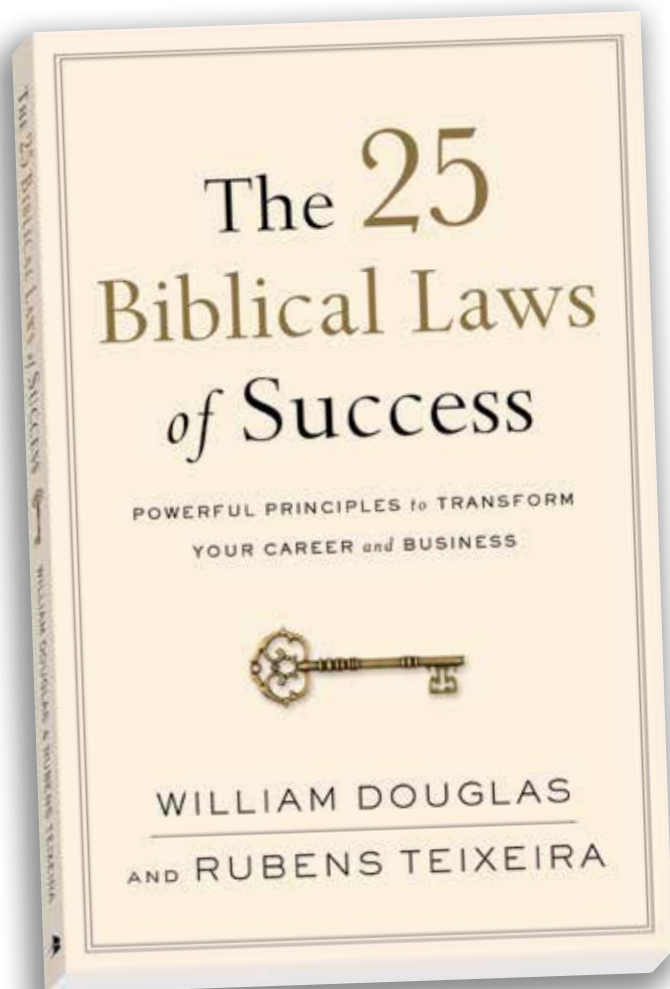
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**Kerrick Thomas** is a teaching pastor at The Journey Church and regularly co-leads training events with Nelson Searcy. Prior to his move to New York to plant The Journey, he received a master of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary.



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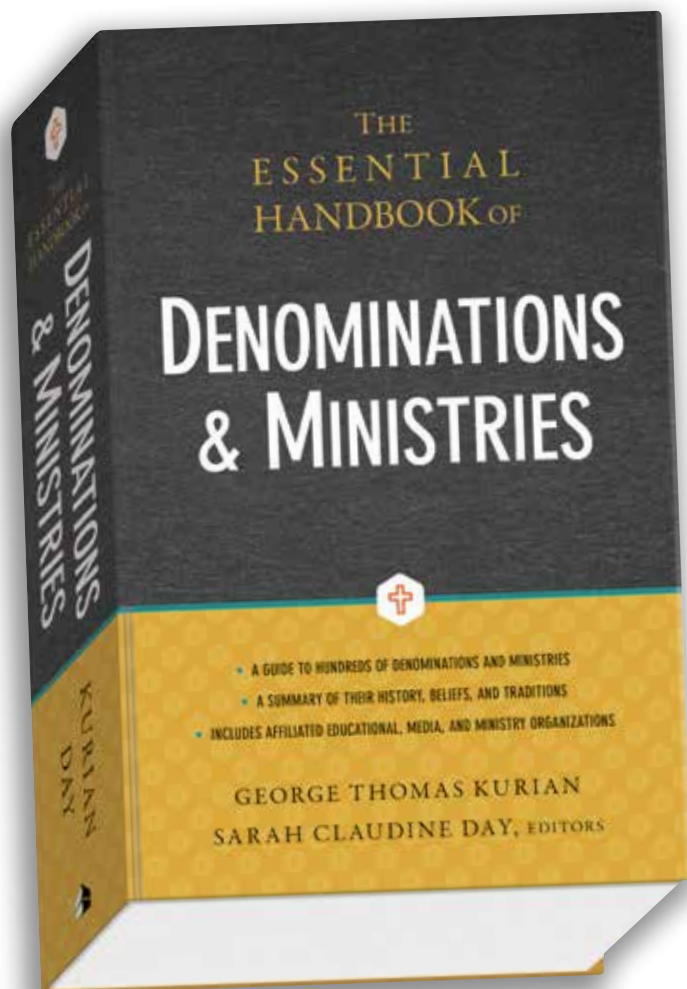
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**Rubens Teixeira** is former CFO of Petrobras Transporte S.A. (Transpetro) and an analyst for Central Bank of Brazil, as well as a professor, writer, and frequent panelist. He was honored with the National Treasure Prize for his PhD thesis with proposals for the Brazilian economy and is the author of *How to Succeed When You Are Not the Favorite*. He holds a civil engineering degree and a masters degree in nuclear engineering from the Military Institute of Engineering, a law degree and PhD in economics from the Federal University of Brazil (UFF), and a military science degree from the Military Academy of Agulhas Negras. He is also part of the Brazilian Evangelical Academy of Writers.



# A Resource Guide to Denominations and Ministries



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## The Essential Handbook of Denominations and Ministries

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**Sarah Claudine Day** is the managing editor of the Encyclopedia Society and has worked on a number of multivolume works, including, most recently, *Encyclopedia of Christian Literature*, *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, and the *Encyclopedia of Political Science*. She has written articles appearing in several reference books.

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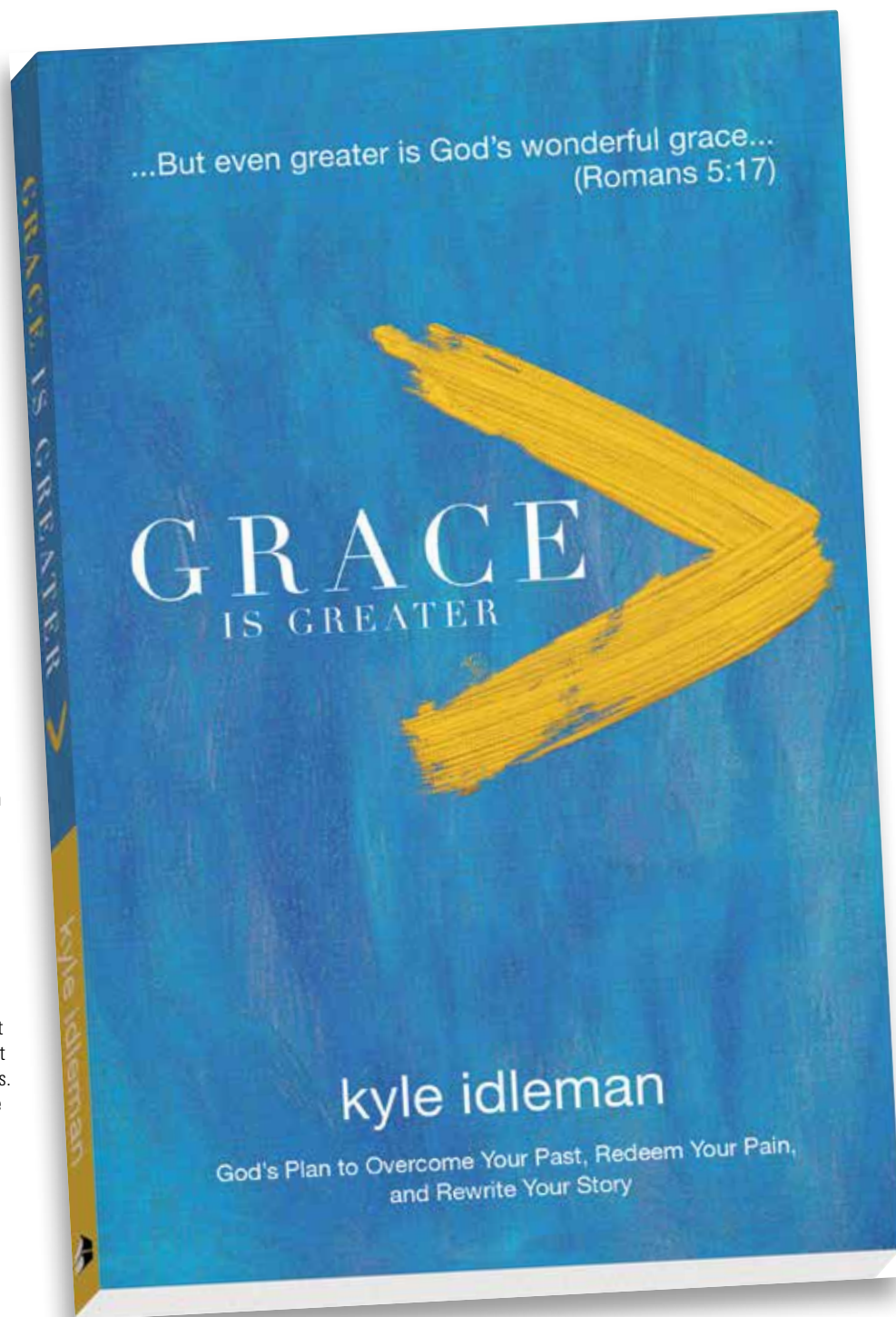
Sometimes our sin stays hidden because we are in denial or because our pride has blinded us to it; but oftentimes we try to keep our sin a secret because we just can't deal with what we've done. So we do our best not to think about the mistakes we've made or sins we've committed, and we try to steer clear of God. How could he possibly forgive us when we can't even forgive ourselves?

Before Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, the Bible says they lived life *naked and unashamed*. The moment sin came on the scene, they were ashamed and did their best to hide from God.

Sometimes when our secret sin gets exposed and we can no longer hide it – then we go into hiding. As much as possible we do our best to avoid the people who know. Shame becomes our constant companion who relentlessly whispers, *You're not worthy of forgiveness. You don't deserve a second chance.*

But here's a surprising characteristic about grace – it chases you. You can run away and hide, but grace is relentless. Grace will chase you down. That's what's happening to someone of you right now and you don't even know. With every word you read, grace is gaining ground.

As a pastor, I love witnessing the moment grace finally catches up to someone's mess. The phrase I use to describe that moment is "beautiful collision." Those two words don't seem to go together. Collision brings to mind words like broken, busted, wrecked – not typically words that fit with beautiful. But the Gospels are full of beautiful collisions. When a broken, busted, and wrecked life collides with Jesus, it's a beautiful thing.





# Understanding Grace through Experience

- Reveals grace is greater than everything else—it defeats our sin, heals our hurts, and conquers our circumstances
- Bestselling author with collective sales of nearly 2.5 million books
- Conversational writing style and heart-moving stories bring grace and redemption to life
- Author is pastor of the fifth largest church in America, writing on a core Christian topic
- Curriculum is available from the award-winning City on a Hill team

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews said, “See to it that no one misses the grace of God.” Over the centuries much ink has been spilled on the subject of grace. Yet perhaps nothing is as hard to *explain* as God’s grace. *It doesn’t make sense. It’s not fair. It can’t possibly cover over what I’ve done.* The best way—perhaps the only real way—to understand it is to *experience* it. But too often in our churches we’re not getting grace across and grace is not experienced.

Bestselling author and pastor Kyle Idleman wants *everyone* to experience the grace of God. Through the powerful medium of story, *Grace Is Greater* leads readers past their hang-ups toward an understanding of grace that is bigger than our mistakes, our failures, our desire for revenge, and our seemingly impossible situations. No sin is so great, no bitterness so deep that God’s grace cannot transform the heart and rewrite the story.

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## Grace Is Greater

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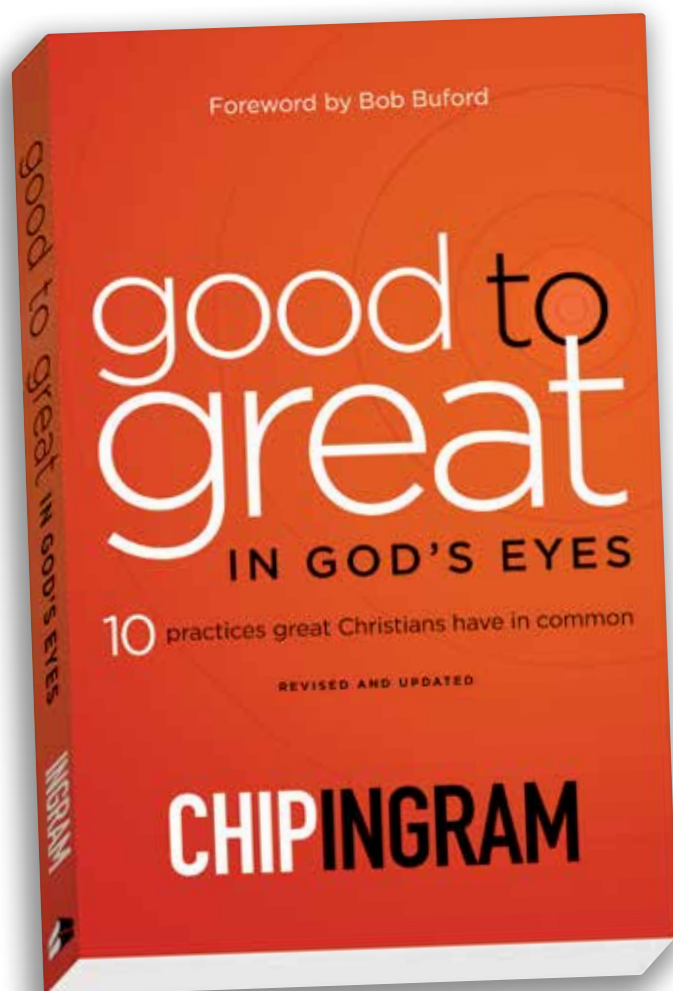
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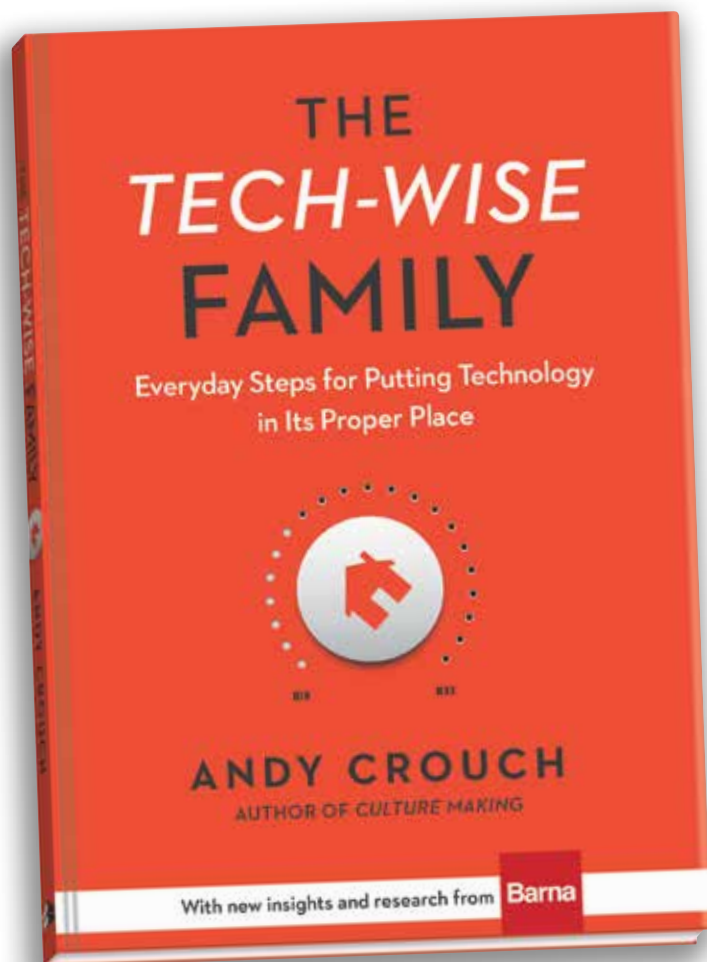


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# Home Life, Technology Choices, and the People We Want to Become



- From an award-winning author, former campus minister, and current executive editor of *Christianity Today*
- Meets a huge felt need for guidance to raise kids of real character in a technology- and media-saturated world
- Features in-depth research about how families relate to technology and what they wish they did differently

Making conscientious choices about technology in our families is more than just using internet filters and determining screen time limits for our children. It's about developing wisdom, character, and courage in the way we use digital media rather than accepting technology's promises of ease, instant gratification, and the world's knowledge at our fingertips. And it's definitely not just about the kids.

Drawing on in-depth original research from the Barna Group, Andy Crouch shows readers that the choices we make about technology have consequences we may never have considered. He takes readers beyond the typical questions of what, where, and when and instead challenges them to answer provocative questions like, *Who do we want to be as a family?* and *How does our use of a particular technology move us closer or farther away from that goal?* Anyone who has felt their family relationships suffer or their time slip away amid technology's distractions will find in this book a path forward to reclaiming their real life in a world of devices.

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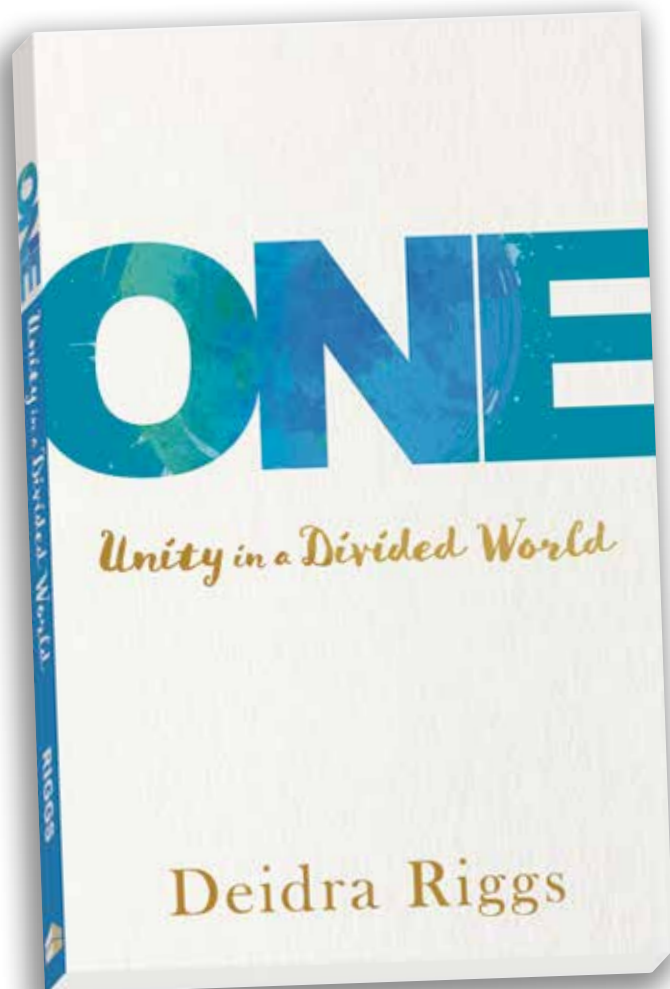
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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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# How Do We Love One Another Well in a World of Differences?



- Invites readers disillusioned by polarization and division in our relationships and communities to begin the often unnoticed hard work of building bridges with those around them
- Author is a rising Christian women's thought leader, blogger, and contributing writer to (in)courage.me
- Author is regular speaker at Allume, Refresh My Heart, Compel, Q Women, and City Gates

Jesus didn't say that the world would know we are his followers by our biting rhetoric, our political leanings, our charity work, or even by our knowledge of Scripture. He said the world would know us by our love for one another. Yet it's so easy to put others at arm's length, to lash out, to put up walls. Deidra Riggs wants us to put our focus on self-preservation aside and, like Jesus, make the first move toward reconciliation.

In *One*, Riggs shows readers that when Jesus offered himself up in our place, he was not only purchasing our salvation but also setting an example for us to follow. She helps readers understand that they are secure in God's inexhaustible love, making them free to love others lavishly—not just in what they *do* but in what they say, what they don't say, what they will endure, and what they will forgive.

Anyone who longs for unity in the church, in their family, and in their community will find in this book both inspiring examples of loving done well and encouragement to begin the often unnoticed hard work of building bridges with those around them.

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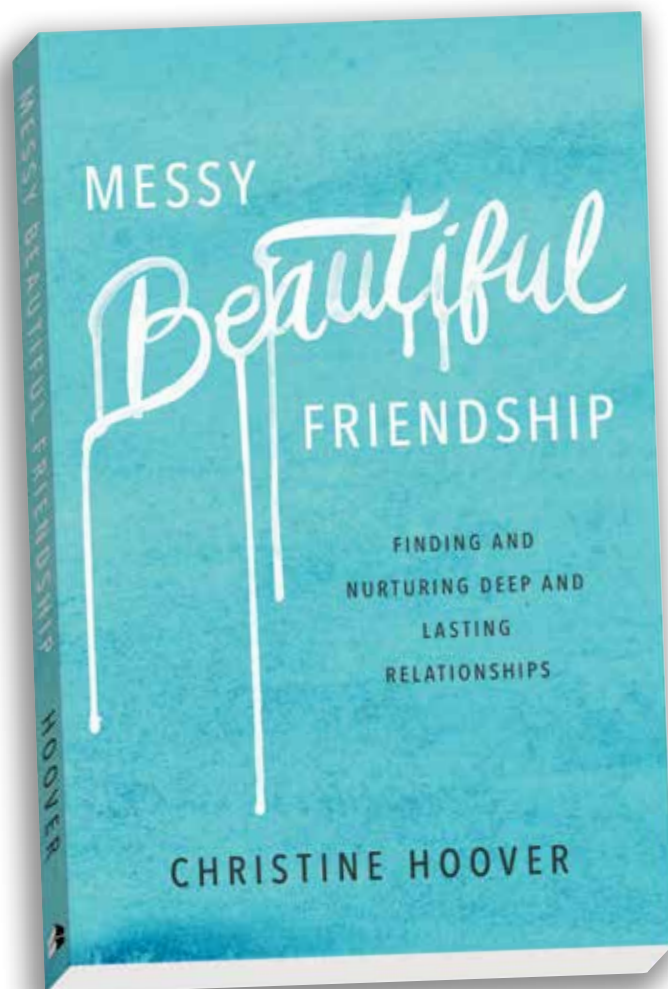
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# How to Create and Keep Meaningful Friendships



- Offers a biblical foundation for friendship, practical tools for cultivating new and deeper friendships, and stories that normalize the messiness of our relationships
- Author maintains a blog, *Grace Covers Me*, and contributes to other popular blogs, including *Desiring God* and *(in)courage*
- Author speaks at popular conferences such as Exponential, Gospel Coalition, Velocity, and Send North America

Women long for deep and lasting friendships but often find them challenging to make. The private angst they feel regarding friendship often translates into their own insecurity and isolation. Christine Hoover offers women a fresh, biblical vision for friendship that allows for the messiness of our lives and the realities of our schedules. She shows women

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- how to overcome insecurity, self-imposed isolation, and past hurts
- how to embrace the people God has already placed in their lives as potential friends
- and how to revel in the beauty and joy of everyday friendship

With stories of real friendships and guidance drawn from Scripture, Hoover encourages women to intentionally and purposefully invest in one of the most rewarding relationships God has given us.

## Messy Beautiful Friendship

Christine Hoover



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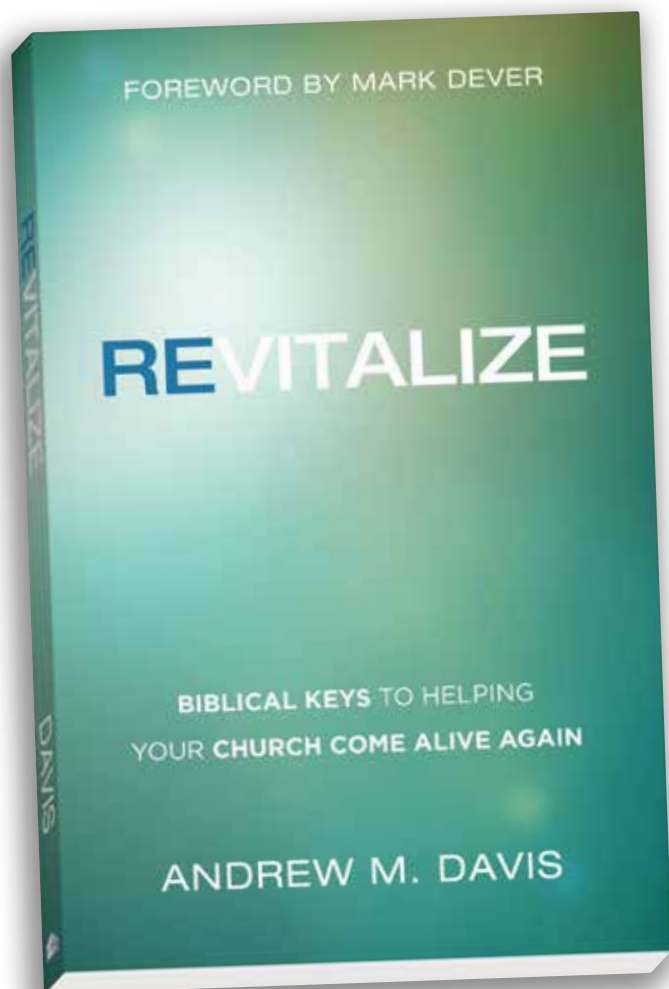
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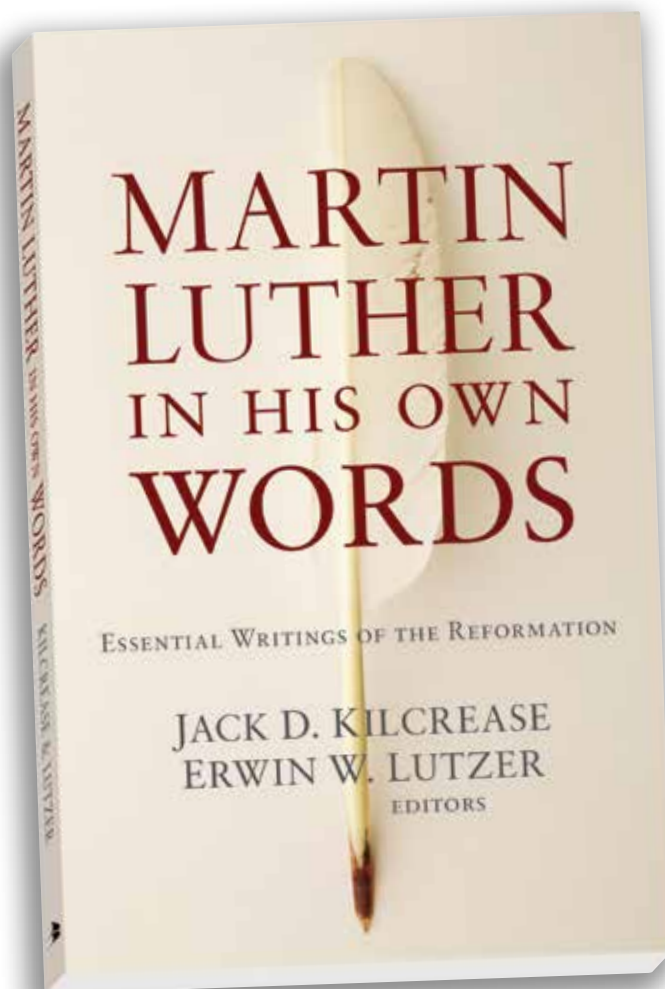
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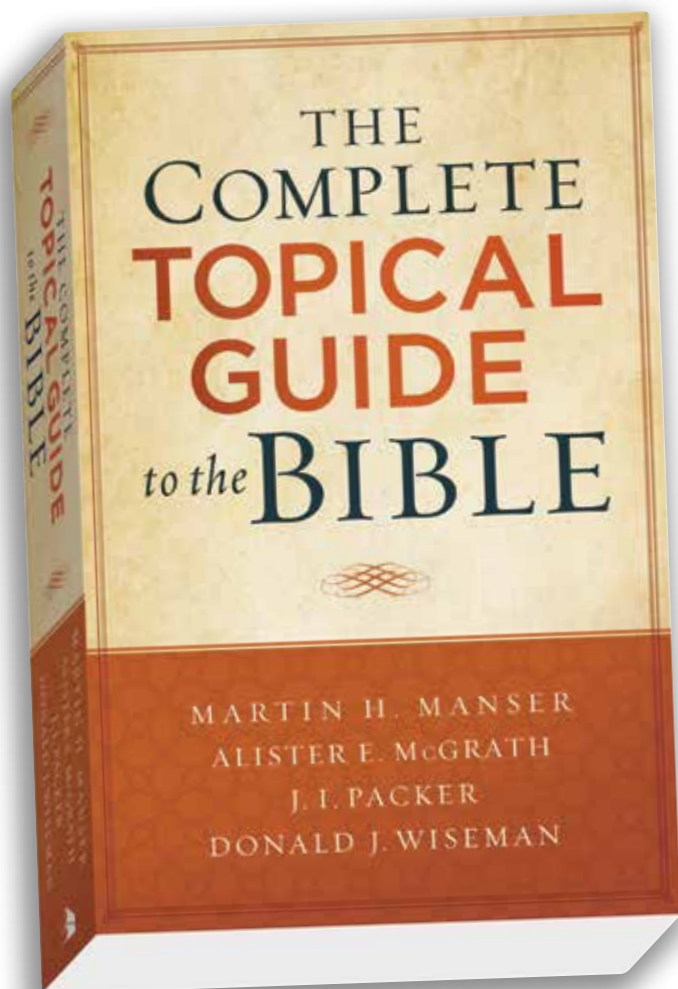
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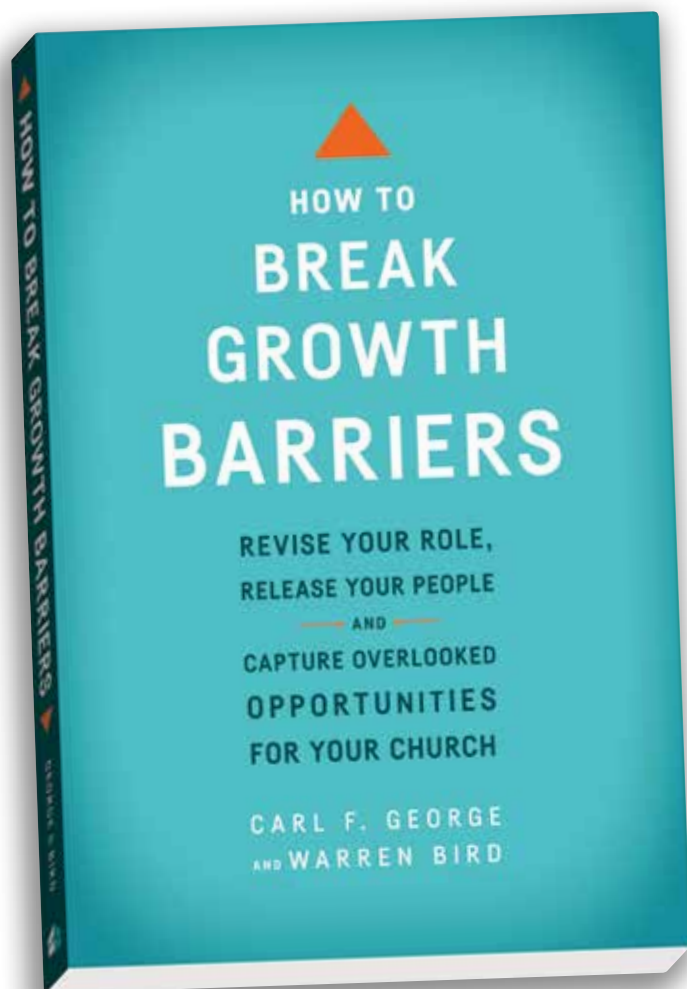
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