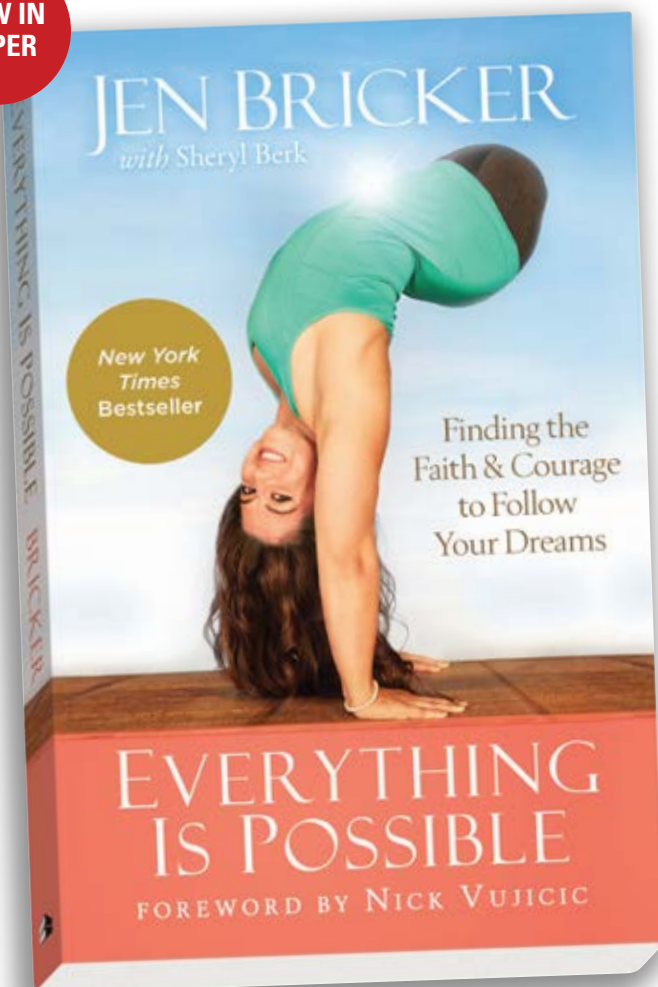




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Born without Legs, She Inspires Others to Overcome

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- Dynamic author with a growing platform travels, speaks, and performs in large venues and events
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- This *New York Times* bestseller is now in paper

When Jen Bricker was born without legs, her shocked biological parents were uncertain they could care for her and gave her up for adoption. In her loving adoptive home, there was just one simple rule: "Never say 'can't.'" And pretty soon there was nothing this small but mighty powerhouse set her sights on that she couldn't conquer, including roller-skating, volleyball, power tumbling, and spinning from silk fabric thirty feet in the air.

Everything Is Possible is her incredible story—a story of God working out his plan for her life from *before* day one. Let Jen show you what you can accomplish when you remove the words *coincidence* and *can't* from your vocabulary.

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Jen Bricker with Sheryl Berk



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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Jen Bricker is an author, aerialist, and motivational speaker. A state champion in power tumbling, she has traveled internationally with Britney Spears's Circus Tour and appeared as a headliner at the prestigious Palazzo Hotel in Las Vegas, New York's Lincoln Center, the Shangri-La Hotel in Dubai, and the Nippon Budokan in Tokyo. She has been featured on numerous news shows, including HBO's *Real Sports*, ABC's *20/20*, *Good Morning America*, and ESPN's *Versus*. She is currently living in Los Angeles and has added a successful international speaking career to her list of accomplishments, including a TEDx talk and speeches in Abu Dhabi, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and elsewhere.

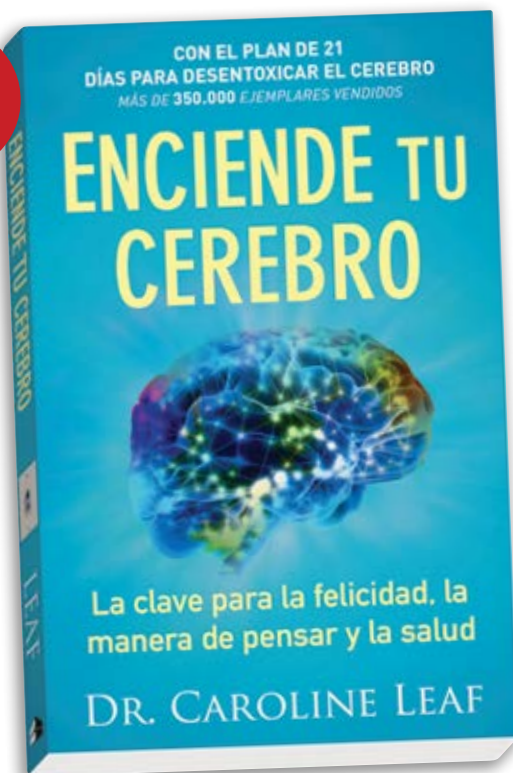
Sheryl Berk is a *New York Times* bestselling author several times over. *Soul Surfer*, her #1 bestseller with Bethany Hamilton, was made into a major motion picture.



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Bestseller Now in Spanish

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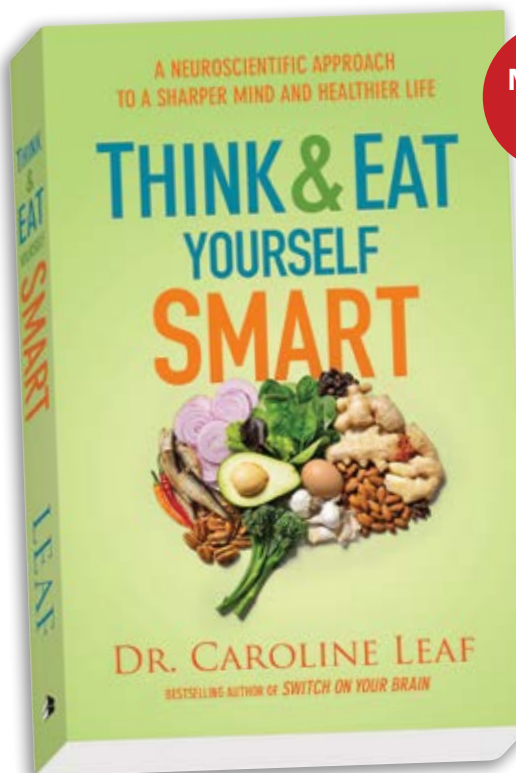
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Dr. Caroline Leaf is a communication pathologist and audiologist who has worked in the area of cognitive neuroscience since 1985. She is a prolific author and has been featured on *Enjoying Everyday Life* with Joyce Meyer, *LIFE Today* with James and Betty Robison, *Today with Marilyn and Sarah*, *It's Supernatural* with Sid Roth, and *Doctor to Doctor*. Dr. Leaf also hosts *The Dr. Leaf Show* on TBN. She lives in Dallas, Texas.

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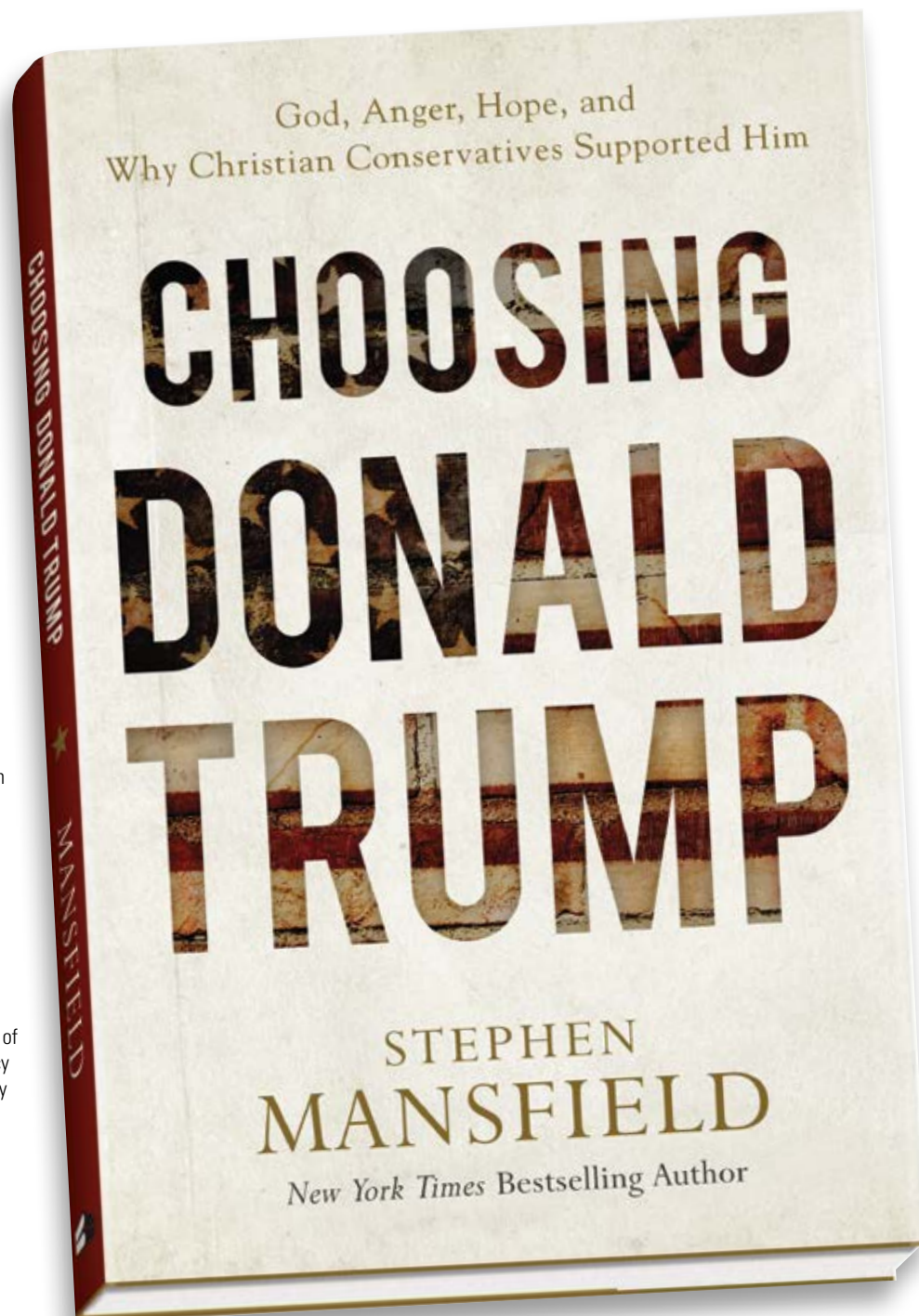
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EXCERPT

A war over political morality is being fought in the United States today. It is better understood as a battle of religious visions, for law is religion codified just as culture is religion externalized. In this war, religious conservatives have chosen Donald Trump as their civil champion. If he serves them well, their cause may endure as a defining influence upon the course of American history. If he fails, if he gives in to his lesser nature and betrays their vision, the banner of religious conservatives may be forced from the field of cultural battle for a generation or more. These are the stakes at risk, and this is how much Americans of traditional religious values have invested in Donald Trump.

This book is about that investment. It is not primarily a biography or an electoral history. It is instead about the faith that has shaped Donald Trump, about the religious factors that played a role in his election, about what religious conservatives have risked in supporting Donald Trump, and about what religion may mean in a Trump administration.

This book is also about a generation of Americans at war with themselves over the meaning of God to the American experience. It is a war that continues to tear the nation at its seams, as it has for more than a generation, and that threatens to permanently taint a young generation on the rise. We will not see this war concluded during the Trump years, but we will see it redefined either by the faith-based victories of the Trump administration or by the embarrassment of its failures and betrayals to the cause of religion. Either way, the Trump presidency could become among the most religiously decisive in American history.



How (and Why) Religious Conservatives Picked Our Unlikely President

- From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Faith of George W. Bush* and *The Faith of Barack Obama*
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The 2016 election of Donald J. Trump exposed a deep divide in American politics and culture, one that pollsters and pundits didn't seem to realize was there. But Trump did, and he used it to his advantage in ways that surprised nearly everyone, even those who voted for him. Perhaps the biggest question on many people's minds is how, exactly, did a crass, unrepentant reality TV star and cutthroat business tycoon secure the majority of the religious conservative vote?

Now the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Faith of George W. Bush* and *The Faith of Barack Obama* turns his pen toward the Trump phenomenon. Through meticulous research and personal interviews, Stephen Mansfield uncovers who Trump's spiritual influences have been and explains why Christian conservatives were attracted to this unlikely candidate. The book ends with a reflection on the vital role of prophetic distance, both historically and now.

Choosing Donald Trump

Stephen Mansfield



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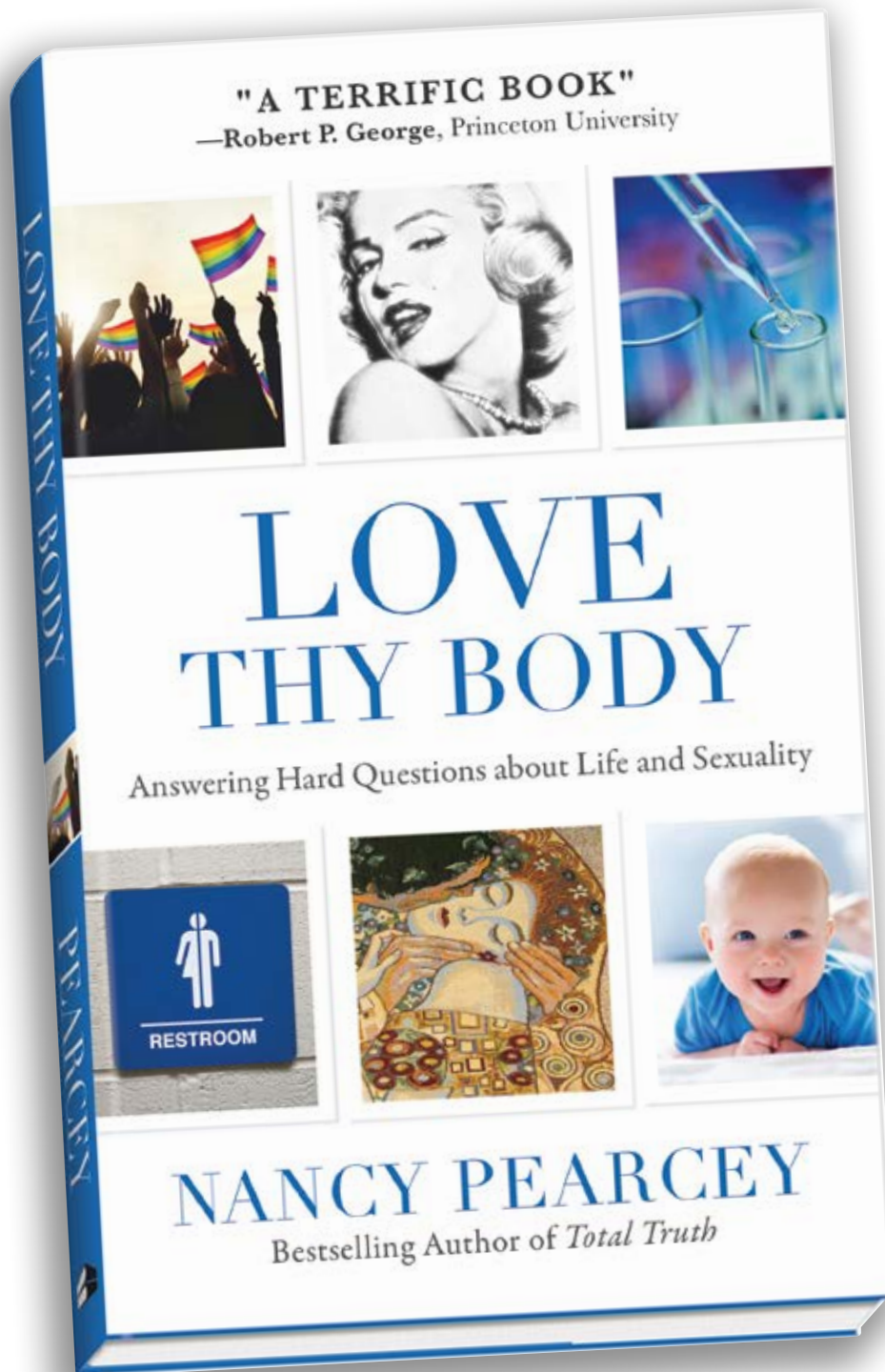
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All along, Pearcey keeps readers entranced with gripping stories of real people wrestling with hard questions in their own lives—sharing their pain, their struggles, and their triumphs.

Love Thy Body

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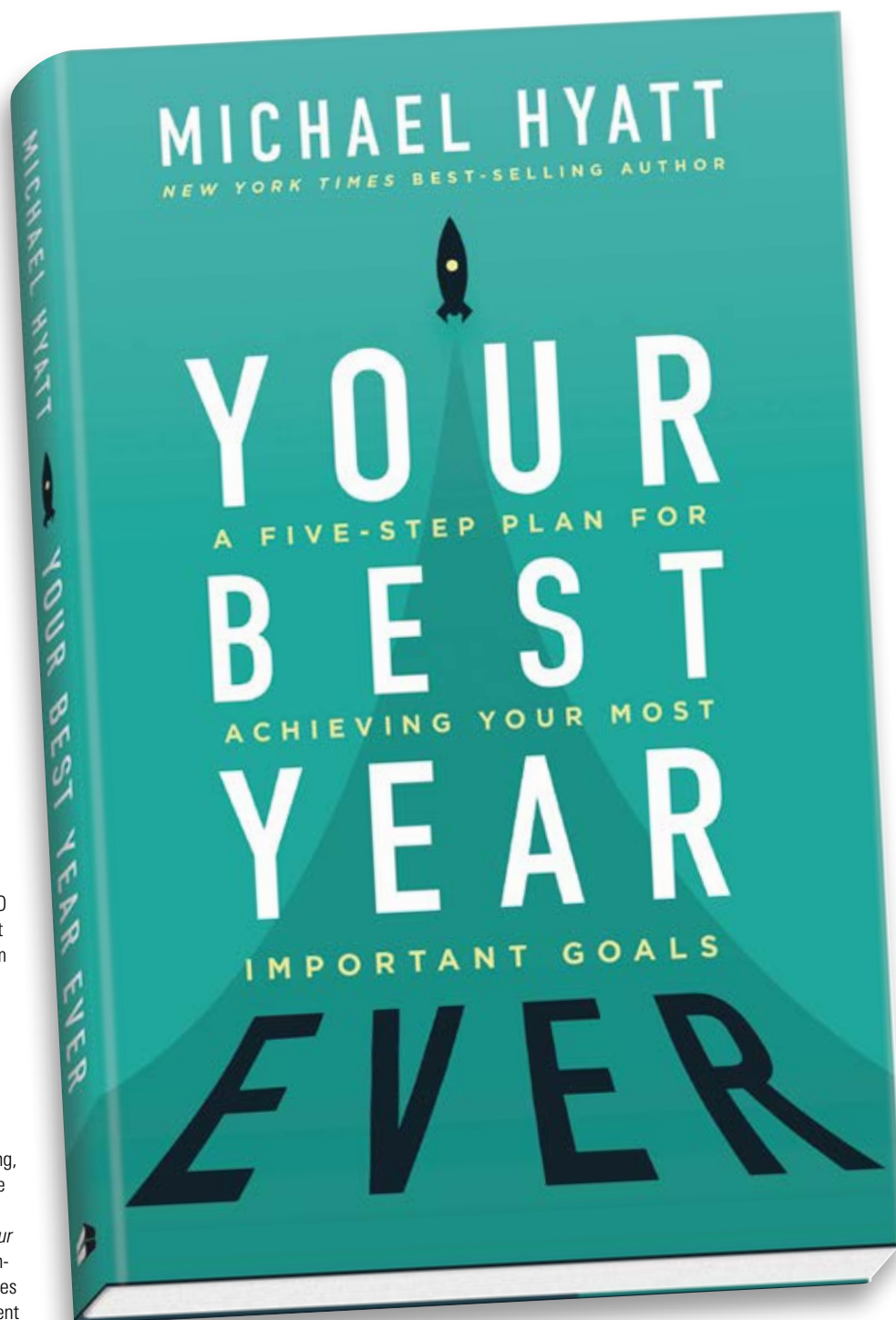
EXCERPT

If you're like most people who set goals each year, you want your life to count for something. My governing assumption is that you're an educated, high achiever who wants to thrive personally, professionally, relationally, intellectually, and spiritually. And that's important because when people like you reach their full potential, our country is full of happy marriages, kids have their moms and dads at night, businesses have leaders worth admiring and emulating, and you have the health and vitality necessary to fuel your dreams. One intentional choice at a time, you make the world around you better.

Some say the best way to achieve our goals is to focus on just one or two for the year. But for me that's leaving too much on the table—probably for you, too. Whether you're an entrepreneur, executive, lawyer, salesperson, designer, marketer, doctor, coach, parent, spouse, or several of those things, we're discussing the stuff that matters most, right? So why leave so many ambitions unfulfilled? Instead of scaling back, we just need a system geared to work.

I've been studying personal development and professional achievement for decades. More than studying, I've been practicing both at home and at work. As the former CEO of a \$250 million corporation and now the founder and CEO of a high-growth leadership-development firm, I utilize a proven goal-setting system that incorporates safeguards for many of the pitfalls and failings of typical goals and resolutions.

Over the years, I've seen amazing results in my own life and the lives of countless people with whom I've shared it. Today I lead thousands through this process every year in one-on-one coaching, group workshops, and a successful online course. Not to mention the millions that read my blog and stream my podcast. *Your Best Year Ever* comes out of all that learning, living, and teaching. Based on decades of practical experience and the best current research on goal attainment and human achievement, this program is designed to help you find the clarity, develop the courage, and leverage the commitment you need to win at work and succeed at life.



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- Provides a new science-backed method for goal setting that is fun, empowering, and effective

We all want to live a life that matters. We all want to reach our full potential. But too often we find ourselves overwhelmed by the day-to-day. Our big goals get pushed to the back burner—and then, more often than not, they get forgotten. *New York Times* bestselling author Michael Hyatt wants readers to know that it doesn't have to be this way. In fact, he thinks that this is the year readers can finally close the gap between reality and their dreams.

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- three simple ways to triple the likelihood of achieving their goals
- how to quit-proof their goals
- what to do when they feel stuck
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Anyone who is tired of not seeing progress in their personal, intellectual, business, relationship, or financial goals will treasure the field-tested wisdom found in these pages.

Your Best Year Ever

Michael Hyatt



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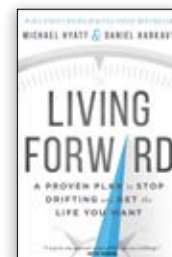
Michael Hyatt is the former chairman and CEO of Thomas Nelson Publishers, now part of HarperCollins. He is a *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestselling author of several books, including *Living Forward* and *Platform: Get Noticed in a Noisy World*. Michael's blog is ranked by Google in the top one-half percent of all blogs, with 500,000 unique visitors a month and readers in more than two hundred countries. Michael has been married to his wife, Gail, for thirty-nine years. They have five daughters, three sons-in-law, and eight grandchildren. They live just outside of Nashville, Tennessee. Learn more at MichaelHyatt.com.



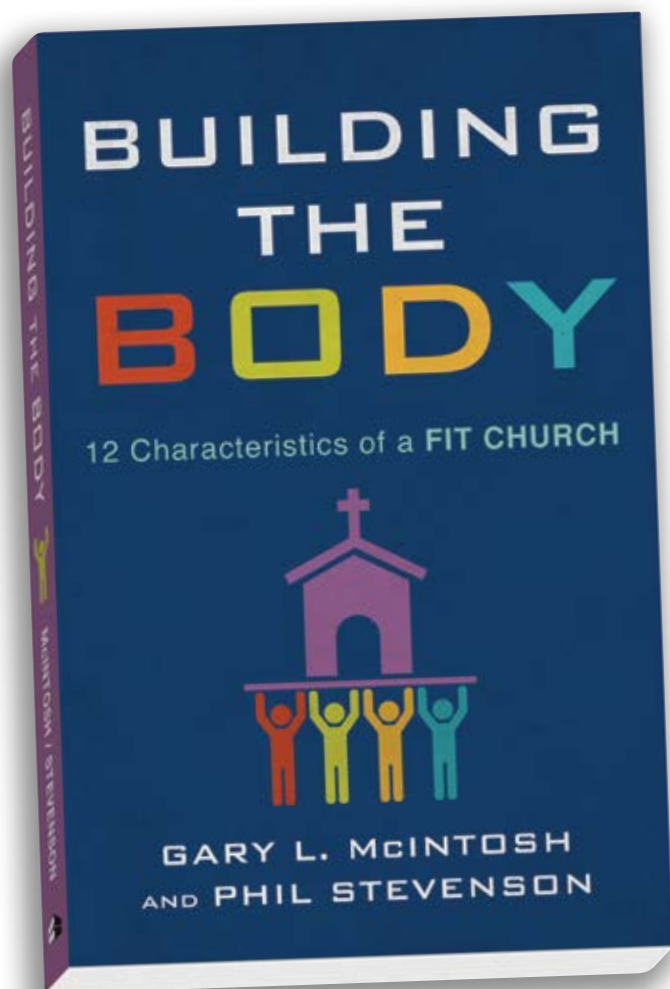
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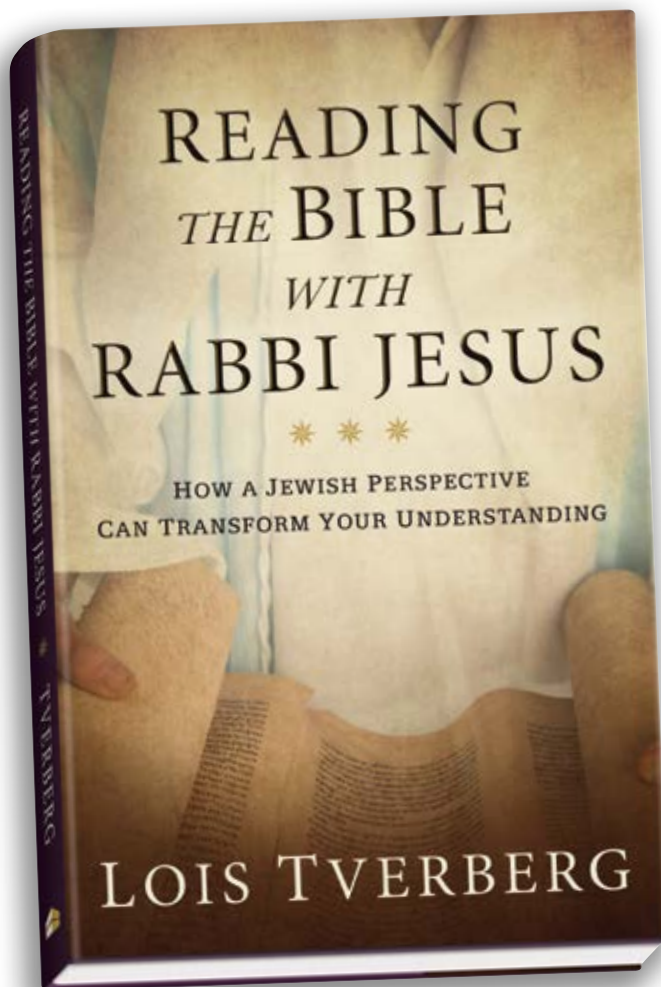
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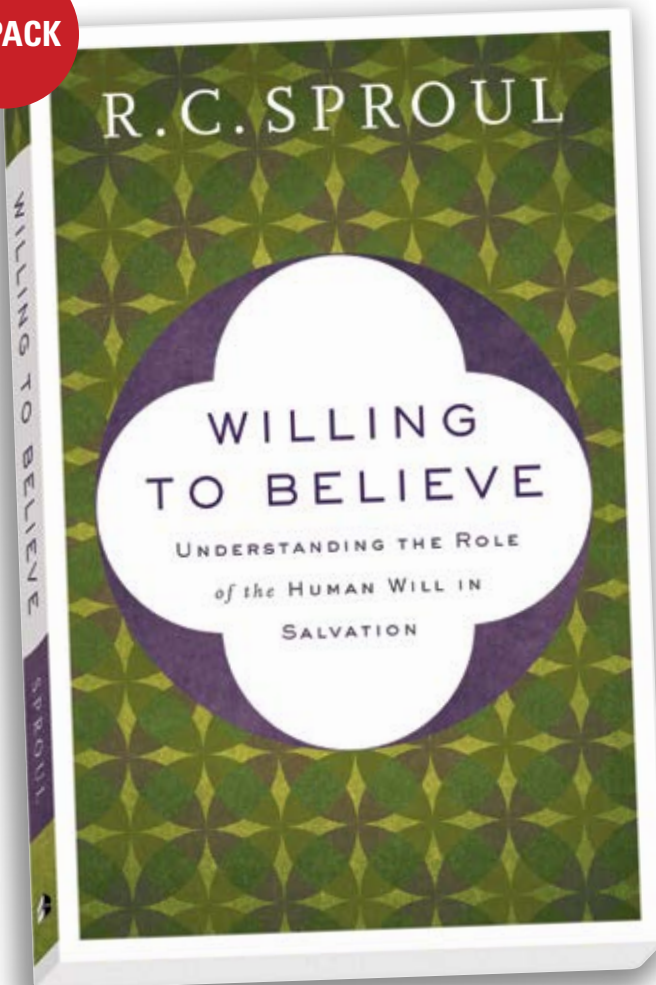
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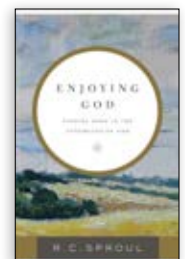
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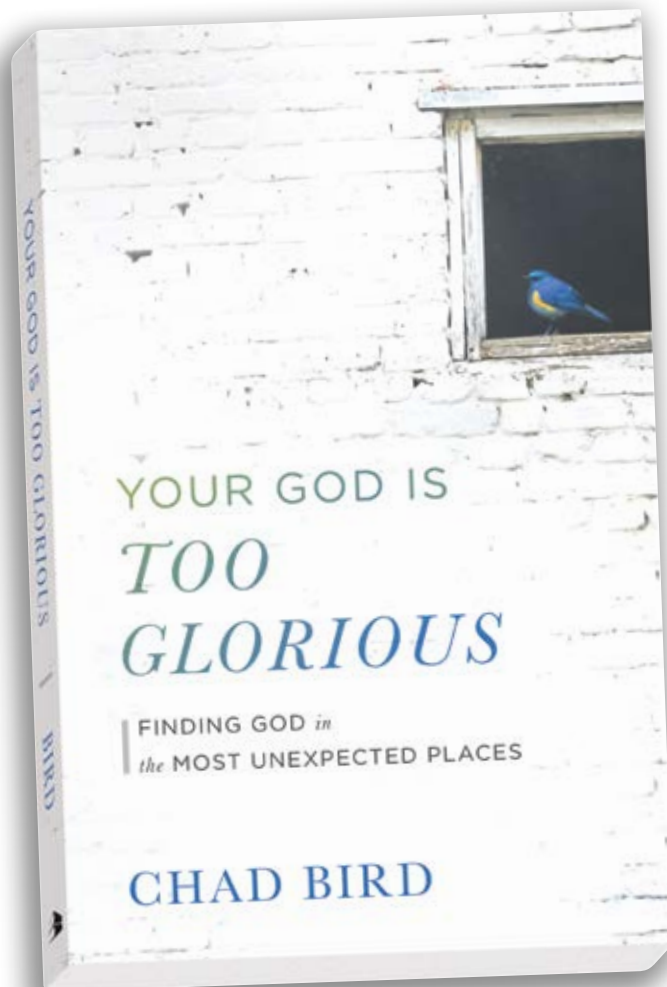


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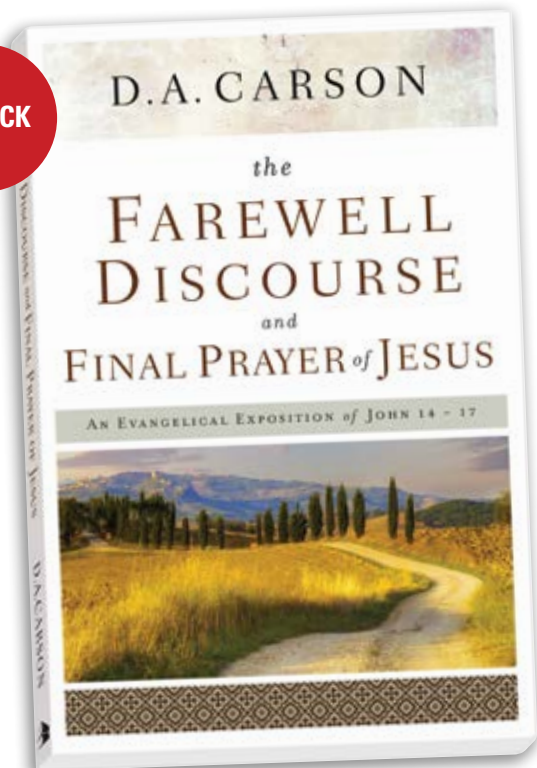
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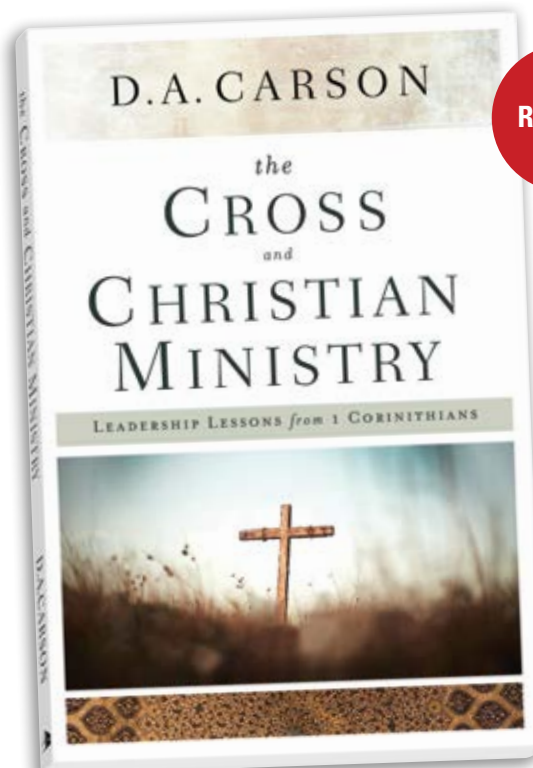
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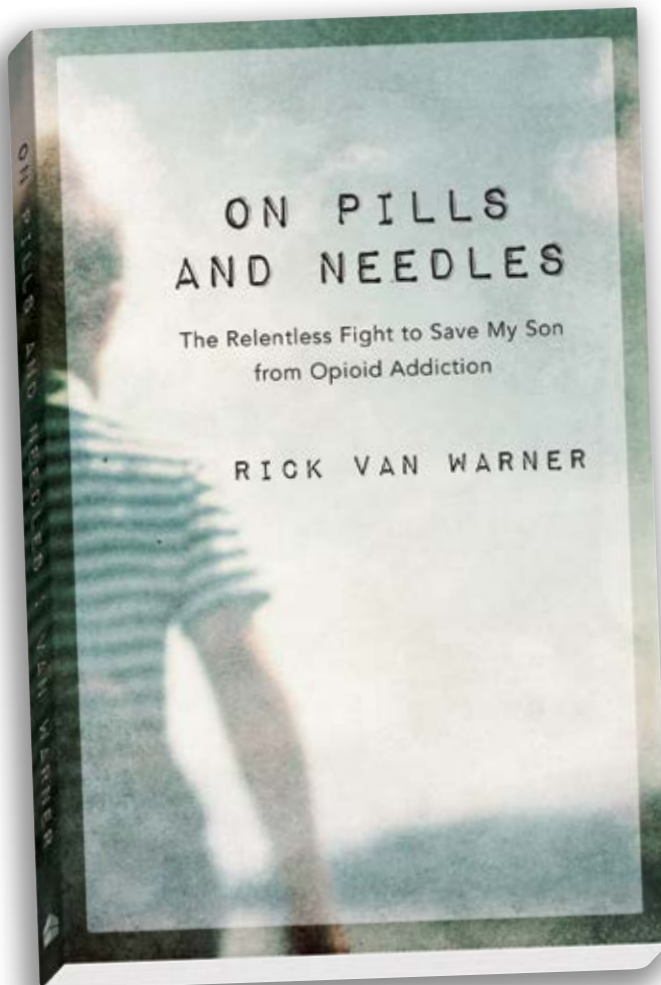
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Heart-Wrenching Memoir of a Father's Fight to Save His Son from Opioid Addiction



- Compelling true story of a father's fight to save a son from his harrowing addiction to Oxycontin, heroin, and other painkillers
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When Rick Van Warner found himself searching abandoned buildings and dangerous streets looking for his missing son, he had no idea that the synthetic, pill-form heroin that had snared his teen was already killing so many. In the years of pain and heartache that followed as he tried to save his son from opioid addiction, Van Warner discovered what the American public is just now becoming aware of: opioids prescribed for even minor pain relief are so addictive that even a few days of use can create dependency.

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On Pills and Needles

Rick Van Warner



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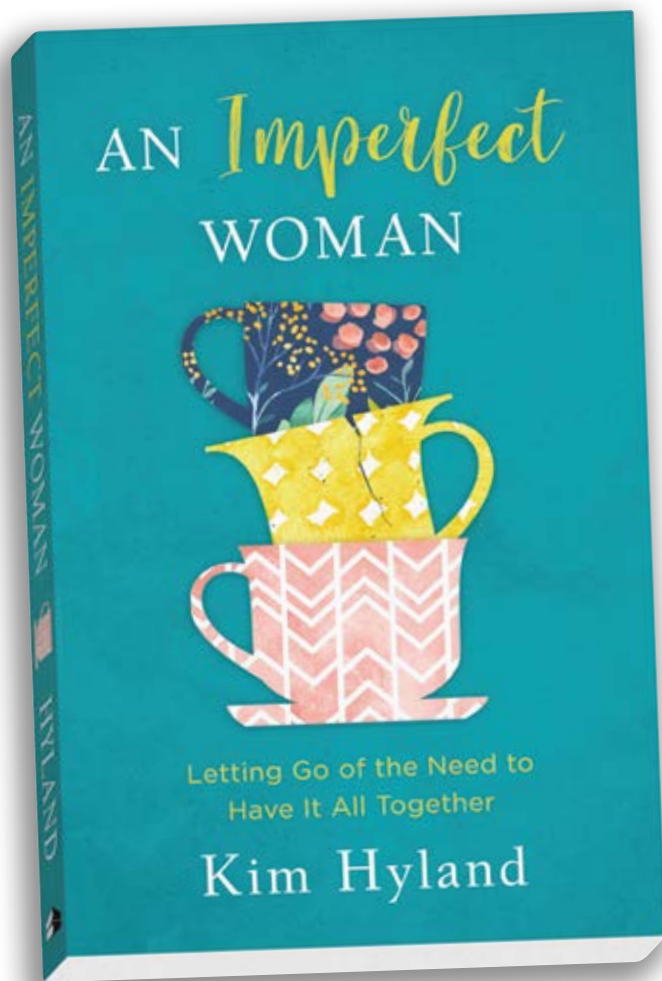
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rick Van Warner is a 30-year veteran of journalism, crisis management, and media relations. Rick was compelled to share his personal story to help other families after recognizing the endemic nature of the current opioid addiction epidemic. A former social worker who counseled at-risk youth, Rick lives in Winter Park, Florida, with his family.



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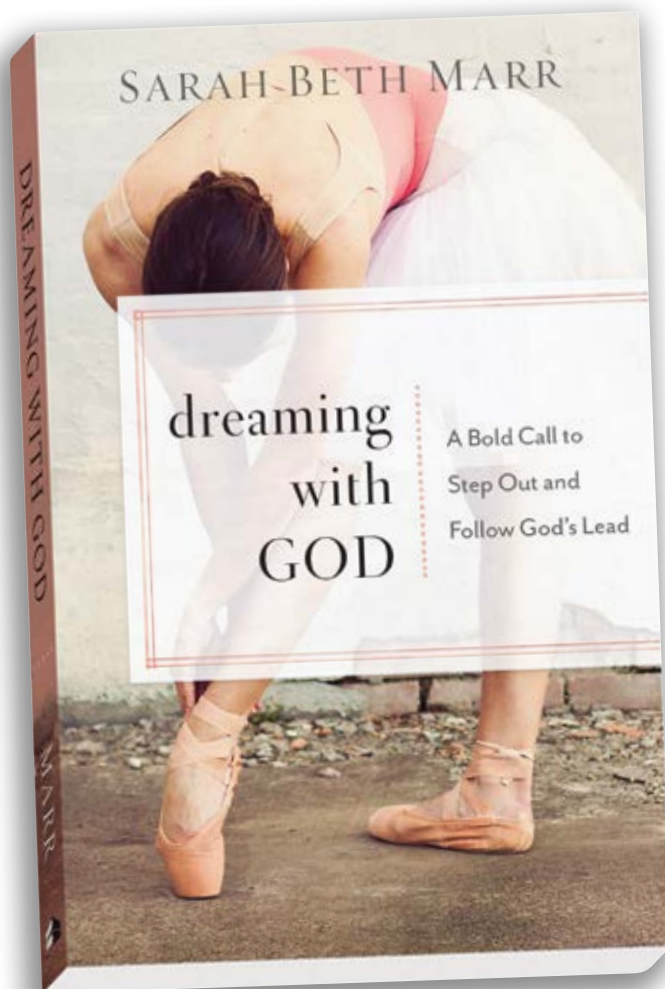
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kim Hyland is a writer, a speaker, and the founder and host of Winsome, an annual retreat for women that celebrates authenticity, diversity, and truth. She also speaks at national retreats and conferences, where she encourages women by sharing her imperfect path and God's perfect plans. Originally from the DC metro area, she now lives with her family on a mountain overlooking the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. Connect with Kim at WinsomeLiving.com.



Professional Ballerina Inspires Women to Keep Dreaming Big Dreams with God



- Marr weaves together her life as wife, mother, woman, and professional ballerina to encourage women in all walks of life
- Illuminates how God's dreams for us are better than the plans we make for ourselves
- Marr is a frequent speaker and a contributing writer to *Crosswalk.com*, *ChristianParenting.org*, and *Lifeway's Journey Magazine*

We all have goals and dreams for our lives, desires that God has planted in our hearts. But sometimes it's hard to know just what to do with them. We're too busy or too distracted to work toward them with purpose. And even when we do find the time, we can be paralyzed by others' success and even by our own guilt over focusing on ourselves for once.

But as Sarah Beth Marr reminds us, we are not dreaming alone. If God has placed desires in our hearts, we can be sure that he will come alongside us as we work toward realizing them. Using her own story as a catalyst, Marr encourages women to surrender their plans to God, to stay in tempo with his Spirit, and to step into a deeper relationship with Christ. When they do, she says, they will be able to step confidently into the future, knowing that their dreams and God's desires are aligned in perfect harmony.

Dreaming with God

Sarah Beth Marr



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sarah Beth Marr danced professionally for over fifteen years as a ballerina and now encourages women in the dance of life and faith through her writing. Sarah also speaks at women's events and MOPS events in Texas. She is a contributing writer for *Crosswalk.com*, *Christianparenting.org*, and *Lifeway's Journey Magazine*. She and her husband, Brian, have three sons and live in Dallas, Texas. Learn more at www.sarahbethmarr.com.





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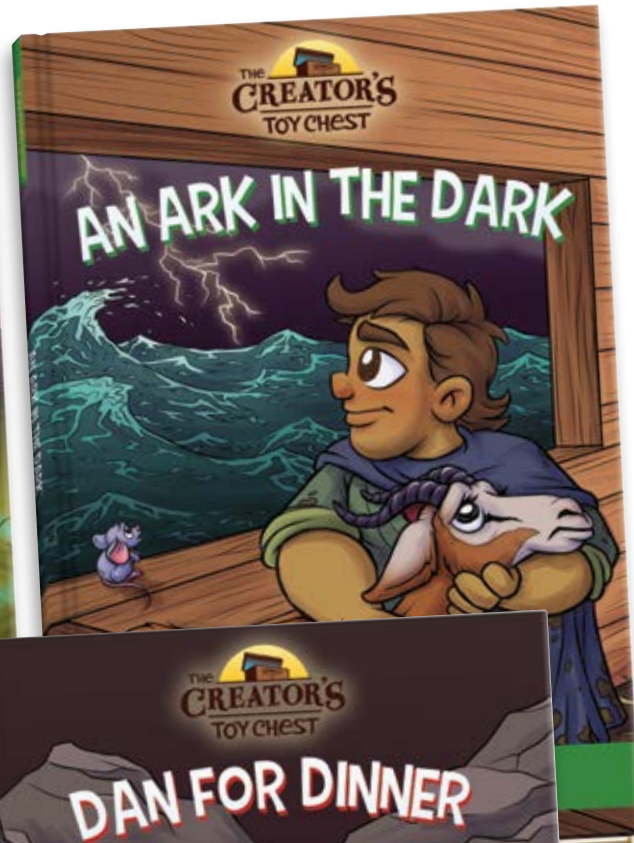
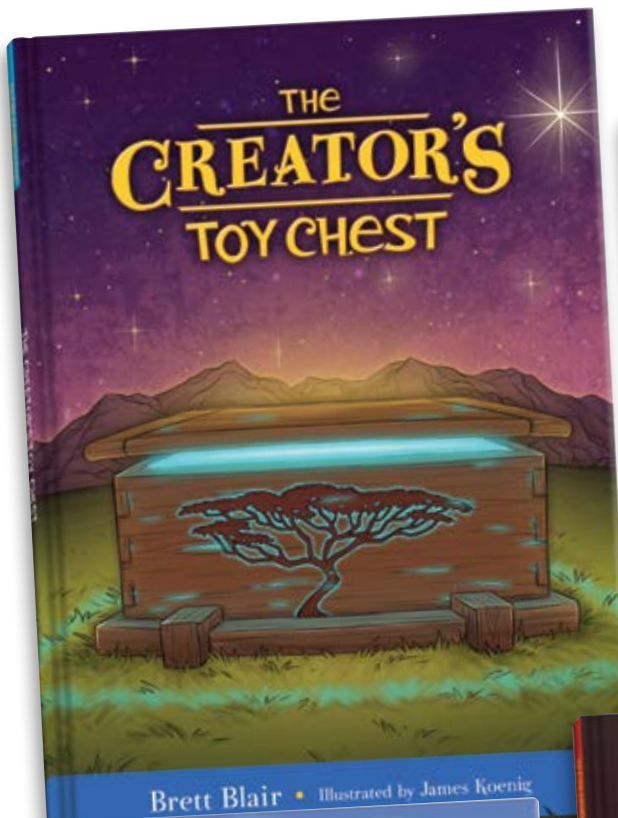
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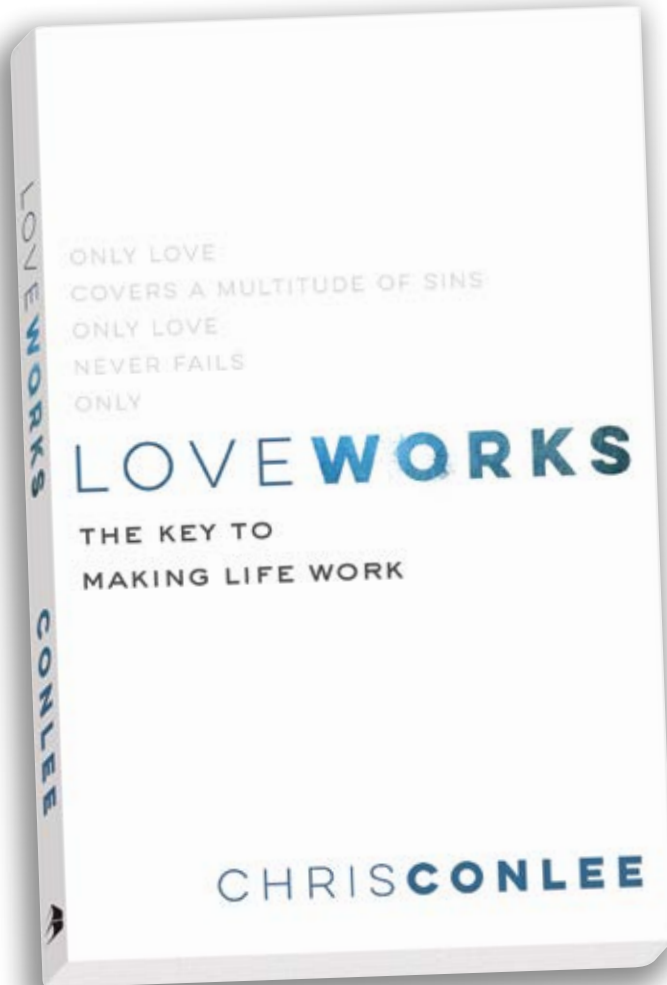


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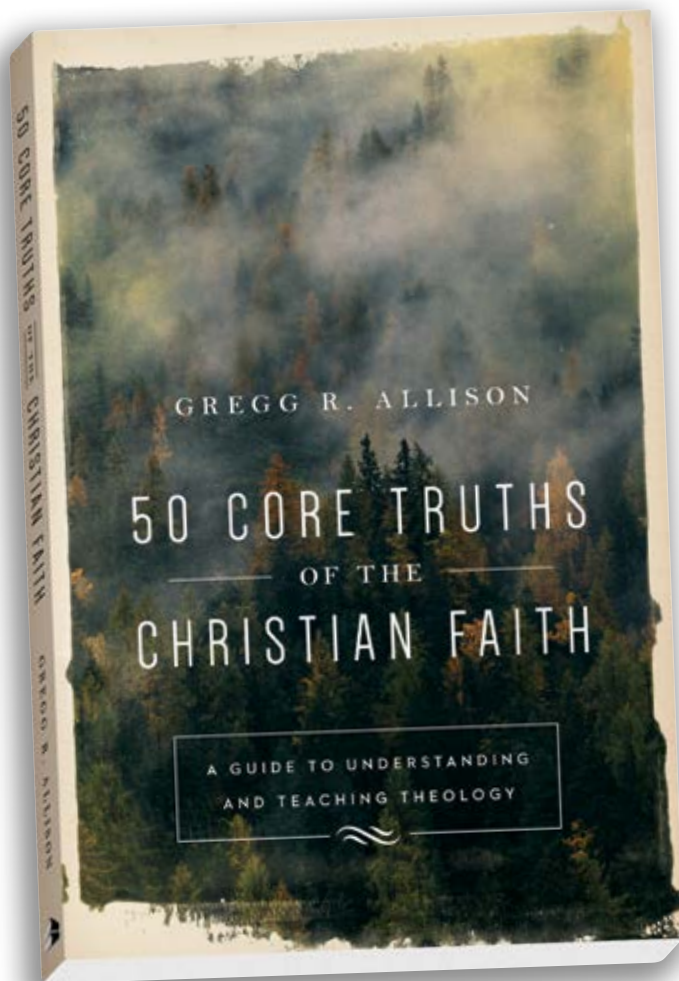
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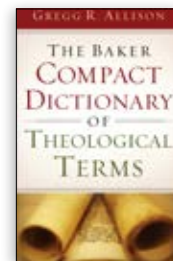
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We're obsessed with it. We're fixated on it. We're entertained by it. We believe we're so deeply all-informed about it. We boast in the freedom we have to do what we want with our bodies. We tally the number of partners we've had. We're convinced it's necessary in a normal dating relationship. We're numb to the random hook-ups and one-night stands. We want to experience it, tease it, taste it, flaunt it, *worship* it.

But we're not willing to talk about it.

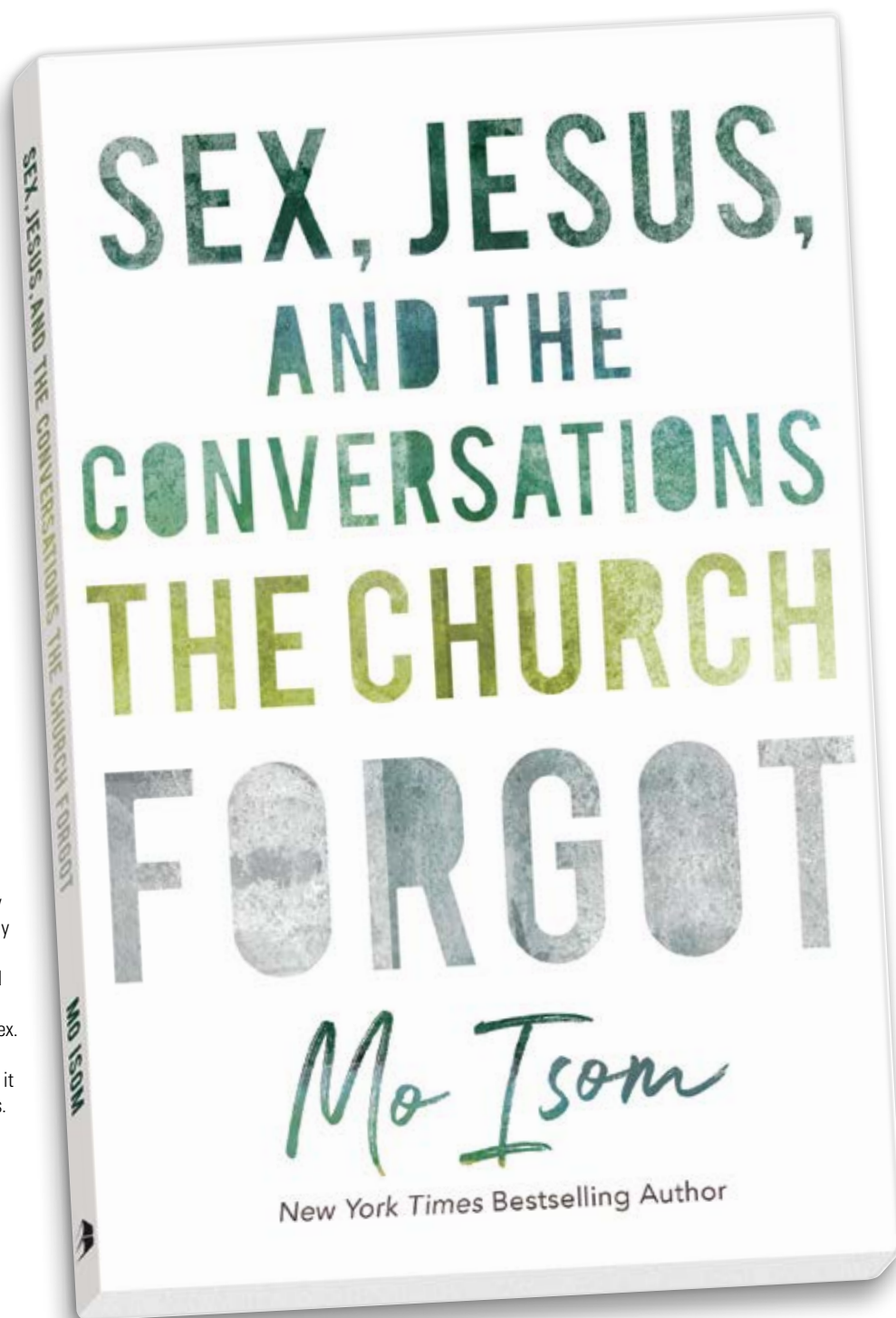
While society twists, perverts, cheapens, and idolizes it, we, the church, are relatively silent about sex. Awkwardly stumbling around it. Running from it. Building desperate rule lists of dos and don'ts. And, as a result, allowing the sanctity of God to be stolen by the insatiable lust of the lost.

Somewhere along the way we've allowed ourselves to be drowned out of the conversation. And in a halfhearted attempt to stay relevant and relatable, we've caved in to the narrative that sex—the most prominent and overwhelming focus of our entire society—isn't for *us* to talk about.

Right?

Wrong.

It's our *responsibility* to talk about it. It is our calling, as the body of believers, to share the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ—and every version of the Holy Scriptures I've ever read talks openly and candidly about sex. It is a topic fiercely close to God's heart, a topic that flows from the pages of His Word. A topic laced with affirmation, with guidance, and with reproof. God, after all, is the inventor of sex. We were made, by him, as sexual beings. So if it's a topic fiercely close to his heart, it *must* become a topic fiercely close to ours.



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Sex. In a world overwhelmingly obsessed with it, why is the church so silent about it? While our secular culture twists, perverts, cheapens, and idolizes sex, there are gaping holes in the church's guidance of young people. The result is generations of sexually illiterate people drowning in the repercussions of overwhelming sin struggles.

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Sex was God's idea. It's time we invited him back into the bedroom.

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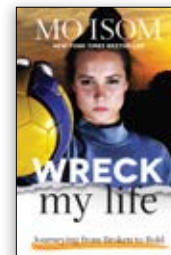
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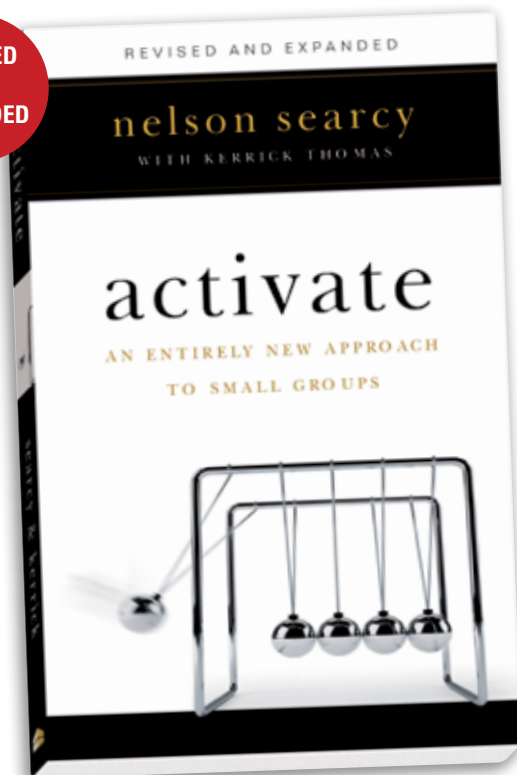
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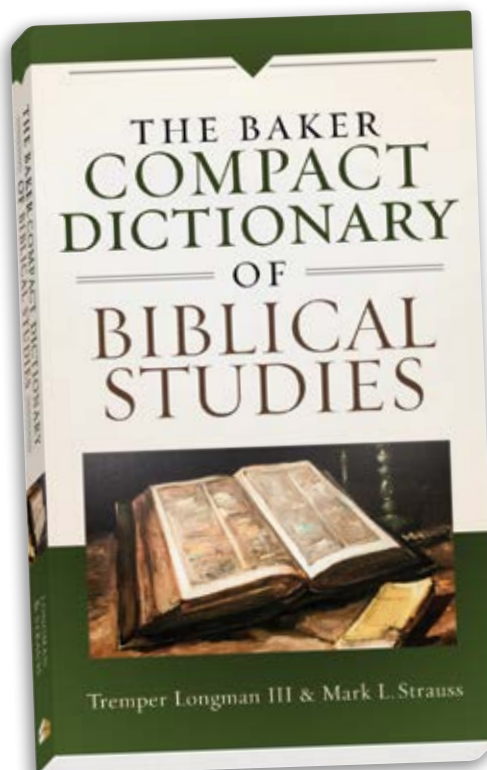
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Anticipating Spring in the Dark Seasons of Life



- Basing her writing on Ecclesiastes 3:11, Hoover shows how God makes all things beautiful in time
- Hoover helps readers see how God has worked in the past so that they can trust him with their present and their future
- Author writes at GraceCoversMe.com and contributes to DesiringGod.com and ForTheChurch.com

The Bible says that God makes all things beautiful in their time, but when we look around today we see a broken and marred world. Our reality is so often the “not beautiful” that it’s hard to trust that God can make our mess into something good. So how do we live with hope for a future redemption of all things?

In *Searching for Spring*, Christine Hoover takes readers on a treasure hunt for beauty in both familiar and unexpected places. Framed by the changing seasons, this journey will heighten readers’ senses and awaken their affections for the creator of it all. For all who are in the midst of suffering, who find their faith withering, who are questioning whether God is at work—or even present—as they wait for something in their lives to become beautiful, this book will be a welcome reminder that God never stops his redemptive work and that there is a time for everything under heaven.

Searching for Spring

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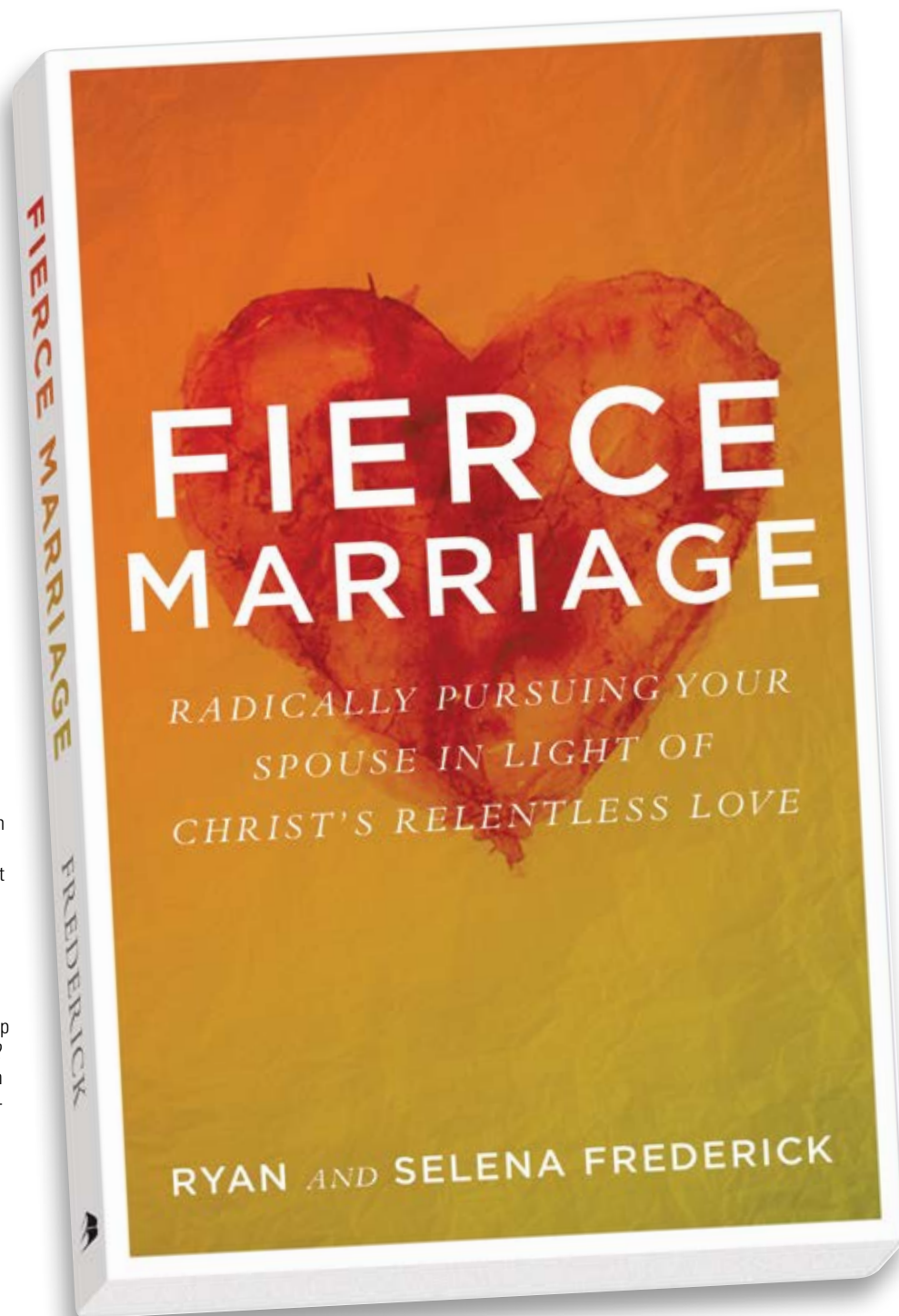
EXCERPT

I will never forget the feeling of relief when I cracked my eyes open after surgery to see Selena standing by my side. Just hours before, we were crying and wondering if we'd share another day. We wondered if we'd get to raise children, make more memories, or have the simplest conversations again. Nothing was guaranteed. Everything was at risk and would be lost should I not wake up again.

When I awoke, those fears vanished in an instant with the good news that I was still alive. That moment has shaped our marriage in the years since, and it has forever changed the way we feel compelled to love each other.

Not every couple has the opportunity (if you'd call it that) to have life's fragility come knocking at their door at such an early stage. But it highlighted for us what I think we all want to sense in our relationships—that love is precious, that our spouses are absolute gifts, that life together is a blessing beyond measure. When there was a chance I could lose my life, I instantly felt the possible grief of losing Selena too. That one experience put the value of love into stark focus for us. I think it's because we're wired to need and cherish real love. We all deeply desire to love and be loved unconditionally and without expiration. Yet that particular brand of love has become harder and harder to find.

Is love really something to be found, like a buried treasure? One that if we could just search far enough and dig deep enough for, we might win as our reward? Is love something that sticks by you even when you might die? Do we need a near-death experience to grasp its value?



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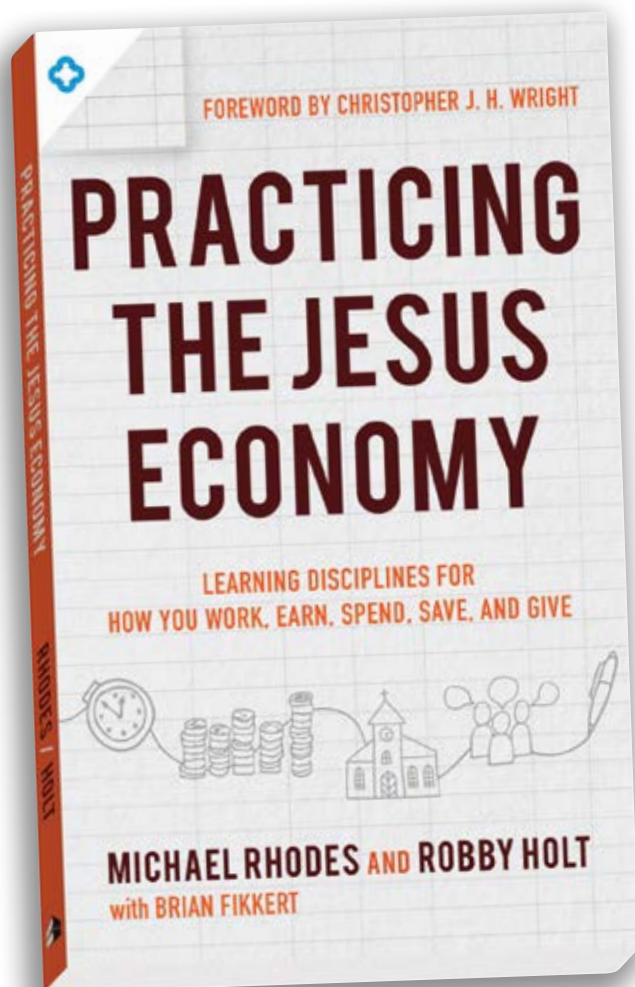
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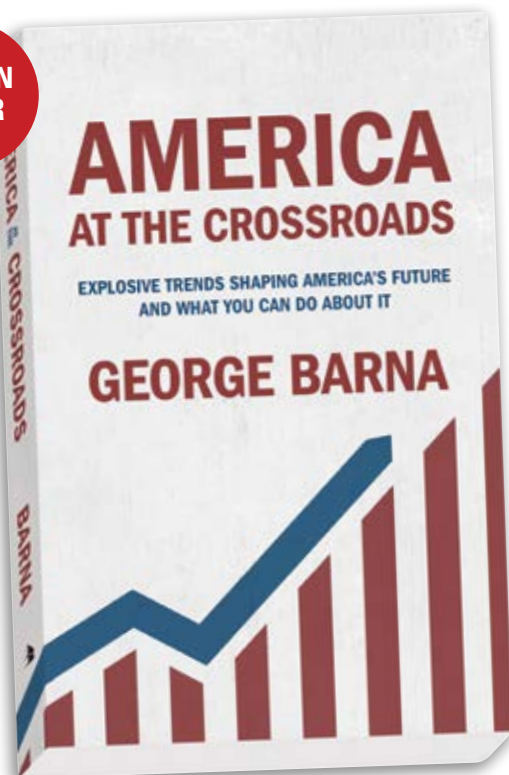


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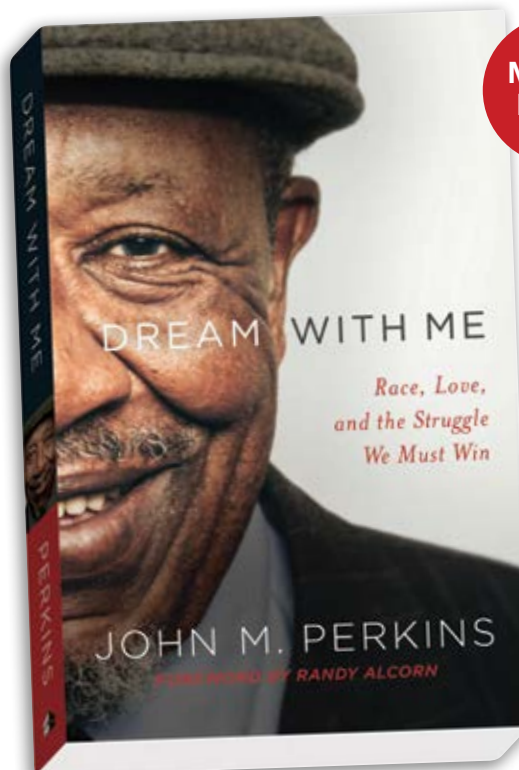
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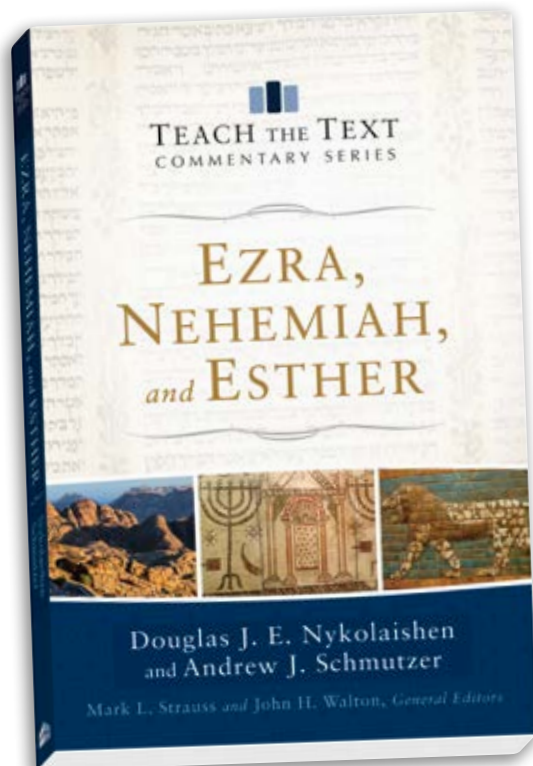
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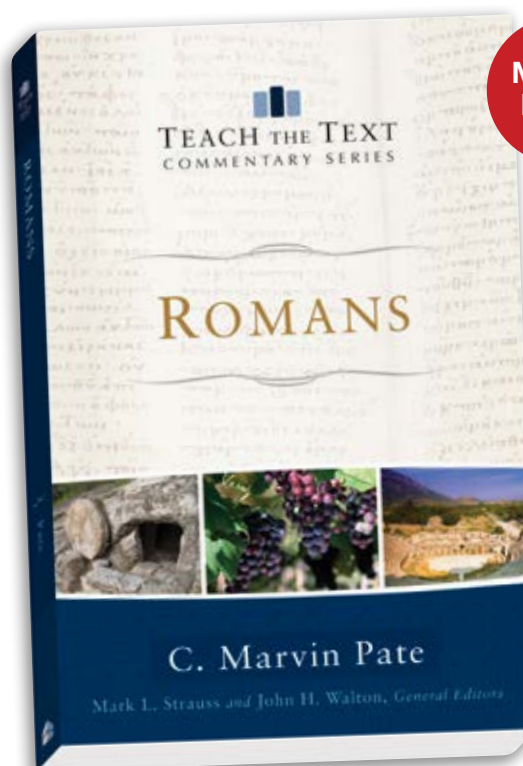
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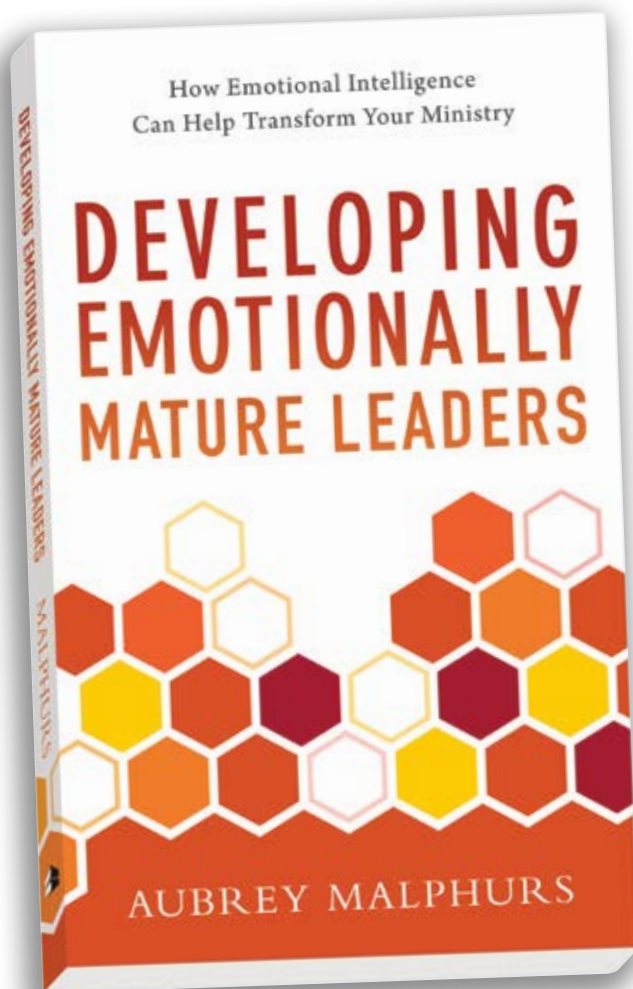
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