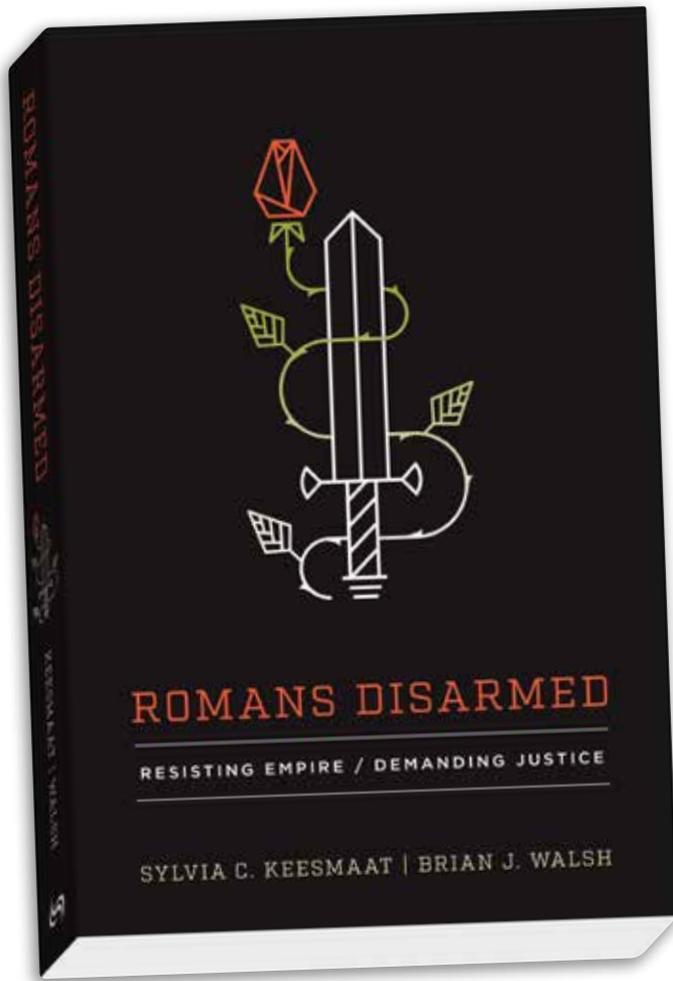




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Romans Disarmed helps readers enter the world of ancient Rome and see how Paul's most radical letter transforms the lives of the marginalized then and now. Intentionally avoiding abstract debates about Paul's theology, Keesmaat and Walsh move back and forth between the present and the past as they explore themes of home, economic justice, creation care, the violence of the state, sexuality, and Indigenous reconciliation. They show how Romans engages with the lived reality of those who suffer from injustice, both in the first century and in the midst of our own imperial realities.

Romans Disarmed

Sylvia C. Keesmaat and Brian J. Walsh



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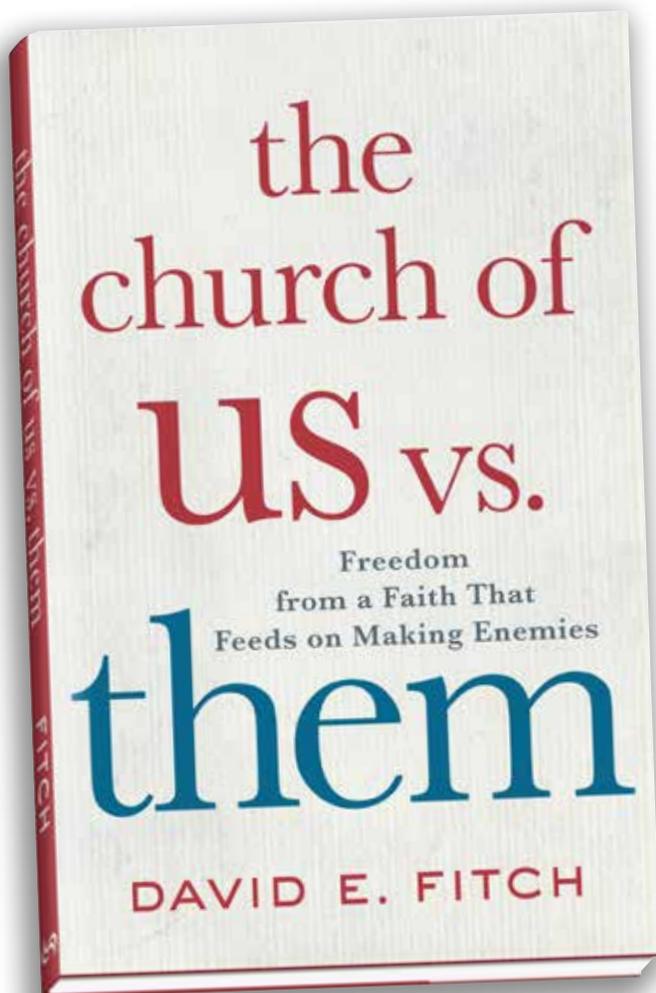
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Finding a Faith beyond the Enemy-Making Machine



- Author cofounded Missio Alliance and writes and speaks extensively about issues facing the church
- Shows why Christians are perceived as angry, judgmental, and defensive
- Diagnoses the “us vs. them” mentality that marks the contemporary evangelical church
- Offers new patterns and practices for being the presence of Christ in the world

We are living in angry times. No matter where we go, what we watch, or how we communicate, our culture is rife with conflict. Unfortunately, Christians appear to be caught up in the same animosity as the culture at large. We are perceived as angry, judgmental, and defensive, fighting among ourselves in various media while the world looks on. How have we failed to be a people of reconciliation and renewal in the face of such tumult?

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The Church of Us vs. Them

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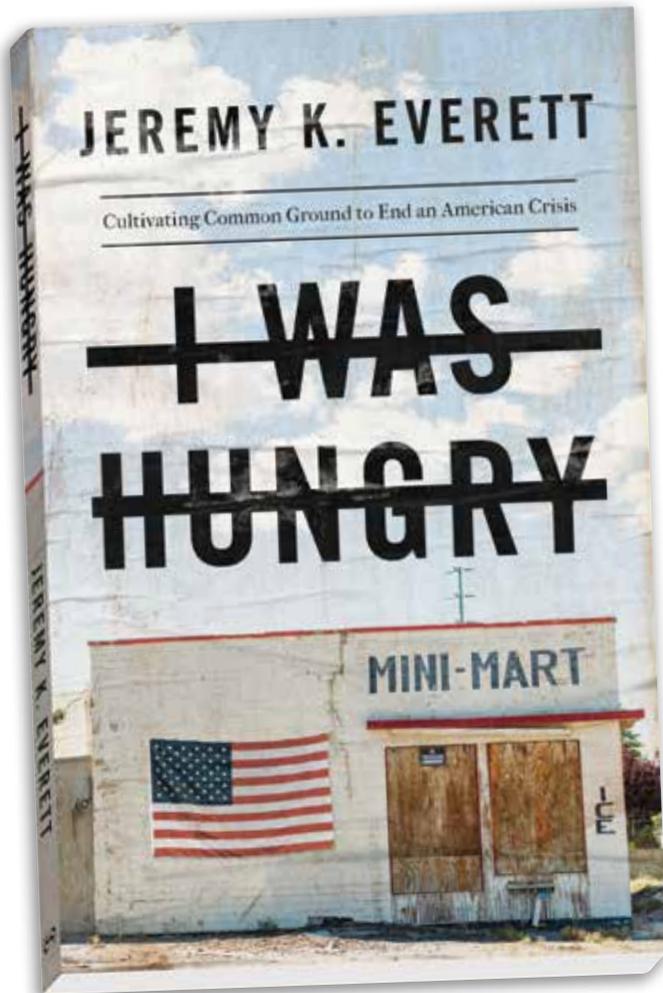
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Hunger is one of the most significant issues in America. One in eight Americans struggles with hunger, and more than 13 million children live in food insecure homes. As Christians we are called to address the suffering of the hungry and poor: “For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat . . .” (Matthew 25:35). However, the problems of hunger and poverty are too large and too complex for any one of us to resolve individually.

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I Was Hungry

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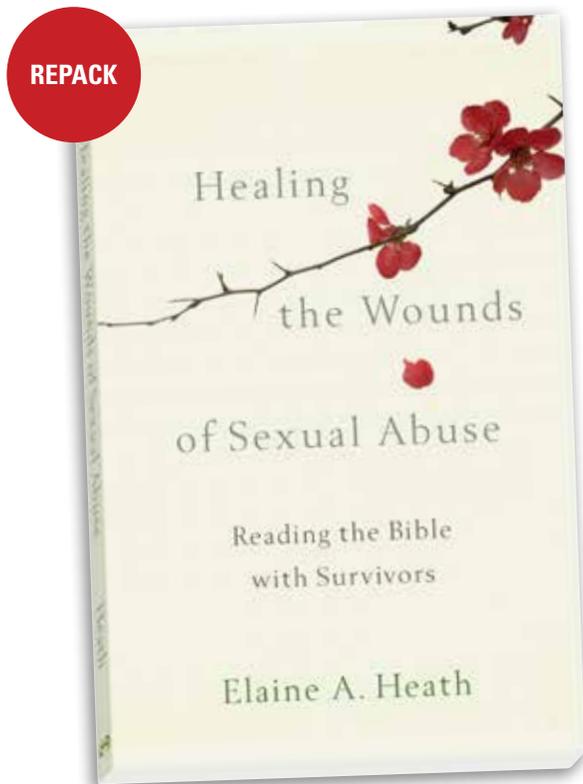
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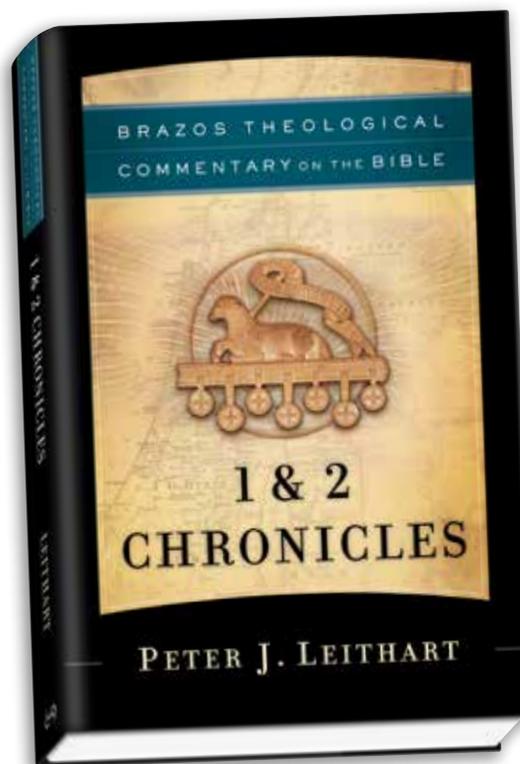
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