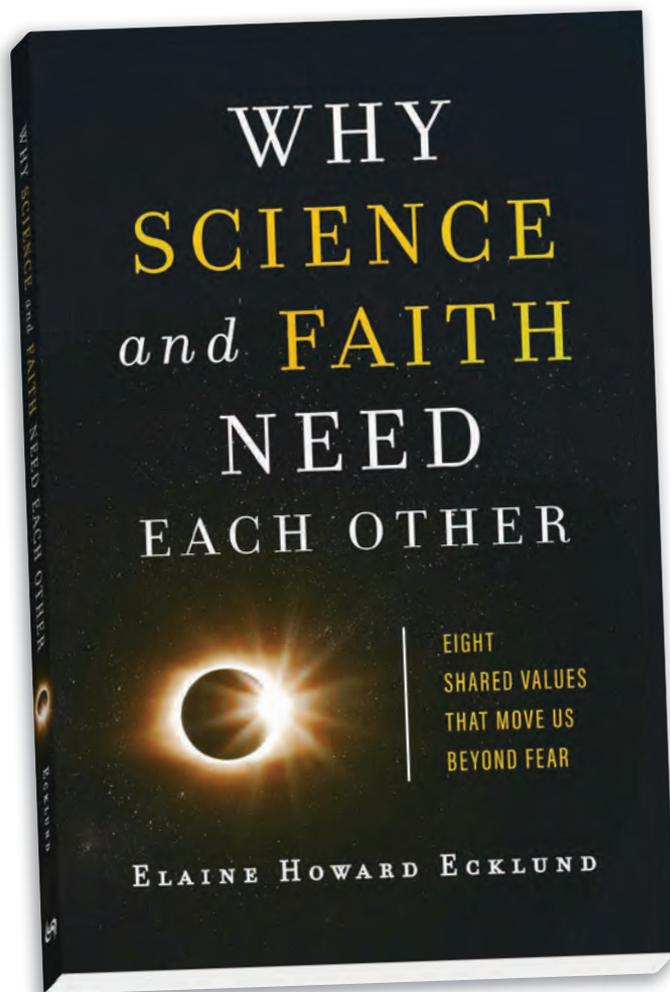




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# Overcoming the Perceived Divide between Faith and Science



- Author speaks regularly at churches about the intersection of science and religion and has been featured in venues such as NPR, the *Washington Post*, the National Association of Evangelicals, *Publishers Weekly*, *CT*, *BioLogos*, and Religion News Service
- Award-winning sociologist uses new research to find eight common virtues between faith and science
- Reveals points of connection in the areas most rife with conflict

Science and faith are often seen as being in opposition. In this book, award-winning sociologist Elaine Howard Ecklund questions this assumption based on research she has conducted over the past 15 years. She highlights the ways these two spheres point to universal human experiences, showing readers they don't have to choose between science and Christianity.

Breathing fresh air into debates that have consisted of more opinions than data, Ecklund offers insights uncovered by her research and shares her own story of personal challenges and lessons. In the areas most rife with conflict—the origin of the universe, evolution, climate change, and genetic technology—readers will find fascinating points of convergence in 8 virtues of human existence: curiosity, doubt, humility, creativity, healing, awe, shalom, and gratitude. The book includes discussion questions for group use and to help pastors, small group leaders, and congregants broach controversial topics and bridge the science-faith divide.

## Why Science and Faith Need Each Other

Elaine Howard Ecklund



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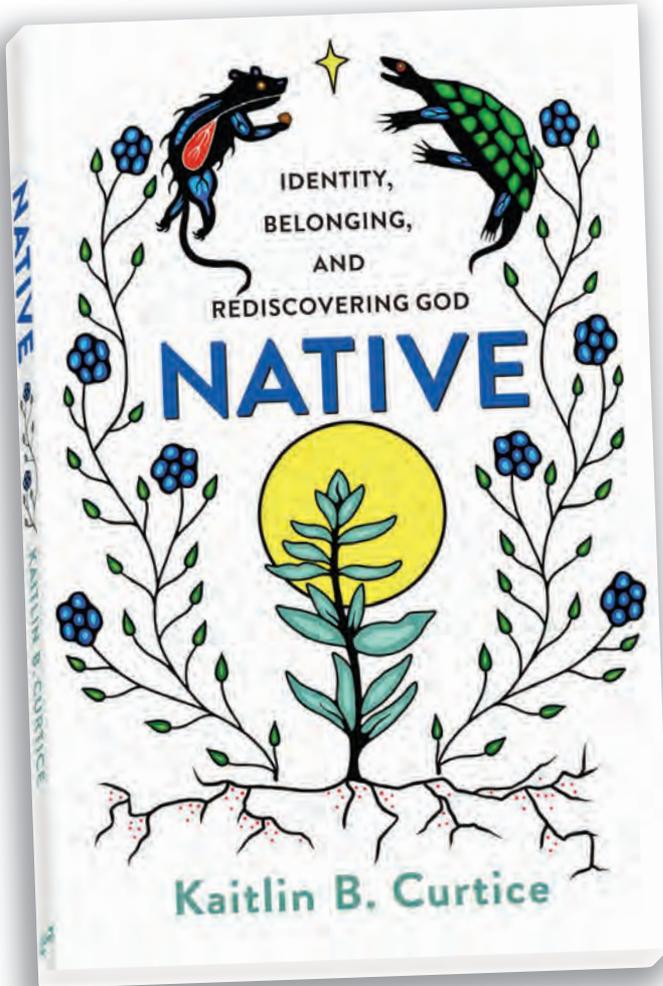
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**Elaine Howard Ecklund** (PhD, Cornell University) is professor of sociology at Rice University in Houston, Texas, where she founded the Religion and Public Life Program and holds the Herbert S. Autrey Chair in Social Sciences. Ecklund has written 5 books, including *Science vs. Religion: What Scientists Really Think* (named “Book of the Year” on religion in 2010 by *HuffPost*). She speaks regularly at churches about the intersection of science and spirituality, and her research is frequently cited by US and international media. Ecklund has been featured in venues such as NPR, the *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, the National Association of Evangelicals, *Wall Street Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Christianity Today*, *BioLogos*, Religion News Service, and *HuffPost*.



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# A Spiritual Journey of Place, Identity, and Belonging



- Author has a growing platform, is a leading voice on faith and race, and is a monthly columnist for *Sojourners*
- Curtice has contributed to *On Being* and Religion News Service and has been featured in *USA Today* and the *New Yorker*
- Draws on the narrative of the author's personal journey and the poetry, imagery, and stories of the Potawatomi Nation

**N**ative is about identity, soul-searching, and being on the never-ending journey of finding ourselves and finding God. As both a member of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, Kaitlin Curtice offers a unique perspective on these topics. In this book, she shows how reconnecting with her Native American roots both informs and challenges her Christian faith.

Drawing on the narrative of her personal journey and the poetry, imagery, and stories of the Potawatomi people, Curtice addresses themes at the forefront of today's discussions of faith and culture in a positive and constructive way. She encourages us to embrace our own origins and to share and listen to each other's stories so we can build a more inclusive and diverse future for the church. Each of our stories matters for the church to be truly whole. As Curtice shares what it means to experience her faith through the lens of her Indigenous heritage, she reveals that a vibrant spirituality has its origins in identity, belonging, and a sense of place.

## Native

Kaitlin B. Curtice



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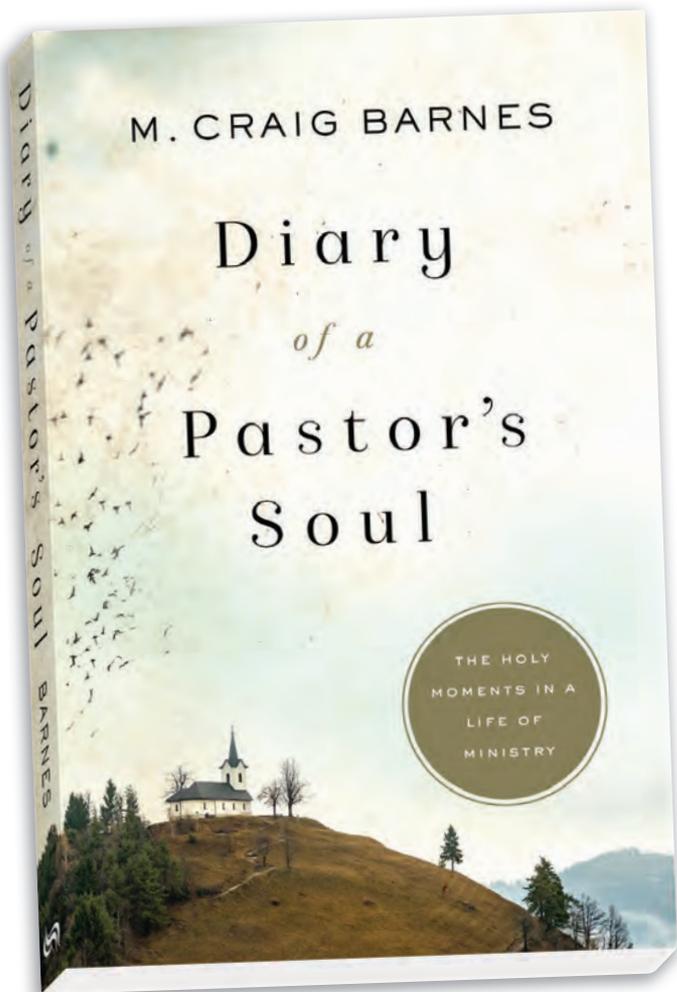
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# Learn from the Wisdom Gained Over a Lifetime of Ministry



- Author is a seasoned pastor, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, and writes regularly for the *Christian Century*
- Creatively shows how the pastoral vocation forms mind, heart, and soul
- Presents spirituality in narrative form through a collection of interwoven stories about learning to love others inside and outside of the church

*Diary of a Pastor's Soul* tells the story of a fictionalized pastor, embarking on his final year before retirement, who reflects on the experiences and relationships that have formed his vocation and shaped his soul over a lifetime of pastoral ministry.

Drawing on his own experiences, seasoned pastor Craig Barnes invites readers to embrace the life lessons of a pastor who has been formed by his failures and his fleeting moments of glory, but most of all by discovering the holy in the routine but often quirky duties of being a parish pastor.

Through 52 weekly thematic entries, Barnes presents spirituality in narrative form through a collection of interwoven stories about learning to love others with curiosity, amazement, vulnerability, and most of all gratitude for the grace found in flawed lives.

Barnes's fictionalized diary approach creatively shows how the pastoral vocation forms mind, heart, and soul, helping pastors make sense of their own calling. With unvarnished honesty, this book eloquently illustrates a lifetime of ministry, revealing how "the Holy haunts the landscape of life."

## Diary of a Pastor's Soul

M. Craig Barnes



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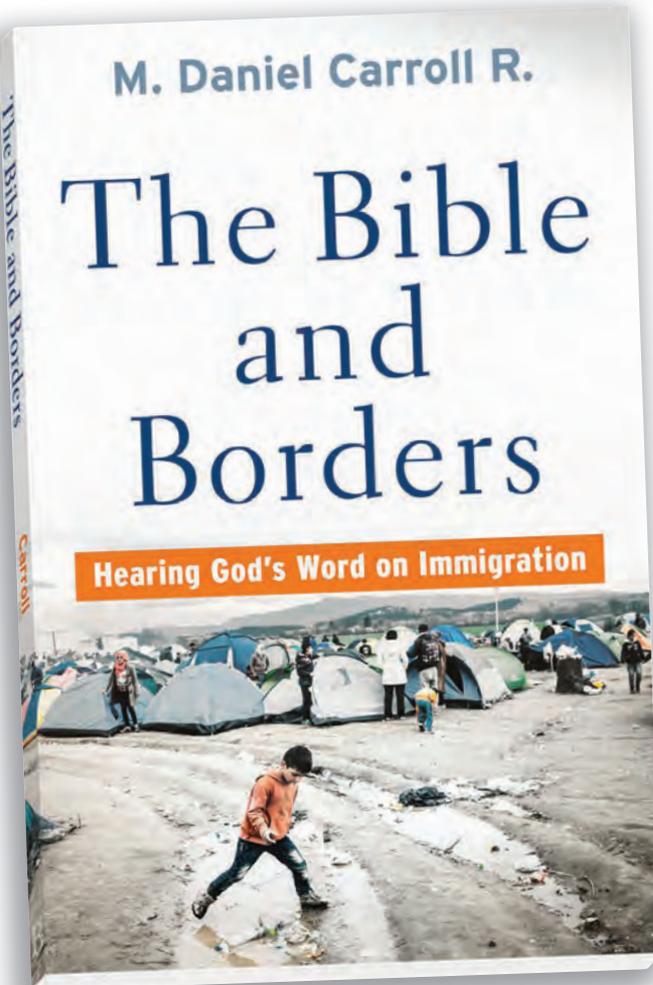
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# What Does the Bible Say about Immigration?



- Speaks to a hotly contested topic that is of vital importance
- Author is a leading Latino-American biblical scholar who speaks frequently on the topic of immigration
- Shows how the Bible can speak to a contemporary issue in a timeless way

With so many people around the globe migrating, how should Christians and the church respond? Leading Latino-American biblical scholar M. Daniel Carroll R. (Rodas) helps readers understand what the Bible says about immigration, offering accessible, nuanced, and sympathetic guidance for the church.

After two successful editions of *Christians at the Border*, and having talked and written about immigration over the past decade, Carroll has sharpened his focus and refined his argument to make sure we hear clearly what the Bible says about one of the most pressing issues of our day. He has reworked the biblical material, adding insights and broadening the frame of reference beyond the US. As Carroll explores the surprising amount of material in the Old and New Testaments that deals with migration, he shows how this topic is fundamental to the message of the Bible and how it affects our understanding of God and the mission of the church.

## The Bible and Borders

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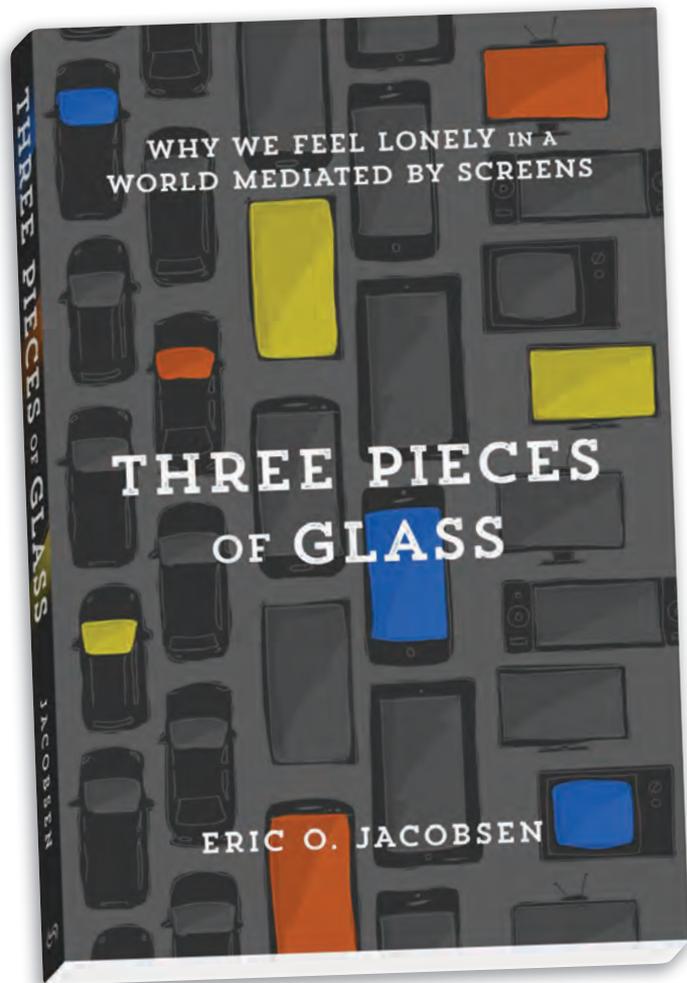
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# How the Church Can Address the Crisis of Loneliness



- Addresses the problem of loneliness from a fresh perspective
- Shows how three pieces of glass—car windshields, TVs, and smartphones—have pulled us away from interacting with other people
- Explains how making changes in our neighborhoods can help create a sense of belonging

Loneliness is increasingly recognized as a major public health crisis that is on the rise and impacting people of all ages. Addressing the crisis of loneliness from a fresh perspective, this book introduces belonging as an overlooked but critical aspect of a flourishing Christian life.

Eric Jacobsen shows how three pieces of glass—car windshields, TVs, and smartphones—are emblematic of significant societal shifts that have created a cultural habit of physical isolation. We feel increasingly disconnected from the people and places around us. Jacobsen explains how adopting everyday practices and making changes in our neighborhoods can help us create a sense of belonging and rediscover what belonging in a place looks like. In order to effectively solve the problem of loneliness, we need to recover patterns and practices of community life that encourage us to form meaningful connections with people and stories that are part of the places where we live, work, and worship. To this end, Jacobsen offers four redemptive strategies for living a more intentional and spiritual life.

## Three Pieces of Glass

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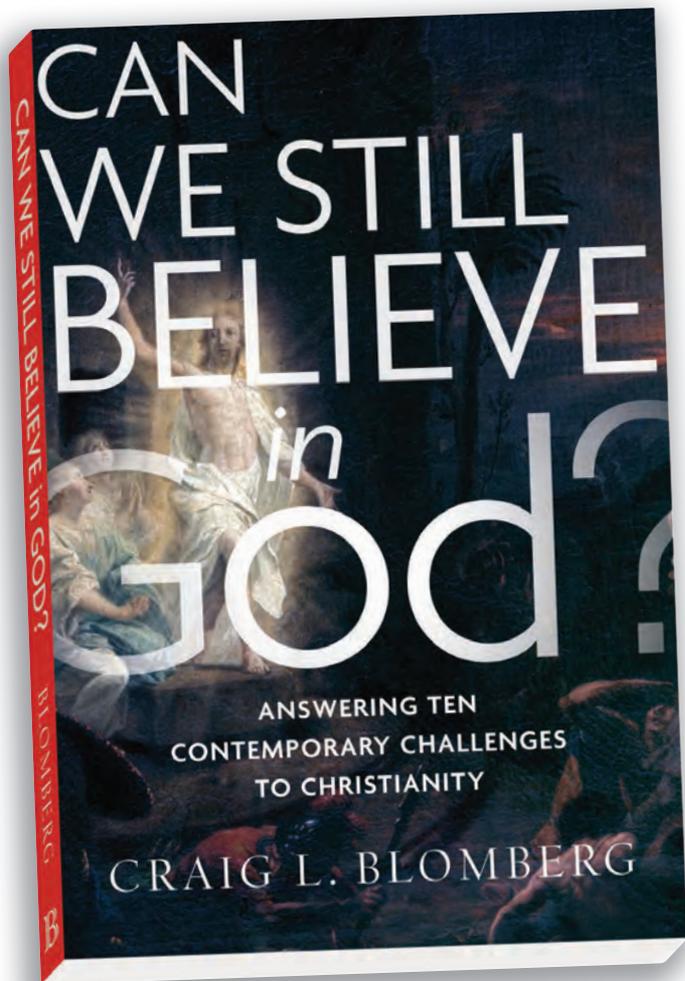
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# A Trusted Scholar Responds to Common Objections to Christianity



- Author is a highly regarded biblical scholar and writes with clarity and balance
- Follows the author's successful *Can We Still Believe the Bible?*
- Explores 10 reasons people commonly give for not believing in God

People regularly give certain reasons for not believing in God, but they are much less aware of what the New Testament actually teaches. Although challenges to Christianity are perennial and have frequently been addressed, they are noticeably more common today and are currently of particular interest among evangelicals.

Skeptics of Christianity often ask highly regarded biblical scholar and popular speaker Craig Blomberg how he can believe in a faith that seems so problematic. How can God allow evil and suffering? Isn't the Bible anti-women, anti-gay, and pro-slavery? Isn't the New Testament riddled with contradictions? What about the nature of hell, violence in Scripture, and prayer and predestination? Following the author's successful *Can We Still Believe the Bible?*, this succinct and readable book focuses on what the New Testament teaches about 10 key reasons people give for not believing in God.

## Can We Still Believe in God?

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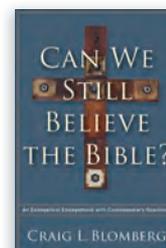
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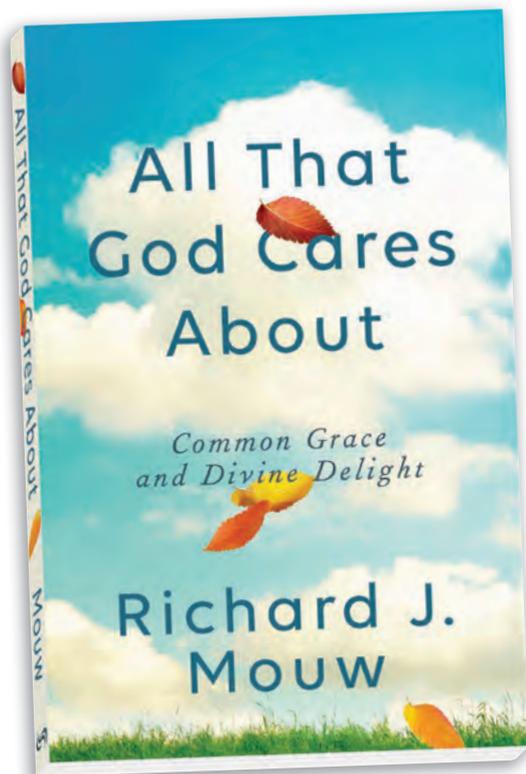


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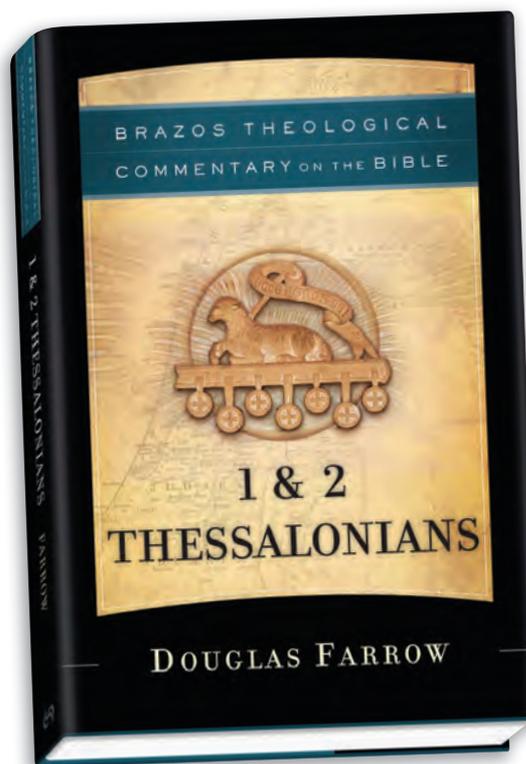
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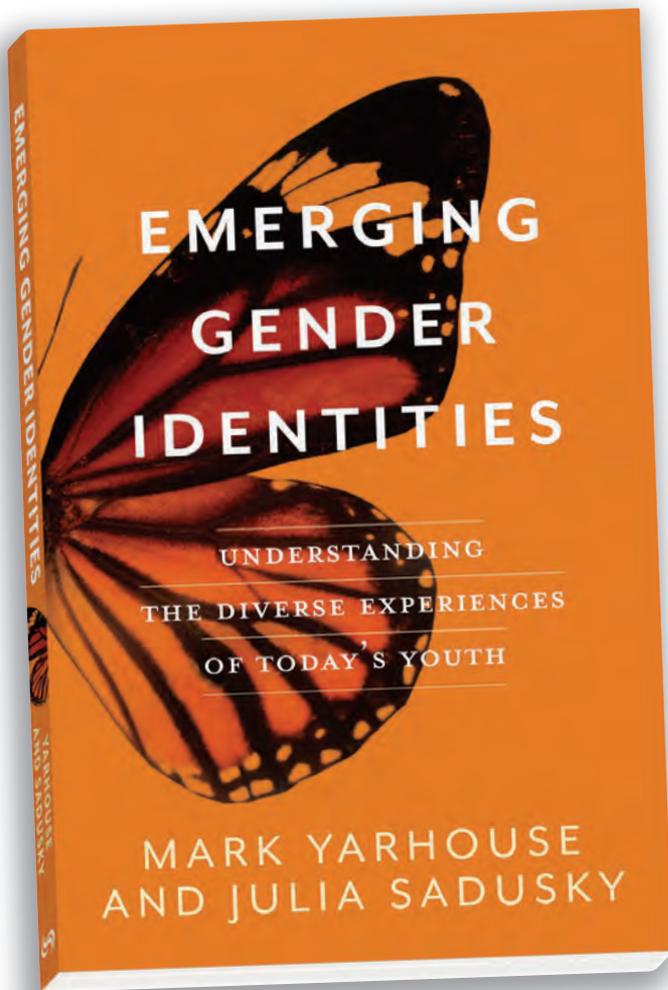
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# Understanding Gender Identities and Transgender Experiences



- Yarhouse is a leading Christian voice on transgender issues who has significant clinical and ministry experience with people navigating diverse gender identities
- Helps readers distinguish between current mental health concerns (like gender dysphoria) and diverse emerging gender identities among young people
- Equips readers to critically engage gender theory based on a Christian view of sex and gender

This book offers a measured Christian response to the diverse gender identities that are being embraced by an increasing number of adolescents. Mark Yarhouse and Julia Sadusky offer an honest, scientifically informed, compassionate, and nuanced treatment for all readers who care about or work with gender-diverse youth: pastors, church leaders, parents, family members, youth workers, and counselors.

Yarhouse and Sadusky help readers distinguish between current mental health concerns, such as gender dysphoria, and the emerging gender identities that some young people turn to for a sense of identity and community. Based on the authors' significant clinical and ministry experience, this book casts a vision for practically engaging and ministering to teens navigating diverse gender-identity concerns. It also equips readers to critically engage gender theory based on a Christian view of sex and gender.

## Emerging Gender Identities

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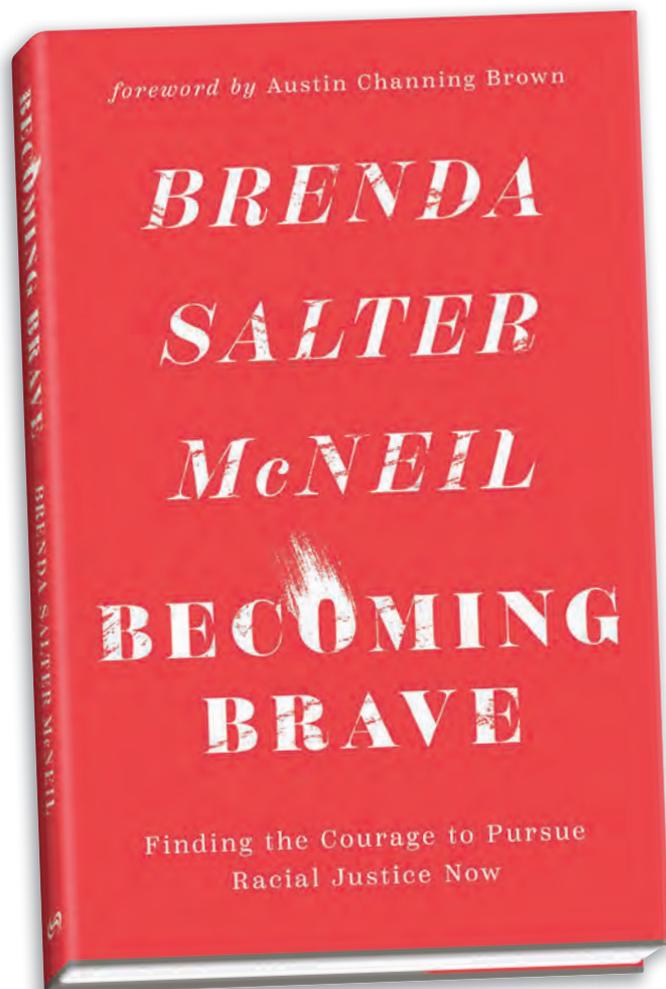
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# A Distinctly Christian Framework for Addressing Racial Injustice



- Author is a leading scholar of racial reconciliation who regularly speaks on the topic
- Timely topic given larger social justice movements (e.g., Black Lives Matter, NFL protests)
- Forward by Austin Channing Brown

Reconciliation is not true reconciliation without justice! Brenda Salter McNeil has come to this conviction as she has led the church in pursuing reconciliation efforts over the past three decades. McNeil calls the church to repair the old reconciliation paradigm by moving beyond individual racism to address systemic injustice, both historical and present. It's time for the church to go beyond individual reconciliation and "heart change" and to boldly mature in its response to racial division.

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*Becoming Brave* offers a distinctly Christian framework for addressing systemic injustice. It challenges Christians to be everyday activists who become brave enough to break the silence and work with others to dismantle systems of injustice and inequality.

## Becoming Brave

*Brenda Salter McNeil*



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