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# LOVE DOES NOT CONQUER ALL

*And Other Surprising Lessons I Learned as a Foster Dad to More Than 40 Kids*

**Peter Mutabazi with Mark Tabb**

## Surprising Lessons on Parenting from a Foster Dad to 40+ Kids

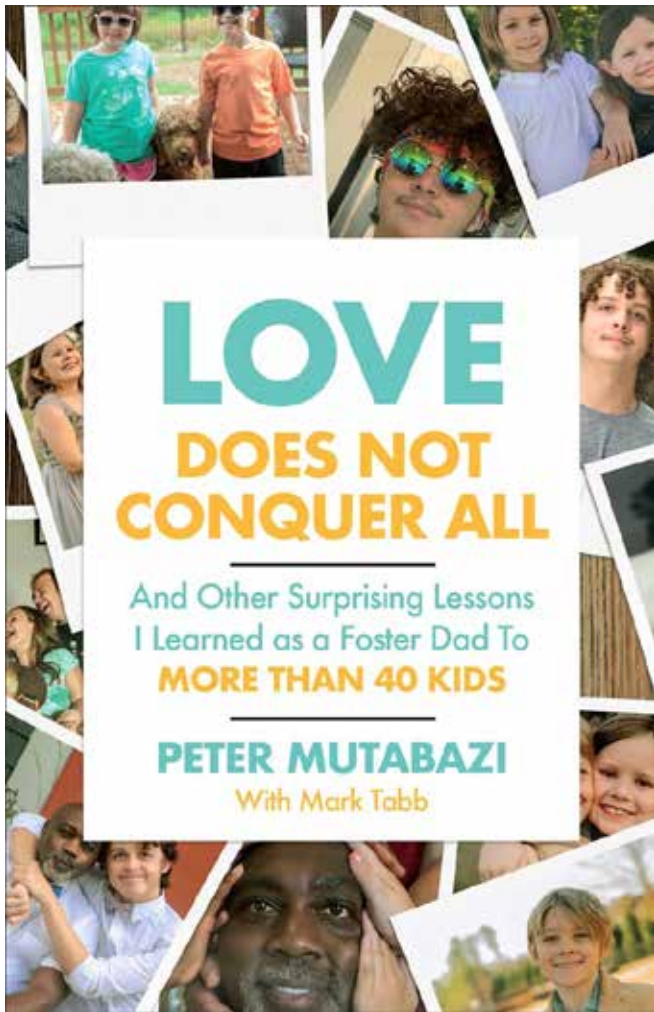
- Author is a dynamic communicator who speaks to nearly 100,000 people each year
- Author has a social media following of more than 1.2 million
- Author makes frequent media appearances and has been featured by major outlets including *TODAY*, *Good Morning America*, *People* magazine, CNN, BBC, and *USA Today*

Whether a child has been in a loving and supportive home from day one or has been bounced from one house to another in the foster care system, parenting them is messy. A former street kid, Peter Mutabazi knows what it feels like to grow up in a world where love, caring, and kindness are nowhere to be found. But as the adoptive father of three and a foster dad to more than forty children, he also knows what a difference it makes when a child experiences the positive influence of an attentive and loving parent.

In this honest and hopeful book, Peter shares surprising lessons he has learned during his unique parenting adventure, including how to

- parent children for who they are rather than for who you want them to be
- look beyond problem behaviors to find their root causes
- love children who do not want your love
- understand your own scars and turn them into understanding and healing for your children

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**Mark Tabb** is a *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author/collaborator of more than 40 books.



# THE MULTIGENERATIONAL CHURCH CRISIS

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## THE MULTIGENERATIONAL CHURCH CRISIS

*Why We Don't Understand Each Other and  
How to Unite in Mission*

**Bryan Chapell**

**Harness the Strength of Multiple Generations to Create a Church That Endures**

- Author's Baker Publishing Group books have sold more than 300k copies
- Author has a large and active radio ministry with more than 185k email subscribers
- Author leads the Presbyterian Church in America

It may seem hard for younger Christians to believe that people over 50 were raised during an era when 90 percent of Americans identified as Christian. These older believers were once part of a majority group that understood the mission of the church was *to take control* of our culture to halt its evils. At the same time, Christians under 50 have lived their entire lives perceiving themselves as a minority that needs *to make credible* their faith to a secular, pluralistic culture.

These distinct experiences and perceptions have a profound impact on the priorities different generations have for church ministry. It's no wonder that younger and older believers don't always see eye to eye! But imagine what could be accomplished in the name of Christ if we could better understand each other and turn that understanding into shared purpose and aligned priorities?

Backed by thorough research, this eminently practical and hopeful book from pastor and scholar Bryan Chapell shows you how to open the lines of communication, appreciate the experiences that shaped each generation in your church, and unite in one mission to impact your community and the world.

# HOMESCHOOLING

You're Doing It Right  
Just by Doing It



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## HOMESCHOOLING

*You're Doing It Right Just by Doing It*

Ginny Yurich, MEd

**Encouragement and Equipping for Homeschooling Families**

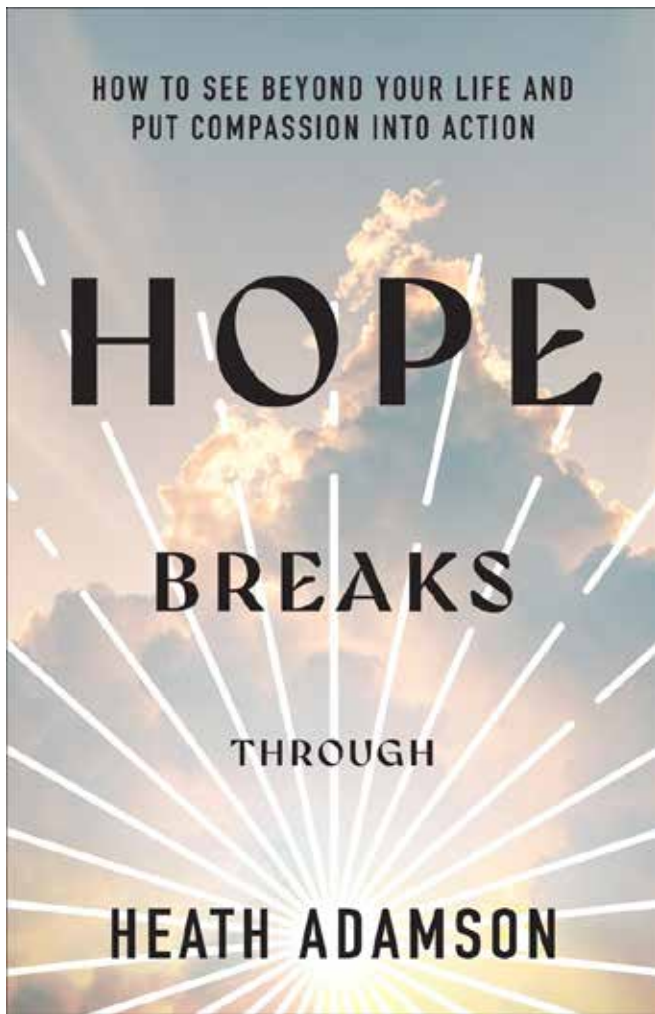
- Author has a robust social media platform of more than 1 million followers
- Author speaks nationally and is a regularly requested keynote speaker
- Author's podcast *1000 Hours Outside* has a reach of over 8 million downloads and is on a trajectory to reach 10 million by the end of 2024

During the past five years, homeschooling rates have been on the rise and show no signs of slowing. But many parents lack confidence, questioning whether they are doing it right (or whether they should take the plunge at all). With so many voices offering conflicting advice, it's hard to know where to start and where to go from there.

A homeschooling mother of five and founder of 1000 Hours Outside, Ginny Yurich draws from her years of experience and research, as well as her master's degree in education from the University of Michigan, to encourage and equip parents who want to give homeschooling a try or want to improve their experience. Starting from the standpoint of "you're doing it right" instead of "you're doing it wrong," Ginny helps parents understand that just by choosing to homeschool they are

- learning through living
- allowing for individual timelines
- leaving space for boredom
- providing multiage experiences
- teaching self-reliance
- offering freedom
- slowing down
- and more

If you've been on the fence about homeschooling or wondering if you're doing it all wrong, let Ginny encourage you in all you've already accomplished and equip you for even greater things ahead.



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## HOPE BREAKS THROUGH

*How to See Beyond Your Life and Put Compassion into Action*

**Heath Adamson**

### Combating Spiritual Poverty in a Culture of Abundance

- Author is in senior leadership for one of the top 50 largest charities in the nation, Convoy of Hope
- Book will be promoted on Convoy of Hope's social media channels, which have a reach of more than 300,000
- Author has access to Convoy of Hope's database of 200,000+ emails and network of 20,000 churches

Hopelessness is everywhere. It doesn't discriminate. It's a form of spiritual poverty lurking in remote villages, destitute refugee camps, suburban homes, and corner offices. The sheer magnitude of the needs we see can paralyze us, harden our hearts, and tempt us to choose indifference.

But when we lose hope, we surrender both our earthly influence and our spiritual inheritance. With rich biblical teaching and remarkable stories, Heath Adamson invites you to exchange *what is* with *what could be*. The hope he writes of isn't wishful thinking. It's a biblical, transformative, future-focused force that breaks through our circumstances, and makes it possible for us to work alongside God to affect meaningful change.

If you have been discouraged or overwhelmed, you are not alone. By seeing beyond your life, you will discover how true hope can change your mindset and reignite your passion to serve others.



# HEALING FROM LIFE'S DEEPEST HURTS



Reclaiming Your Life After  
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## HEALING FROM LIFE'S DEEPEST HURTS

*Reclaiming Your Life After Grief, Loss, or  
Trauma*

**Kimberly Haar, LPC, LMFT**

**Invite God to Transform Your Pain into Joy with Practical,  
Biblical Help**

- Author is a licensed counselor and domestic violence survivor
- Author is a presidential member of the AACC and referred therapist for Focus on the Family
- Author offers a compassionate approach and practical tools to help women navigate faith and pain

No matter what life has been like, at some point or another we all have the same question: Why does God allow bad things to happen? Grief, loss, and trauma affect each of us, and there are times it feels like the pain will never end. Yet hope, healing, and inner peace are not only possible, they are promises that our good God has made--and will keep.

But how? When? What can I do to experience such healing? How do I move through pain and find the other side of grief? When will I get my life back? Will I ever feel happy again?

In this compassionate book, licensed counselor and domestic violence survivor Kimberly Haar leads you through a transformative journey of healing. Drawing from both personal and professional experience, she shows you how to navigate the difficult seasons of life with vulnerability, faith, and resilience so that you can ultimately embrace hope, find joy, and rediscover God's deep and abiding love for you.

If you've been struggling with feelings of shame, guilt, anger, unforgiveness, or the sense that you have been abandoned by God, this honest yet encouraging book may be exactly what you need to turn the corner toward full restoration.

# GOD, WHAT DO I DO?

A BIBLE STUDY ON JUDGES 1-5 ABOUT MAKING  
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## GOD, WHAT DO I DO?

*A Bible Study on Judges 1-5 about Making  
Wise Decisions in Uncertain Times*

**Katie M. Reid**

### Six Weeks to Making Wise, Biblical Decisions in Uncertain Times

- Author has been featured on Focus on the Family, Crosswalk, (in)courage, P31, and many others
- Author is connected to authors including Annie F. Downs, Nancy Wolgemuth, and Trillia Newbell
- Decision-making is an evergreen topic and a unique Bible study topic

Uncertainty about the future--even the very next step--can keep you from making important decisions and cause you to second-guess every decision you *do* make. You may feel pressured by others to act before you're ready. You just want to be sure that each choice is the *right* one. But how do you know? And what if you're wrong?

Drawing from the story of the Israelites during the time of Deborah and other early judges, Bible teacher and podcast host Katie M. Reid shows you how to move forward in times of transition and trial when you don't know what to do and God's voice seems silent. Through timeless truths mined from Scripture, personal stories, and accessible study questions, you'll learn six simple guiding principles to help you make good decisions with confidence and clear-headed focus.

As you journey through this study, you'll find a sense of peace in decision-making you never thought possible--even when the stakes are high and life feels overwhelming.



## BRAVE THE PAGE

*How Writing Our Hard Stories Brings Healing and Wholeness*

**Megan Febuary**

### How Writing Our Hard Stories Brings Healing and Wholeness

- Author is the founder of the For Women Who Roar writing community, which has 115,000 Instagram followers
- Author is a trauma-informed writing coach with an MA from The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology
- Will appeal to readers of Julia Cameron's *The Artist's Way*, Anna Quindlen's *Write for Your Life*, and Allison Fallon's *The Power of Writing It Down*

When you've endured a traumatic experience or loss, it can feel like your mind, body, and spirit have been hijacked. Frightening, negative, or depressive thoughts intrude out of nowhere. Muscles tighten, teeth grind. Your sense of self-worth plummets. Amid all the swirling chaos, you may even question your faith and the goodness of God as you long for peace, wholeness, and holy calm.

One of the best and most effective weapons against the turmoil and pain you feel is quite possibly within arm's reach right now. It's waiting in your desk drawer, in your car's glovebox, at the bottom of your purse. It's a pen. And if you wield it with courage, it can open the door to freedom.

Weaving personal storytelling with research-based insights, gentle affirmations, and inspired prompts, *Brave the Page* shows you how to harness the power of writing to process your hard stories and experience healing. This transformative book from a trauma-informed writing coach is perfect for individuals, grief groups, and counselors looking for an effective and accessible resource to offer their clients.



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## SIMPLY FOLLOWING JESUS

*Practices for Living Out an Uncomplicated Faith*

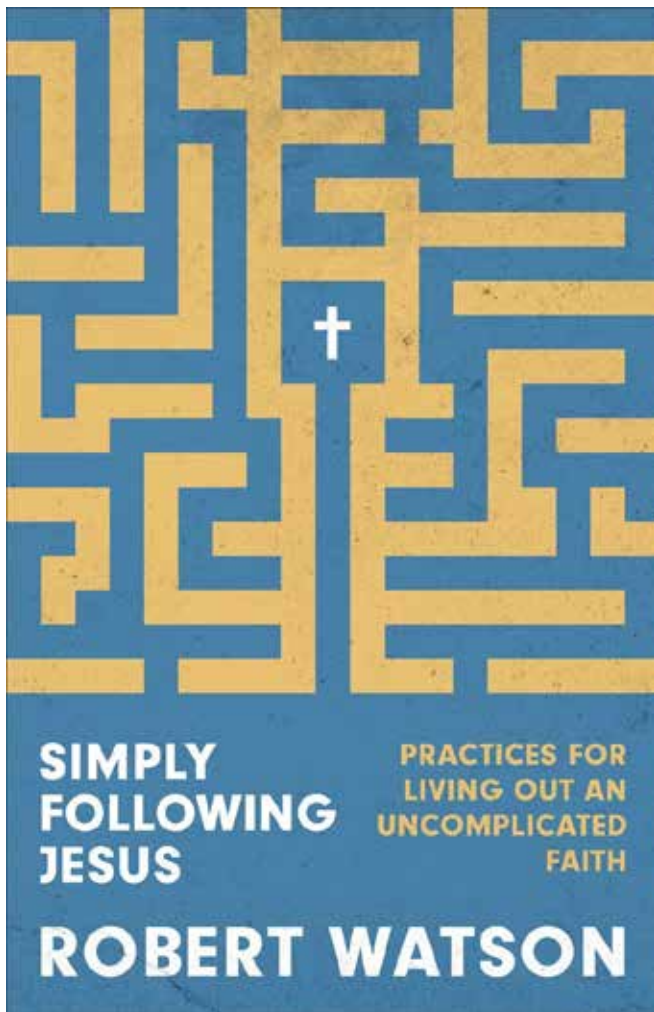
**Robert Watson**

### Uncomplicating Faith to Begin Living as Jesus Intended

- Author is teaching pastor of a church of more than 15,000 and regularly speaks at outside events to audiences of more than 1,000
- Book will be promoted on author's church digital platforms reaching 150,000 people with more than 300,000 impressions each week
- "People like Robert Watson and others continue to brush aside the layers of creative complexity to bring us back to the simplicity of Jesus's and the Bible's core message."--Larry Osborne, teaching pastor, North Coast Church, Vista, CA

Life is complicated. Faith isn't. Or it shouldn't be. But in the past and today, religious leaders have overcomplicated what Jesus and the Bible have made simple. Jesus taught *one* overarching principle backed by simple, practical applications for everyday life. The way of Jesus is simple enough for a child to understand and deep enough to learn for a lifetime.

Whether you are new to the faith or are hoping to refresh a faith grown stale, *Simply Following Jesus* is your guide to a straightforward, action-oriented experience of Christianity. Teaching pastor Robert Watson shows you how to see your faith in terms of simple transformation, service, generosity, focus, submission, and more, freeing you to love God and your neighbor the way Jesus taught.



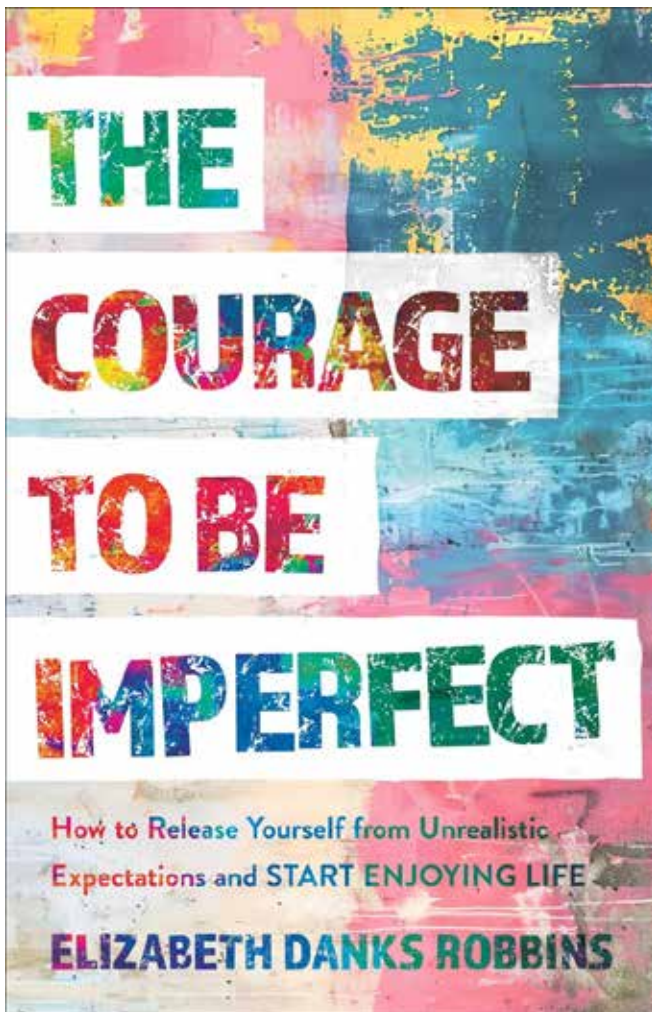
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## THE COURAGE TO BE IMPERFECT

*How to Release Yourself from Unrealistic Expectations and Start Enjoying Life*

**Elizabeth Danks Robbins**

### Trade Perfectionism for Peace

- Author has more than 60,000 engaged social media followers
- Will appeal to readers of Jess Connolly, Emily Ley, and Tanya Dalton
- Offers simple solutions for overwhelmed women and moms

No one gets more advice thrust upon them than women. Overwhelmed with information, opinions, and expectations, we are weighed down with guilt, exhaustion, and the belief that we aren't good enough . . . yet. So we keep trying to fix stuff--our bodies, our parenting, our homes. But fixing things isn't the answer. What we need is a paradigm shift, one where we stop trying to get our act together and start living boldly imperfect lives.

Sharing her own story of faltering under the crushing expectations of the world when she found herself pregnant at age sixteen, Elizabeth Danks Robbins turns the very idea of "perfect" on its head. Instead, she shows you how to stop fearing the opinions and criticism of others in favor of creating a life you actually enjoy. You'll learn to

- reframe your mindset
- embrace who you are *now*
- trade perfection for peace

Imagine a life where you're not afraid to make a mistake, you don't link your worth to what you've achieved, you don't feel like you're drowning, and you never hear that voice in your head telling you you're not good enough. Release yourself from the pressure to prove yourself to the world. Because, as it turns out, you're not a perfect woman. You're a real one.

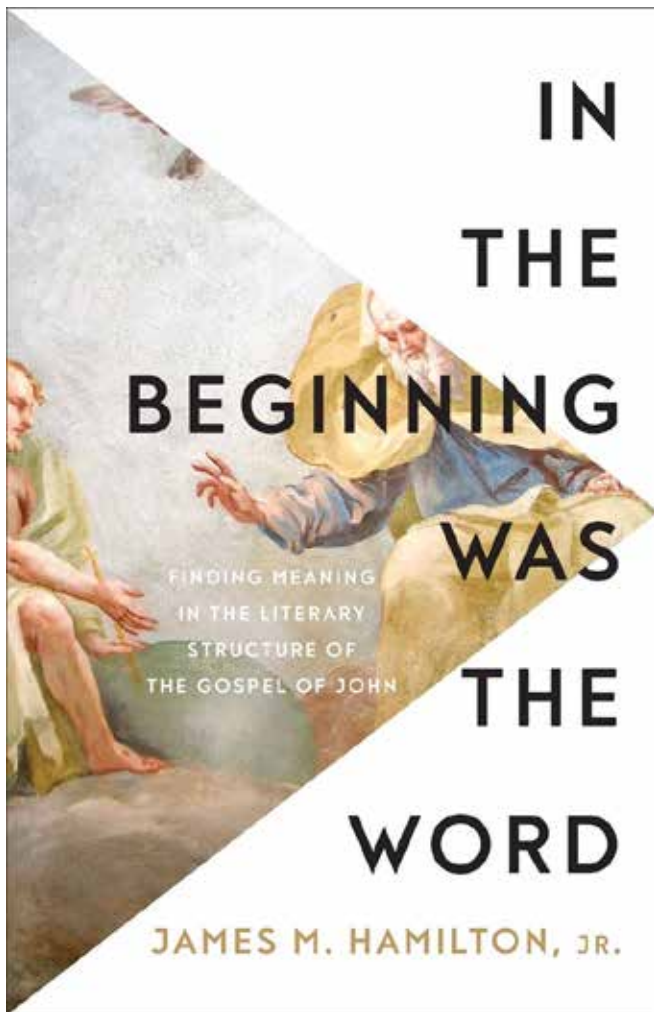


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**Elizabeth Danks Robbins** was a high school dropout who had her first child at the age of seventeen. Navigating motherhood with constant judgment and trying to prove her worth, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing at the age of twenty-one. She has spent the past four years speaking and writing about antiperfectionism for her growing social media following. Today more than 60,000 people follow along on Instagram, @CreekGrown, where Elizabeth is unafraid to be vulnerable and share the embarrassing stuff that makes life real and relatable.



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**James M. Hamilton Jr.**, PhD, is professor of biblical theology at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and senior pastor of Kenwood Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. He is the author of several books, most recently *Typology* and a two-volume commentary on Psalms in the Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary Series.

## IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD

*Finding Meaning in the Literary Structure of the Gospel of John*

**James M. Hamilton Jr.**

### Why the Chiasmic Structure of the Gospel of John Matters

- Author is a cohost of the *Bible Talk* podcast produced by 9Marks, which averages 40,000 listeners a month
- Author is a pastor and professor of biblical theology at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Offers a fresh perspective on the literary structure of the Gospel of John

You may have heard the saying that the Gospel of John is shallow enough for a child to wade in, yet deep enough for an elephant to swim--meaning that any literate Christian can adequately understand it, but there is depth of meaning below the surface that is well worth the effort to explore. *In the Beginning Was the Word* invites you to go deeper.

Like an expert diving instructor, pastor and biblical scholar James M. Hamilton Jr. gives you the tools and training necessary to discover the theological treasures found in the literary structure undergirding John's Gospel. Covering both the overall structure of the book, as well as key repetition of terms, phrases, concepts, and themes, Hamilton helps you understand what John wanted his readers to understand about Jesus's claims of Old Testament fulfillment, his human and divine natures, the triune nature of God, and more.

Perfect for pastors, Bible teachers, seminary students, and anyone who wants a fresh, theologically rich experience reading the book of John.

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND DELIVERANCE

*How to Minister to the Demonicallly Oppressed and Possessed*

**Harold Ristau**

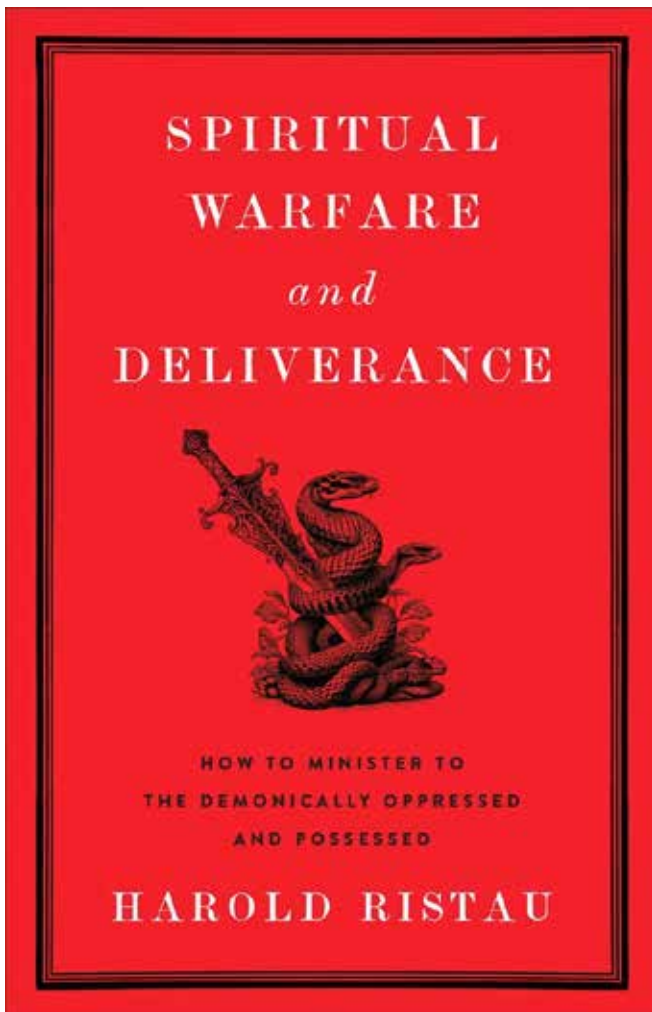
### How to Minister to the Demonicallly Oppressed with Wisdom and Boldness

- Thoroughly biblical approach to spiritual warfare from a Lutheran pastor and missionary
- Author holds an MDiv from Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary (Brock University), and a PhD in religious studies from McGill University in Quebec
- Material has been used to train laity and clergy in various contexts

Our modern Western world is deeply confused about what is good and what is evil. We know little about angels and demons, though the Scriptures we purport to believe have much to say about them. We blur the distinction between God and the devil. And we are paying for it. Denial of reality does not change reality.

Drawing from Scripture, history, and his own experiences as a missionary and a military chaplain, Harold Ristau helps Christians develop a biblical understanding of our spiritual vulnerability in both "ordinary" life, such as personal temptation, and "extraordinary" situations such as demonic oppression and possession. He takes us beyond theory, where many other resources stop, laying out practical tools to equip us for our own personal battles and steps to take to protect ourselves and others from the evil forces at work in our world. And he lays out an effective, proven process for mature ministers and clergy to follow when performing an exorcism.

There is much more to the struggles we face in life than meets the eye. If you want to be prepared for the battles that lie ahead, this book is your grounded, thorough, and hope-filled guide to ministering to the demonically oppressed or possessed.



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**Harold Ristau** has been a parish pastor, military chaplain, missionary in Africa, and seminary professor. He is currently the president of Luther Classical College in Casper, Wyoming, and holds a BA and MA in political science and economics, an MDiv, and a PhD in religious studies. Ristau serves as the chaplain for Veterans 4 Freedom Canada and is the author of several books including *My First Exorcism*, *When You Fast*, *At Peace with War*, and *Spiritual Warfare*. He is married and has five children and one grandchild.



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**Gary L. McIntosh** (PhD, DMin, Fuller Theological Seminary) is president of the Church Growth Network and distinguished affiliate professor of Christian ministry and leadership at Talbot School of Theology, Biola University. He is an internationally known speaker and church consultant who has written many books, including *The Solo Pastor*, *Biblical Church Growth*, *Beyond the First Visit*, *What Every Pastor Should Know*, *Growing God's Church*, *Building the Body*, and *The 10 Key Roles of a Pastor*. He lives in California.

## THE MINISTRY ANSWER BOOK FOR PASTORS

*Almost Everything You Need to Know to Lead a Church*

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**Practical Guidance on More Than 50 Aspects of Everyday Church Ministry Life**

- Author's Baker Publishing Group books have sold more than 300,000 copies
- Author is president and founder of McIntosh Church Growth Network and has consulted with more than 1,200 churches
- Offers a quick-reference guide to more than 50 practical ministry questions

No matter what your education, no amount of schooling can prepare a pastor for a so-called "typical" day of ministry. Pastors are teachers, counselors, evangelists, and cheerleaders. They are a shoulder to cry on and a listening ear. They're CEOs and janitors. Sometimes all in a 24-hour period. And somewhere in the midst of all that, there's a sermon to prepare.

Where is a busy pastor to turn for help when a new situation or problem arises? *The Ministry Answer Book for Pastors* is your quick-reference guide to (almost) everything you need to know to lead your church. Organized in an easy-to-navigate Q&A format, this must-have resource from trusted church consultant and author Gary L. McIntosh is destined to be your well-worn, dog-eared, go-to guide for when you run into an unforeseen or unfamiliar problem, including

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**Sharon Hodde Miller**, PhD, is teaching pastor at Bright City Church in Durham, North Carolina, which she cofounded with her husband, Ike. The author of *Free of Me*, *Nice*, and *The Cost of Control*, Miller has blogged at SheWorships.com for over ten years, has been a regular contributor to *Propel*, *Her.meneutics*, and *She Reads Truth*, and has written for *Relevant*, *Christianity Today*, (in) *courage*, and many other publications and blogs. She lives with Ike and their three children in Durham, North Carolina.

## GAZING AT GOD

*A 40-Day Journey to Greater Freedom from Self*

**Sharon Hodde Miller**

### A Gentle 40-Day Guide to Raising Your Gaze

- Author is a pastor who also speaks at conferences and events across the country throughout the year
- Author's books have sold more than 120,000 copies
- Author cohosts *The Resilient Pastor Podcast* with Glenn Packiam and Rich Villodas

One of the most common sources of insecurity is our tendency to be preoccupied with self. We are never more fragile than when we make ourselves the center of our story, because we will never live up to the expectations others have for us, to say nothing of the expectations we have for ourselves. But the answer to our problem is not as simple as shifting our focus. The freedom of self-forgetfulness is a sacred journey, and this book is your guide.

With all new content echoing the themes of her popular book *Free of Me*, author Sharon Hodde Miller leads you through a step-by-step process of turning away from self and toward God and others. During this 40-day journey, you will

- identify the wounds, assumptions, and scripts that keep you focused on self
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- break the bondage of self-focus to freely focus on God

If you long for a life where you are not preoccupied by self-improvement and wondering how you measure up, let this devotional show you the way to freedom.

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## FREE OF ME, REPACKAGED ED.

*Why Life Is Better When It's Not about You*  
**Sharon Hodde Miller**

"In a culture captivated by self, this book is a must-read."--  
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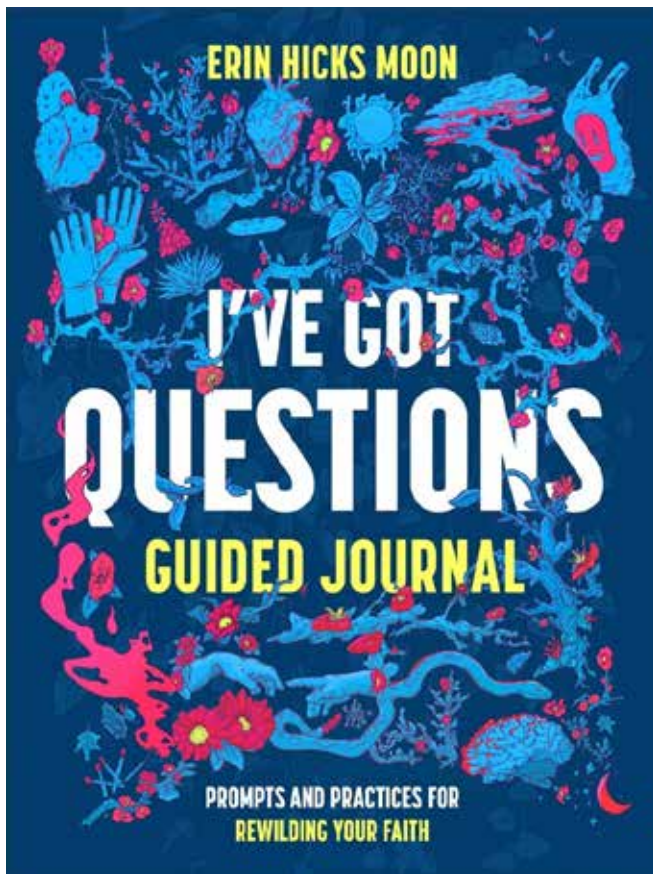
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Our me-centered culture affects every area of our lives--our relationships, calling, self-image, even our faith--and it negatively impacts each one. The self-focused life robs our joy, shrinks our souls, and is the reason we get stuck in insecurity.

In *Free of Me*, Sharon Hodde Miller invites us into a bigger, Jesus-centered vision--one that restores our freedom and inspires us to live for more. Drawing from personal experience and Scriptural insight, Sharon helps readers

- understand how self-focus sabotages seven areas of our lives
- learn four practical steps for focusing on God and others
- experience freedom from the burden of self-focus

If you've been yearning for more than a self-help faith, then this paradigm-shifting message of true fulfillment is for you.



## I'VE GOT QUESTIONS GUIDED JOURNAL

*Prompts and Practices for Rewilding Your Faith*

**Erin Hicks Moon**

### A Guided Journey to Reconstruct a Mature, Jesus-Centered Faith

- Author is host of the popular *Faith Adjacent* podcast, with 35,000 downloads per episode
- Author has a loyal online following, including nearly 20,000 Substack subscribers
- A companion journal to the debut book from a well-connected and respected writer

What do you do when the faith you've known goes up in flames? When it's been commodified, politicized, scandalized, and rebranded beyond recognition? How do you hold onto the good, reclaim what you once loved, and light a match to the rest?

Well, it helps to write it all out.

A companion to her gritty, gut-level-honest book *I've Got Questions*, this guided journal from author Erin Hicks Moon is filled with prompts to get you thinking (and writing) through your own thoughts and questions about faith, God, the church, and much more. As you sift through the wreckage of your spiritual upbringing, you'll come ever closer to claiming a faith that is all yours--one that you can wholeheartedly embrace and joyfully express.

Because, as it turns out, God's not afraid of your questions. And you shouldn't be either.



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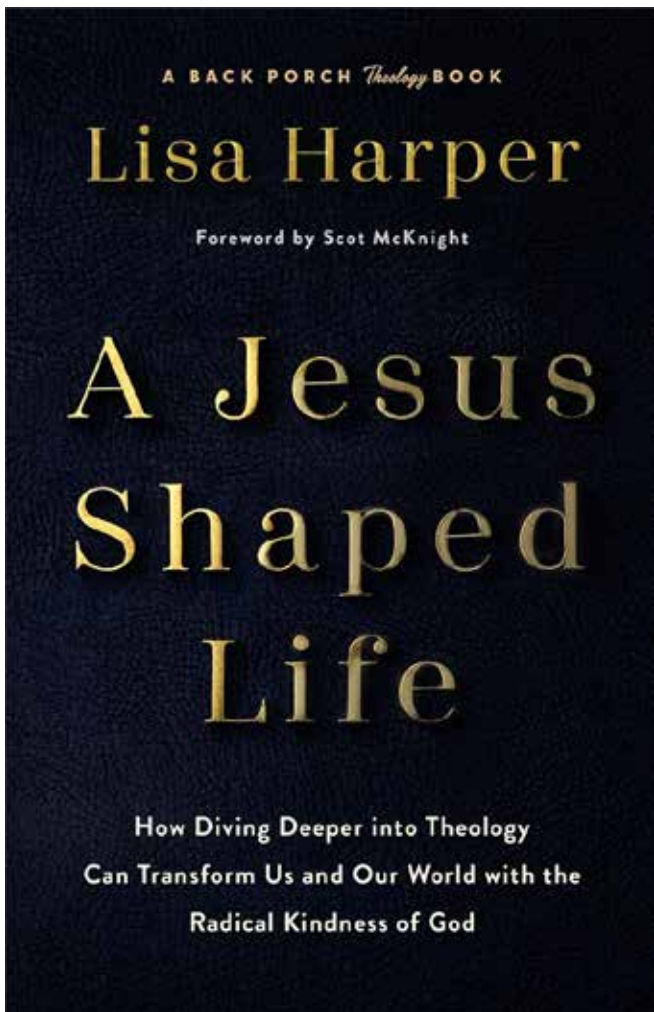
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## A JESUS-SHAPED LIFE

*How Diving Deeper into Theology Can Transform Us and Our World with the Radical Kindness of God*

**Lisa Harper**

### How Diving Deeper into Theology Can Transform Your Relationship with God

- Author is proven category leader with more than 350,000 books and more than one million Bible study curriculums sold
- Author's *Back Porch Theology* podcast is consistently in the top 10 Christian podcasts on Apple
- Foreword by Dr. Scot McKnight

When many of us hear the word *theology*, we conjure up visions of stuffy old guys in dark clothing, scratching a pen across paper (or maybe a quill across parchment!) and assume that it's not for us. But at its most basic, *theology* is just words (*logos*) about God (*theos*). Conversations, if you will, about the most important part of our lives--our good, loving, and grace-filled God.

With her signature style and humor, bestselling Bible teacher Lisa Harper invites you into this life-changing conversation. She makes theology fun, practical, and applicable, explaining how academic-sounding concepts--such as *imago Dei*, atonement, the Trinity, the transcendence and immanence of Christ, and much more--are actually daily realities that make an enormous difference in how we live our lives, how we treat other people, and how we understand our own relationship to our Creator.

If you want to grow closer to God and take a more active role in your community of faith, it's time to take your understanding of God to the next level with sound theology rooted in Scripture. Let Lisa be your (very entertaining) guide!

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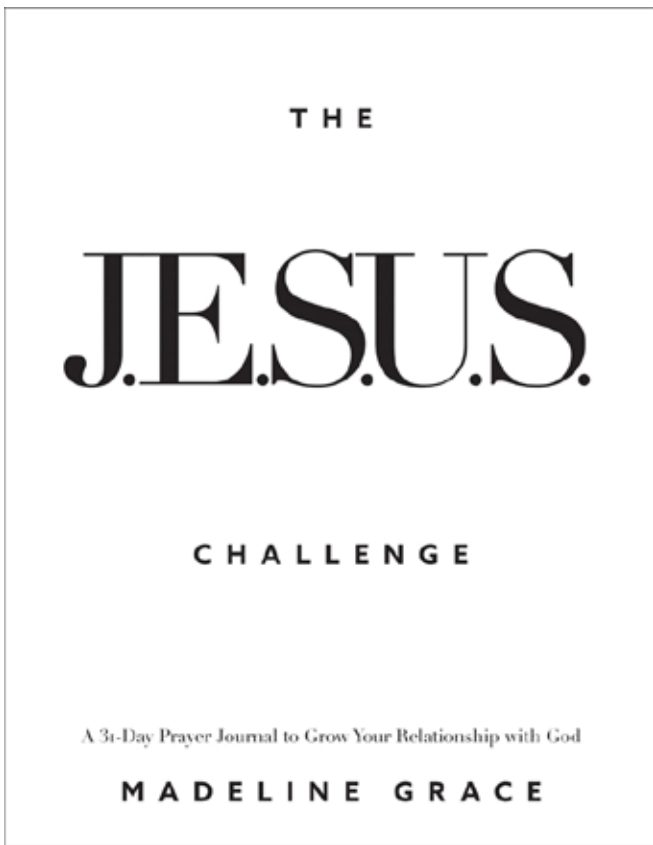
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**Lisa Harper** is an engaging communicator as well as an authentic and substantive Bible teacher in person, on TV, and on the radio. She holds a master of theological studies from Covenant Seminary and is in the final, dissertation stage of an earned doctorate from Denver Seminary. She's been in vocational ministry for 30 years and has written many popular books and Bible study curriculums but says her greatest accomplishment by far is becoming mama to Missy, her adopted daughter from Haiti. They live on a hilly farmette south of Nashville, Tennessee, where they enjoy eating copious amounts of chips, queso, and guacamole.

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## THE JESUS CHALLENGE

*A 31-Day Prayer Journal to Grow Your Relationship with God*

**Madeline Grace**

### 31 Days of Enhancing Your Bible Study through Journaling and Prayer

- Author has a combined social media reach of more than 825,000
- Offers 31 days of guided journal pages, prayer prompts, and links to "verse of the day" videos
- Helps readers develop a daily habit of talking with God

You long to grow closer to God and become more like Jesus, but at times it feels . . . complicated. The Bible is long. Sometimes it's confusing. And there are so many books, podcasts, and teachers out there, it's hard to know where to focus and how to use your limited time well. If only it were simpler.

Madeline Grace has good news for you. It *is* simple. And in *The JESUS Challenge*, she shows you how. Through her uncomplicated method, you'll learn to know God, hear from God, read and understand the Bible, and discover who God created you to be. Starting small by focusing on just one verse a day, Grace takes you through a full month's worth of journaling space, writing prompts, and video links to help you develop the daily habit of spending quality time with God.

Whether you're a Bible beginner or a longtime student of the Word, the JESUS Challenge method will bring you closer to the heart of God, day by day, in ways you might not have thought possible.

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**Madeline Grace** is a young believer based in Southern California, who, while working as a social media marketer, fell in love with the possibilities for community and ministering to people through Christian TikTok. Her full-time work is the JESUS Challenge, which has daily posts on TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook going through a different book of the Bible each month. She hosts the *It's Giving Grace* podcast where she expands on topics that she believes will help people nurture their relationship with God.

## AM I A BETTER CHRISTIAN ON ZOLOFT?

*And Other Questions about Faith I Should Probably Keep to Myself*

**Mark Tabb**

### A Vulnerable Look at the Faith Questions We Are Afraid to Admit We Have

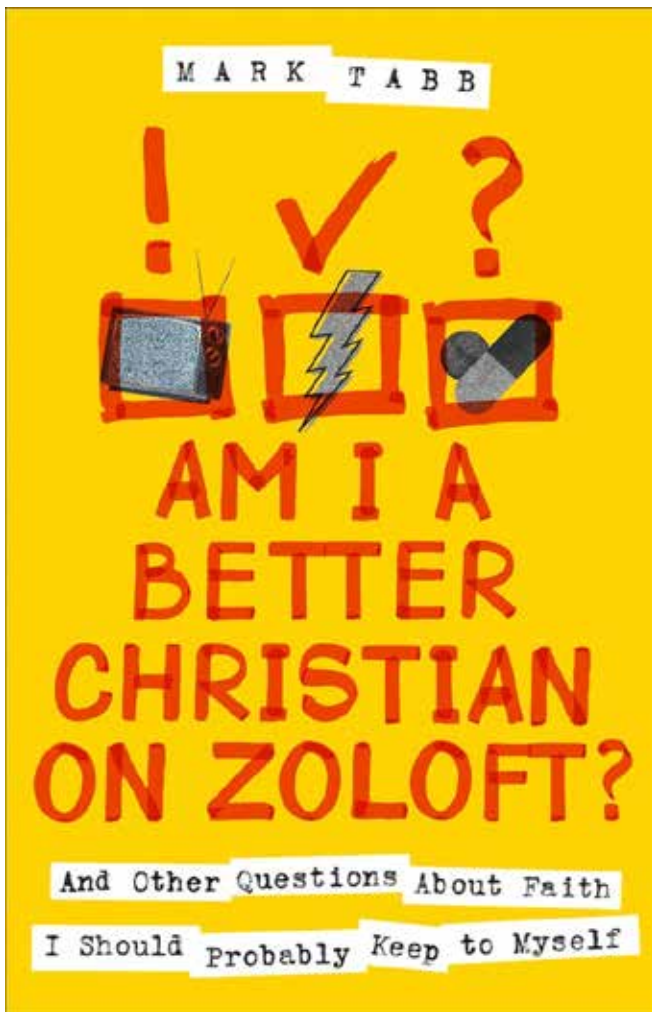
- Author is coauthor of many successful and bestselling books and is well connected to high profile writers and speakers
- Unique approach to difficult faith questions and feeling like a spiritual misfit
- Will appeal to readers of Brant Hansen and Emily P. Freeman

When you've done all the right things, read all the right books, and listened to all the right worship songs, yet still feel like you don't have this faith thing figured out, what do you do? It can be hard to voice the questions and doubts floating around your head and heart to others. But you're not the only one who feels that way!

For anyone tired of church politics, the unspoken rules of Christian subculture, and taking themselves too seriously, Mark Tabb is your new best friend. He asks the questions you might hesitate to admit having, like

- Can I call myself a Christian if I don't watch *The Chosen*?
- Is God kind of mean but we're all afraid to say something?
- If I believe God is in control, why am I upset about politics?
- Why don't I *feel* it?
- What if I'm wrong?
- and more

Not only will he explore the answers to ten specific questions, he'll show you how to get comfortable talking with others about all the weird and uncomfortable questions *you* have. Because figuring out life together just might be the catalyst we need to renew our faith and our hope for the future.



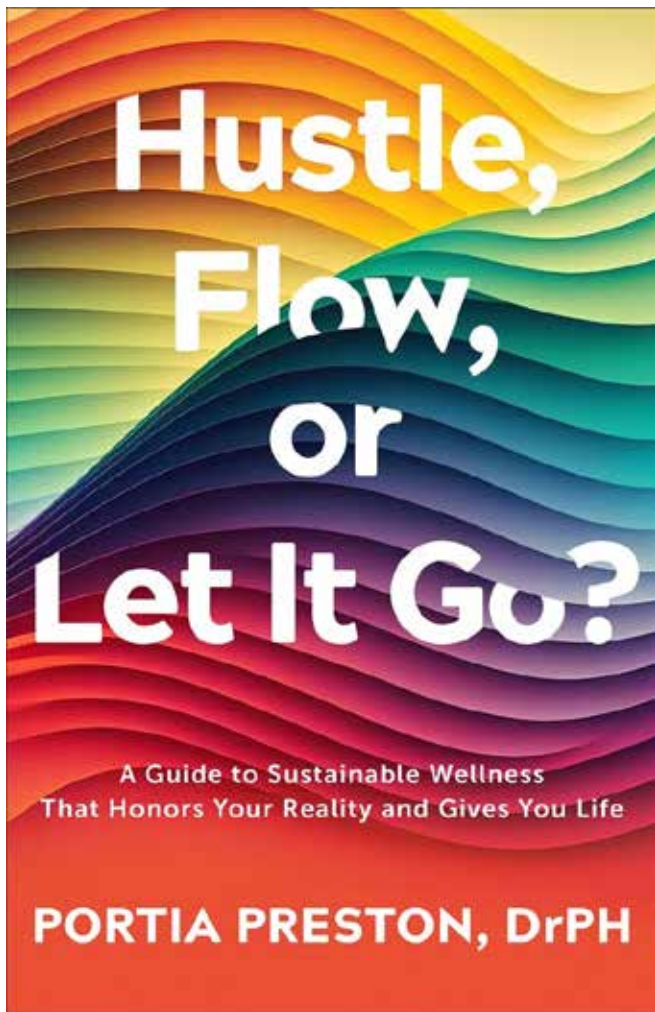
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**Mark Tabb** is a *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author/collaborator of more than 40 books, including the number one bestseller *Mistaken Identity* and the Christopher Award winner *Convicted*. He's written with personalities such as Alec Baldwin, *The Bachelor's* Ben Higgins, Fox News personality Ainsley Earhardt, and Super Bowl champion Ben Utecht. Mark lives in Indiana.





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## HUSTLE, FLOW, OR LET IT GO?

*A Guide to Sustainable Wellness That Honors Your Reality and Gives You Life*

**Portia Preston, DrPH**

**Find Hope and Help in Developing a Balanced Life That You Can Sustain**

- Provides readers with an inclusive perspective for practical wellness; includes initiatives and exercises to improve physical and mental health
- Includes author's research on the toll of secondary traumatic stress and burnout on health and well-being
- Author is a highly credentialed public health expert and two-time TEDx speaker, appearing at more than 20 events annually

In a fast-paced world filled with distraction, it is easy to lose sight of ourselves and what we value most. We struggle with slowing down and protecting what gives our lives pleasure and meaning. Our well-being pays the price.

If you long to develop a sustainable wellness practice that meets you where you are in your *current* state of life, *Hustle, Flow, or Let It Go?* provides a framework for determining what the hustle costs you, where you can nurture flexibility, and what you need to release in your life. It shows you how to loosen the grip of perfectionism and societal expectations to address your authentic needs, allowing you to pursue wellness and connection with awareness and self-compassion.

If the hustle is leaving you hopeless and exhausted, the wisdom found in this book offers a better way-- helping you to create a customized blueprint for wellness that honors your reality and gives you life.





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**Melissa Zaldivar** is the author of *Kingdom Come* and *What Cannot Be Lost* and the host of the *Cheer Her On* podcast. She holds a master's degree in theology from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and lives in New England. You can usually find her looking for a good sandwich or making connections between pop culture and Christian faith.

## GET OVER HERE

*A Single's Guide to Building Meaningful Community*

**Melissa Zaldivar**

### Being Single Doesn't Mean Going It Alone

- Foreword by Lisa Whittle
- Author is a contributor for (in)courage and She Reads Truth
- Fresh perspective on singleness that focuses on the needs we all share for community and connection

Singleness isn't a problem to be solved. It's not a phase, a stage, or a season. It's just another route to togetherness. Because regardless of relationship status, we all have the same desire for nearness, understanding, and love. We all need friendships and dinner parties, celebrations and commiseration, lament and commitment. We all need community--and we all need Jesus.

Through her relatable storytelling, deep theological insight, and practical wisdom, Melissa Zaldivar offers a refreshing take on being single in the church. She shows single people how to intentionally build authentic, life-giving relationships that put our mutual faith in Christ at the center rather than the cultural trappings of dating, marriage, parenthood, and other false distinctions.

Your community is waiting. Let's come to one another with open arms and proclaim, "Get over here!" with joy and hope.

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**Amber O'Neal Johnston** is an established authority on infusing culture and a love for others into an intentional home environment. She shares her observations on education, living books, and worldschooling at [HeritageMom.com](http://HeritageMom.com) and through her books *A Place to Belong* and *Soul School*. She is a regular contributor to the Wild + Free homeschooling community, a frequent podcast guest on popular shows, and a coveted speaker at homeschooling, education, and parenting conferences.

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## HOMEGROWN

*Guidance and Inspiration for Navigating Your Homeschooling Journey*

**Amber O'Neal Johnston, ed.**

**Your Go-To Guide for Discovering the Joy of Homeschooling and Unlocking the Potential within Your Homegrown Learners**

- Editor has been interviewed or featured by the *Washington Post*, *VICE News*, *Christianity Today*, *PBS NewsHour*, and more
- First book of its kind to contain diverse viewpoints from today's most influential homeschool voices
- Contributors include Ainsley Arment, Sally Clarkson, Julie Bogart, Ginny Yurich, Leah Boden, and more

Homeschooling is the fastest-growing form of education in America, and it's here to stay. If you're a homeschool veteran, finishing up your first year, or are just homeschool curious, *Homegrown* is destined to become a go-to resource.

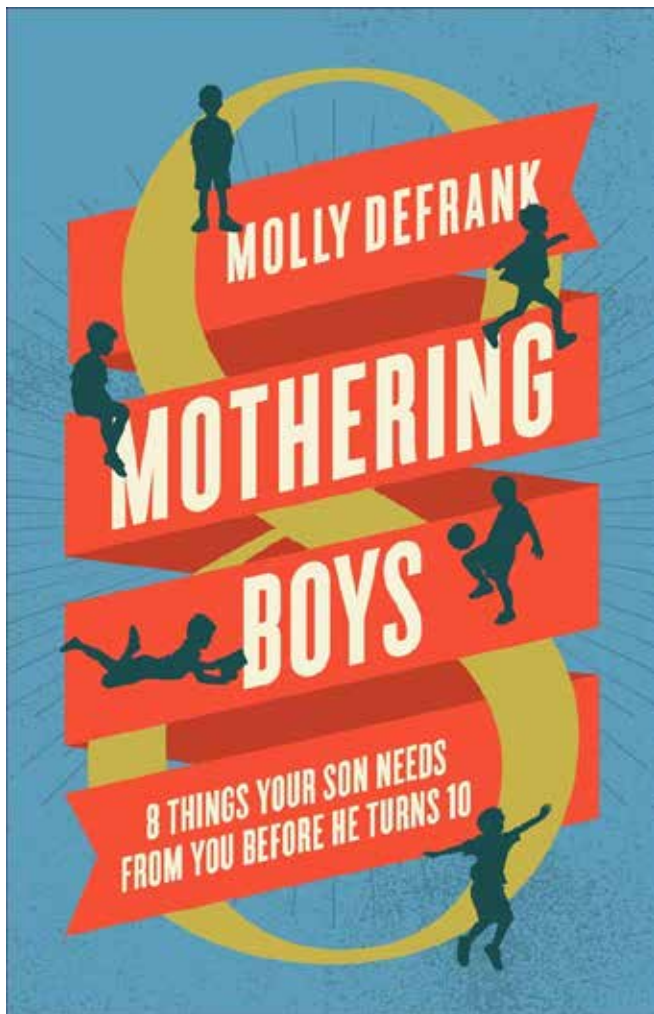
This collection of 30 original, thought-provoking pieces from a diverse group of contributors covers common questions such as

- What fuels families to educate children at home?
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- What roles do spouses, friends, extended family, and communities play in our ability to homeschool?
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- Why is raising our kids this way so important, and how do we prioritize it?

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## MOTHERING BOYS

*8 Things Your Son Needs from You before He Turns 10*

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### Raising Godly Sons in a Rapidly Changing World: A Go-To Guide

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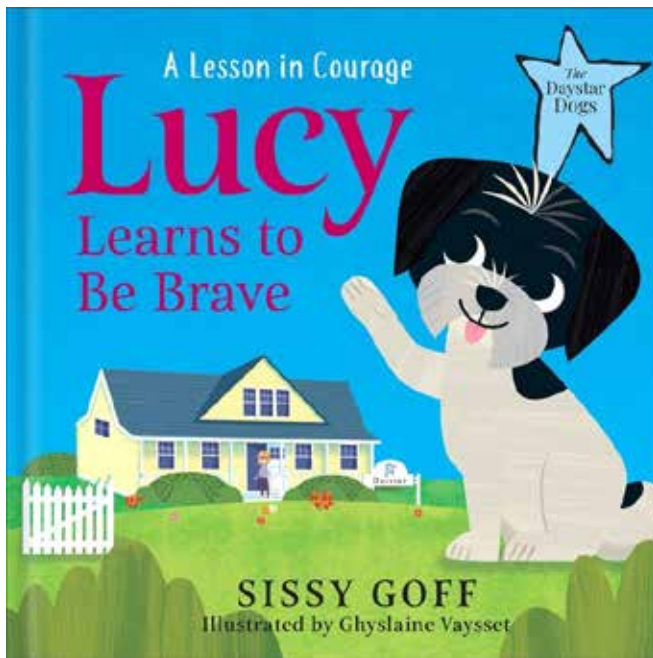
Boys today are surrounded by accusations that their very existence is toxic, told that their biological makeup is a problem and that the future is female. As Christian moms, we have the responsibility and privilege of teaching our boys what is true about who they are and what isn't. But how do we grow these tiny (and somewhat smelly) wild things into godly men of character?

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**Sissy Goff**

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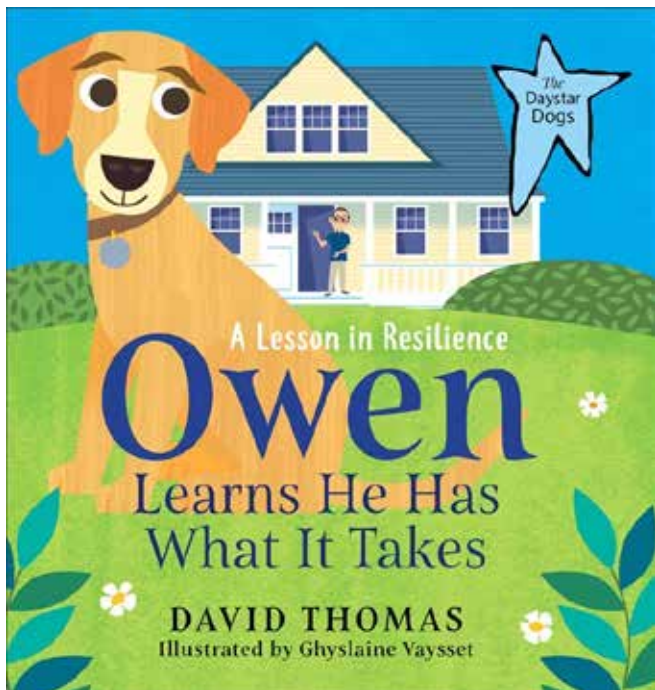
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## OWEN LEARNS HE HAS WHAT IT TAKES

*A Lesson in Resilience*  
THE DAYSTAR DOGS  
David Thomas

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- Series authors' Bethany House books have sold more than 350,000 copies
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Owen is a yellow lab who's scared of new places and people and who stands too close and licks too long. But when he visits a children's hospital, a very special boy helps him find his resilience--even as Owen helps the boys and girls at the hospital do the same.

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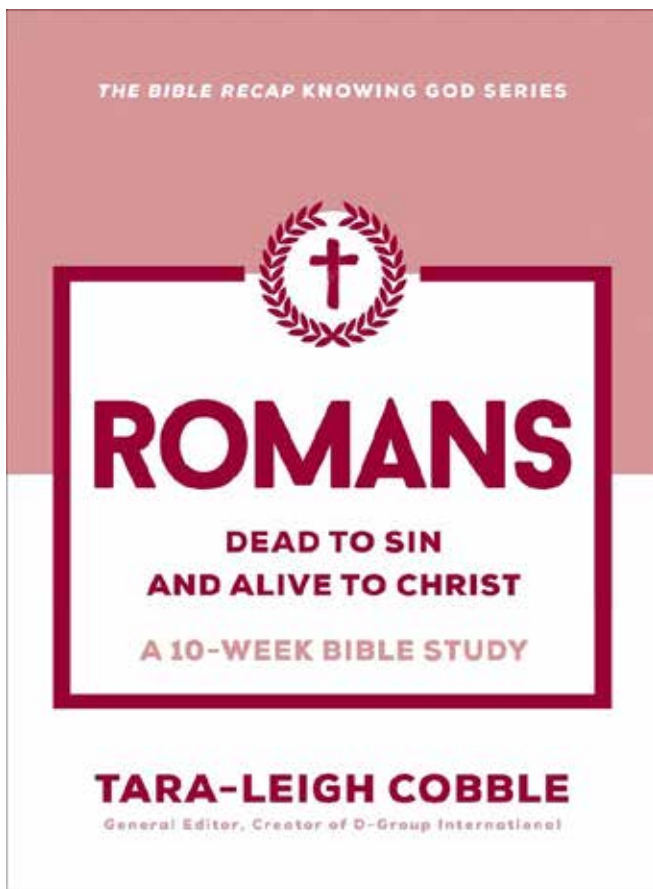
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# CRADLED *in* HOPE



TRUSTING JESUS TO HEAL YOUR HEART  
AS HE HOLDS YOUR BABY IN HEAVEN—  
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## CRADLED IN HOPE

*Trusting Jesus to Heal Your Heart as He Holds Your Baby in Heaven--A Biblical Guide for Grieving Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Infant Loss*

**Ashley Opliger**

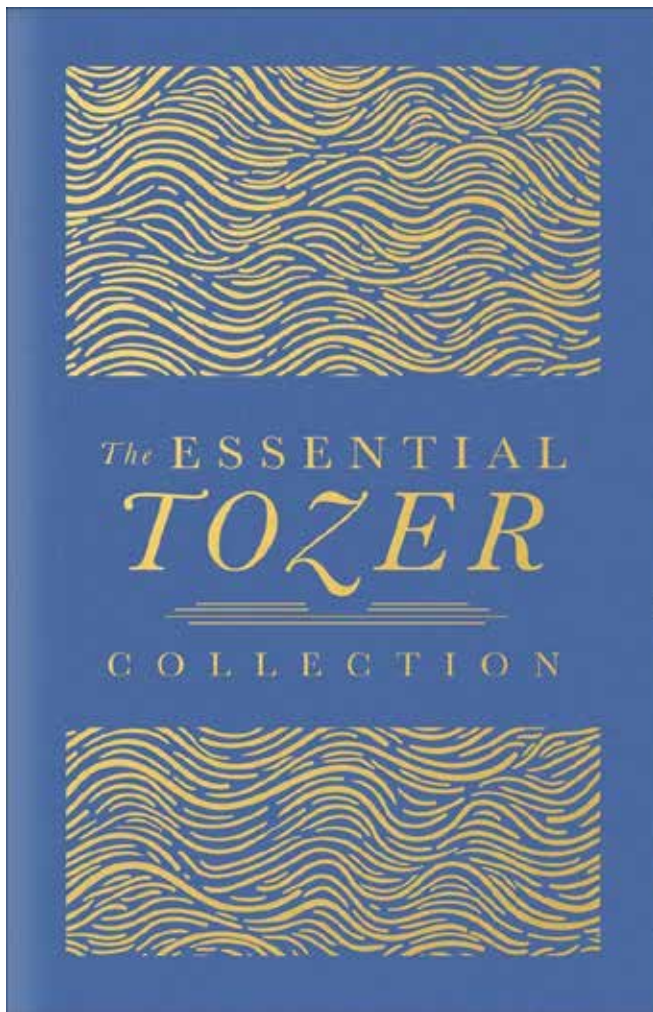
### Comfort and Healing for Mothers Grieving the Loss of a Baby

- Author's nonprofit, Bridget's Cradles, reaches more than 30,000 grieving moms a year in hospitals in all 50 states, where they are given knit and crocheted cradles that will mention the book
- Hosts a monthly podcast for grieving moms called *Cradled in Hope*
- Author's ministry has been featured on *Focus on the Family*

A mother's heart is shattered and forever changed when she loses a precious baby. Overwhelmed by sadness, she feels abandoned by God, questions his goodness, and wonders how she will move forward in life while in such deep pain. Ashley Opliger, founder of Bridget's Cradles, wrestled with these same things when her daughter, Bridget, was born into heaven at twenty-four weeks. Amid her anguish, she found faith in God to not only heal her heart, but to change her life --and the lives of others.

Here she creates a safe place for grieving moms to cry, ask why, and bring their sadness, anger, bitterness, loneliness, shame, and hopelessness to one who can hold it all--Jesus. She gently guides heartbroken moms on a journey to trust him to heal their hearts, restore their joy, and use their grief for good. But most importantly, she reminds them that no matter where they are on their grief journey, God promises to give them a hope-filled future, both on earth and in heaven with their babies for all of eternity.





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## WELCOME TO MANHOOD

*Moving from Potential to Purpose*

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**Pastor and Youth Expert Inspires and Instructs Young Men on Their Journey into Manhood**

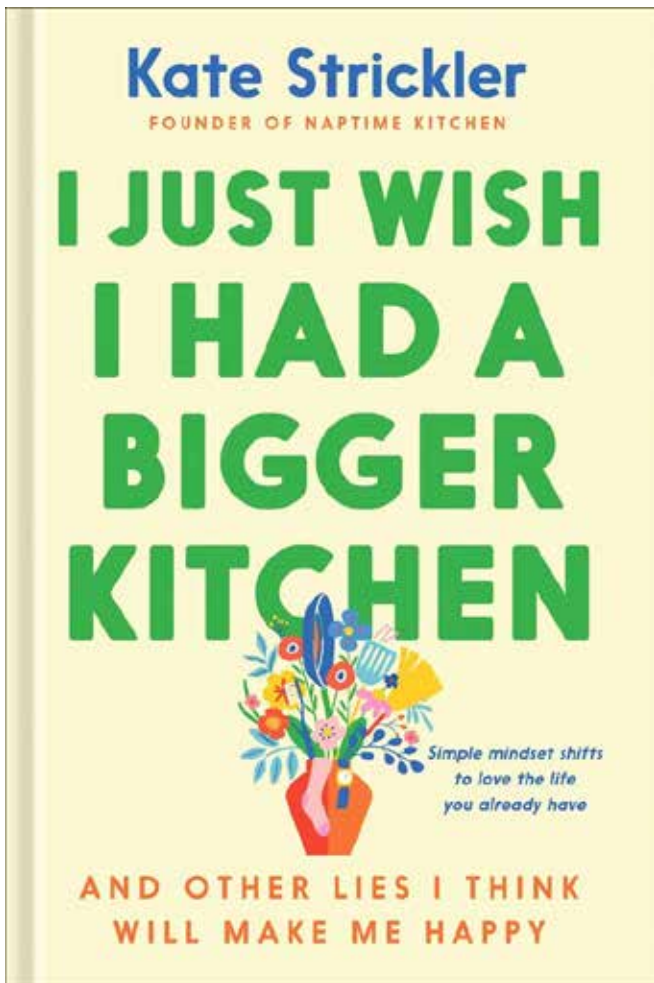
- Author's social media following exceeds 145K
- Gen Z-focused content developed by former youth advisor at Jentezen Franklin's church
- Easy-to-read weekly format includes a challenge men face, a solution, next step, habit to form, truth to take with you

The making of a godly man requires hard, deliberate choices over time and reliance upon his relationship with God--it's not for the fainthearted. A boy does not become a man when he turns 18, but when he takes on the character and habits of a man for the good of those around him.

Exploring what these godly character traits are, pastor Noah Herrin offers real-world wisdom for 52 key challenges men face on their journey into manhood. Each chapter of this action-packed book calls men higher, addressing one obstacle and providing hands-on biblical solutions, practical next steps, habits to work toward, and truths to believe. Covering core areas of personal, professional, and spiritual life, topics include how to

- own mistakes
- relate to parents
- choose the right mate
- use time effectively
- humble yourself
- manage your money
- chase the right goals
- engage in community
- be a finisher
- and much more

The world needs not just good men, but godly men. Jesus is our model of manhood, and when men act like Jesus, the world is different.



Kate Strickler

FOUNDER OF NAPTIME KITCHEN

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**Kate Strickler** is the creator behind the extremely popular blog and Instagram account Naptime Kitchen. Known for her down-to-earth practicality and home and parenting hacks, she's been featured on *Good Morning America*, *Southern Living*, *Real Simple*, *The Lazy Genius Podcast*, *The Best Today Podcast*, and more. When she isn't wrangling the kids or working, you can find her in her happy place: experimenting in the kitchen. Kate lives in Charleston, South Carolina, with her husband, Nate, and their four children. Learn more at [NaptimeKitchen.com](http://NaptimeKitchen.com).

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## I JUST WISH I HAD A BIGGER KITCHEN

*And Other Lies I Think Will Make Me Happy*

Kate Strickler

### Social Media Influencer Offers 10 Mindset Shifts to Love the Life You Already Have

- Author's combined social platform is more than 250,000
- Each chapter includes practical applications to make it happen
- Will appeal to readers of Kendra Adachi, Anne Bogel, and Mattie James

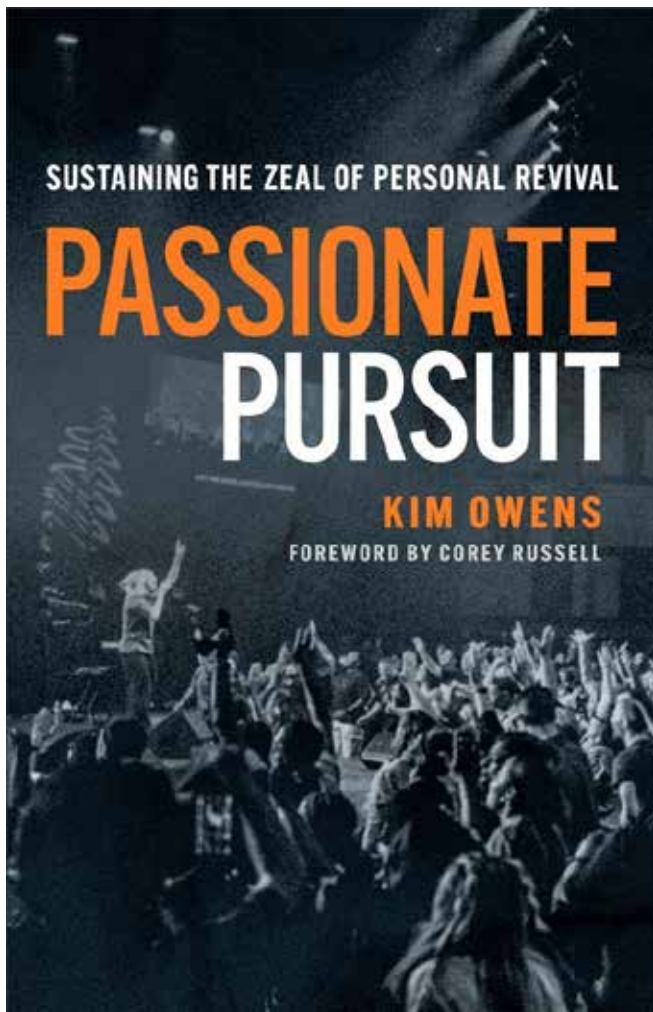
In a social-media saturated world, it's all too easy to see the shiny lives of others and find your own less than lustrous. And while most women won't admit they're unhappy, they will tell you they *just wish*. "I love my life! I just wish\_\_\_\_\_." After 10-plus years of professional life online, Kate Strickler, founder of Naptime Kitchen, has experienced the many ways we see a life on the other side of the screen--and wish it were our own.

Setting out to fight the lie that what she had wasn't enough, Kate discovered simple perspective shifts that ultimately helped her fall in love with the life she already had. Here she shares the small changes you can make that add up to a whole new outlook on life. With her trademark real-life tips and life hacks mixed with humor and stories she's never shared before, Kate helps you identify and dismantle 10 lies about relationships, money, time, and home life. As you discover how to live and mother in ways that work for *you* and *your* family, you'll stop *just wishing* your life away--and begin to truly enjoy the one you already have.



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**Kim Owens** and her husband, Paul, are senior pastors of Fresh Start Church, a multigenerational, multicultural church in Peoria, Arizona, where the spirit of revival is alive. Known for her straightforward, high-impact messages, Pastor Kim is a revivalist and sought-after conference speaker and media guest, appearing on *Sid Roth's It's Supernatural!*, *The Eric Metaxas Show*, *The Jim Bakker Show*, *Encounter Underground*, and more. Learn more at [FreshStartAZ.com](http://FreshStartAZ.com).

## PASSIONATE PURSUIT

*Sustaining the Zeal of Personal Revival*

**Kim Owens**

**How to Ignite Passionate Pursuit of Personal Revival from Pastor and Revivalist**

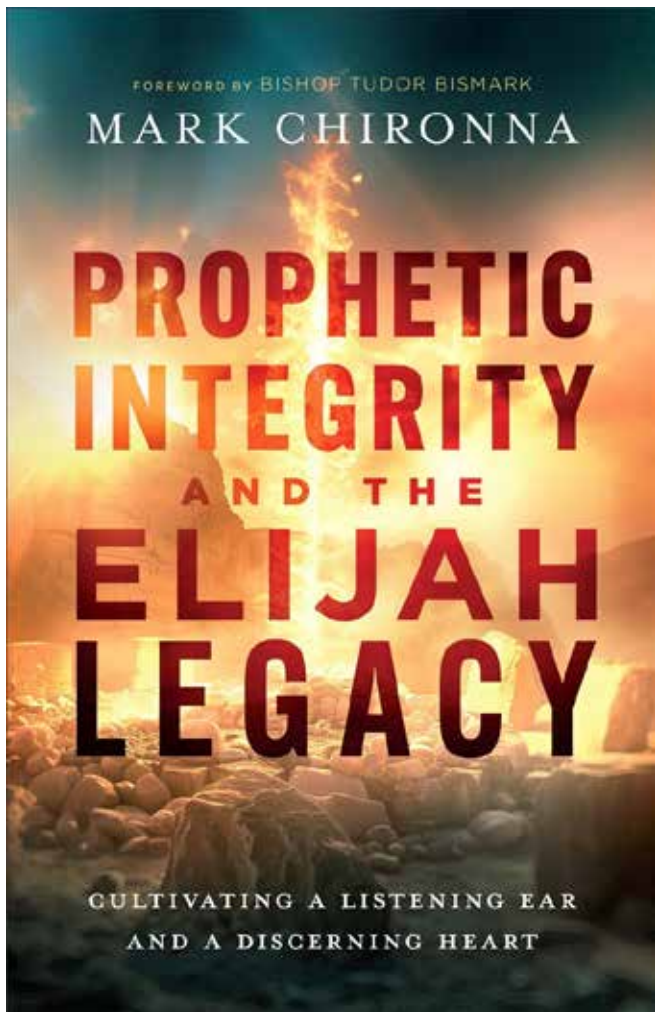
- For readers of Bill Johnson, Jane Hamon, and Chuck D. Pierce
- Understand key elements to emphasize in your walk with the Holy Spirit
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In an age of excess, the primary enemy of revival is "enough." When you're comfortable and full, you lose the desperation required to keep a heart on fire for Jesus. Ultimately, our "enough" leads not to fullness, but to empty, cold hearts.

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- transform a life of spiritual dryness into one with spiritual zeal
- maintain a holy desperation for God
- prioritize a passionate pursuit of Jesus
- experience a vibrant, contagious relationship with Christ

There will be no personal revival if there's no personal pursuit. In these difficult times before Christ's return, it's imperative we live in his presence and fullness, on fire with zeal and passion. This is not optional. This is what Jesus shed his blood for.



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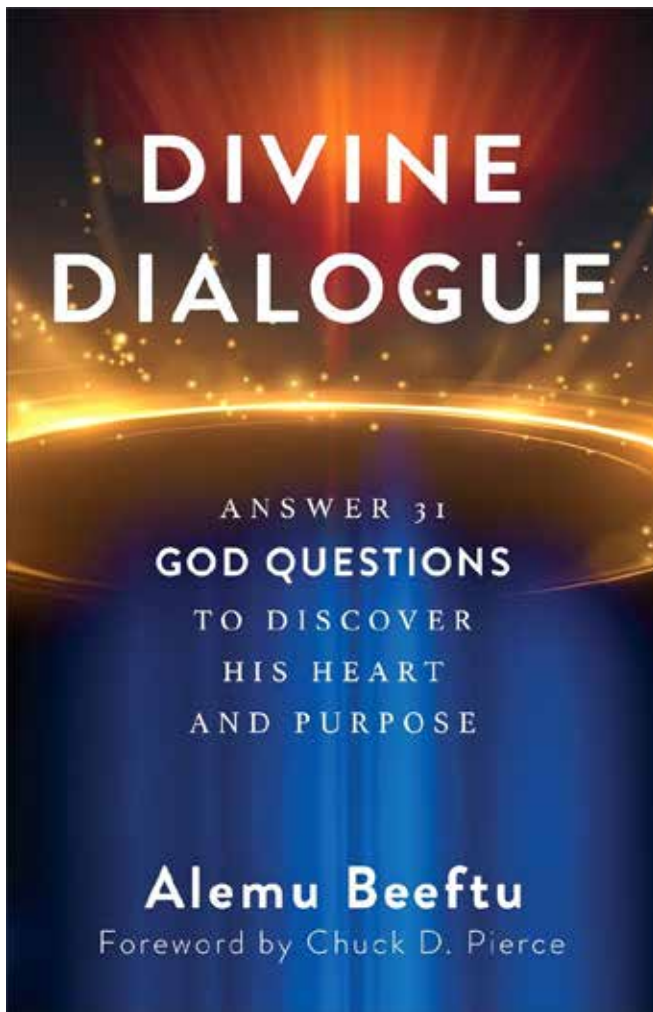
- Author appears on Daystar Television for his weekly broadcast, *On the Living Edge*
- Author's social platform reaches total audience of 200,000
- A practical biblical resource for understanding the prophetic gift through the story of Elijah

Drawing on his extensive study and 50 years of experience in the prophetic, Dr. Mark Chironna turns an eye toward the church's prophetic future while revisiting biblical roots. Exploring the stories we thought we knew of Elijah, he unearths timeless lessons and ancient wisdom necessary for prophetic insight today.

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- Author has access to social media reach of over 400,000 followers
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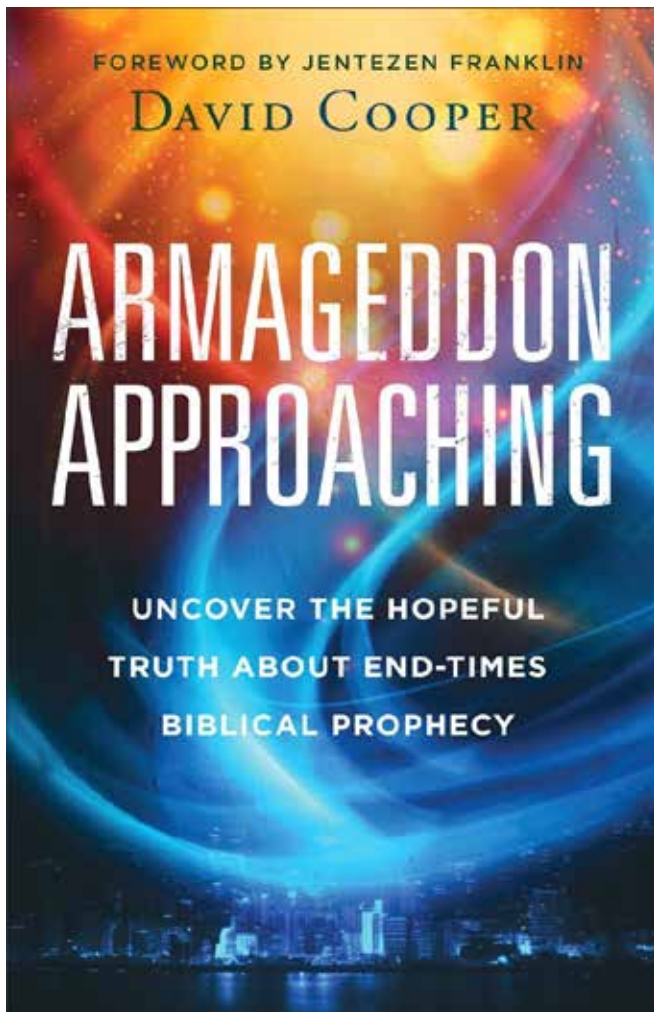
It's common for us to ask God questions, but we don't often reflect on the questions God asks his people throughout Scripture. But when we understand that God asks these questions not because he needs the answer but because *we do*, we begin to see each inquiry as an invitation for a personal conversation--and encounter--with the King of kings.

In this deeply thoughtful book you will study, and answer, 31 questions God asks in the Bible. As you respond to his voice, you will move into an extraordinary relationship with him, standing in awe as he

- opens your eyes for clearer and greater vision
- reveals what has been hidden
- exposes deeper motives for repentance and restoration
- draws you to the center of his will
- affirms your calling and purpose
- and more

He asks not for himself, but to empower us to experience his renewal, restoration, revival, victory, hope, healing, and confidence. To reveal his purposes to us--*for our sakes*--so we may seek the answers that bring about the revelation and transformation we need to fulfill our destiny in Christ.





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## ARMAGEDDON APPROACHING

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**David Cooper**

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- Discover how to accurately interpret biblical symbols of end-times prophecy
- Author is the lead pastor of the 13,000-plus-member Mount Paran Church in Atlanta

We live in an unprecedented time, when biblical prophecies are being fulfilled before our very eyes! So why, as the return of Christ draws ever nearer, does talk of the end times among Christians cause fear?

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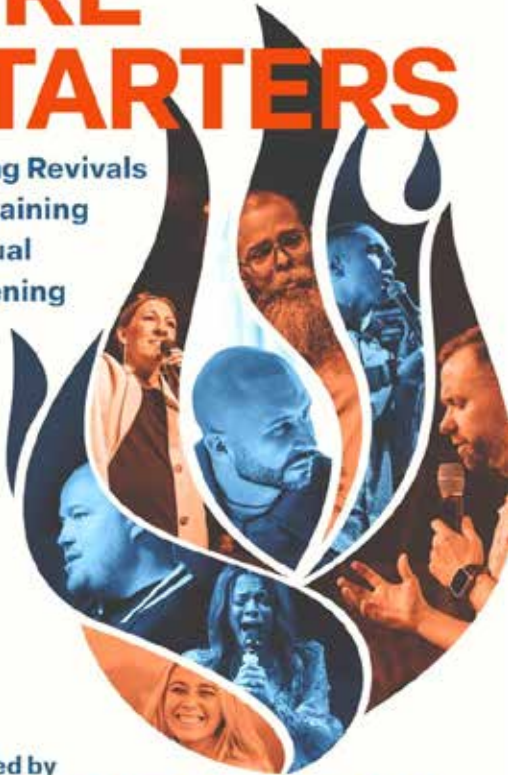
- recognize the rise of globalism and political shifts that are setting the stage for the coming Antichrist
- understand how current wars and conflicts are leading toward Armageddon
- outline the time frame and world conditions that will usher in Jesus' return
- interpret biblical symbols of end-times prophecy
- replace fear with peace

The good news is that the end of this age is the beginning of a new age as God unfolds his eternal plans for the world. We can witness with hope to a frightened world that the future destiny of this world is not termination but transformation at the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



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## FIRE STARTERS

*Igniting Revivals and Sustaining Spiritual Awakening*

**Mike Signorelli, Compiler**

**Groundbreaking, Comprehensive Guide to Revival from 10 Current Revivalists**

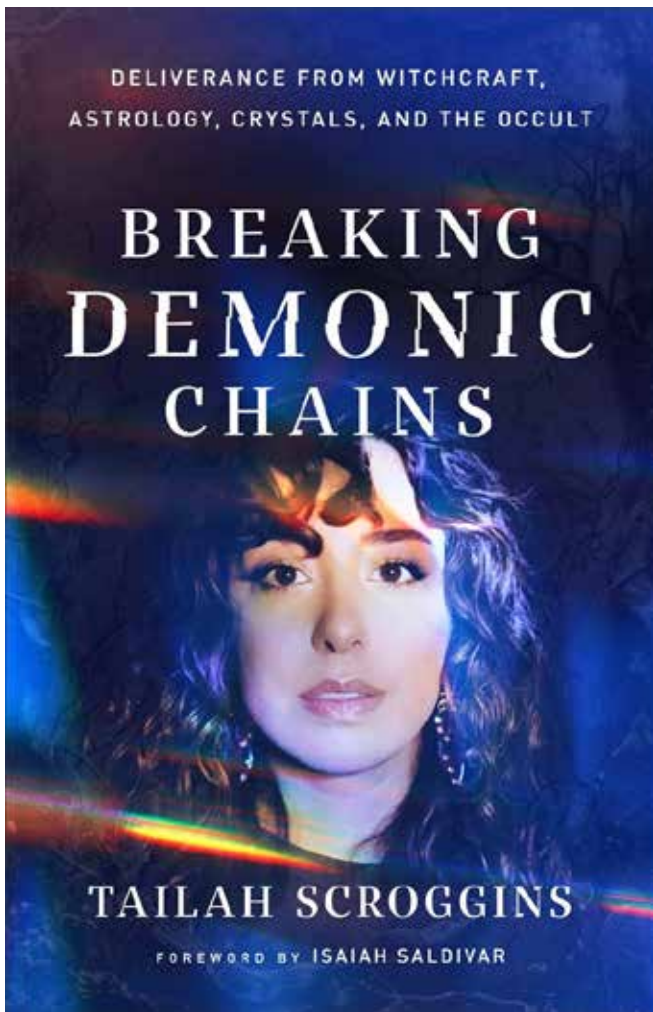
- Discover standard principles and best practices that have led to personal and corporate revival
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Revival is breaking out around the world. Believers and churches are hungry for it--and hungry to know how to shepherd it well. In this groundbreaking book, 10 of today's most influential revivalists--including Alexander Pagani and Jenny Weaver--share what they've witnessed, experienced, and learned on the frontlines of this pivotal period in history.

Packed with incredible stories, real-world wisdom, and hands-on tools, this field guide to modern revival covers everything from the theological to the practical, including how to

- create an atmosphere of revival over a region
- understand the language of revival
- make room for the miraculous
- work in tandem with prophetic and deliverance ministries
- strengthen revival in your church and community
- experience personal revival

Comprehensive, accessible, and practical, *Fire Starters* will inspire and equip you to partner with the Holy Spirit--and usher in a heart-shifting, nation-shaping move of God.



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**Tailah Scroggins** is a speaker, minister, and recording artist. Her transformative journey from new age to Christianity has resonated widely, garnering viral attention on social media. A sought-after media guest, she's been featured on numerous outlets, including CBN, God TV, and Charisma News. Founder of the dynamic online TS Ministries, she ministers alongside her husband, Jerricho, a five-time Grammy-award-winning music producer/engineer. They live in Nashville, Tennessee. Learn more at [Tailah.com](http://Tailah.com).

## BREAKING DEMONIC CHAINS

*Deliverance from Witchcraft, Astrology, Crystals, and the Occult*

**Tailah Scroggins**

**Former New Age Witch Shows How to Break Free from Popular Occult Practices**

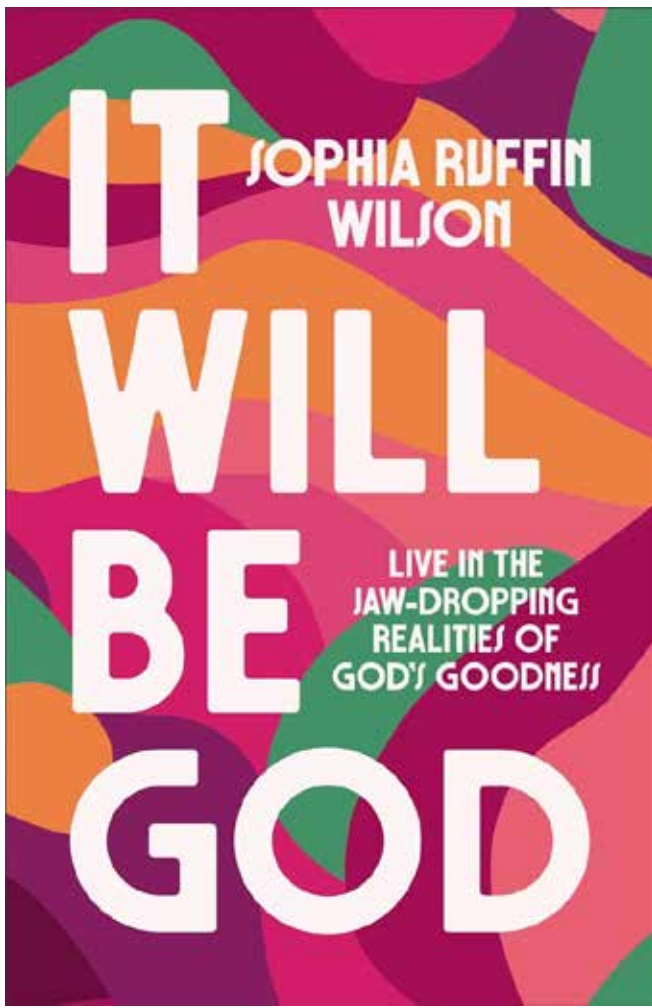
- Author platform is more than 600,000
- Author exposes the danger in tarot cards, psychics, Ouija boards, crystals, and more
- For readers of John Ramirez, Jennifer LeClaire, Isaiah Saldivar, and Derek Prince

Promising answers, healing, and fulfillment, witchcraft and new age practices captivate our culture. And many spiritually hungry people--even in the church--unknowingly participate in these dark and dangerous spiritual activities, with dark and dangerous consequences.

Recounting her own escape from the occult, former new age witch Tailah Scroggins exposes the lies and secrets of the modern-day occult, revealing the ancient demonic origins and influences behind astrology, tarot cards, psychics, crystals, yoga, and more. With compassion and insight, she shares the biblical teaching and tools you need to

- sever all bonds with the occult and its practices
- break curses and evil covenants wreaking havoc in your life
- spiritually cleanse yourself and your home
- discover the power of the authority of Christ in spiritual warfare and deliverance
- experience a transformative relationship with Jesus, the Light of the world

When you let the light of Jesus shine in you and through you, the darkness won't be able to overcome it--and you'll find the true healing, answers, and spiritual fulfillment you long for.



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## IT WILL BE GOD

*Live in the Jaw-Dropping Realities of God's Goodness*

**Sophia Ruffin Wilson**

**Experience God's Unimaginable Goodness in All Seasons of Life from Prophetic Leader**

- Author has more than 600,000 social media followers and an email list of more than 50,000
- Author speaks at conferences more than 40 times a year
- Will appeal to the readers of John Eckhardt

Before time began, God spoke a destiny of unimaginable goodness over you. And no matter how far off-track you are, no matter how alone, anxious, hopeless, or exhausted you feel, his Word *will* bring about the future he formed for you at the foundations of the earth. Because his Word never fails.

Showing how nothing in life is a coincidence, prodigal-turned-prophet Sophia Ruffin Wilson renews your expectancy in God's miraculous goodness--and his unwavering commitment to bring you to a hope-filled future. Relatable, inspiring, and full of Spirit-filled energy and wisdom, Sophia uses biblical teaching, activations, and personal stories to help you

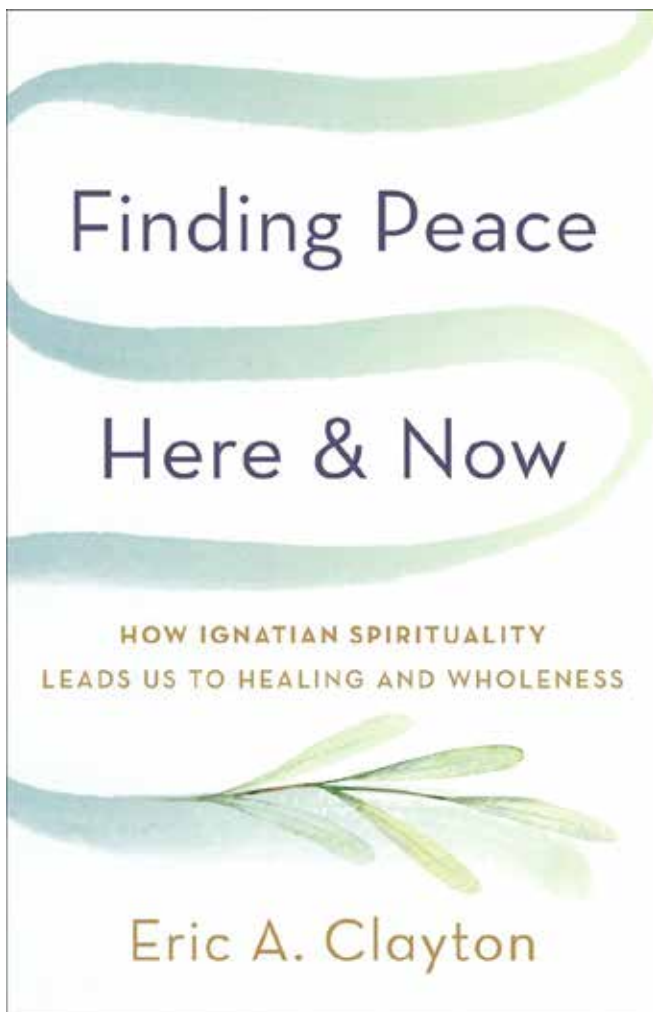
- discover the ancient word spoken over you
- endure your current season to be ushered into your next
- activate his presence and divine assistance
- experience his unimaginable goodness no matter what you face

We may not always follow God's pattern for us, but he has a divine plan to put us back on track toward our preordained destiny. It will be God who blesses, or it will be God who redirects. Either way, you *will* arrive at his best for his glory.



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## FINDING PEACE HERE AND NOW

*How Ignatian Spirituality Leads Us to Healing and Wholeness*

**Eric A. Clayton**

- Clayton is deputy director for communications at the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States
- Author writes a weekly column, *Now Discern This* (28,000 subscribers), and frequently hosts *AMDG: A Jesuit Podcast*
- Author's writing has appeared in *America*, *National Catholic Reporter*, and more outlets

These days, everyone is looking for peace. But too often we look in all the wrong places.

In *Finding Peace Here and Now*, award-winning Catholic author Eric A. Clayton shows readers that we should be looking inside ourselves. He reveals that peace starts within by discovering and embracing who we are meant to be in God.

Using Saint Ignatius of Loyola as a guide, Clayton offers stories, meditations, spiritual reflections, and practical tools to lead us along a path of inner peace that we can then trace outward, so we can bring peace to other people and challenging situations. This book will resonate with readers who are familiar with the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises as well as those learning about them for the first time.

In the end, readers will not only navigate their own personal journey to inner peace and a love of self, but also discover how those journeys are tied to better loving and serving neighbors and working for global justice--all for the greater glory of God.

# The Cost of Ambition



How Striving to  
Be Better Than Others  
Makes Us Worse

Miroslav Volf



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## THE COST OF AMBITION

*How Striving to Be Better Than Others Makes Us Worse*

THEOLOGY FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

**Miroslav Volf**

- Volf's recent book *Life Worth Living* was a *New York Times* bestseller
- Author is a leading public intellectual, a world-renowned theologian, and an award-winning author
- Author directs the Yale Center for Faith & Culture

Many people believe that ambition, understood as striving to be better than others, improves us as individuals and advances our whole society. But what if the opposite is true?

In *The Cost of Ambition*, world-renowned theologian and award-winning author Miroslav Volf argues that striving for superiority actually makes us worse.

Working his way backward in time, Volf explores what three influential thinkers--Søren Kierkegaard, John Milton, and the apostle Paul--say about the cost of ambition. He also explores what the teachings of Jesus and the stories in Genesis say on the matter. Volf explains that striving to be better than others, though widely accepted as part of modern life, devalues our achievements, things that surround us, and relationships because it makes them into mere means to an empty goal of being better than someone else. He reveals ambition's negative consequences in all domains of life, showing that it is at odds with the key convictions of Christian faith.

After unpacking the toxicity of ambition, Volf uses contemporary examples to guide readers to a better goal: striving for excellence.

## YOU WERE NEVER MEANT TO DO IT ALL

*A 40-Day Devotional on the Goodness of Being Human*

**Kelly M. Kopic**

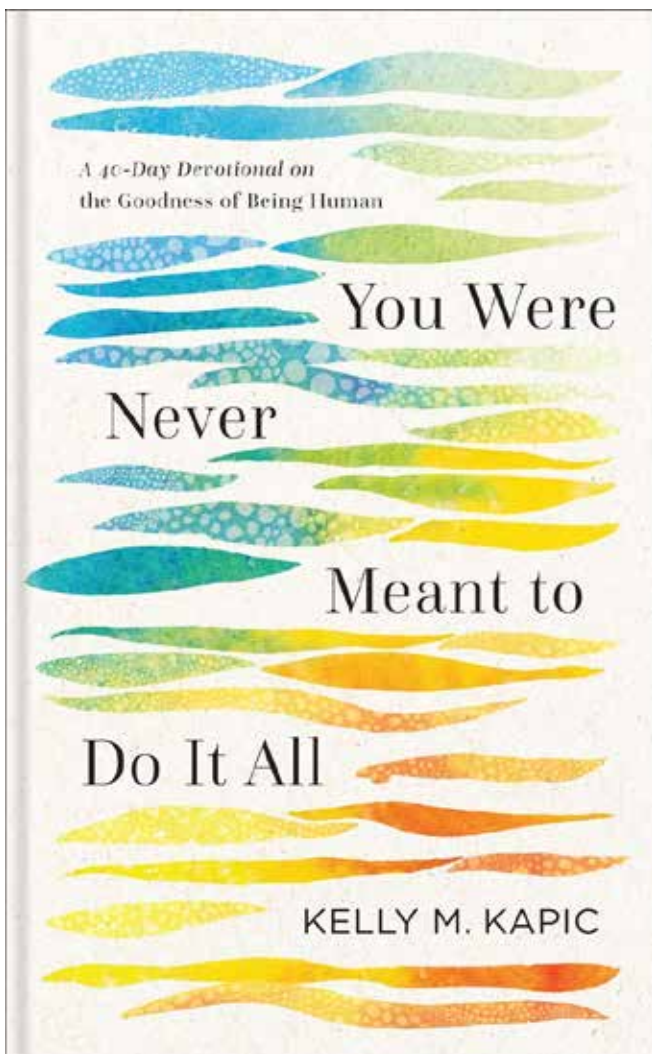
- Kopic is a popular speaker, teacher, and author of the *Christianity Today* Book Award winners *You're Only Human* and *Embodied Hope*
- Author has been featured in *Christianity Today* and The Gospel Coalition
- Offers readers an accessible devotional from *You're Only Human* (more than 21,000 copies sold)

Are you exhausted, anxious, and sick of feeling like you should always be doing one more thing?

In *You Were Never Meant to Do It All*, Kelly Kopic is here to help--not with the latest time management advice but with a refreshing approach to embracing the truth that God never intended for us to do it all.

Readers flocked to Kopic's award-winning 2022 book, *You're Only Human*. Now, Kopic's message is back in the form of 40 daily devotions--each with a meaningful quote and reflection questions. Kopic shows that our human limitations are not sinful but rather that God purposefully designed humans to have limits and depend on one another. Rightly appreciated, these good limits promote freedom, joy, growth, and community.

As readers take this 40-day devotional journey, they will follow a path to more holistic living that fosters a vision for healthy self-understanding, life-giving relationships, and meaningful contributions to the world.



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LIVING THE GOSPEL  
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## THE CORE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

*Living the Gospel for the Sake of the World*

**Michael W. Goheen**

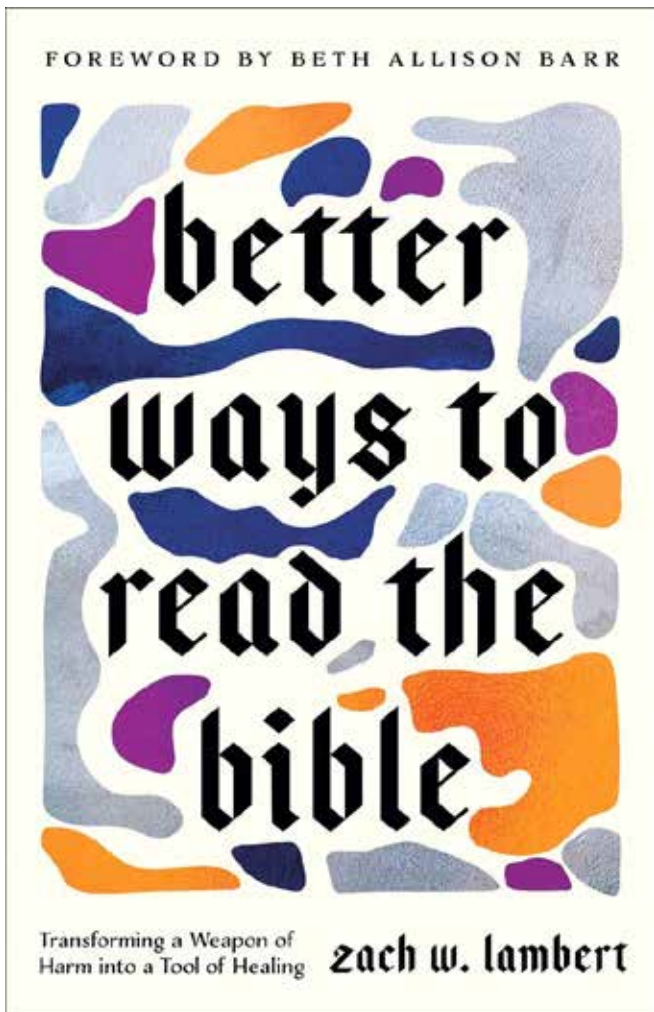
- Goheen's BPG books have sold more than 200,000 copies
- Goheen is an internationally renowned author and speaker
- Author is a professor and serves as director of theological education at the Missional Training Center, Phoenix

Internationally renowned author and speaker Michael Goheen helps readers understand the basics of Christianity in this accessible book. He explains that the church needs a process of formation that equips Christians to be faithful to the gospel, stand firm against the winds of cultural idolatry, and fulfill their role as the new humanity living for the sake of the world.

Drawing on his years of speaking and writing, Goheen unpacks the heart of the Christian faith through four key components. He lays out a formation process that guides Christians to (1) return to the good news as a comprehensive and powerful message of God's kingdom, (2) recover the Bible as the one true story of the whole world, (3) retrieve a deep consciousness of their missional identity, and (4) engage in a missionary encounter with culture. Together, these components form Christians to be faithful to their calling.

This succinct summary of Goheen's vision of the Christian faith will help local churches develop discipleship programs and encourage Christians to make formation a priority. *The Core of the Christian Faith* will appeal to laypeople, small groups, pastors, and church leaders. Videos to accompany the book will be available for small group use.





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## BETTER WAYS TO READ THE BIBLE

*Transforming a Weapon of Harm into a Tool of Healing*

**Zach W. Lambert**

- Lambert reaches more than 100,000 people on social media
- Foreword by Beth Allison Barr
- Author is the lead pastor of Restore Austin in Texas and cofounder of the Post Evangelical Collective

Zach Lambert has seen the Bible used countless times as something far from the "Good Book"--both in his own life and in the experiences of others. He has seen the Bible weaponized to subjugate women, justify racism, bash LGBTQ+ people, cover up abuse, and exclude people who speak out against these injustices.

In *Better Ways to Read the Bible*, Lambert calls readers to a more Christlike interpretation of Scripture. Lambert has created this accessible guide to help readers dismantle four common lenses for reading Scripture that lead to harm--Literalism, Apocalypse, Moralism, and Hierarchy. Instead, he offers four new lenses--Jesus, Context, Flourishing, and Fruitfulness--that promote wholeness, inclusion, and flourishing for all people. This book transforms the Bible from a weapon that condemns, oppresses, and excludes into a tool that helps and heals.

*Better Ways to Read the Bible*, which includes a foreword by Beth Allison Barr, welcomes all Christians to reengage Scripture in life-giving ways.



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**Zach W. Lambert** is the lead pastor and founder of Restore Austin, a church in Austin, Texas. Under his leadership, Restore has grown from a launch team of five people in 2015 to more than 1,000 members today. He has a Master of Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary and is pursuing his doctorate at Duke Divinity School. Zach is the cofounder of the Post Evangelical Collective and serves on the boards of Restore Houston, Hub Garage (a nonprofit for single moms), the Austin Church Planting Network, and the Multi-Faith Neighbors Network. He lives in Austin with his wife and their two sons.

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## YOU HAVE A CALLING

*Finding Your Vocation in the True, Good, and Beautiful*

**Karen Swallow Prior**

- Prior is an award-winning author with more than 100,000 social media followers
- *On Reading Well* was recognized as a *Publishers Weekly* Book of the Year and received a starred review
- Author is a frequent speaker, is a monthly columnist at Religion News Service, and has written for the *New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, and the *Washington Post*

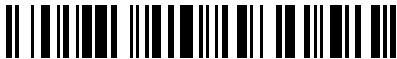
Some people are lucky enough to get paid to do what they love. But many are not.

What if your vocation doesn't align with your passion? In *You Have a Calling*, award-winning author Karen Swallow Prior has encouraging news: If we pursue the good, true, and beautiful in all our work, we will find our greatest fulfillment.

In an age when passion and calling are often confused, Prior helps readers understand that passions come from within and calling, or our vocation, comes from without and is about being called by others to serve. That crucial distinction can help us understand how God can use both our passions and our work, even if for different purposes.

This book will appeal to everyone who wants to know that their daily work, ordinary though it may be, can fulfill a higher calling to God. Readers will emerge with a renewed sense of purpose, knowing they are created for virtue in all they do because they are created in the image of God.

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**Karen Swallow Prior** (PhD, SUNY Buffalo) is the award-winning author of *On Reading Well: Finding the Good Life through Great Books* and *The Evangelical Imagination: How Stories, Images, and Metaphors Created a Culture in Crisis*. She is a frequent speaker, a monthly columnist at Religion News Service, and has written for *Christianity Today*, *The Atlantic*, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, and *Vox*. She is a research fellow with *Comment*, a founding member of the Pelican Project, a senior fellow at the Trinity Forum, and a senior fellow at the International Alliance for Christian Education.

## LITURGIES FOR RESISTING EMPIRE

*Seeking Community, Belonging, and Peace in a Dehumanizing World*

**Kat Armas**

- Armas has written for *Sojourners* and *Christianity Today*
- Author regularly speaks at churches, conferences, and universities
- Meets a need for readers looking to reengage Scripture in a fresh and liberating way

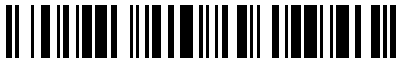
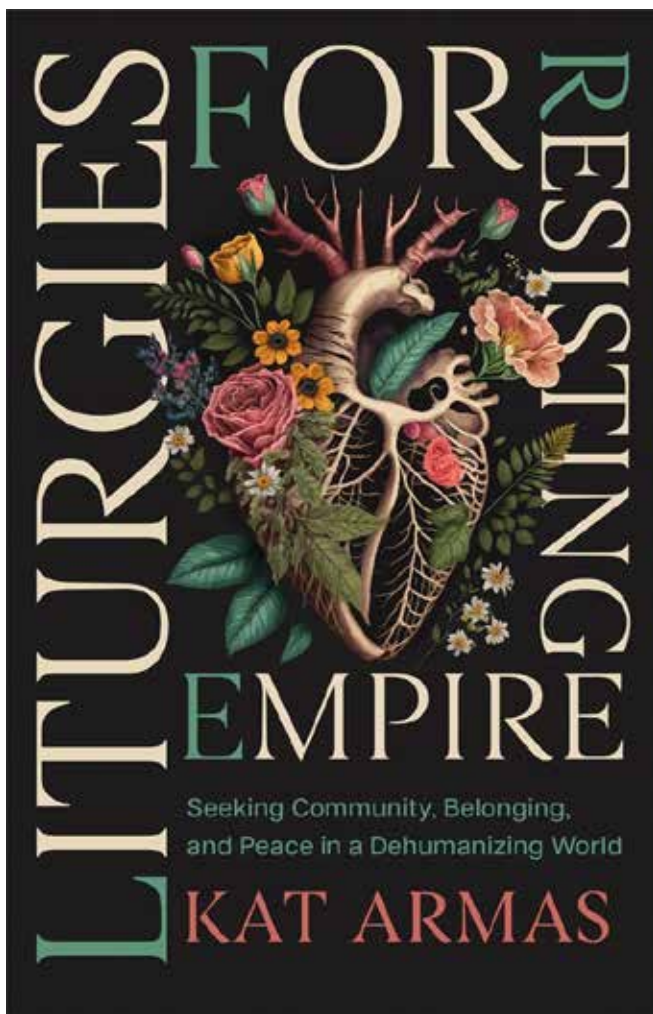
Everyone wants to belong.

But what does belonging--to God, ourselves, and each other--look like in the context of living within an empire and its ideologies?

In *Liturgies for Resisting Empire*, Cuban American writer Kat Armas explores this question both for the New Testament church and for us today.

Armas starts by introducing the idea of empire and how deeply it affects everyone, every day. She then explores what it means to belong to God, not empire, by looking at the ways the early church wrestled with this. Through de- and post-colonial interpretations of Scripture, she examines empires throughout history, offering readers a path toward liberation from systems of exploitation and guidance for building communities that value people over power.

Armas gives readers a sense of hope and belonging in their daily lives--belonging to ourselves, God, each other, and the earth--in ways that resist the lies of empire. Each chapter begins with a brief liturgy.



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**Kat Armas** (MDiv, MAT, Fuller Theological Seminary) is a Cuban American writer and podcaster and the recipient of Fuller Seminary's Frederick Buechner Award for Excellence in Writing. She is pursuing a ThM at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Armas is the author of two books, *Abuelita Faith* and *Sacred Belonging*, and contributed to the *New York Times* bestseller *A Rhythm of Prayer*, edited by Sarah Bessey. She lives outside Nashville, Tennessee, with her family.

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## THE AUGUSTINE WAY

*Retrieving a Vision for the Church's Apologetic Witness*

**Joshua D. Chatraw and Mark D. Allen**

**Christianity Today 2024 Book Award Finalist  
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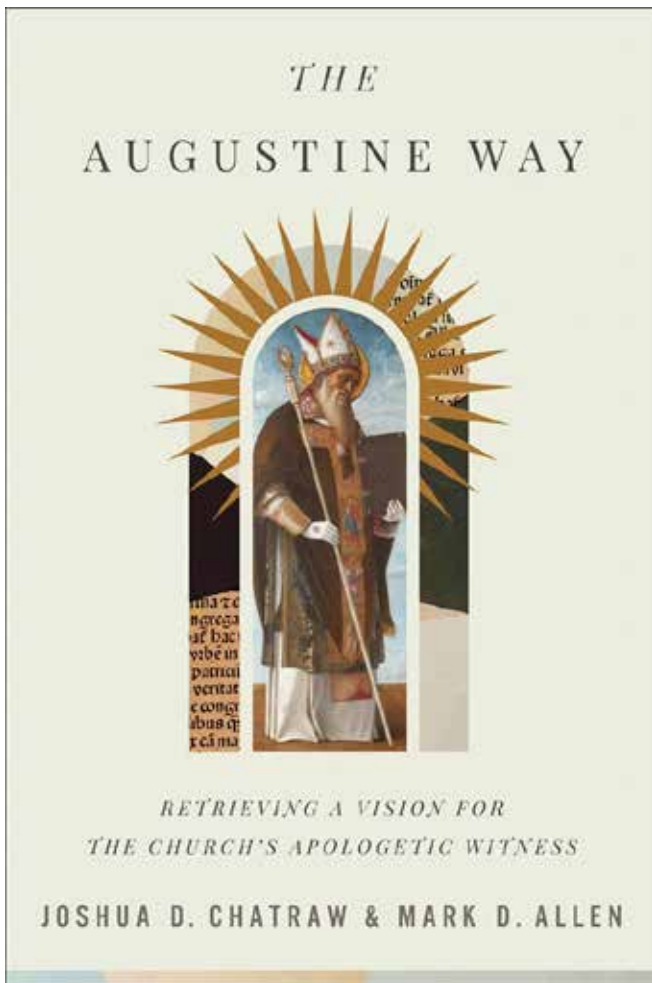
**Outreach 2024 Resource of the Year (Apologetics)**

What can we learn from Augustine about apologetics? This book shows how Augustine defended the faith in late antiquity and how his approach to engaging the culture has great significance for the apologetic task today.

*The Augustine Way* recovers Augustine's mature apologetic voice to address the challenges facing today's church. It offers a compelling argument for Christian witness that is rooted in tradition and engaged with contemporary culture. The book focuses on Augustine's best-known works, *Confessions* and *The City of God*, to retrieve his scriptural and ecclesial approach for a holistic apologetic witness.

This book will be useful for students, pastors, church leaders, and practitioners of Christian apologetics. It puts pastors and churches back at the center of apologetics, transcending popular contemporary methods with a view to a more effective witness in post-Christendom.

"This unique work offers an innovative approach to apologetics. . . . The result is a robust analysis of our current cultural moment with a confidence rooted in our past."--**Outreach**



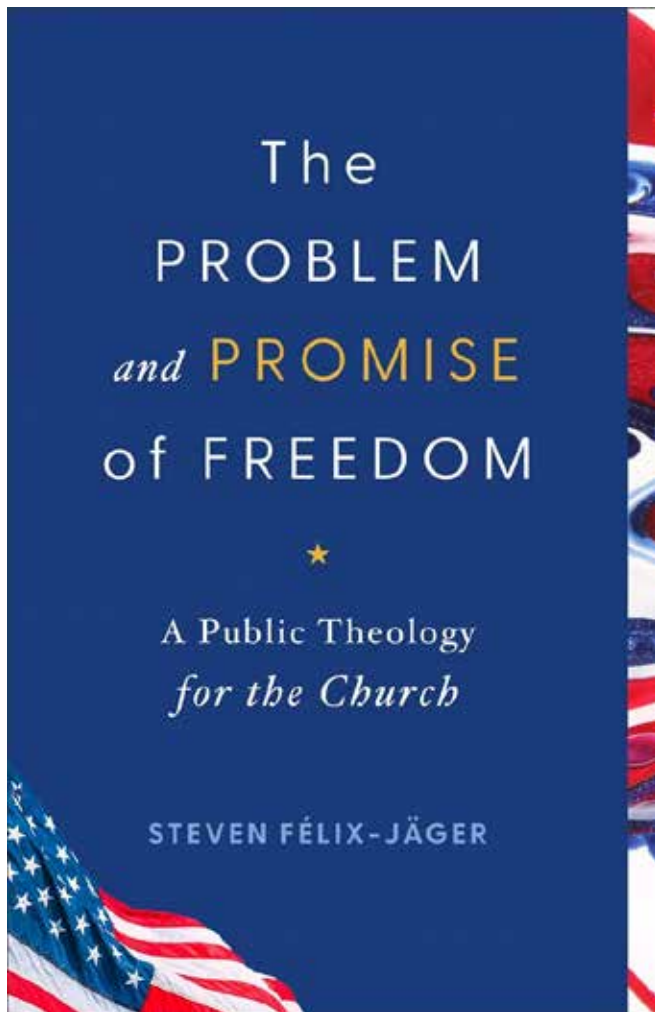
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Chatraw and Allen coauthored the award-winning *Apologetics at the Cross*.



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## THE PROBLEM AND PROMISE OF FREEDOM

*A Public Theology for the Church*

**Steven Félix-Jäger**

Jesus calls us to make disciples of all the nations. Many Christians believe this means enlisting soldiers in a culture war. But putting faith in the service of politics risks remaking God in our own image. How can the church help bring God's kingdom to earth without relying on the political structures of this world?

Critiquing our idolization of the values of classical Western liberalism, Steven Félix-Jäger seeks a renewal of the church's public witness. He points out the pitfalls that stem from our obsession with individual freedom--from the prosperity gospel to Christian nationalism to conformity with secular progressivism. True freedom is not about individual liberty or free market economics but about flourishing in covenant with God. Félix-Jäger offers a public theology that challenges the church to be a holy, loving, and generous witness to a world bound by visions of self-absorbed autonomy and materialism. Inspired by Jubilee and Pentecost, he ultimately constructs an alternative model for public witness rooted in the abundance of the Spirit.

*The Problem and Promise of Freedom* not only serves as an indispensable resource for students of religion and society but also offers urgent and clear-sighted witness to the church today.



# Providence in the Story of Scripture

The Work of God through Creation, Fall,  
Redemption, and New Creation

**Adamson Co**

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## PROVIDENCE IN THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE

*The Work of God through Creation, Fall,  
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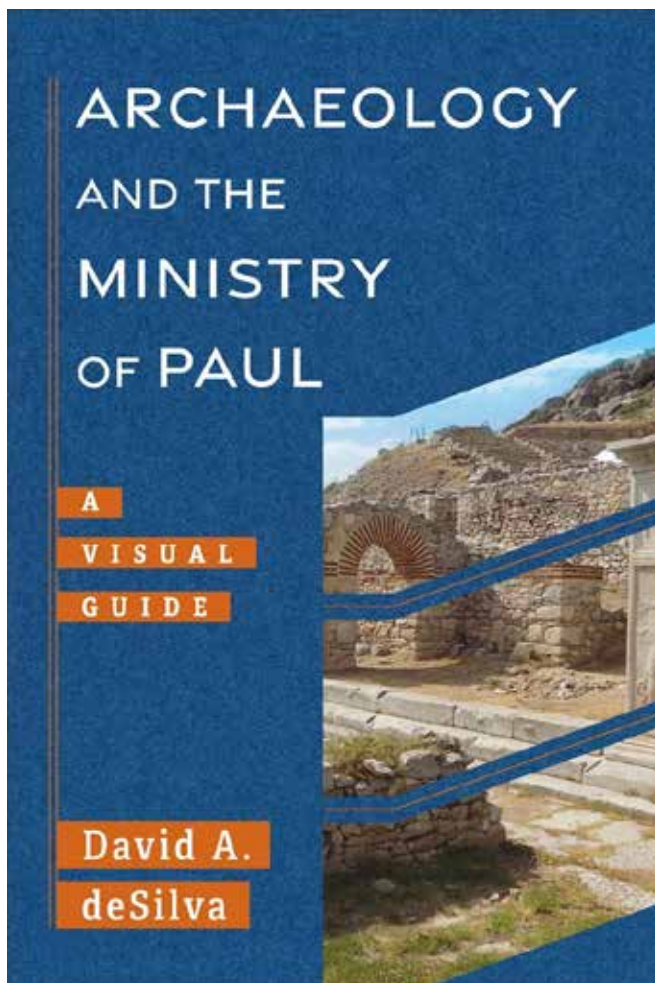
**Adamson Co**

The doctrine of providence is often too abstract, complex, or detached from real-life situations for introductory students. Drawing on years of experience in the classroom and the church, Adamson Co offers an introductory guide that uses the creation motif of the Bible to highlight the importance of providence for the Christian life.

Co begins with a brief introduction to providence to give students the "state of the question." He then explores the classical theme of the seventh and eighth days of creation as a helpful way to understand providence. He sets providence and human existence within the metanarrative of the Bible while explicating the doctrine in an overview fashion. Co demonstrates how the seventh and eighth days of creation bring clarity to traditional issues raised in systematic theology, such as preservation, governance, and concurrence; the problem of evil; and divine sovereignty and human free will.

*Providence in the Story of Scripture* challenges readers to live out a life of partnership with God in his providence and shows how the blessed hope of the Christian faith is God's life-transforming providence for today. The book includes a foreword by Kevin J. Vanhoozer.





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A fundamental principle of biblical interpretation is the importance of context--historical, literary, and canonical. But an often-neglected source of context for understanding Scripture is the field of archaeology. The physical and cultural world we inhabit affects us deeply, and that was no less true for the original writers and readers of Scripture. Archaeology provides insights into important questions like: What did these believers see day to day? What messages did they receive from their environment? What social practices influenced them?

In this first of three planned volumes, New Testament scholar David deSilva uses archaeological findings to explore the places the apostle Paul ministered and his audiences lived. This visually compelling and beautifully designed book contains more than 250 full-color photographs of sites and artifacts. deSilva focuses on the fruits of archaeology in regard to the sites associated with the ministry of Paul in Acts and in Paul's own writings. The combination of photos and text helps readers understand the real-life situations Paul addressed.

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## SEEING THE GOSPEL

*An Interpretive Guide to Orthodox Icons*

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Learning to read Orthodox icons is an opportunity to engage Holy Scripture with greater depth and understanding. It allows viewers to uncover fresh dimensions and encounter the Kingdom of God from within the created world. The meaning of icons, often referred to as "windows into heaven," reaches beyond the limits of the natural world into the divine realm.

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*Seeing the Gospel* presents a visual biblical language for a visual culture and even describes how icons can be used in other faith traditions. The book includes a foreword by Richard J. Mouw and features 90 full-color icons throughout.

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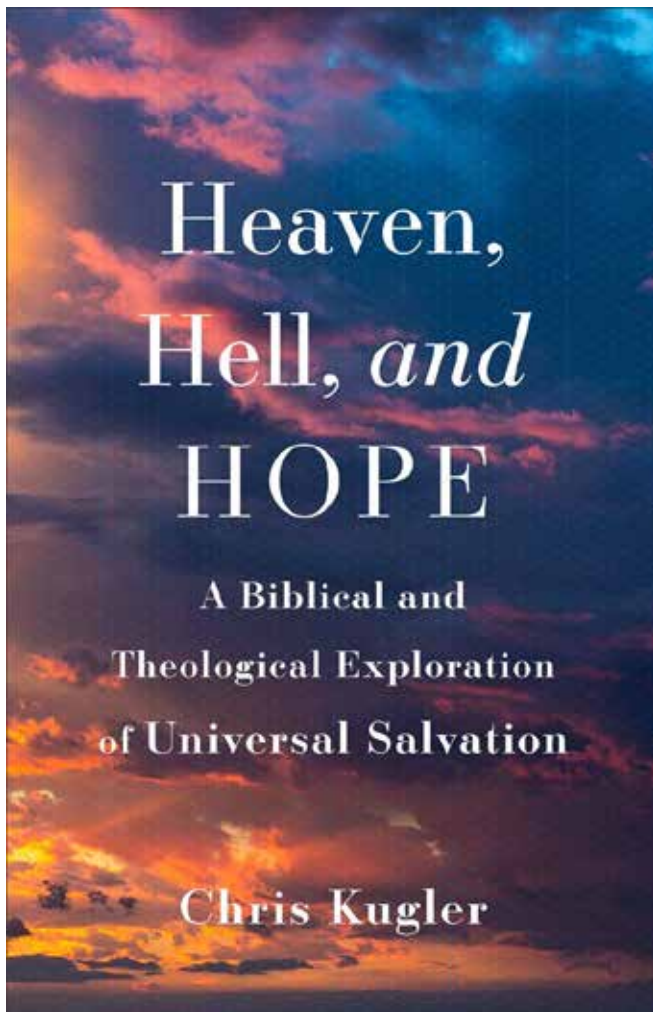
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The Catholic Biblical Theology of the Sacraments series provides readers with a deeper appreciation of God's gifts and call in the sacraments through a renewed encounter with God's Word. In this addition to the series, Michael Barber offers a biblical approach to anointing of the sick, drawing from both the Old and New Testaments.

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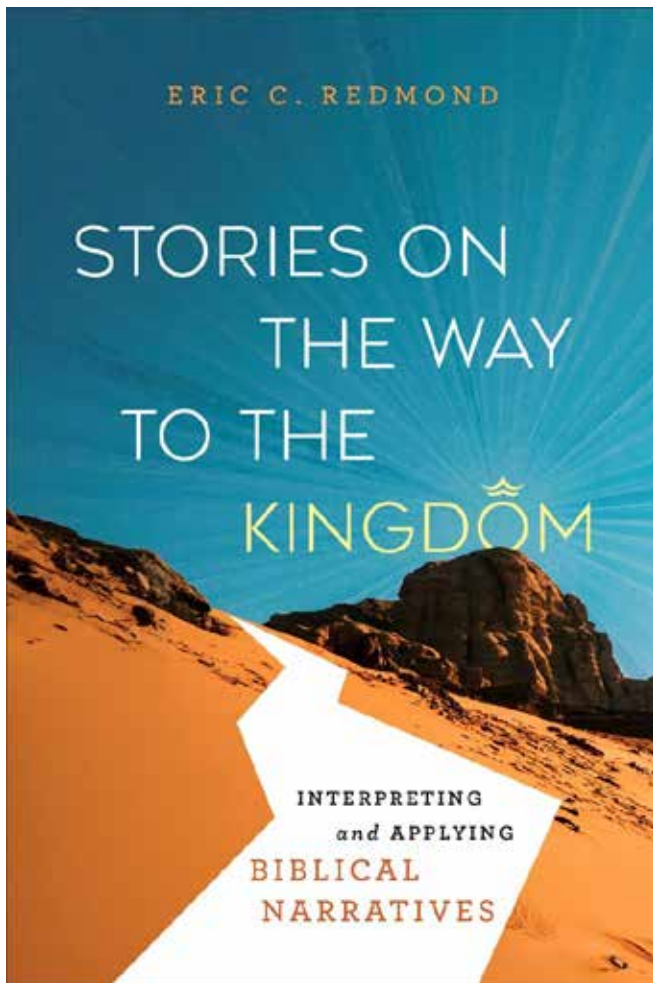
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## STORIES ON THE WAY TO THE KINGDOM

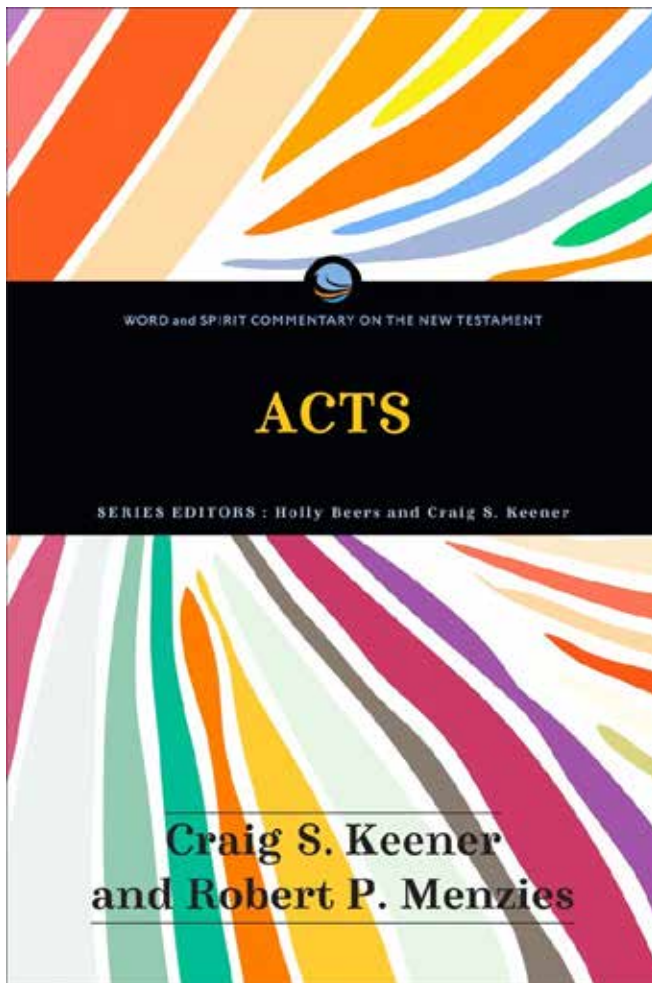
*Interpreting and Applying Biblical Narratives*

**Eric C. Redmond**

In *Stories on the Way to the Kingdom*, experienced teacher and preacher Eric Redmond offers students and pastors a straightforward approach to interpreting biblical narratives with confidence.

Grasping individual biblical narratives and their relationship to the metanarrative of redemptive history is essential to living out the whole council of God in obedience to our Lord. Narratives communicate theology with the same depth as epistles and are pervasive throughout the Bible. But Redmond has seen students, pastors, and lay leaders shy away from narratives. One reason may be the technical, academic, narrative-critical approach. Narratives also tend to be seen as history lessons or illustrations of principles, but they are examples of lives lived before God that help us avoid evil and find hope.

This book presents an accessible, evangelical approach to understanding, interpreting, and applying narratives that emphasizes the plot, big ideas, and author's intended meaning. First, Redmond teaches the method. Then he walks readers through it with case studies to show that narratives are not difficult to apply once we understand how they communicate meaning. This book will help readers dive into even the most unfamiliar narratives with confidence and give them a greater ability to hear God speak to their lives from every story in Scripture.



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In this addition to the series, respected New Testament scholars Craig Keener and Robert Menzies engage Acts in its ancient setting and explore its message for Spirit-filled Christians today. Images, illustrations, and sidebars on pentecostal/charismatic/revival history or insights are included.

## CONTESTING THE BODY OF CHRIST

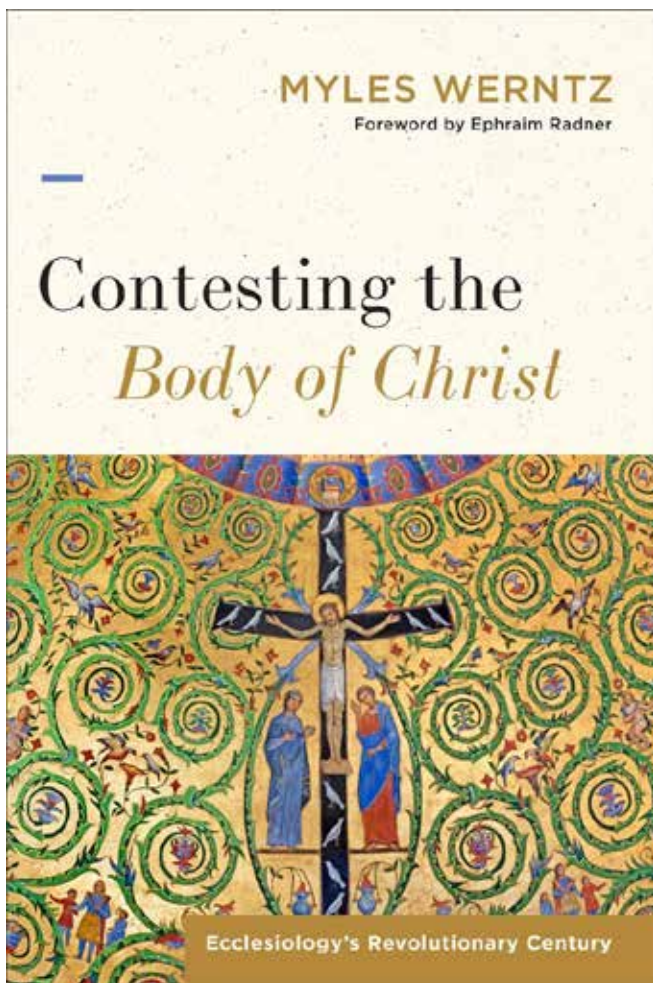
*Ecclesiology's Revolutionary Century*

**Myles Werntz**

The church changed tremendously in the 20th century, with new churches emerging and old churches being renewed. This period encompassed the birth of the World Council of Churches, the rise of American evangelicalism, the Second Vatican Council, the coming of age of charismatic Christianity, and more.

In this book, Myles Werntz explores the landscape of 20th-century ecclesiology and shows how the four marks of the church were remade, contested, and reaffirmed in surprising and innovative ways in the course of this turbulent century.

Werntz asks what it means to say that the church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic amid so many diverse alternatives. He explains how the many dynamics of the 20th century posed both theological and ethical challenges for confessing the marks of the church but also what promise comes from expanding our vision of how God might be at work across traditions. Werntz shows that the four marks of the church can help us see what the last century brought and what we might learn from it now. He also provides guidance for the future of the 21st century church. The book includes a foreword from Ephraim Radner.



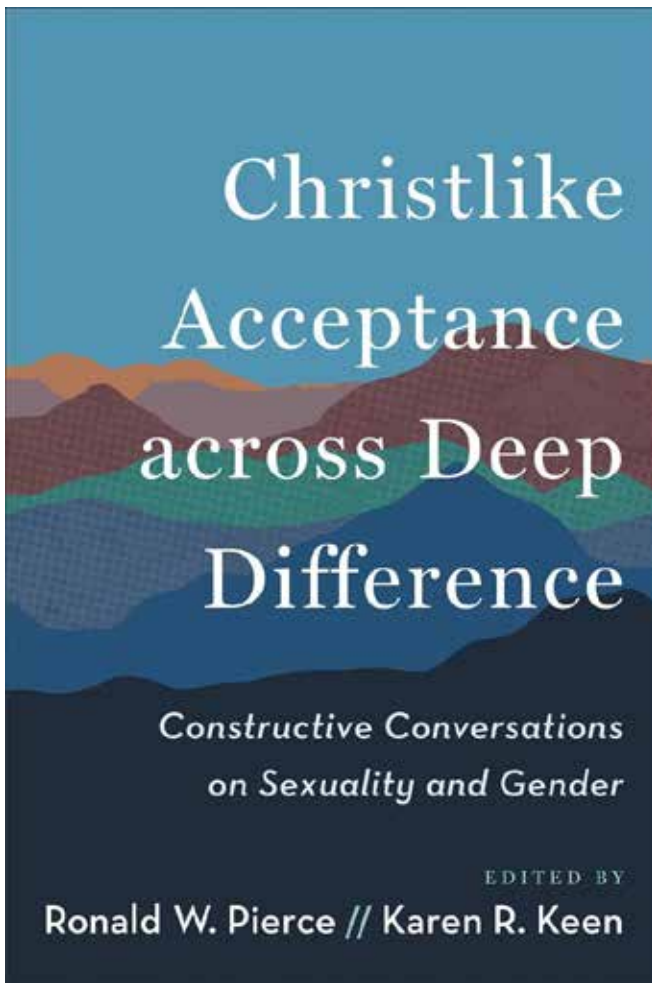
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Ronald Pierce and Karen Keen show readers a different way to approach the controversy. In *Christlike Acceptance across Deep Difference*, they bring together a broad range of contributors--scholarly and pastoral; affirming and traditionalist; evangelical, mainline, and Catholic--who demonstrate a more constructive response to LGBTQ concerns. Despite their differences, the contributors unite in their commitment to biblical authority and Christlike love of neighbor. They invite the church to join them in this new and better way.

This book offers fresh readings of Scripture, models of respectful dialogue, and first-person insights into ministering to LGBTQ people. Perfect for pastors, church leaders, and any Christian worried about polarization, this timely volume shows readers how to forge a future shaped by Christlike acceptance.



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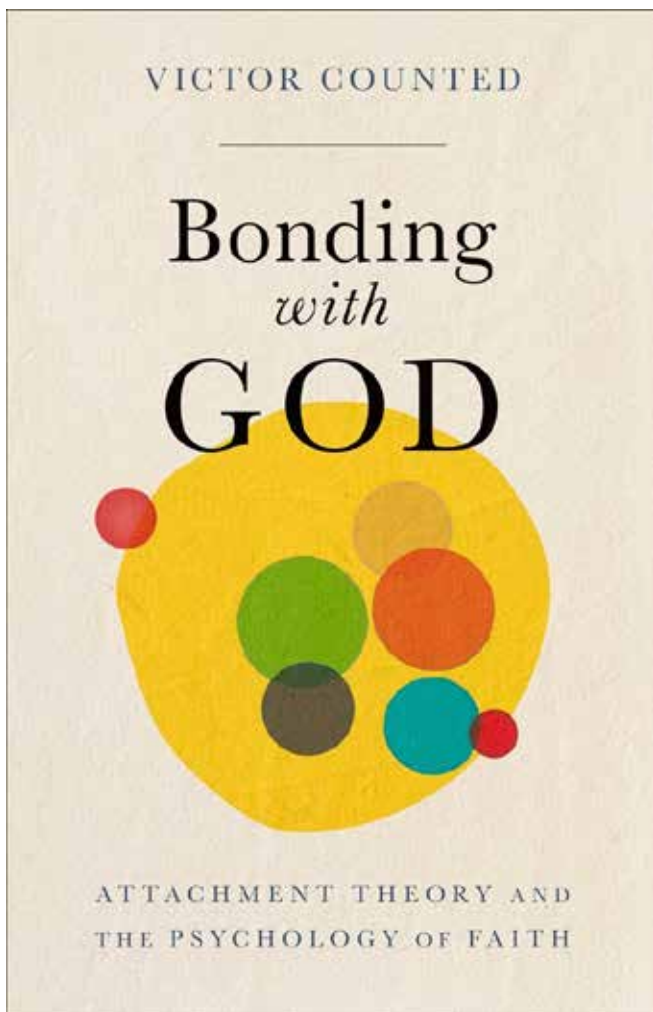
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## BONDING WITH GOD

*Attachment Theory and the Psychology of Faith*

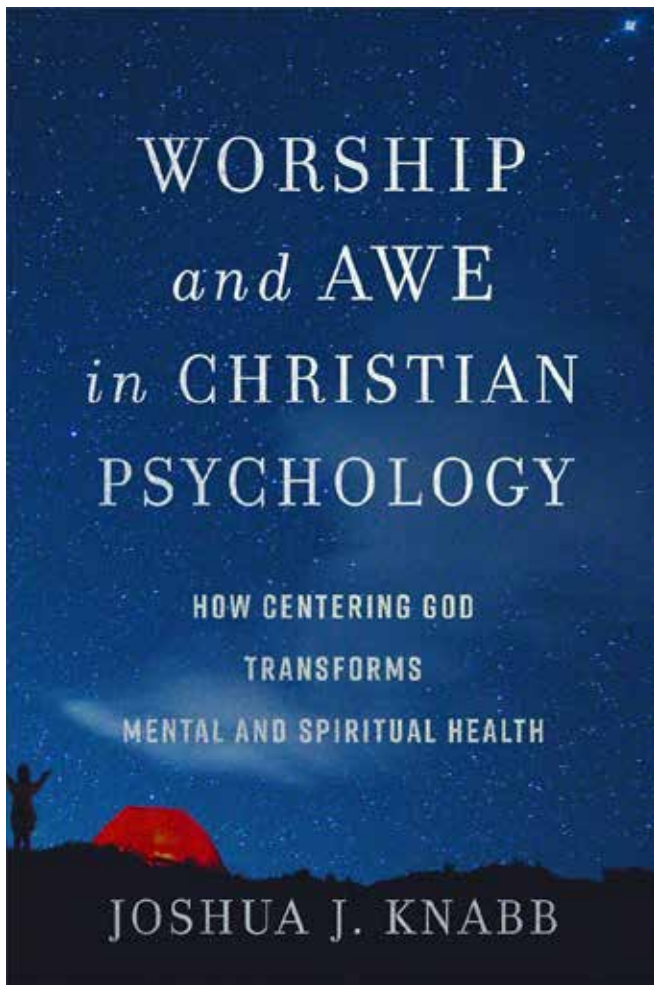
**Victor Counted**

In *Bonding with God*, Victor Counted uses the attachment framework to explore how we develop psychological bonds with God, what sustains those bonds, and what can erode them, leading to a crisis of faith.

As we navigate questions of identity, meaning, and purpose, the role of faith in offering support and guidance becomes crucial. Yet the emotional and psychological aspects of religious experience are often overlooked. Counted fills this gap by showing how a caregiving faith can foster resilience and spiritual transformation.

*Bonding with God* is a fascinating read that challenges traditional notions of religion and spirituality and invites us to examine our own connections with God. It is a valuable resource for mental health professionals and students training for ministry or caring professions who seek to understand how individuals form, maintain, and navigate emotional bonds with God.

Counted's interdisciplinary approach, combining psychology and theology, makes this book an essential resource for anyone interested in the intricacies of human attachment and the power of faith to shape our lives.



## WORSHIP AND AWE IN CHRISTIAN PSYCHOLOGY

*How Centering God Transforms Mental and Spiritual Health*

**Joshua J. Knabb**

Mental health resources increasingly focus on the self as the antidote to psychological suffering, offering strategies for prioritizing self-care and self-esteem. Yet as people focus more on the self, their suffering may actually worsen, as evidenced by the prevalence of mental health disorders today. According to Christian clinical psychologist Joshua Knabb, when people focus less on the self and more on God, their mental and spiritual health may improve.

Combining up-to-date psychological research with theological reflection, this book helps readers better understand the role that awe, pursued through the act of worship, plays in optimal psychological and spiritual functioning. Knabb explains that at its core, Christian mental and spiritual health involves worshipful awe of God, which can be intentionally cultivated throughout the day. The book also includes practices for readers to try out and use in clinical contexts.

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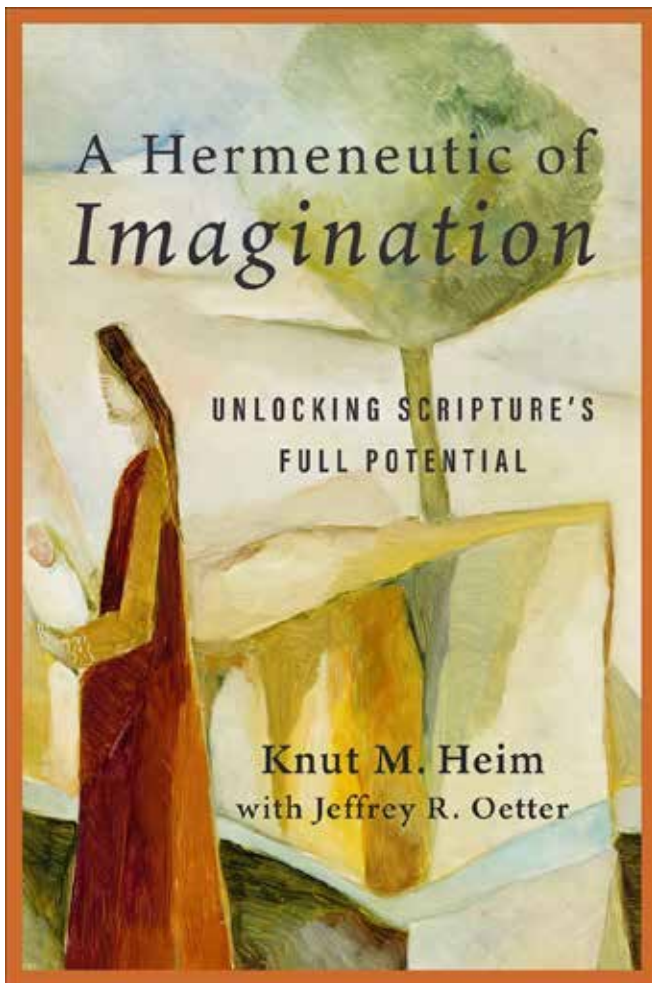


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## UNION WITH CHRIST AND THE LIFE OF FAITH

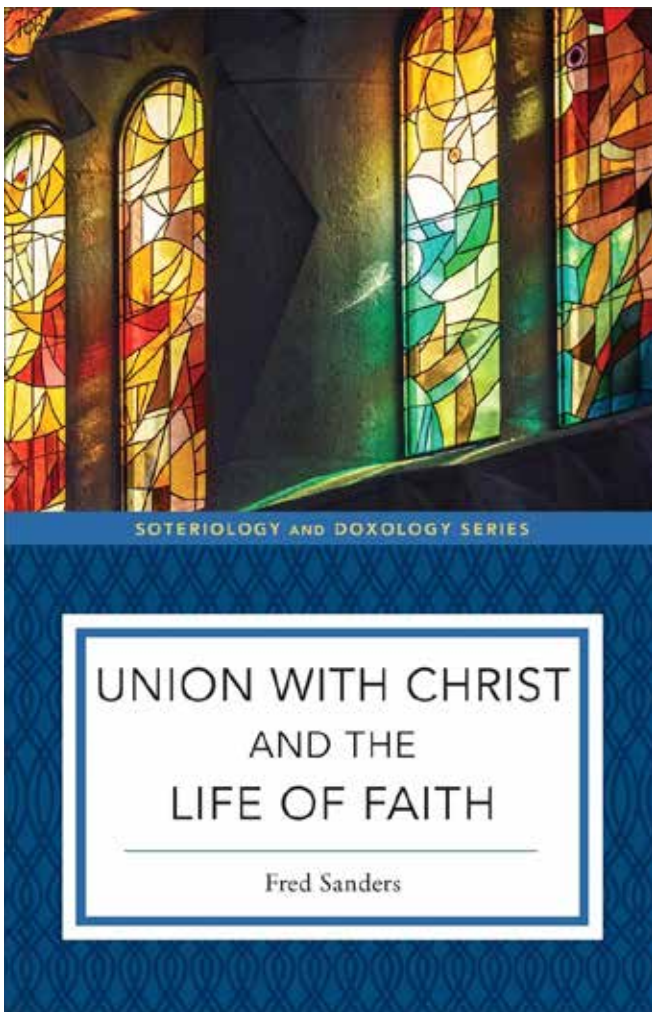
SOTERIOLOGY AND DOXOLOGY

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In this volume, a top scholar in the world of evangelical theology addresses the key soteriological theme of union with Christ. The book provides substantive engagement with the doctrine of participatory union, including sections on the creeds, Scripture, the history of the doctrine, constructive dogmatics, and Christian praxis. Its biblical point of access is Paul's theology of life "in Christ," understood as an invitation to a theological reading of the four gospels. Special attention is given to the trinitarian structure of union with Christ.

This book shows students how to integrate theology into the life of faith and demonstrates how the practices of Christian worship influence theological thinking. A devotional interlude directing readers to a classic hymn, poem, or liturgy follows each chapter.

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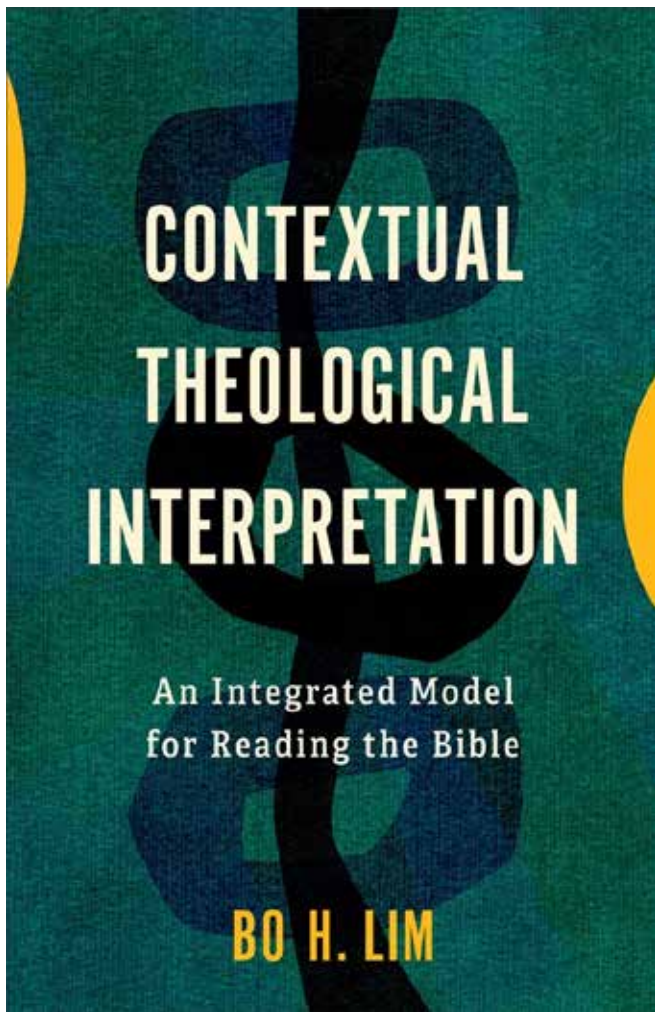
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Today's theological students, an increasingly diverse population, face the task of reading and interpreting the Bible in multicultural contexts that ask somewhat different questions than in previous generations. They recognize that theology, exegesis, and sociocultural context are all important elements of biblical interpretation. But they are often seeking guidance in negotiating these fields in a constructive manner, especially those with evangelical and Trinitarian convictions and commitments.

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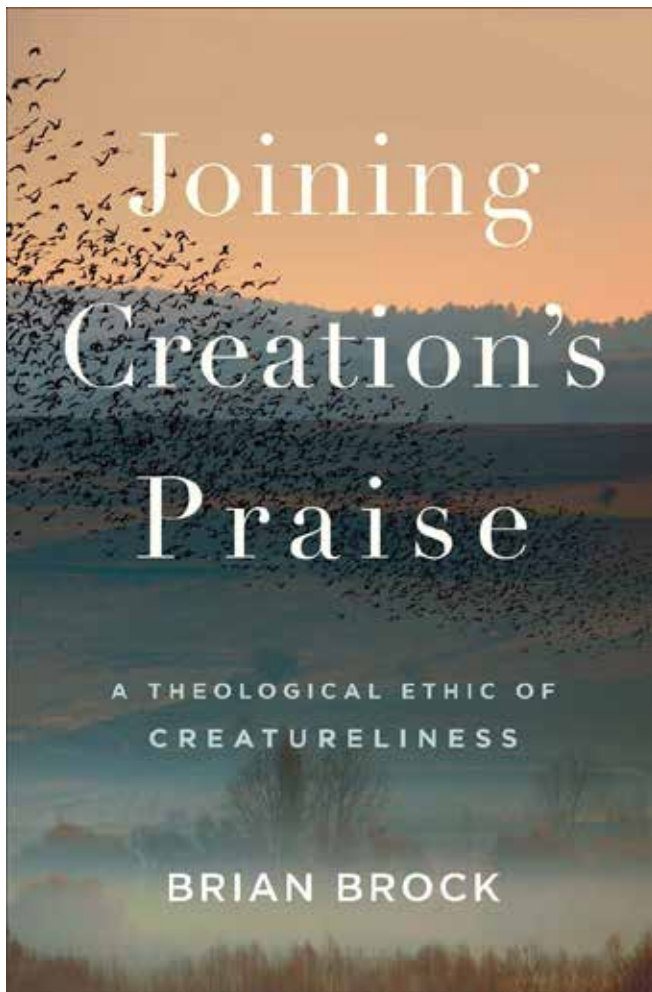
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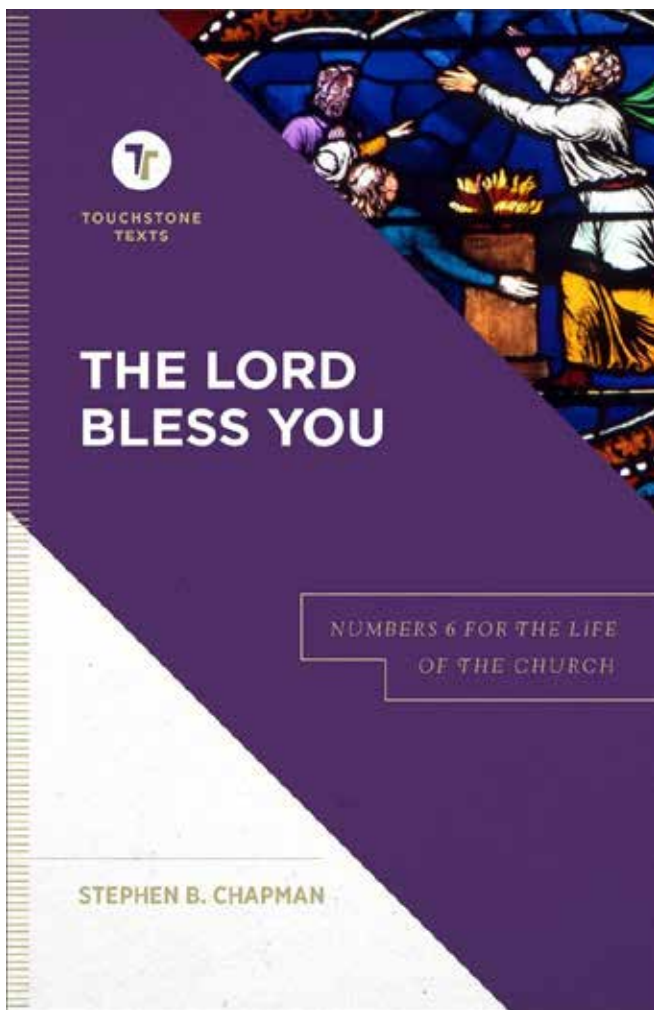
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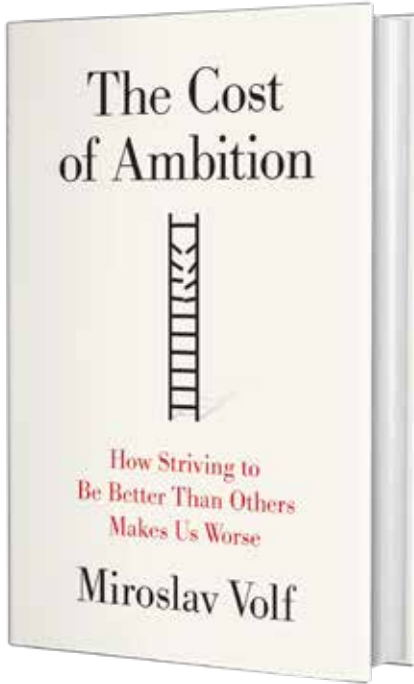
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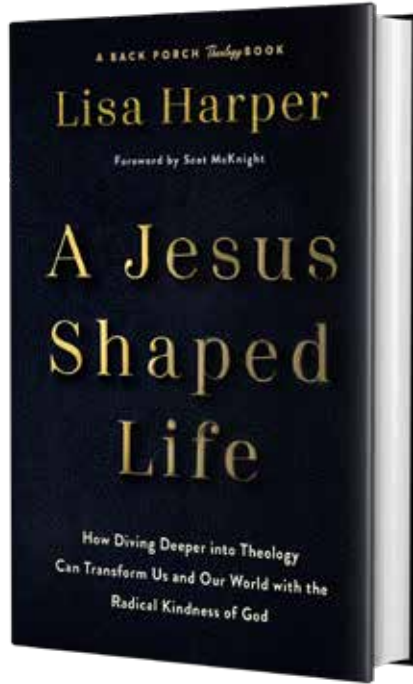
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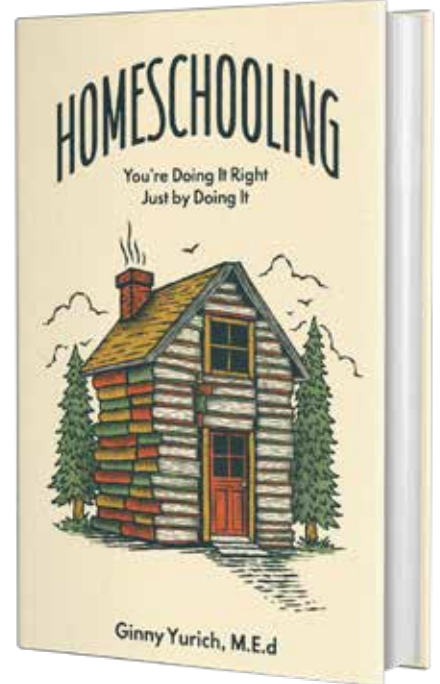
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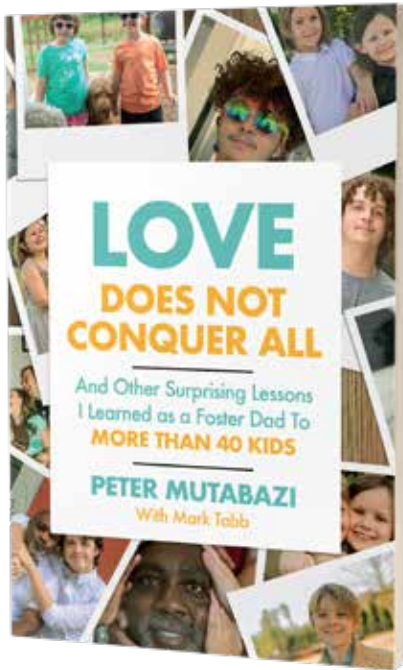
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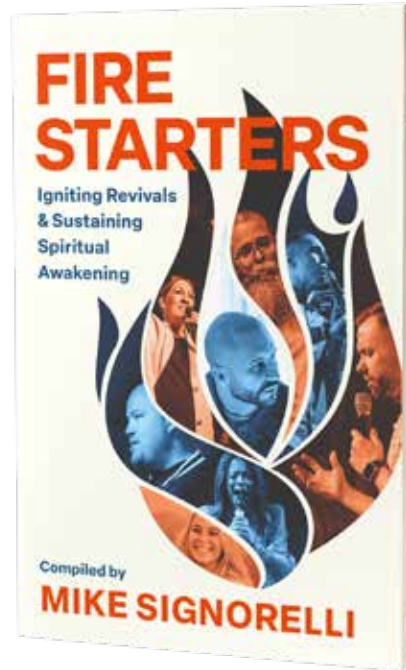
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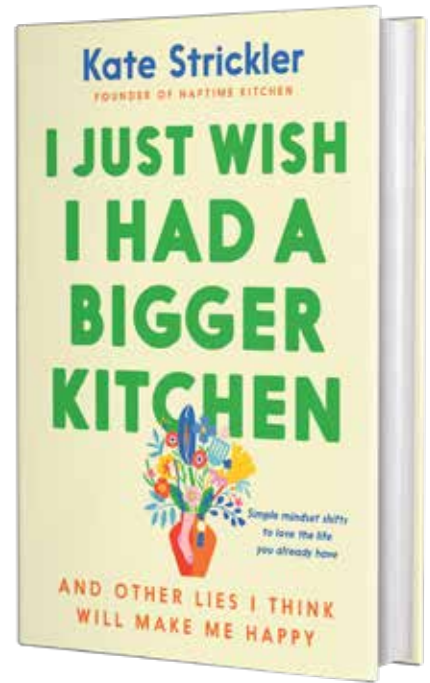
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