

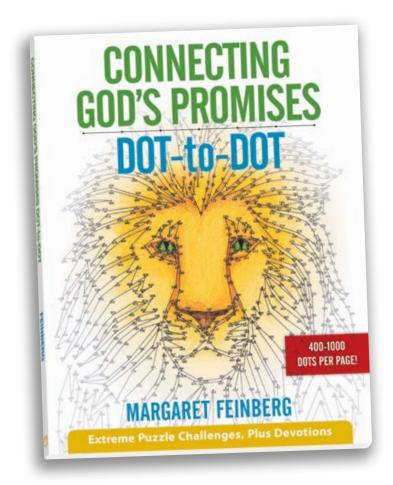
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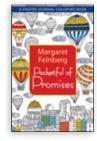
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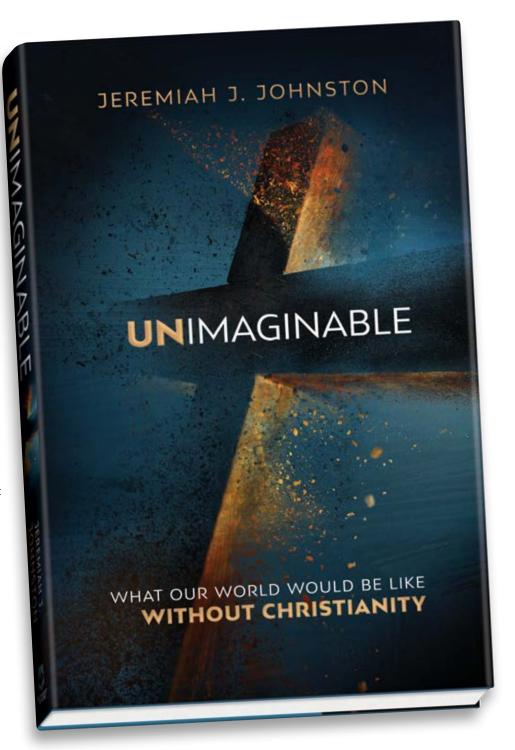
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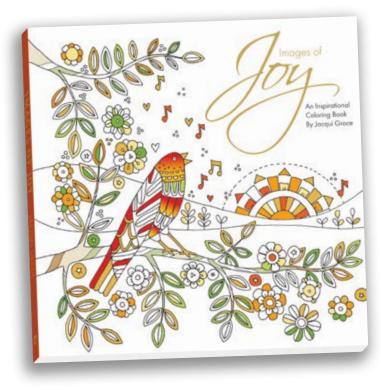
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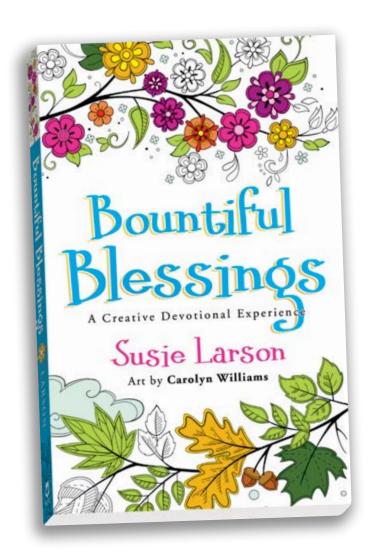


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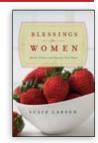
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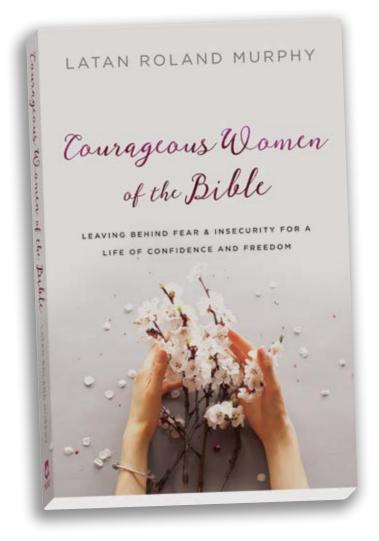
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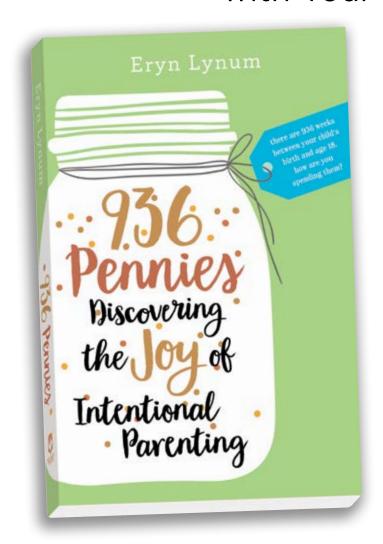
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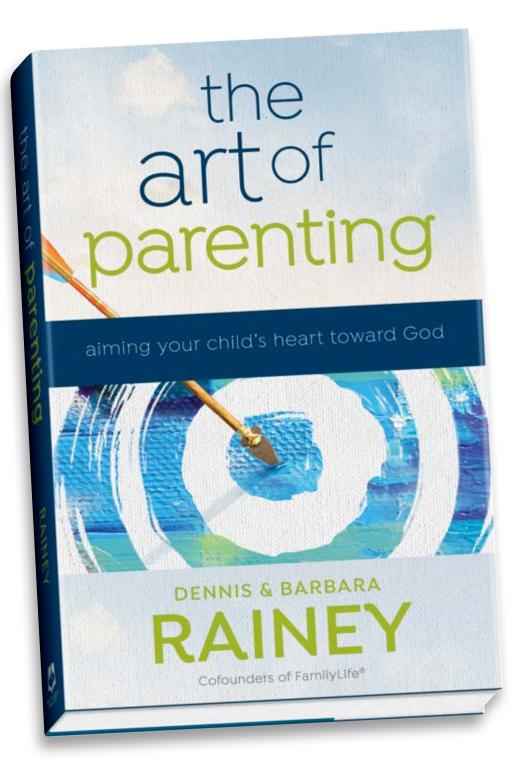
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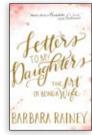
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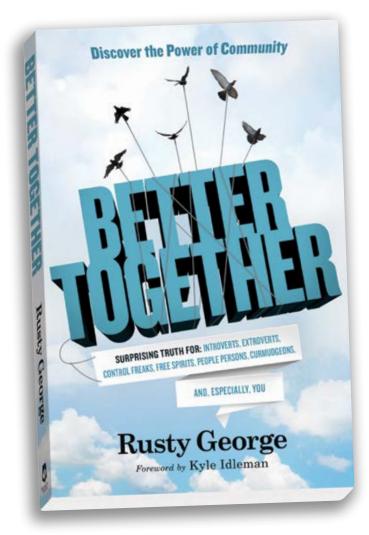
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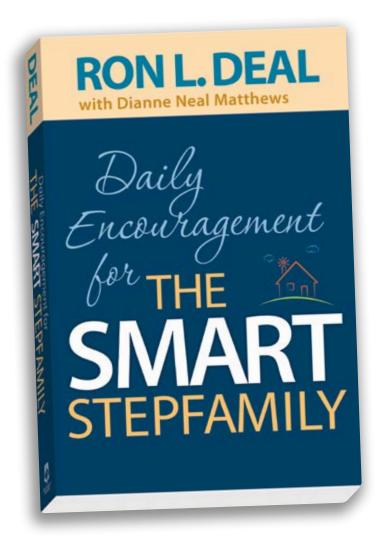
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ot a minute? Then you have time for a daily dose of encouragement and wisdom for your stepfamily journey. These 365 short and sweet thoughts will keep your family blending and bonding throughout the year. Topics include parenting and stepparenting, strengthening your marriage, grief in the stepfamily, bonding with children, co-parenting with exes, practical wisdom for bringing family members together, and inspirational stories to lift your spirits and keep you stepping in the right direction. This book also addresses special days like Mother's Day and holidays.

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# Daily Encouragement for the Smart Stepfamily

Ron L. Deal with Dianne Neal Matthews



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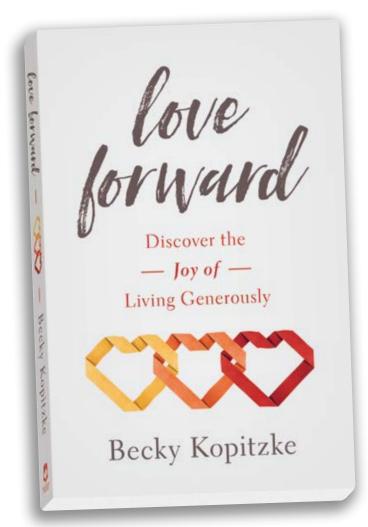
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# A Fresh, Down-to-Earth Look on Living and Loving Well



- Author is a popular blogger and author
- Packed with engaging stories, real-life ideas, reflection questions, and practical tips
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f asked, most of us want to make a difference, to live and love generously. But we get caught in the crazy rush of household routines, work demands, cranky attitudes, difficult people, exhaustion, worry, and pride, and once again we fail to love the people around us at all—let alone well. We too easily default to focusing more on self than on others, on receiving more than giving, in ways we don't even recognize. We dream of reaching out. We just . . . forget. Or don't have the energy.

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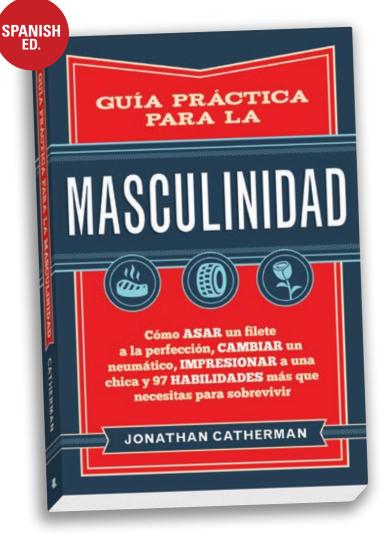
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# Everything a Teen Guy Needs to Know to Be Cool, Collected, and Competent—Now in Spanish



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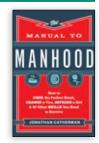
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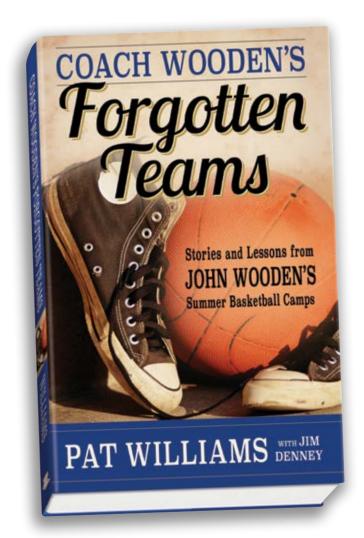
principles and strengths that empower greatness in children, teens, and young adults. As both a parent and a professional, Jonathan is committed to assisting young men in the making to experience success and significance as they mature into manhood and lifelong leadership.



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# Stories and Lessons from John Wooden's Summer Basketball Camps



- Offers an inside look at Coach Wooden's lifechanging impact on thousands of young people
- Williams's previous books on John Wooden have sold over 80,000 copies
- Outlines six fundamental life lessons Wooden taught at his youth basketball camps
- Foreword by Nan Wooden

egendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden is known for his record-breaking run of NCAA championships and for working with some of the best players in the sport. His principles for success have been used by not only coaches and athletes, but also business leaders, entrepreneurs, and others. But his reach stretches even farther than most people know—into the hearts and lives of the people who learned the game of basketball on one of Coach Wooden's forgotten teams.

For nearly twenty years, John Wooden ran scores of summer youth basketball camps in California and other states, imparting wisdom and teaching skills to thousands of boys and girls between the ages of eight and fifteen. Most would not grow up to play professional or even college ball, but all of them found their lives changed by their interaction with the greatest coach who ever lived. In those camps, Coach Wooden also impacted hundreds of camp counselors and assistant coaches. This one-of-a-kind new book shares their inspiring stories and six fundamental lessons for a life of success and an unforgettable impact on others.

# **Coach Wooden's Forgotten Teams**

Pat Williams with Jim Denney



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Jim Denney is a writer with more than 100 books to his credit. His collaborative titles include numerous books with Pat Williams, including *Coach Wooden, Coach Wooden's Greatest Secret*, and *The Success Intersection*. Find out more at www.writinginoverdrive.com.

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#### **EXCERPT**

I can't recall the first time I tried green beans, but I do know that I have decided to hate them forever. Sure, they smell like feet, but the unappealing aroma has very little to do with my aversion. I hate green beans because my mom made me eat them to lose weight.

Once I hit puberty, I pretty much lived in the curvy category of life. I was the epitome of a boisterous lyric by Sir Mix-A-Lot and oddly unfazed by this fact. This puzzled my tall, thin mother. Why would anyone embrace a figure who wasn't exactly like Twiggy from the sixties?

If there's one thing I've learned over the years, it's this: the majority of women on the planet struggle with a variety of insecurities.

Our skinny jeans deceive us. Our grandmother's cold cream regimen haunts us.

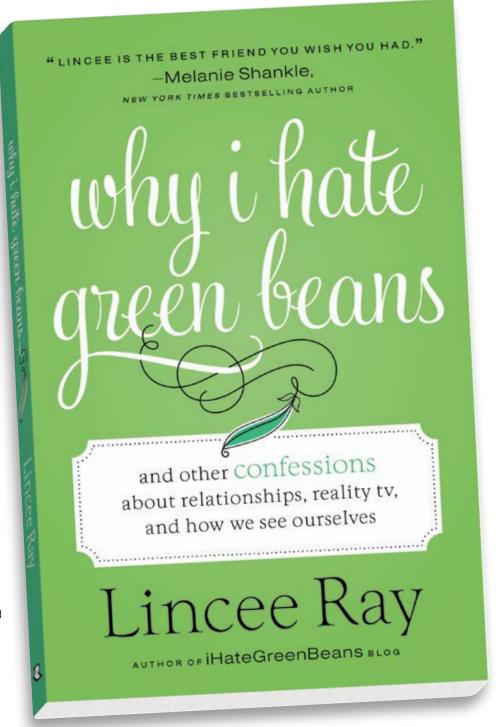
Our Facebook feeds taunt us with images of everyone else's picture-perfect lives.

I wrote this book to encourage women everywhere to embrace the days when we aren't feeling like our best selves. It's for everyone who has tried the latest fad diet or online dating app and failed. Again. It's for those of us who scour the internet looking for ways to reduce stress only to roll our eyes when we discover that step one is always the same: cut out the caffeine.

As if that's going to happen.

We all long for someone who's been there to walk alongside us through life's difficulties. Whether it's maneuvering the muffin top, navigating the sketchy waters of singleness, or walking the judgmental halls of the workplace, these stories are my way of sharing certain truths I have learned along the way and somehow found incredibly helpful.

Yoga pants are your friend, Jesus sees you, and green bean diets are never the answer.



# "Honest . . . hilarious . . . refreshing . . . Lincee is the best friend you wish you had."

# -Melanie Shankle, author of the Big Mama blog

- Friend-to-friend confessions that help women face life with laughter, honesty, and strength
- Ray is a popular entertainment writer and blogger for *Entertainment Weekly*, the Associated Press, *Huffington Post*, MSN.com, CBS, and ABCNews.com

f there is one thing Lincee Ray has learned over the years, it's that the majority of women on the planet struggle with insecurities. Our skinny jeans mock us. Our just-trying-to-help mothers are just driving us crazy. Our social media feeds taunt us with everyone else's picture-perfect lives. It's enough to send you on a gummy-bear bender while binge-watching *Friends* reruns and not showering for a week. Lincee knows. She's been there. Right there, in fact. Gummy bears and all.

For every woman who's ever wondered if she's unlovable, uninteresting, or unattractive, Lincee offers her particular brand of hilarious (and hard-hitting) self-reflection. Like a true friend, she shows us that the fastest way to happiness is to embrace ourselves in all our imperfection, trust that God knew what he was doing when he made us, and maybe go buy a new tube of mascara. Walk alongside Lincee as she discovers that her identity is not found in her job, her relationship status, her bank account, or her social circle. It's found in Christ.

# Why I Hate Green Beans Lincee Ray



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makes you seem a little crazy. She lives in Texas.

#### **EXCERPT**

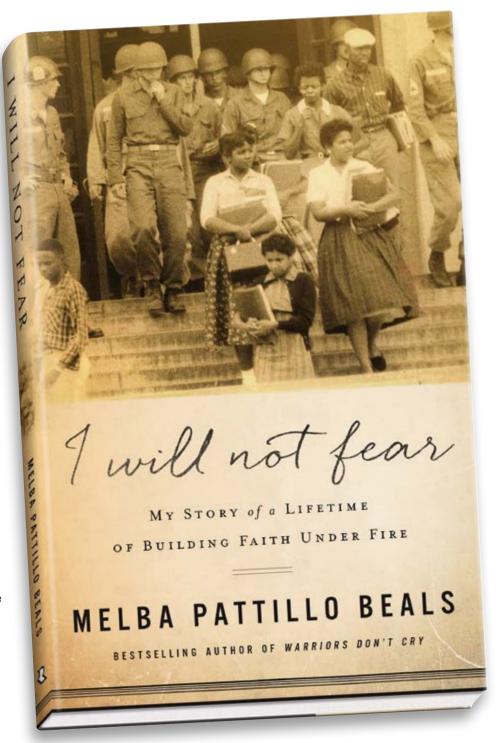
The men who chased us began saying aloud their plans for us—how they wanted to have their way with us and then hang us. I had never felt that kind of fear before. It nested in the lining of my stomach, moving upward into my throat. I had an urge to call out for help but who would save me? There was no one there who cared about me. Mom and I were alone.

"Take these keys," Mom said in a commanding voice, "you get to the car and leave me here."

"No, Mom, no!" For the first time in my life, I felt the burn of her hand as she slapped me on my cheek. I didn't know how to disobey her but I wasn't going to leave her there. I was a few feet in front of her. Circling back to grab her arm, I couldn't let her go. She must have been getting tired because she was slowing down. I was pulling her and running as fast as I could.

Just then a man grabbed the back of her suit jacket to pull her back. Holding onto her briefcase with one hand, she wiggled out of the jacket. I knew we were going to die, right there together if I didn't do something. But what? We were only steps ahead of the men—just steps. I recalled Grandmother's words, "God is as close to you as your skin. You have but to ask and he will reach out to help you." I began to repeat aloud the words of the Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm.

Down on the unpaved path in front of us were dead tree branches which mother and I went around. The men directly behind us did not see the branches, they tumbled over each other. "Please, God, please," I whispered. Their fall gave us the few seconds we needed to get to the car.



# Lessons in Unshakeable Faith from One of the Little Rock Nine

- Melba Pattillo Beals was one of nine African American students chosen to integrate Little Rock's all-white Central High School in 1957
- Dr. Beals has received one hundred awards for bravery, including the country's highest honor, the Congressional Gold Medal
- Beals previous book, Warriors Don't Cry, has sold more than 1 million copies
- Her interview with the Little Rock Nine on *Oprah* is listed as one of the top 15 in the show's 25-year history

n 1957, Melba Beals was one of the nine African American students chosen to integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. But her story of overcoming didn't start—or end—there. While her white schoolmates were planning their senior prom, Melba was facing the business end of a double-barreled shotgun, being threatened with lynching by rope-carrying tormentors, and learning how to outrun white supremacists who were ready to kill her rather than sit beside her in a classroom. Only her faith in God sustained her during her darkest days and helped her become a civil rights warrior, an NBC television news reporter, a magazine writer, a professor, a wife, and a mother.

In *I Will Not Fear*, Beals takes readers on an unforgettable journey through terror, oppression, and persecution, highlighting the kind of faith needed to survive in a world full of heartbreak and anger. She shows how the deep faith we develop during our most difficult moments is the kind of faith that can change our families, our communities, and even the world. Encouraging and inspiring, Beals's story offers readers hope that faith is the solution to the pervasive hopelessness of our current culture.

# I Will Not Fear

Melba Pattillo Beals



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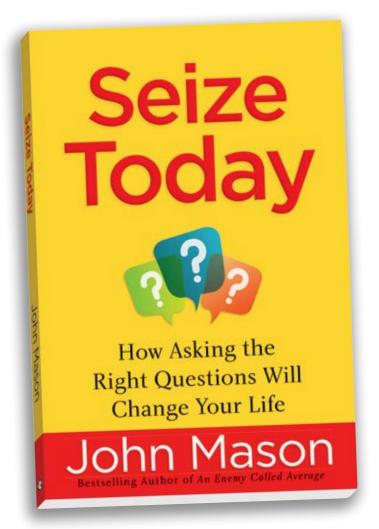
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a former KQED television broadcaster, NBC television news reporter, ABC radio talk show host, and writer for various magazines, including *Family Circle* and *People*. Beals's *Warriors Don't Cry* has been in print for more than 20 years, has sold more than 1 million copies, and was the winner of the American Library Association Award, the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award, and the American Booksellers' Association Award. She lives in San Francisco and is the mother of three adult children.

# Engaging and Encouraging Answers to Life's Most Important Questions



- John Mason's Revell titles have sold more than 300,000 copies
- Easy-to-access inspiration to help readers succeed in life
- An engaging new format that encourages readers to ask the right questions to find answers for success and happiness

Sometimes, life isn't going the way we want it to because we're simply not asking the right questions. Our focus is on our circumstances or our problems. We're asking *why me*? when we should be asking *what next*?

With his signature infectious positive energy, John Mason offers readers looking for direction this simple yet powerful message of encouragement and hope—you can seize today and uncover a brighter tomorrow. For anyone who feels stuck, who yearns for a change but isn't sure just how to pursue it, Mason shows that the most powerful tool we have is asking ourselves the right questions to get the right answers. These bite-sized readings are perfect for busy professionals, overworked moms, entrepreneurs, and anyone looking for an uplifting boost.

# **Seize Today**

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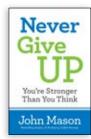
of Insight International and Insight Publishing Group, organizations dedicated to helping people reach their God-given dreams. He lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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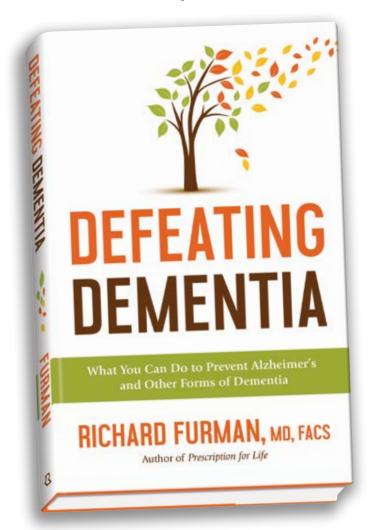
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# Medical Research Shows We Have Hope for Defeating Dementia



- Dr. Furman spent more than 30 years as a vascular surgeon treating the effects of artery disease
- The CDC estimates that up to 5.3 million Americans currently have Alzheimer's disease; by 2050, that number is expected to more than double
- Based on solid medical research, this book demonstrates how three lifestyle changes can dramatically reduce the likelihood of developing dementia

ementia. It's one of the most dreaded conditions we face as we age. Many people claim they would rather be diagnosed with cancer than dementia or Alzheimer's. What many don't realize is that dementia is not a forgone conclusion as we get older. Our own lifestyle choices and habits can have a significant impact—for good or ill—on our chances of developing the disease. And that means there's hope.

Drawing from the latest medical research, Dr. Richard Furman helps readers understand dementia and Alzheimer's and shows them how to make three powerful lifestyle changes that can help decrease the probability of developing this disease. He explains how eating the right foods, exercising, and sustaining an ideal weight can dramatically reduce the likelihood of developing dementia in the first place, and even how it can slow the progression of the disease in someone who has already received a diagnosis.

# **Defeating Dementia**

Richard Furman, MD, FACS



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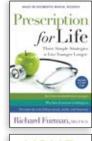
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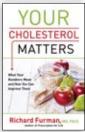
Richard Furman, MD, FACS, spent more than thirty years as a vascular surgeon. The author of *Prescription for Life* and *Your Cholesterol Matters*, Furman is past president of the North Carolina Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, past president of the North Carolina Surgical Society, and

a two-term governor of the American College of Surgeons. He is cofounder of World Medical Mission, the medical arm of Samaritan's Purse, and is a member of the board of Samaritan's Purse. He lives in Boone, North Carolina.

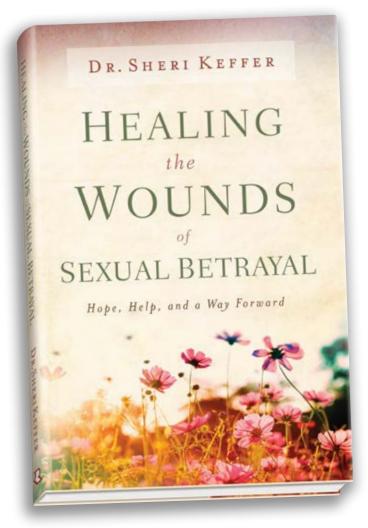
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# Hope, Help, and a Way Forward after Sexual Betrayal



- Dr. Keffer writes from both personal and professional experience
- Author is a cohost of the nationally syndicated talk show New Life Live, with an audience of over 2 million
- Tens of millions of relationships in the United States are impacted by sexual addiction, pornography, and extramarital affairs

othing destroys trust like sexual betrayal. Beyond broken vows, a woman who discovers that her husband has been viewing pornography or having an affair must deal with devastating blows to her self-image and self-worth. She must grapple with the fact that the man she thought she knew has lied and deceived her. She may even bear the brunt of shame and judgment when the people around her find out.

Drawing from her experience both as a marriage and family therapist and a woman who personally experienced the devastation of sexual betrayal, Dr. Sheri Keffer walks women impacted by betrayal through the pain and toward recovery. She explains how the trauma of betrayal affects our minds, bodies, spirits, and sexuality. She offers practical tools for dealing with emotional triggers and helps women understand the realities of sexual addiction. And she shows women how to practice self-care, develop healthy boundaries, protect themselves from abuse or manipulation, and find freedom from the burden of shame and guilt.

# Healing the Wounds of Sexual Betrayal

Dr. Sheri Keffer

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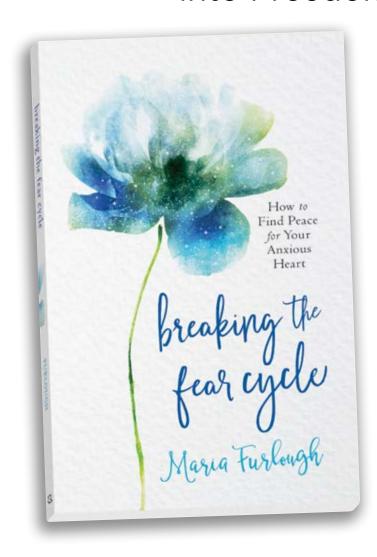
### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

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Specialist (CCPS) and Certified Sex Addiction Therapist (CSAT). She is the creator and keynote leader of Women in the Battle seminars for women who've experienced betrayal, and she holds a doctorate in marriage and family therapy and a master's degree in theology, both from Fuller Theological Seminary.

# Guides Women Out of Fear and Anxiety into Freedom and Peace



- Furlough relates to women battling the cycle of fear by sharing biblical truths and her own personal journey
- Helps women find peace for their anxious hearts
- Provides inspiration for boldly claiming God's power over the cycle of fear in a woman's life

t seems there is more to fear now than ever, but fear and anxiety are nothing new to human beings—or to God. The Bible calls us to not be afraid on many occasions, and of course we all *want* to live without fear. But just how is that accomplished when every news item seems designed to get us wringing our hands?

Using her own story as a catalyst, Maria Furlough shows readers *how* to overcome fear for good. She calls readers to make a list of their fears, to choose to bring those fears to God rather than acting on them, and to trust God with the future. She shows how when we give God full control over our lives, choosing his sovereignty over our own ability, we can break the cycle of fear, grow through suffering, and trust God to fulfill his promises of protection and peace.

Anyone who is filled with anxiety over their personal circumstances, the state of the world today, or even their fear-clogged social media feeds will welcome this hands-on journey from fear to freedom.

# Breaking the Fear Cycle

Maria Furlough



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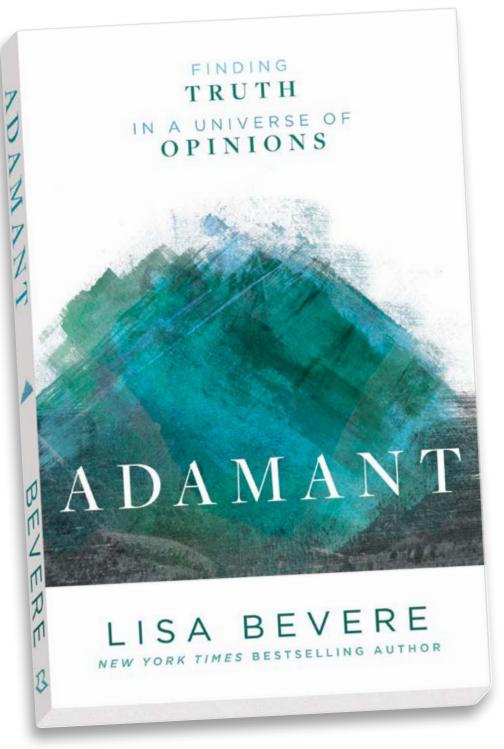
#### **EXCERPT**

Jesus is our ultimate Adamant. He is the unmovable, indestructible stone in which we live and move. He is the mountain we run to. You were made for this mountain. It is time to go higher and draw nearer. For he knows who we are even when we have forgotten. He knows from whence we have come and to where we will return. He knows we are spiritquickened dust twirling and dancing in the vapor of time. The pinnacle of God sees beyond our bodily forms. Because he is higher, he sees deeper. He sees his own breath within us. Love. Life. Light.

As image bearers of the Most High God we are destined for eternal realms rather than the distractions of cheap trinkets and idol gods. Confusion muddies the water when we argue about questions for which we were already given answers long ago. It is time to turn and return.

Come to the holy mount of God. Ascend, both the brave and the trembling. For this mountain will give you courage. Do not dare to draw back. Lift your eyes until its heights make you dizzy. The faint of heart and weak of limb will be strengthened in the ascent. For each trail was fashioned by your Creator, the pathways designed to humble the high and lift the lowly.

Ascend the mountain and be transformed. Leave behind the valley of death and indecision. Scale the lofty peaks of truth and gain perspective. Run to the shadow of the Almighty and leave behind your shadowed realm.



# International Bible Teacher Issues a Call to God's Unshakeable Truth

- Bevere's authentic and passionate style weaves profound biblical truths with practical application
- Bevere spoke to more than 200,000 people in 2016, and has a direct-to-reader reach of more than 1.4 million
- Without Rival is a New York
   Times, USA Today, Publishers
   Weekly, and #1 Christian
   Book Association bestseller

By ancient definition, the adamant was known as both a diamond and a mythical stone of indestructible wonder. In more modern terminology, it describes a posture of unshakeable resolve and determination. If there was ever a time for us to be adamant about love and truth it is now. God is Love. God is Truth. Both love and truth are timeless, transcending our current trends and opinions. Sometimes the most loving thing we will ever do is to speak the truth, but speaking truth begins with living it.

Using the mediums of Scripture and story, *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa Bevere takes readers on a journey into the Mountain of God, to the one place they can learn not only to abide in God's unshakeable truth and love, but become *adamant*—people who are unmovable, determined, and steadfast. With conviction and passion, Lisa unpacks the concept of the adamant for readers, linking together the grand story of Scripture and God's purpose in their lives. Readers will see that God's plan is revealed as we dwell in him, it is there that we are forged and shaped. As we abide in Christ our Cornerstone we are shaped into the image of the adamant.

# Adamant Lisa Bevere



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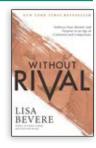
## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Lisa Bevere's authentic and passionate style weaves profound biblical truths with practical application. A New York Times bestselling author, her books, including Without Rival, Lioness Arising, and Girls with Swords, are in the hands of millions worldwide. Lisa and her husband, John Bevere,

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# **Begin Again**

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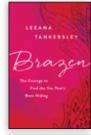
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MOPS, both as a writer and speaker. Leeana speaks to groups all over the country about waking up those beautiful and sacred parts of each of us that can go dormant. She and her husband, Steve, live in San Diego, California, with their three kids. Learn more at www.leeanatankersley.com.

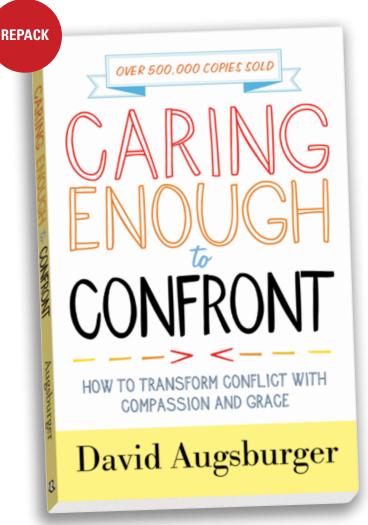
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- An ordained Mennonite minister, Augsburger leads workshops on conflict management

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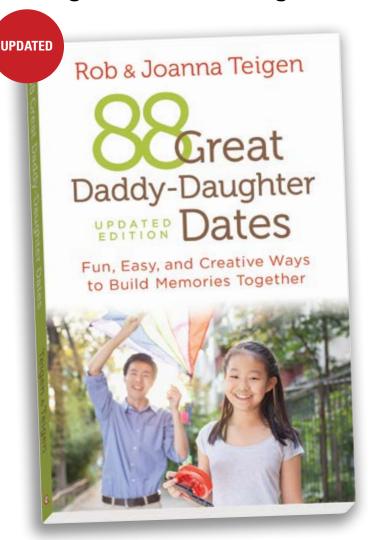
# **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

David Augsburger is the author of more than 20 books on pastoral counseling, marriage, conflict, and human relations. He is a professor of pastoral counseling at Fuller Theological Seminary and has also taught at seminaries in Chicago, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. For over a decade, he served as



radio spokesperson for the Mennonite Churches, and he has written feature articles that have appeared in over 100 different periodicals. An ordained minister of the Mennonite Church and a diplomate of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Augsburger leads workshops internationally.

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Rob Teigen has been a publishing professional for more than twenty years and is the author of several popular joke books, including the bestselling Laugh-Out-Loud Jokes for Kids (under the pseudonym Rob Elliott). He and his wife, Joanna Teigen, have five children. They are the authors of 88 Great Daddy-

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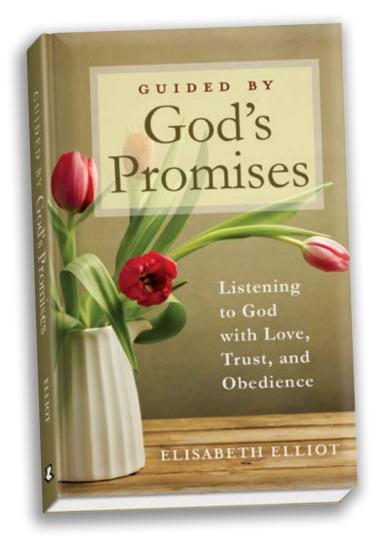


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### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Elisabeth Elliot (1926-2015) was one of the most perceptive and popular Christian writers of the last century. The author of more than 25 books, including Passion and Purity, The Journals of Jim Elliot, and These Strange Ashes, Elliot offered guidance and encouragement to millions of readers worldwide.



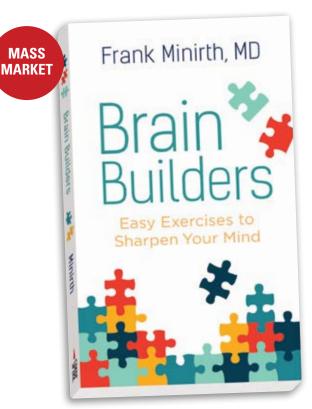
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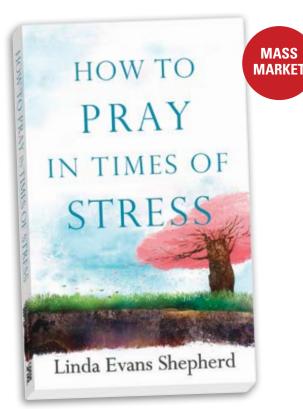
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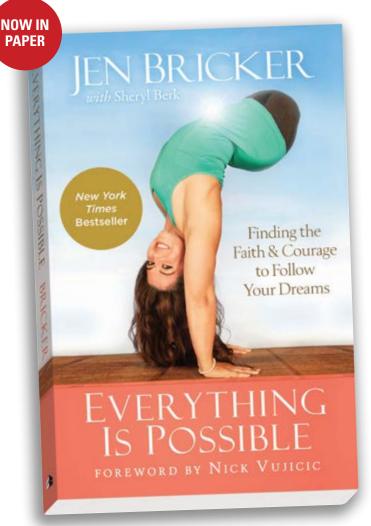
## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

**Linda Evans Shepherd** is an award-winning author, a successful speaker, and a radio personality. The president of Right to the Heart Ministries, she is the author of *When You Don't Know What to Pray* and *How to Pray When You Need a Miracle*. She lives in Colorado.

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# **Everything Is Possible**

Jen Bricker with Sheryl Berk



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### **ABOUT THE AUTHORS**

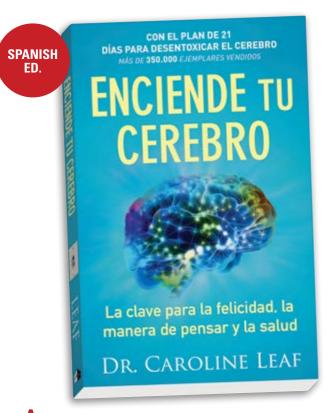
Jen Bricker is an author, aerialist, and motivational speaker. A state champion in power tumbling, she has traveled internationally with Britney Spears's Circus Tour and appeared as a headliner at the prestigious Palazzo Hotel in Las Vegas, New York's Lincoln Center, the Shangri-La Hotel in Dubai, and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

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### **Enciende tu cerebro**



Dr. Caroline Leaf

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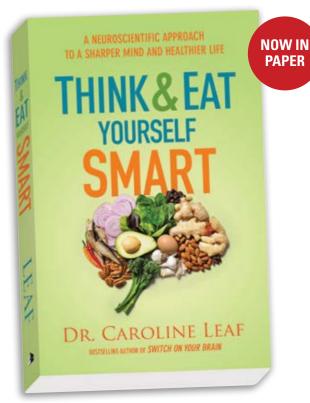
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#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

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

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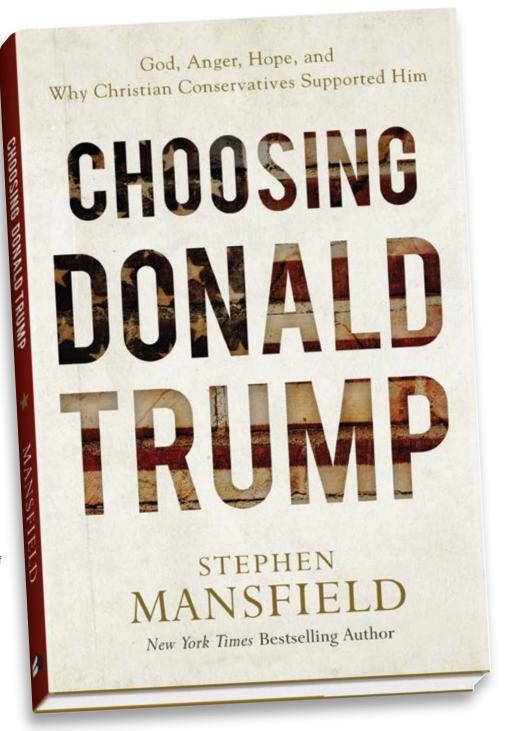


#### **EXCERPT**

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

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

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





# How (and Why) Religious Conservatives Picked Our Unlikely President

- From the New York Times bestselling author of *The* Faith of George W. Bush and The Faith of Barack Obama
- Author appears regularly on major broadcast outlets like Hannity, CNN, Fox News, Dan Rather Reports, and others
- Explains the issues at the heart of how Donald Trump became president with the help of religious conservatives

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

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

# **Choosing Donald Trump**

Stephen Mansfield



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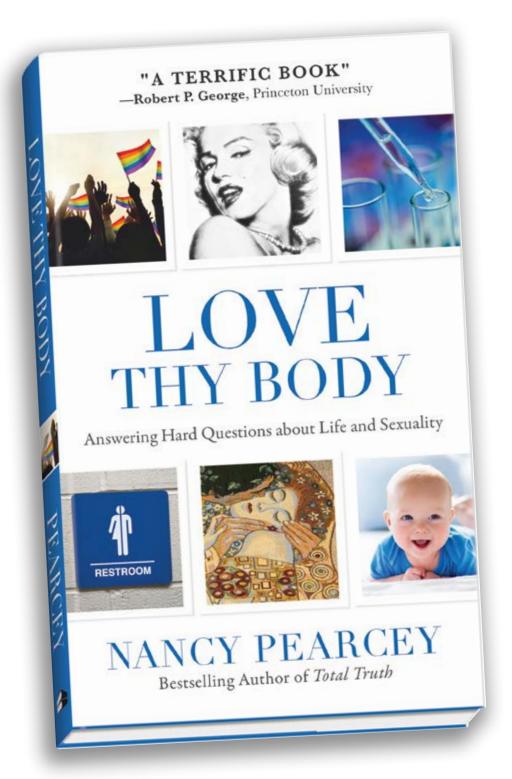
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"A great book."

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"Nancy Pearcey models on every page how to understand secular worldviews in order to engage them effectively. *Love Thy Body* is a mustread book for every Christian."

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Are transgender people discovering their authentic self? Is the hookup culture really liberating? Does abortion lead to equality for women? Does homosexuality contradict our biological sex?

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### **Love Thy Body**

Nancy Pearcey



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include visiting scholar at Biola University's Torrey Honors Institute, professor of worldview studies at Cairn University, and the Francis A. Schaeffer scholar at the World Journalism Institute. She is the author of several books, including the 2005 ECPA Gold Medallion Award winner *Total Truth* and most recently *Finding Truth*.



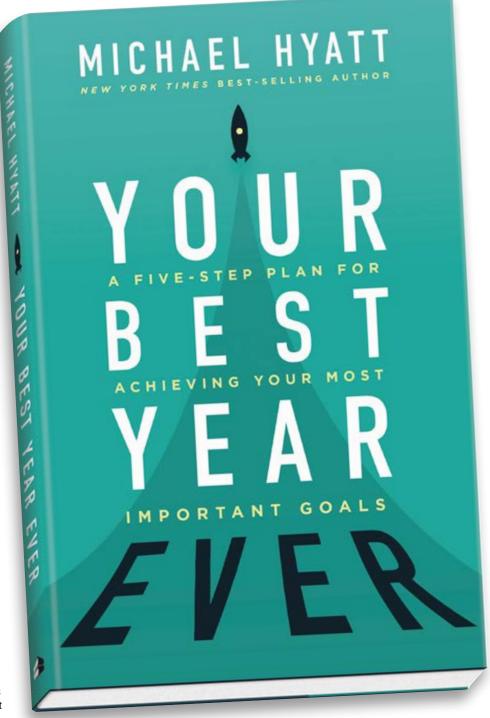
#### **EXCERPT**

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

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

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

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



## A Simple, Proven Method to Quit-Proof Your Goals and Live Your Dreams

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

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

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- · and much more

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### **Your Best Year Ever**

Michael Hyatt



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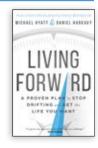
### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Michael Hyatt is the former chairman and CEO of Thomas Nelson Publishers, now part of HarperCollins. He is a New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today bestselling author of several books, including Living Forward and Platform: Get Noticed in a Noisy World. Michael's blog is ranked by Google

in the top one-half percent of all blogs, with 500,000 unique visitors a month and readers in more than two hundred countries. Michael has been married to his wife, Gail, for thirty-nine years. They have five daughters, three sons-in-law, and eight grandchildren. They live just outside of Nashville, Tennessee. Learn more at Michael Hyatt.com.

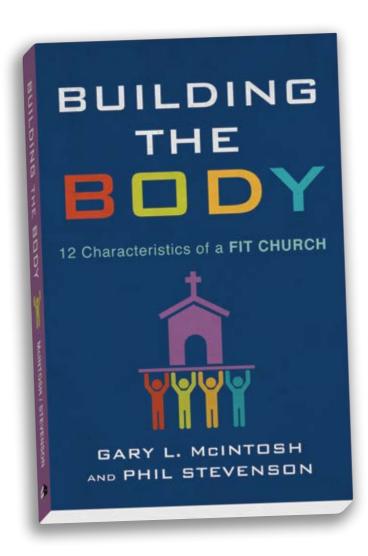
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### How Fit Is Your Church?



- McIntosh is a nationally recognized and respected author and speaker on issues of church growth
- Author is president and founder of McIntosh Church Growth Network and has consulted with over 1,200 churches in 58 denominations
- Includes chapter by chapter "Plan of Action" for churches at five stages of fitness

ust as a physically *healthy* person—at an ideal weight and with good blood pressure and cholesterol numbers—might not actually be *fit* enough to run a 5k, so churches can appear healthy—with no obvious issues, maintaining a healthy size—and yet not exhibit fitness. A fit church is one that is not satisfied with merely coasting along with no problems. A fit church is actively making disciples, maturing in faith, developing strong leaders, reaching out to the community, and more.

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### **Building the Body**

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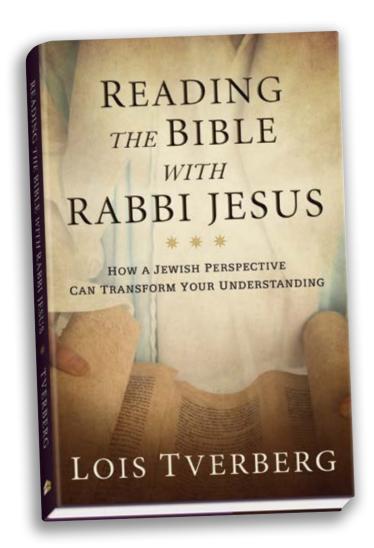
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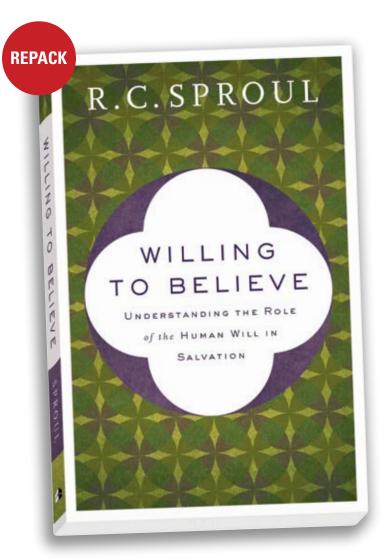
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hat does an individual contribute to his or her own salvation? Does God wait on the doorsteps of our hearts, quietly hoping to be let in when we decide to open the door? Or does he call us and pursue us in a way we can't resist? The debate between the irresistible call of God and a human being's free will has raged for centuries. So what is the answer? And why does it matter?

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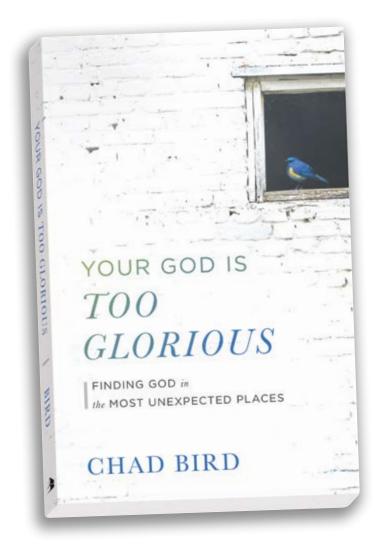
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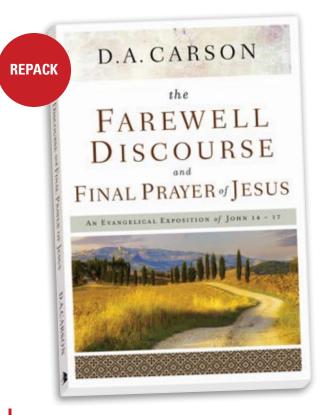
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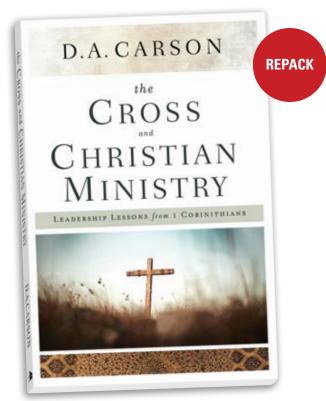
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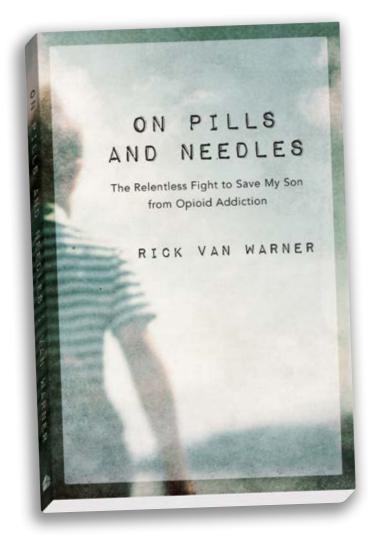
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- In trying to help his son, Van Warner discovers the deceptive pharmaceutical marketing and lobbying that helped create the opioid pain pill epidemic

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

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### **On Pills and Needles**

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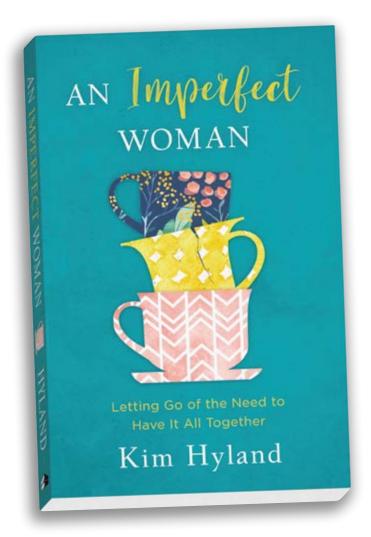
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# Reject the Traps of Perfectionism and Be Set Free



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- Helping the reader identify her fears, Hyland shows how God's grace can set her free

omen are bombarded with ideas of perfection—and tips for how to achieve it—every day. From her work to her looks to her parenting, today's modern woman is expected to strive to be picture perfect in every way. As a result, calls for authenticity and imperfection are on the rise. Yet, deep down, most of us still want to achieve perfection. Why?

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# **An Imperfect Woman** *Kim Hyland*



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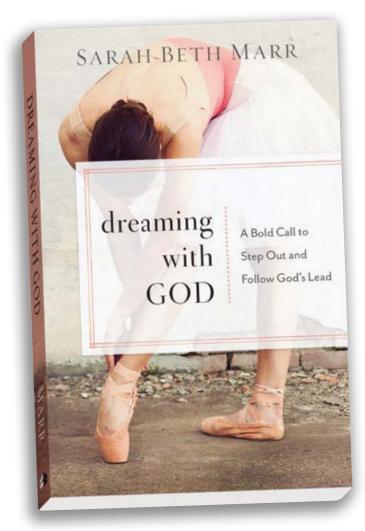
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- Illuminates how God's dreams for us are better than the plans we make for ourselves
- Marr is a frequent speaker and a contributing writer to Crosswalk.com, ChristianParenting.org, and Lifeway's Journey Magazine

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

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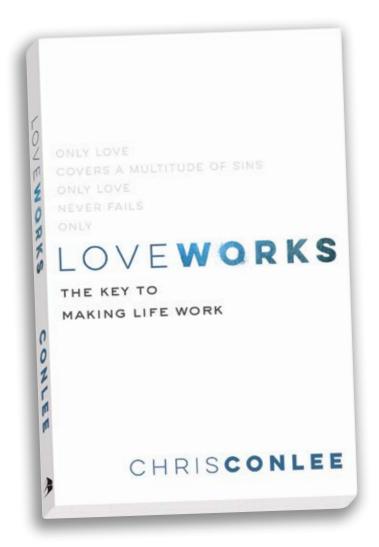


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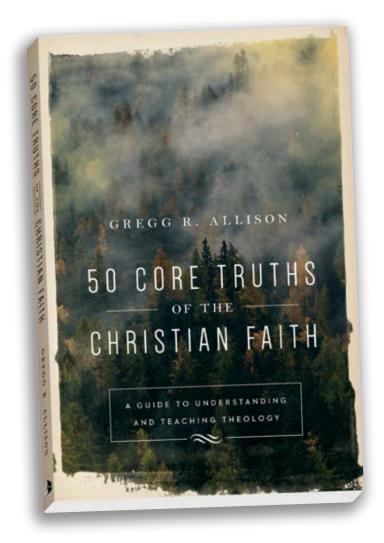
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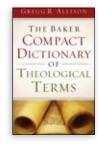
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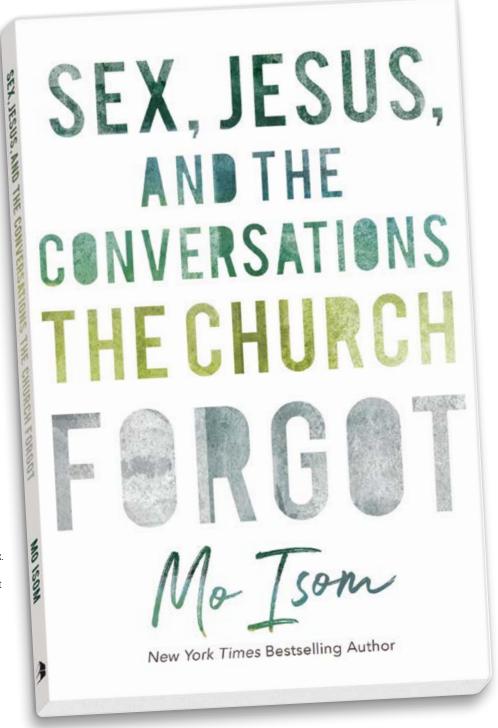
We're obsessed with it. We're fixated on it. We're entertained by it. We believe we're so deeply all-informed about it. We boast in the freedom we have to do what we want with our bodies. We tally the number of partners we've had. We're convinced it's necessary in a normal dating relationship. We're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

But we're not willing to talk about it.
While society twists, perverts,
cheapens, and idolizes it, we, the
church, are relatively silent about
sex. Awkwardly stumbling around it.
Running from it. Building desperate rule
lists of dos and don'ts. And, as a result,
allowing the sanctity of God to be stolen
by the insatiable lust of the lost.

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

Right? Wrong.

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





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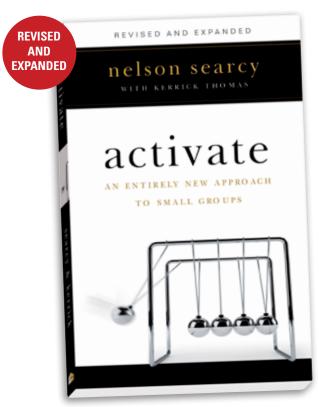
University soccer team and holds the LSU all-time goalkeeper record, as well as the #3 SEC all-time shutout record. She trained with the US Women's National program, was honored as National Player of the Week, has been featured in *Sports Illustrated*, and has appeared on ESPN SportsCenter Top-10 Plays, *Ellen*, ESPN, CBS, *The 700 Club*, and countless other platforms. She, her husband, Jeremiah Aiken, and their two children live in Atlanta, Georgia.

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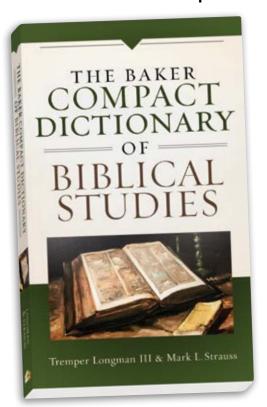
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# A to Z Guide to More Than 500 Terms and Topics



hen it comes to the realm of biblical studies, students of the Bible are often overwhelmed, both with the sheer volume of information and with all of the unfamiliar terms, concepts, and topics. Like any other field of study, the serious study of the Bible has developed a specialized vocabulary. The key terms in this important field are defined in *The Compact Dictionary of Biblical Studies*. It provides clear, concise, and accurate definitions to help students of the Bible make sense of the specialized language of biblical studies.

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# Anticipating Spring in the Dark Seasons of Life



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

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

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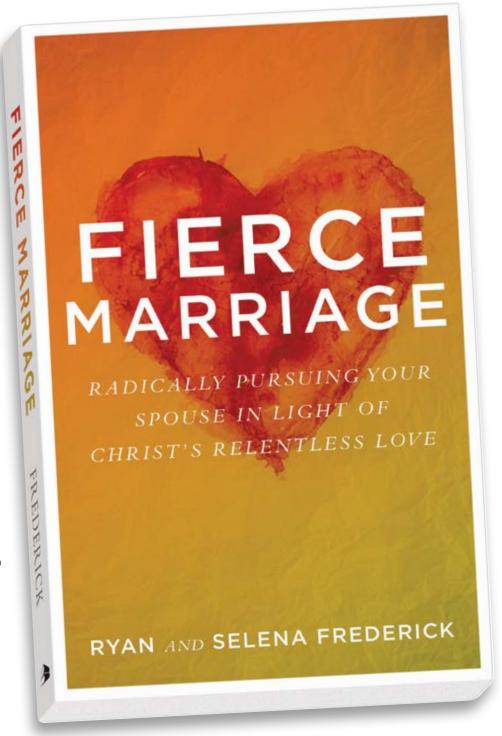
#### **EXCERPT**

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

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

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

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



## Popular Marriage Bloggers Offer Hope and Help for Building a Christ-Centered Marriage

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- Offers young couples in particular personal and practical lessons for applying biblical concepts to improve their own marriages
- Authors have a large social media following of over 437,000 followers, and their website FierceMarriage.com reaches over 200,000 readers a month

Selena's dream of training horses. Neither of them knew at the time that Ryan was living out a death sentence brought on by a worsening genetic heart defect. Soon it became clear he needed major surgery that could either save his life—or result in his death on the operating table. The young couple prepared for the worst.

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### **Fierce Marriage**

Ryan and Selena Frederick



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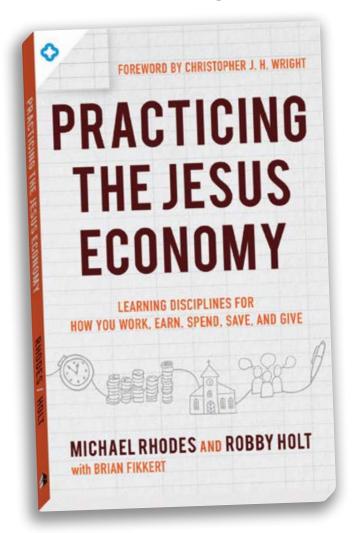
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Ryan and Selena Frederick created FierceMarriage.com in 2013 when they felt God calling them to share, with brutal transparency, the struggles he had helped them overcome. Since then, FierceMarriage. com has grown into a thriving online community with more than 200,000 unique visitors



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# What the Good News Means for Your Work, Wages, Money, and Stuff



- Brian Fikkert's When Helping Hurts has sold more than 400,000 copies
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he church in the West is rediscovering the fact that God cares deeply for the poor. More and more, churches and individual Christians are looking for ways to practice economic discipleship, but it's hard to make progress when we are blind to our own entanglement in our culture's idolatrous economic beliefs and practices.

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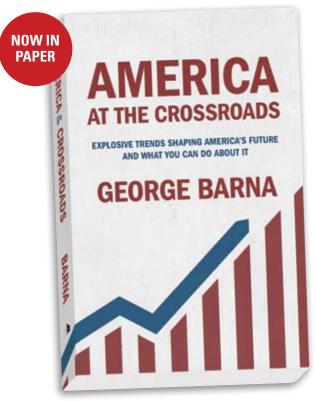


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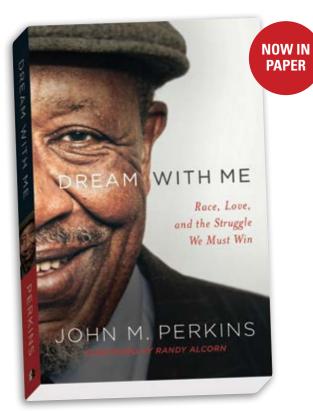
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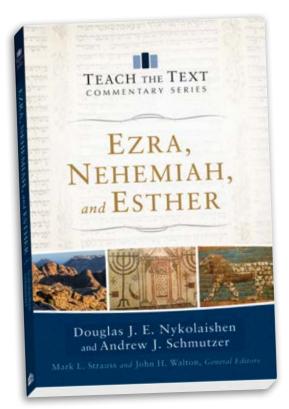
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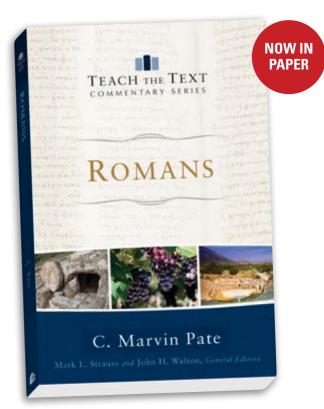
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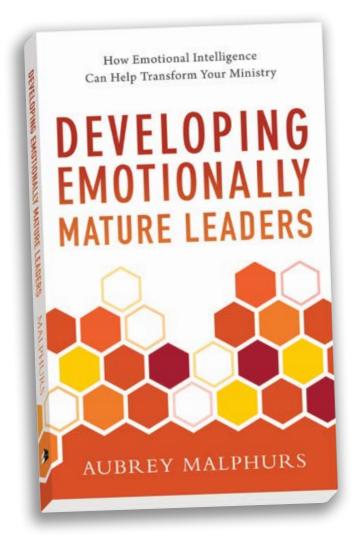
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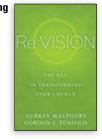
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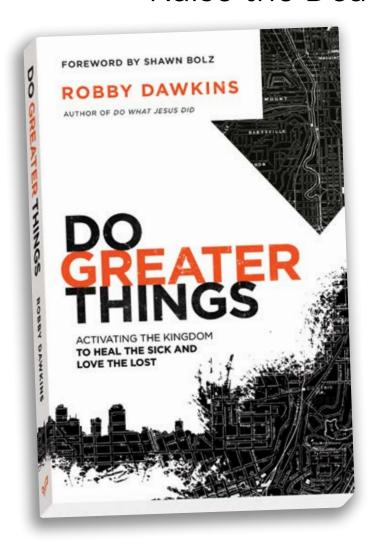
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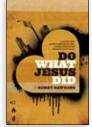
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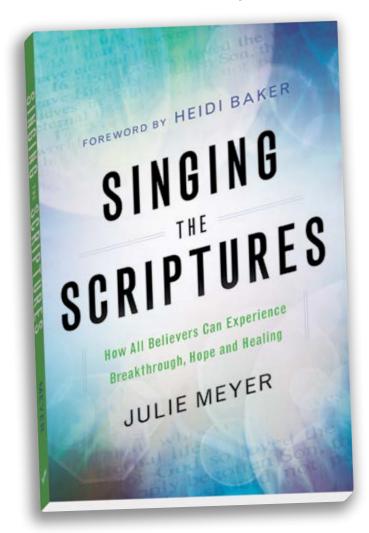
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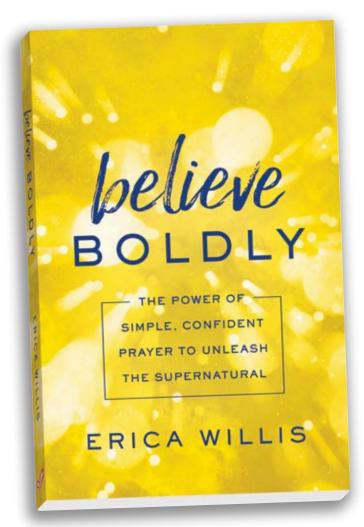


popular conference speaker and worship leader, she is the author of three books and numerous CDs and travels internationally, ministering at churches and conferences. Julie currently serves as the worship leader at the Santa Maria Healing Rooms in Santa Maria, California.

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# Learn to Unleash the Supernatural through Simple, Confident Praying



- Foreword by bestselling author Suzanne Eller
- Author is a popular blogger, conference speaker, and founder of The Fives, an international prayer ministry with exponential growth each year
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We long to see firsthand the power of God as displayed in the Bible. Miracles, prophecy, dreams, healing—most of these tend to be missing from our normal, safe, predictable faith. Yet we tend to view any movement of God outside our own experience with mistrust and confusion. But what if we've got "normal" all wrong?

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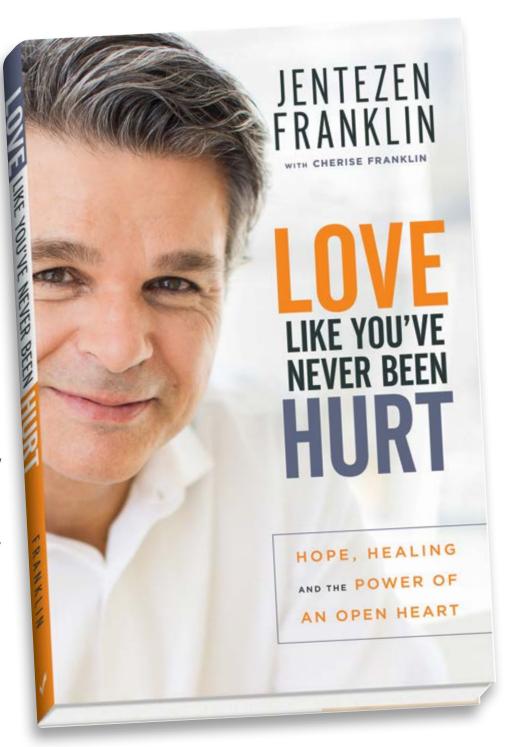
#### **EXCERPT**

There may be a moment that changes everything about you and your family for the rest of your life—whether it's a loss, a betrayal, an addiction, or an infidelity. You may even end up withholding your love from those who need it most. But this is not how God wants us to live. He wants to give us a new beginning. A new story. A fresh start. This is about understanding biblical forgiveness and reconciliation and establishing healthy boundaries. It's never wrong to love. It's never out of order to love. You don't compromise when you love. You never lower your standards when vou love.

I know these are loaded truths for some of you to read and digest, and I will unpack what they mean throughout this book. Love without limits is not about codependence, irrational thinking, or an invitation to be used as a doormat or whipping post.

I get what it's like to be hurt. I'm not telling you to do something I haven't done myself—and I have made plenty of mistakes along the way trying. I know the temptation to not want to let go of hurt or disappointment. In fact, in this book, I invite you on a personal journey into my own life. I'm going to share glimpses of conflict and turmoil my family experienced during a trying season.

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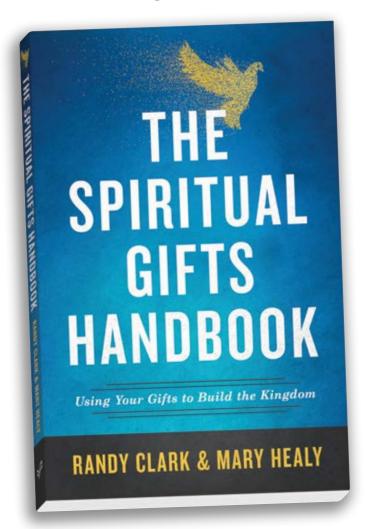
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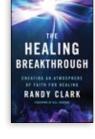
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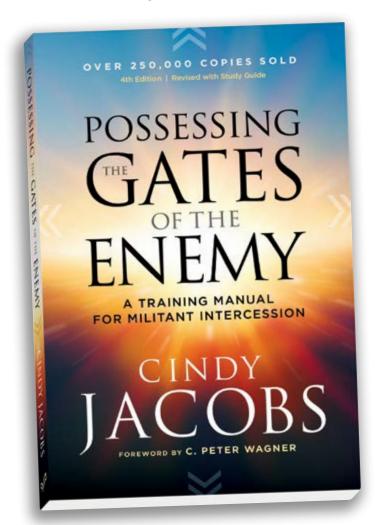
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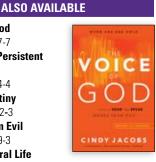
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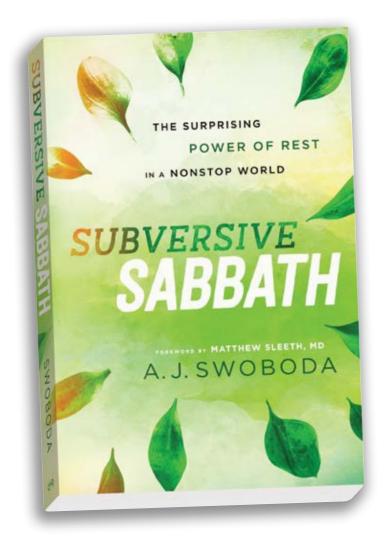
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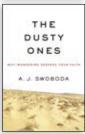
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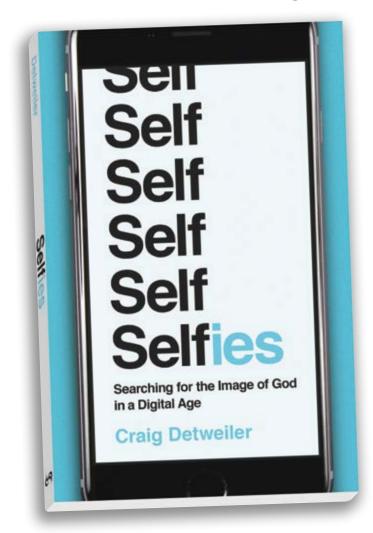


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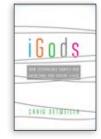
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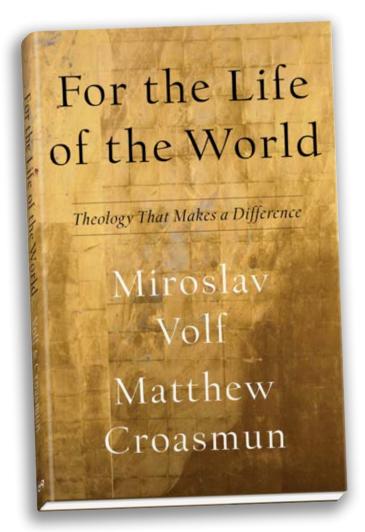
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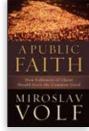
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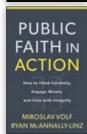
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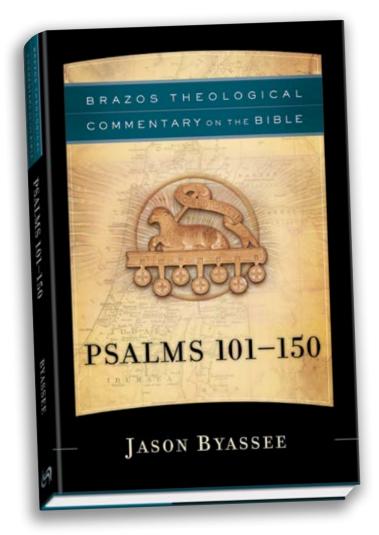
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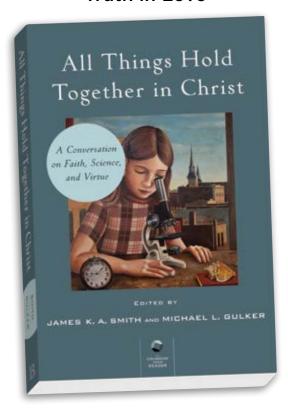
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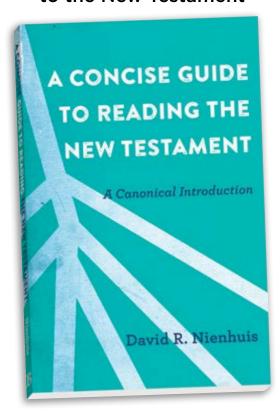
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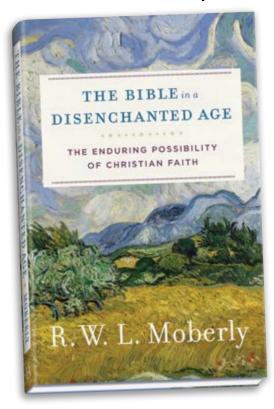
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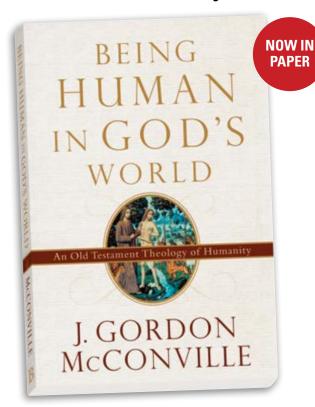
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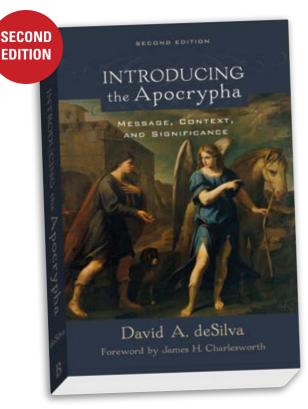
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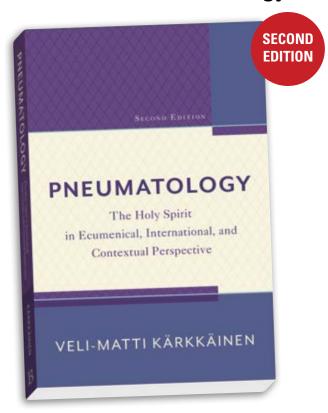
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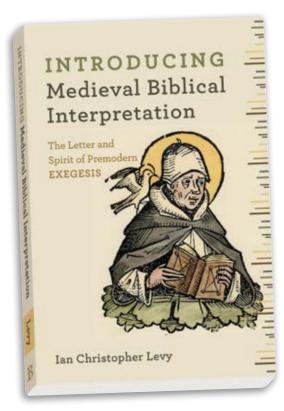
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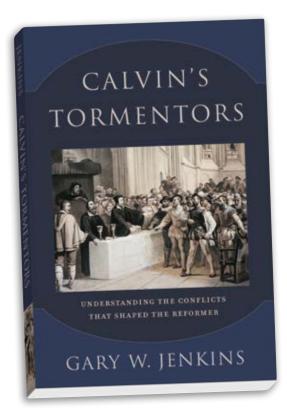
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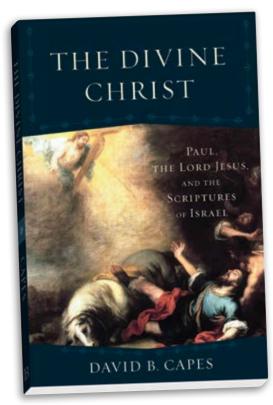
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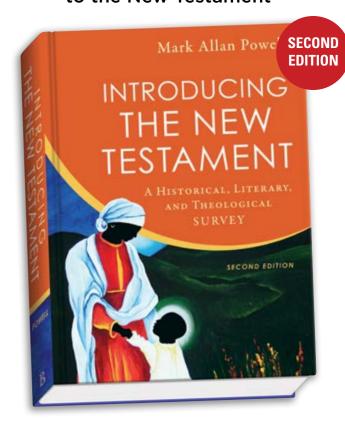
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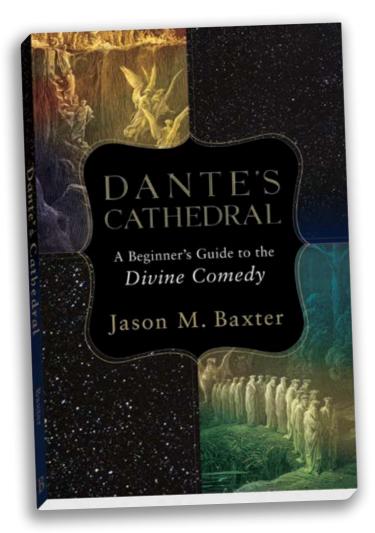
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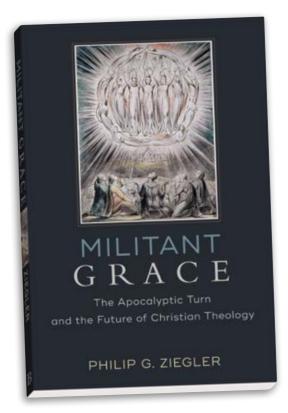
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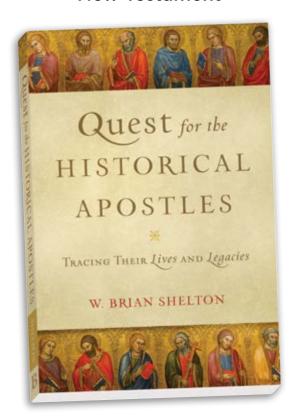
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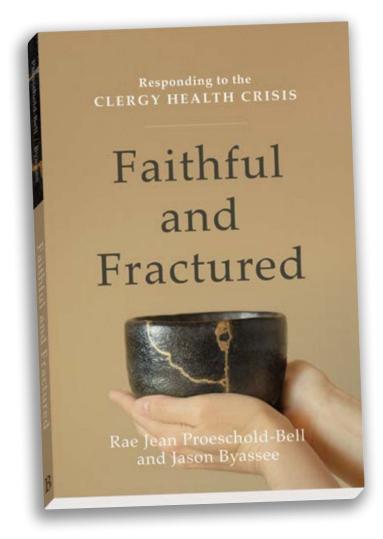
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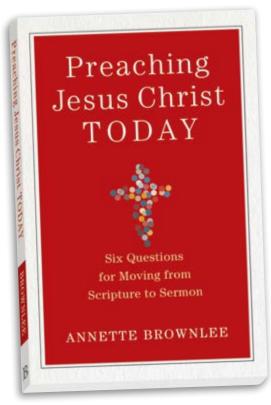


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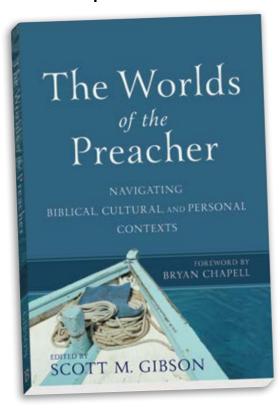
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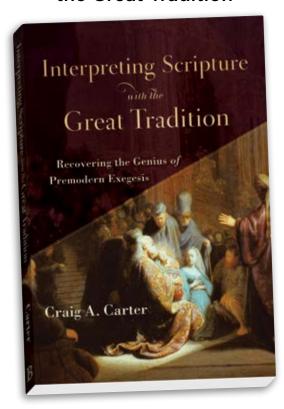
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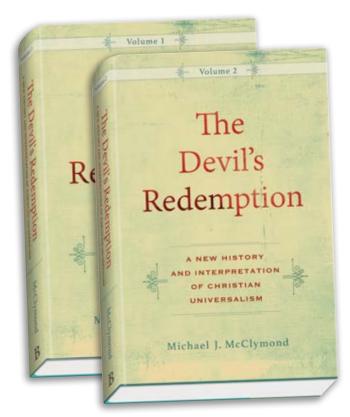
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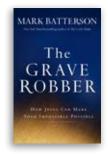
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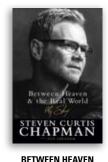


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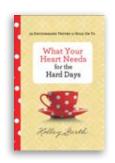
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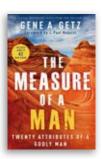
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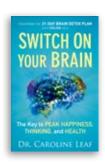
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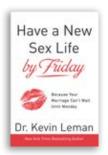
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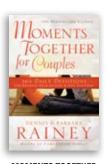


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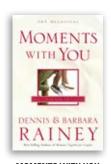
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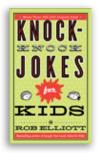


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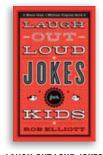
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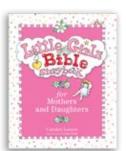
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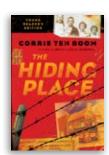
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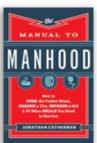
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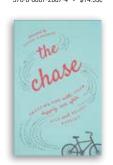


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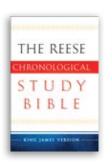
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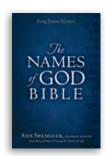
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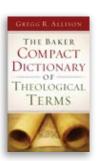
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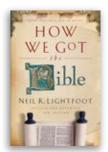
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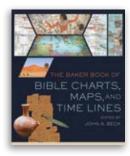
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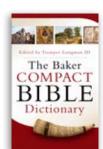
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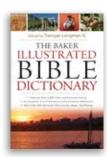
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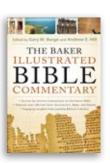
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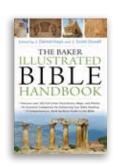
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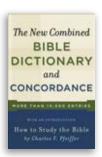
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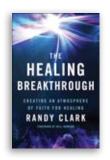
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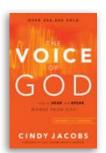


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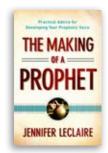
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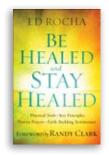
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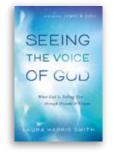
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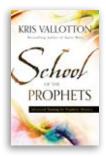
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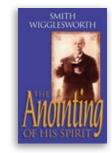
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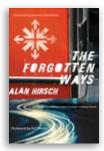
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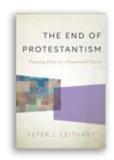


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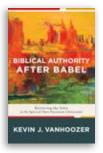
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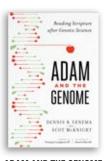
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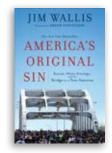


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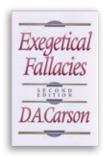
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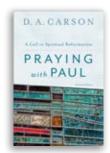
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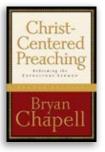
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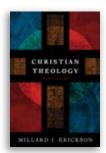
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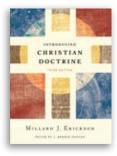
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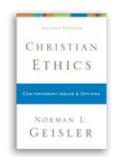
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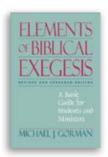
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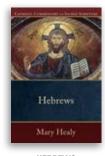
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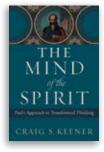
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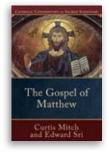
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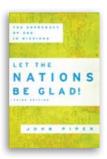
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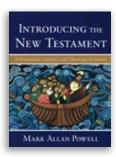
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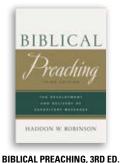
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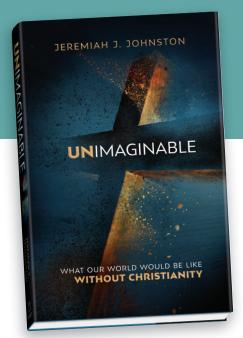
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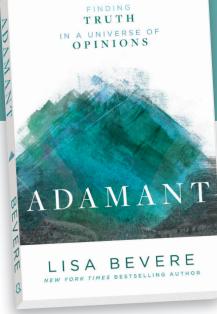
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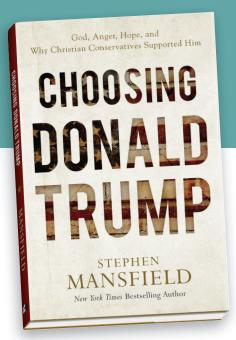






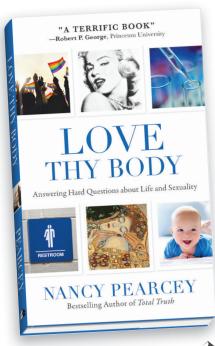
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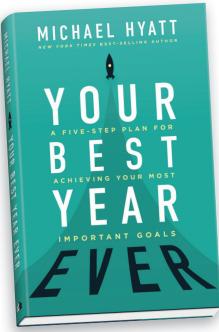
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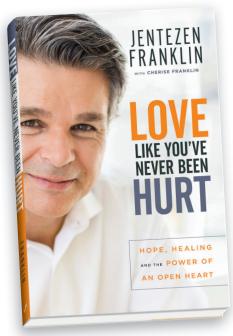
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