

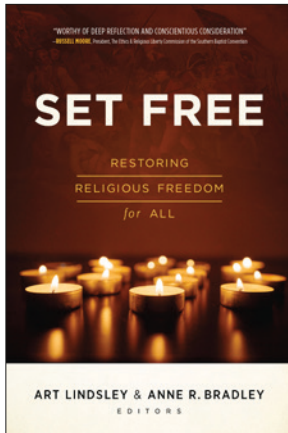


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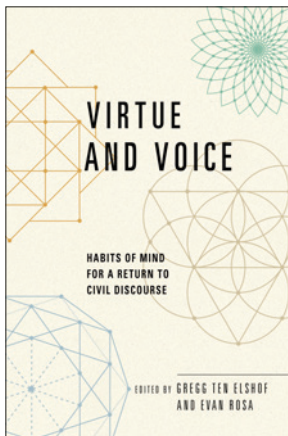


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Reclaiming a Heritage

Reflections on the Heart, Soul & Future of Churches of Christ

RICHARD HUGHES

Can Churches of Christ Be Saved?

At the turn of the millennium, *Reclaiming a Heritage*, a small book with a powerful message, examined the future and changing identity of Churches of Christ, exploring the rich biblical resources that once anchored this tradition, and could anchor it still. However, many in Churches of Christ have become increasingly comfortable wearing cultural blinders, resulting in a distortion of the movement’s original vision. This new edition of *Reclaiming a Heritage* invites Christians to reconsider a radical answer from the past—that true disciples of Jesus must vigorously stand against cultural compromises in favor of God’s Word. The updated and expanded edition includes:

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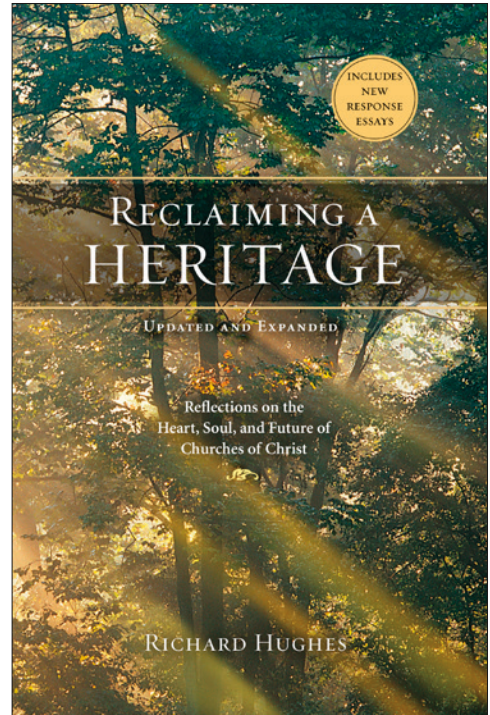
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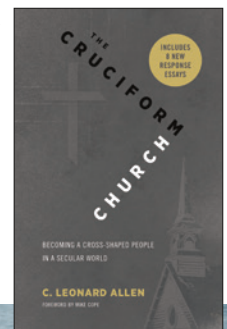
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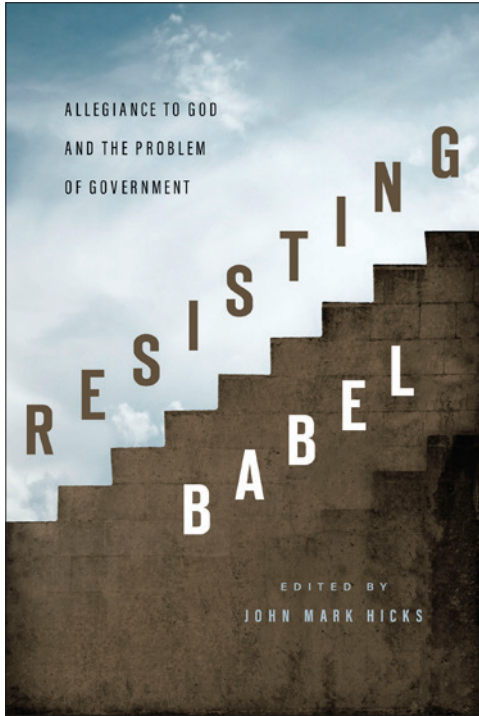
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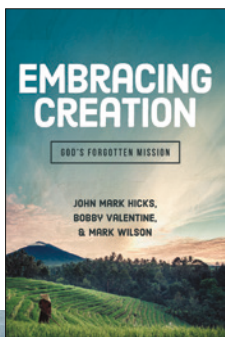
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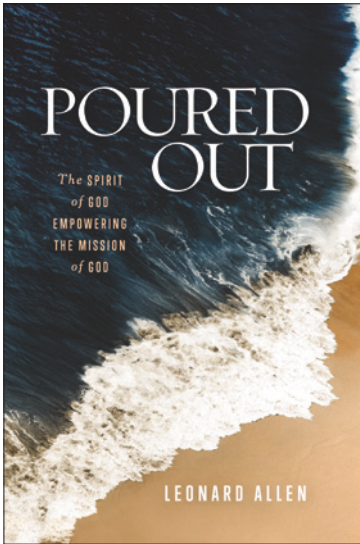


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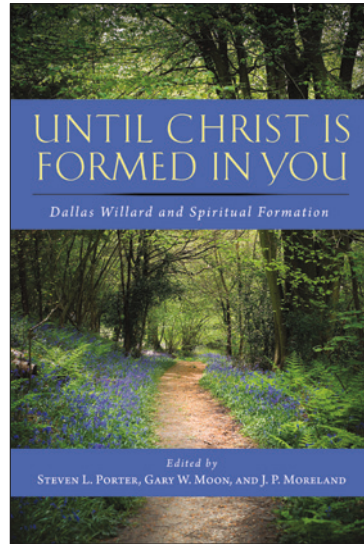
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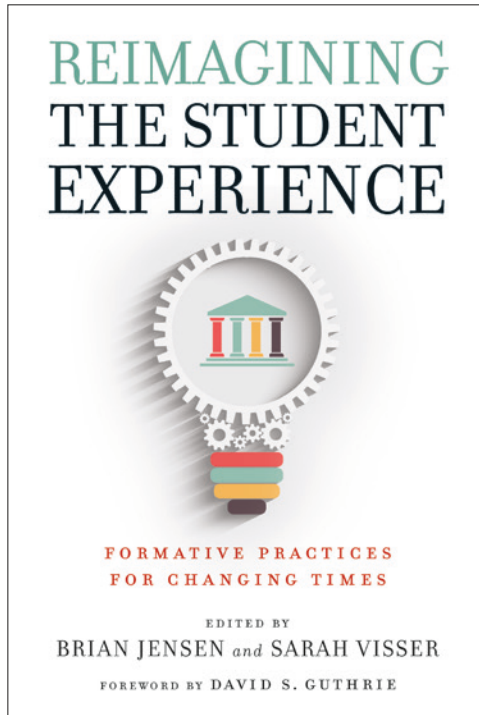
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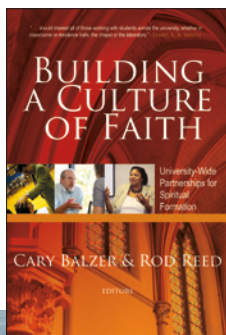
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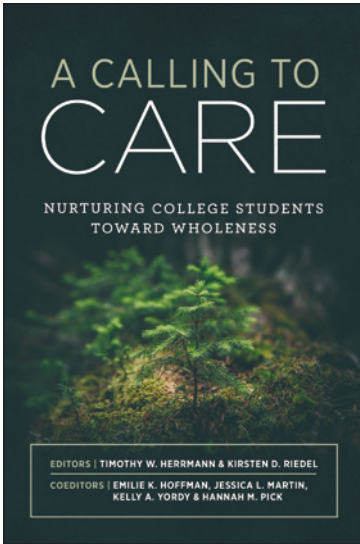
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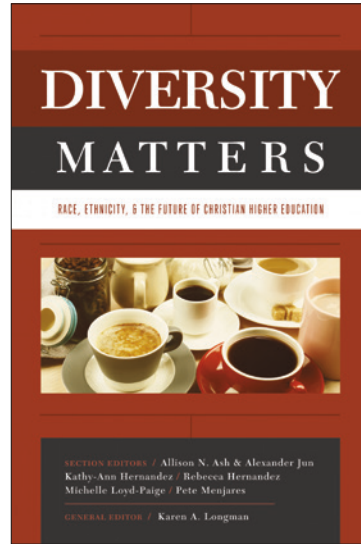
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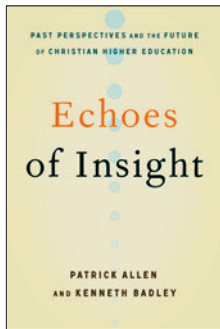
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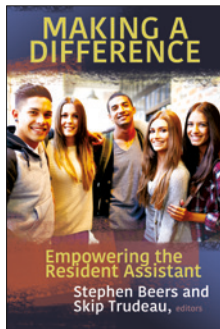
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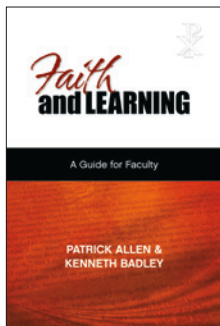
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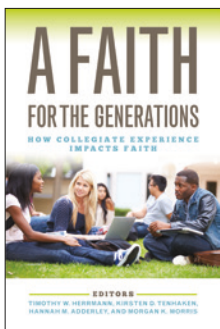
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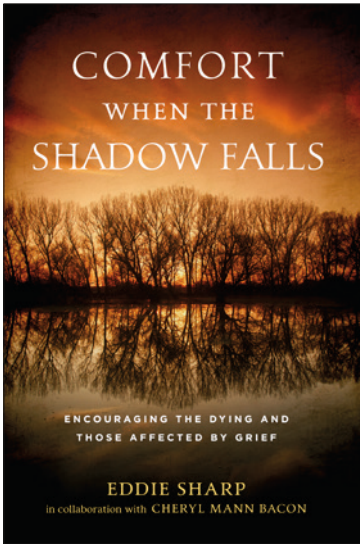
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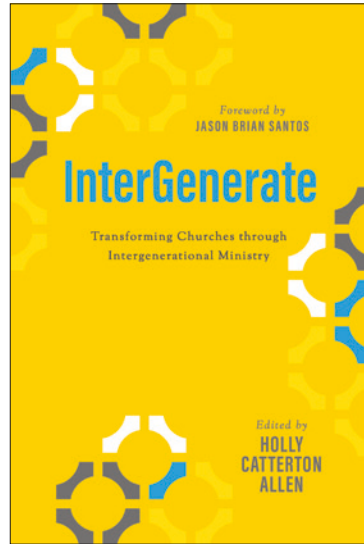
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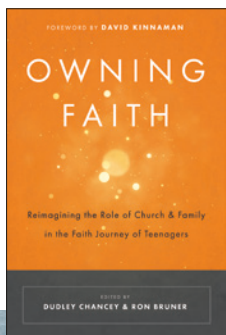
Listen for the cries of the vulnerable, and welcome the children for whom Jesus made room.

When Jesus made room, the vulnerable came for prayer. He treated their ills. He fixed what was broken. Jesus gave sight to the blind, made the lame walk, and welcomed the little children, creating space for those who had been excluded. Then he listened to those who often had no voice. Today, those voiceless people are often children.

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HAROLD SHANK has spent over fifty years in ministry and leadership across the country. In his role as national spokesperson for Network 1:27, Harold speaks and writes to promote Christian childcare, raising awareness among churches and Christians nationwide. He has served as president of Ohio Valley University in Vienna, West Virginia; as a professor at Harding School of Theology and at Oklahoma Christian University; and as a leader in church planting and ministries among the poor at the Highland Street Church of Christ in Memphis, TN. Harold and his wife, Sally, have two adult sons and four grandchildren.

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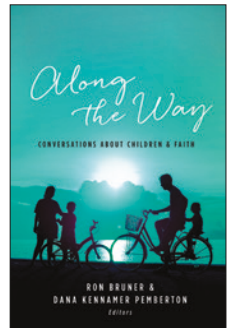
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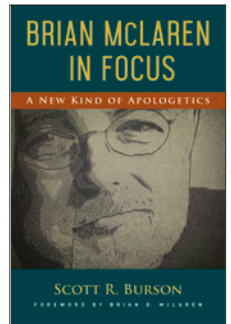
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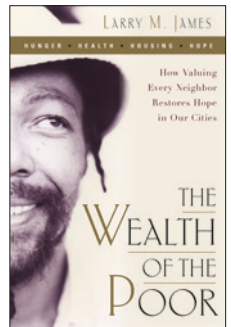
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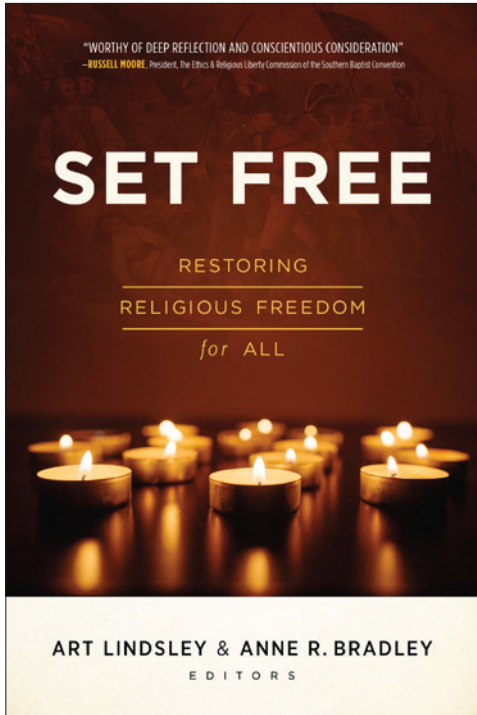
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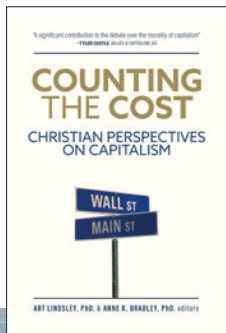


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Virtue and Voice

Habits of Mind for a Return to Civil Discourse

GREGG TEN ELSHOF AND EVAN ROSA

Civil Society Is Losing Its Civility.

Many Americans think public manners and behavior have deteriorated, especially in public discourse about polarized political, moral, and cultural issues. But our sharply divided world is in desperate need of a civility that facilitates respect, honor, and kindness toward ideological opponents. In fact, democracy and cultural progress require a robust civility in public discourse if they are to be successful endeavors.

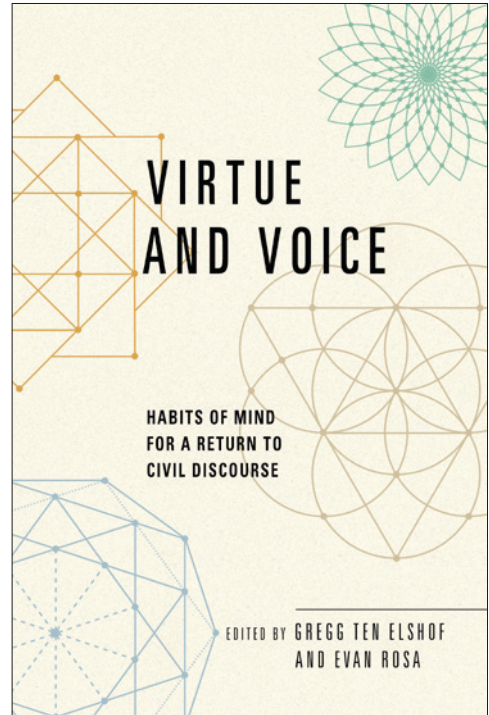
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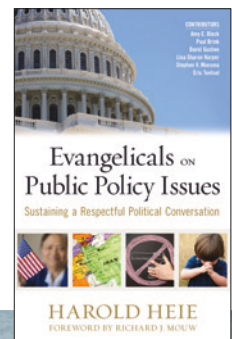
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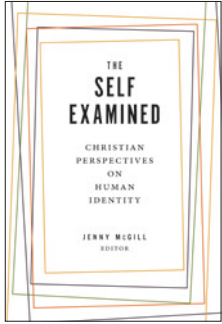
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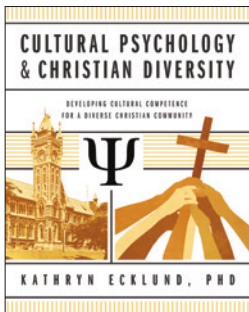




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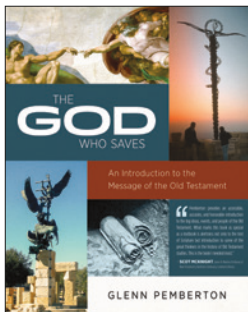
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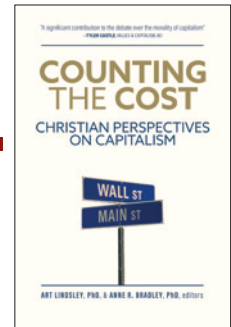
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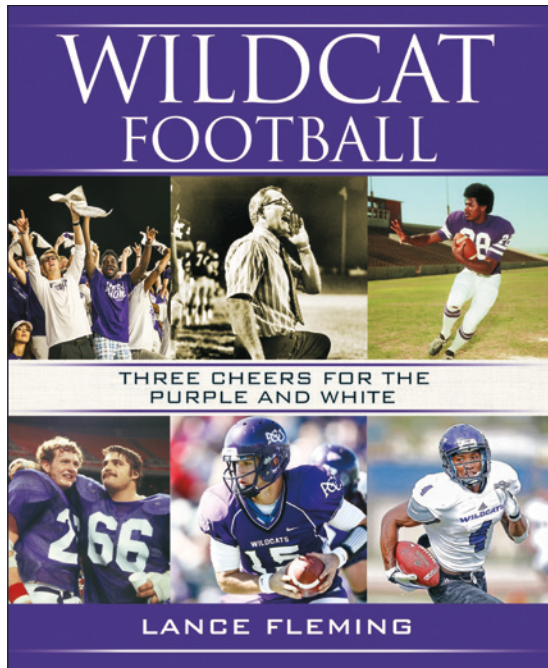
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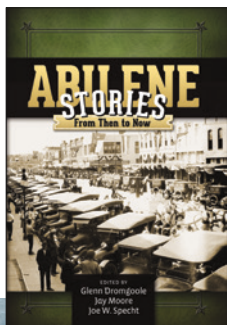
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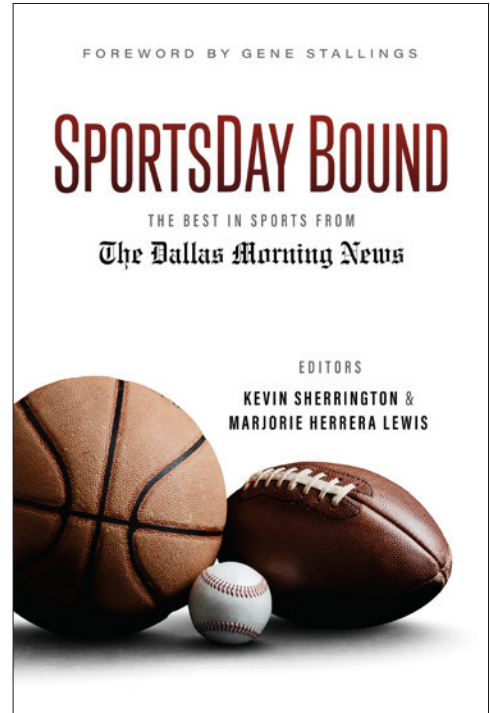
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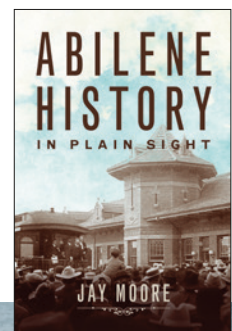
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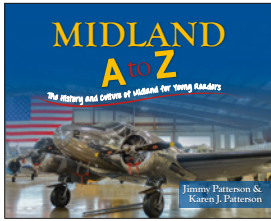
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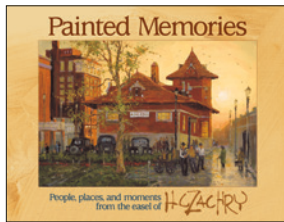




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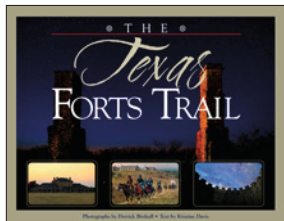
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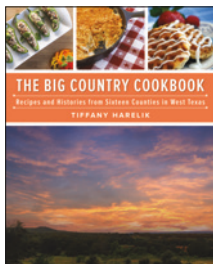
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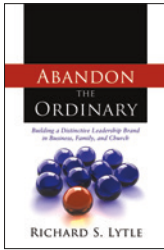
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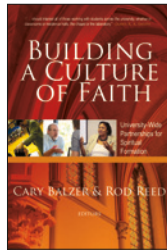
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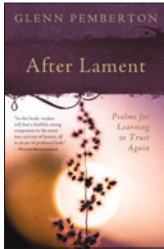
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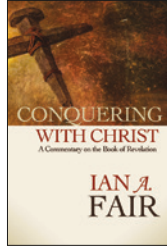
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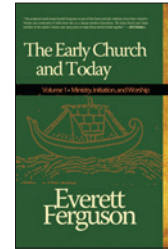
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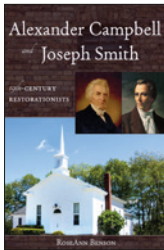
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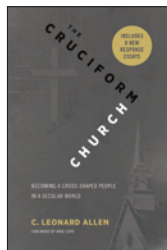
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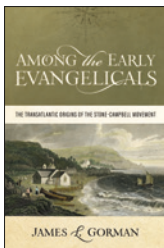
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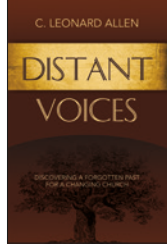
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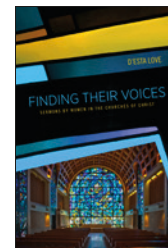
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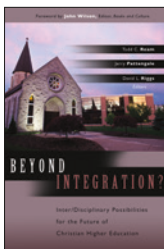
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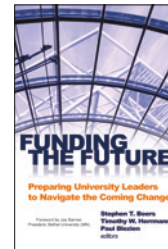
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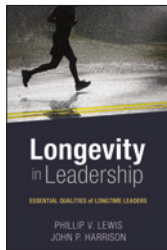
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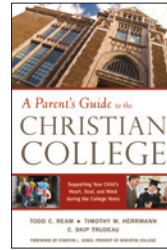
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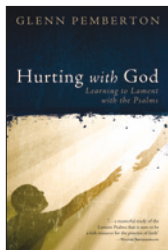
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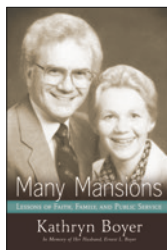
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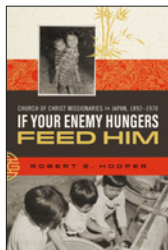
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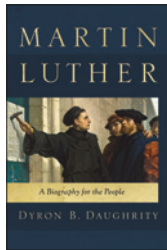
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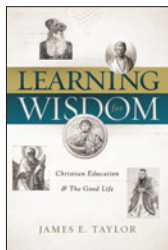
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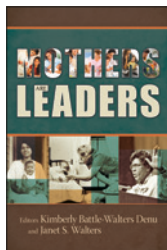
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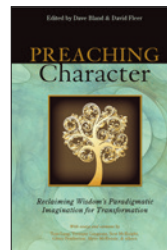
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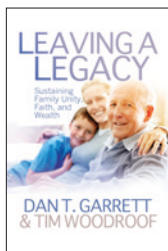
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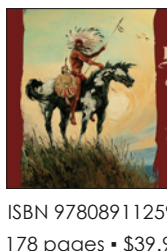
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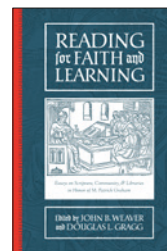
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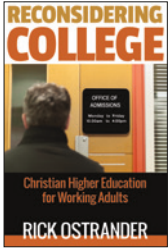
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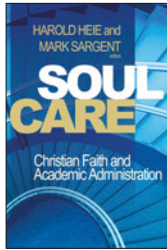
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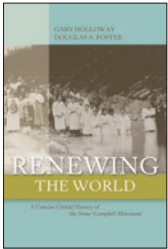
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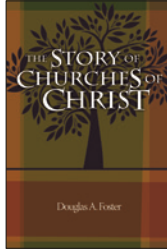
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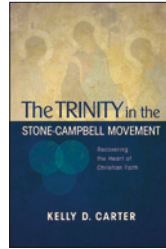
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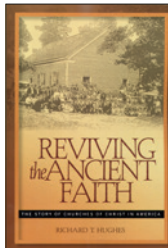
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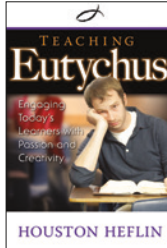
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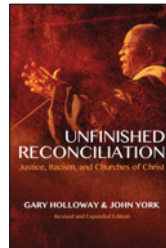
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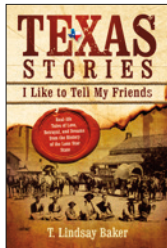
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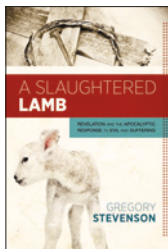
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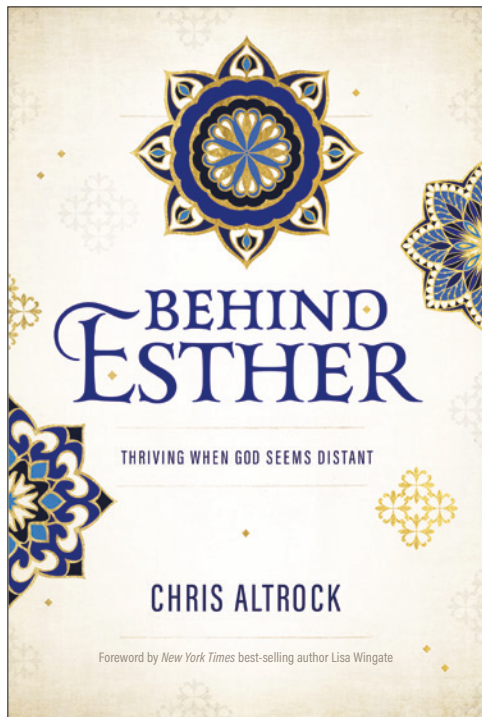
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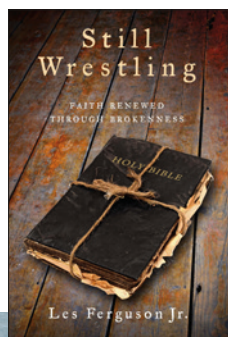
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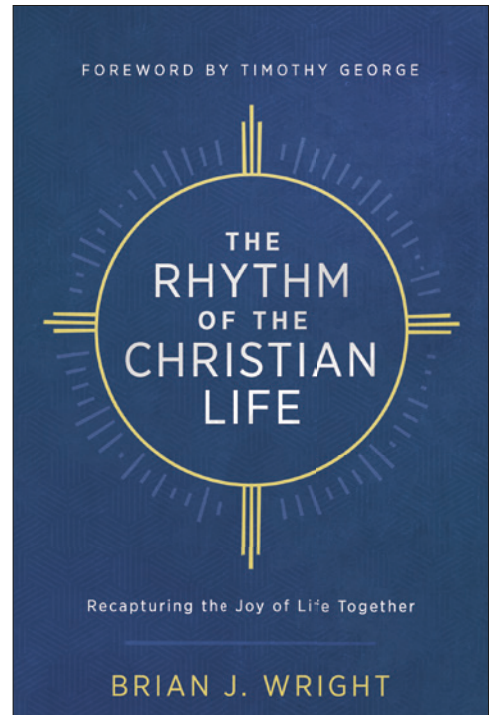
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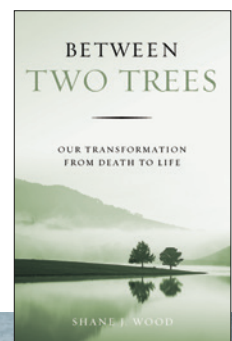
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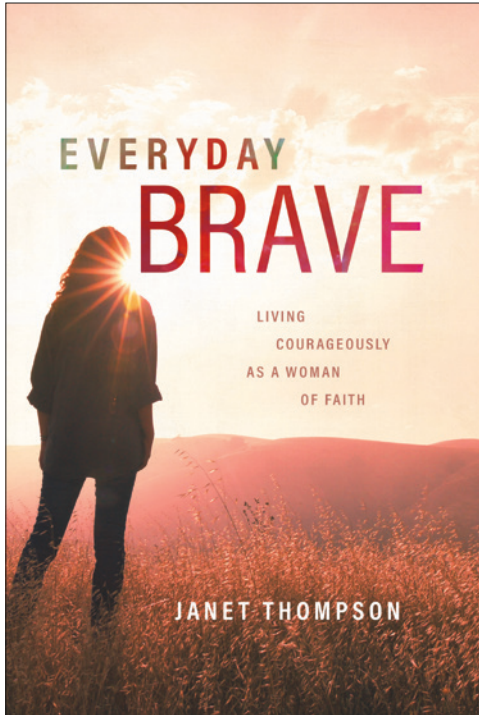
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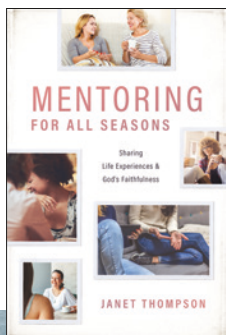
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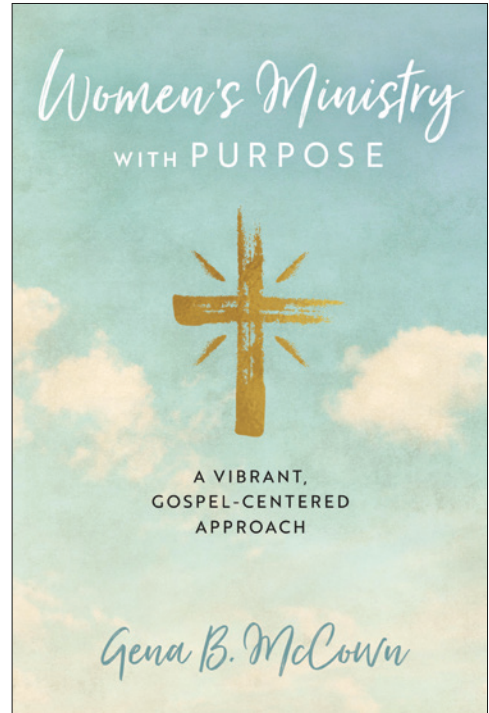
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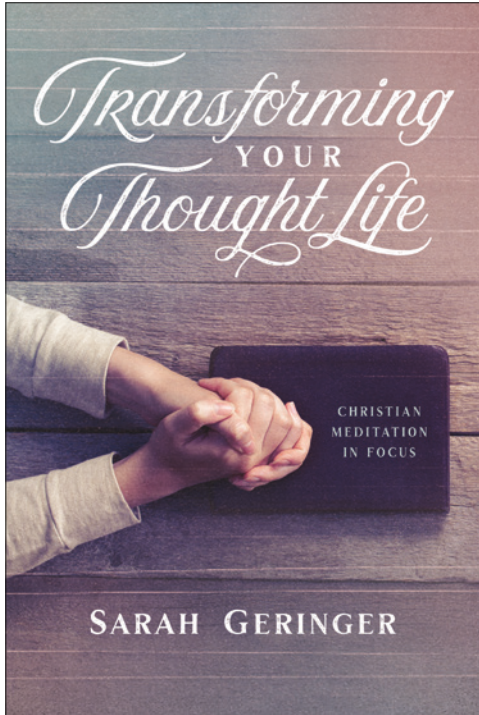
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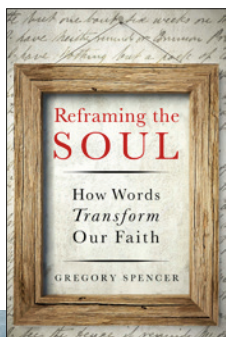
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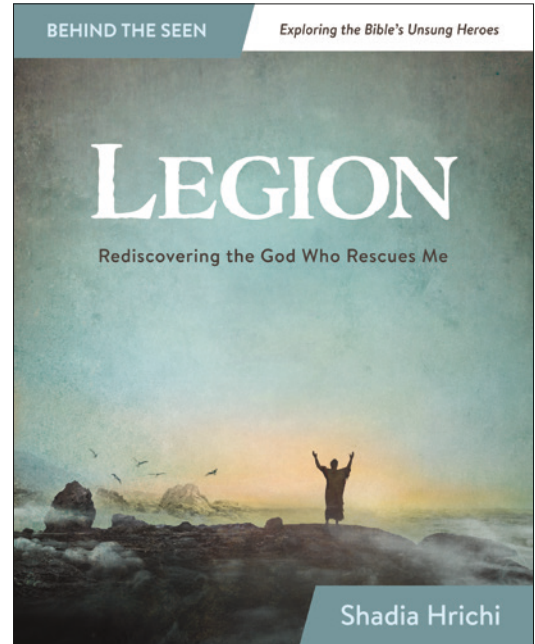
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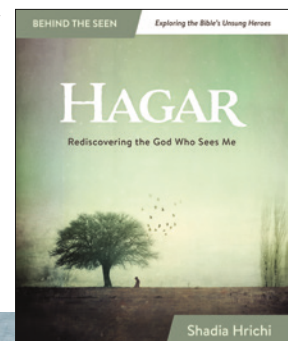
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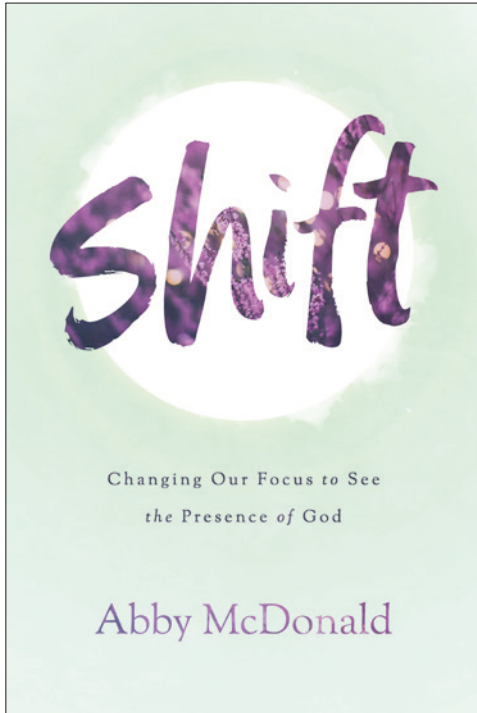
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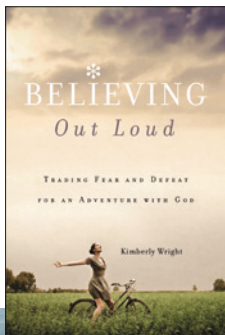
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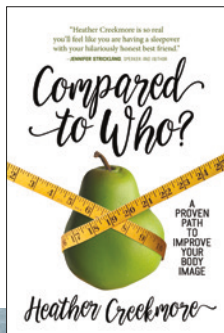
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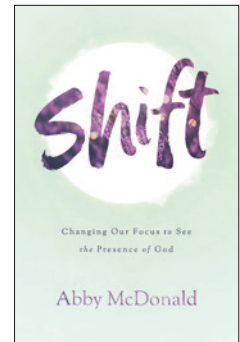
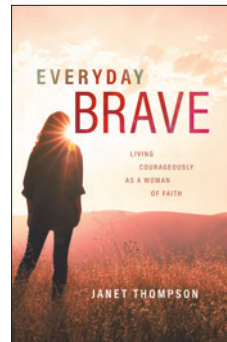
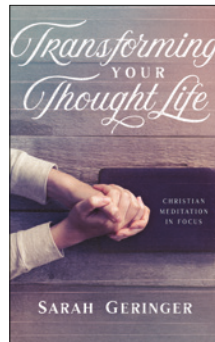
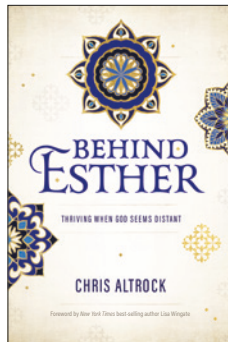
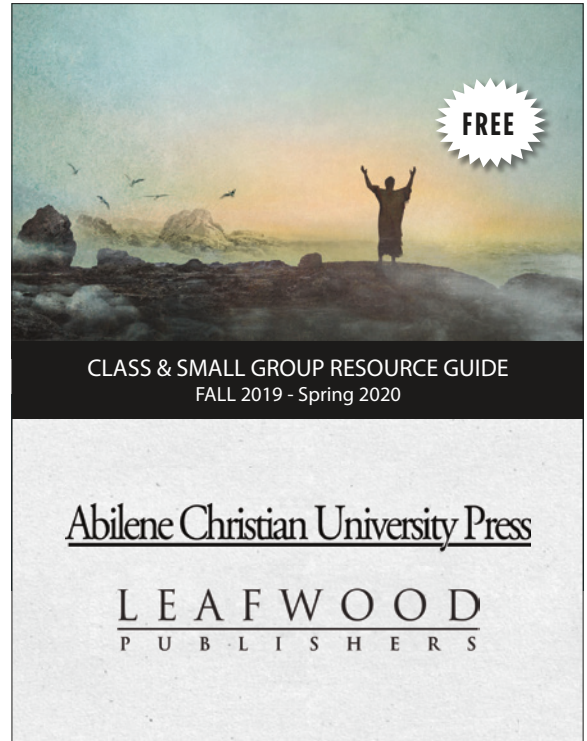
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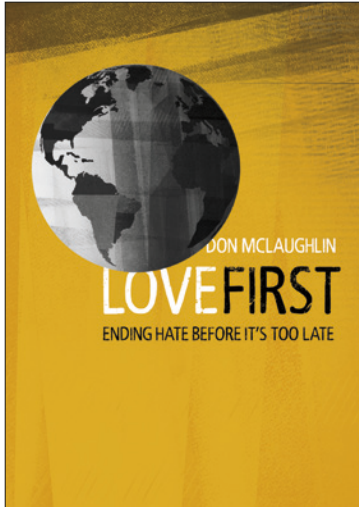
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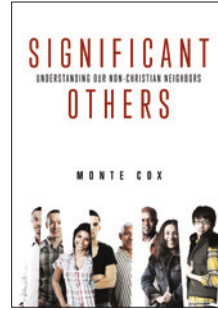
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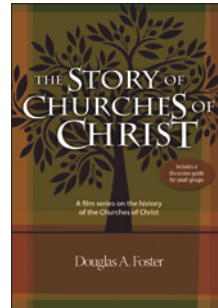
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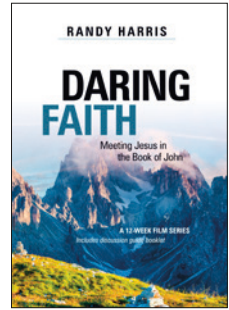
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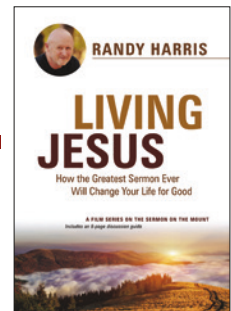
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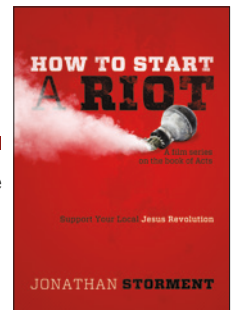
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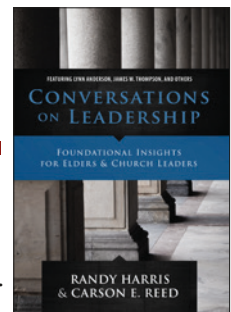
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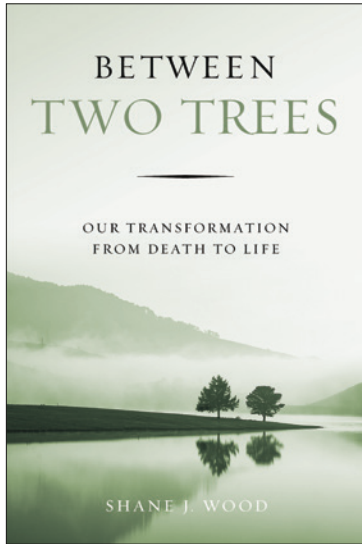
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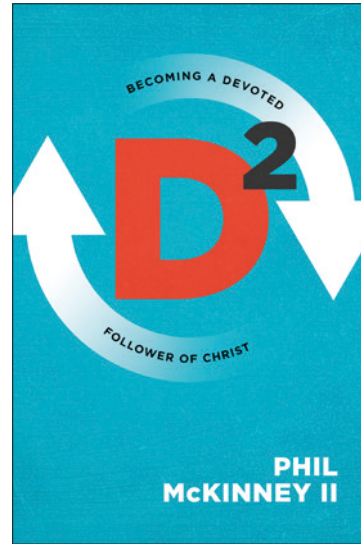
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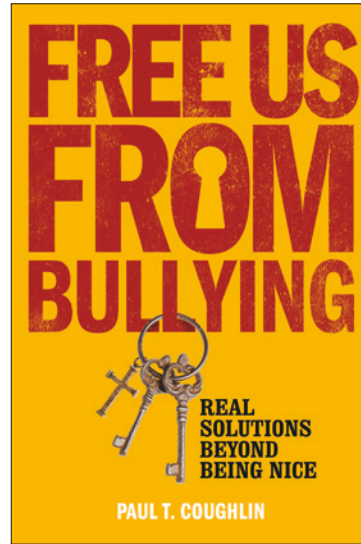
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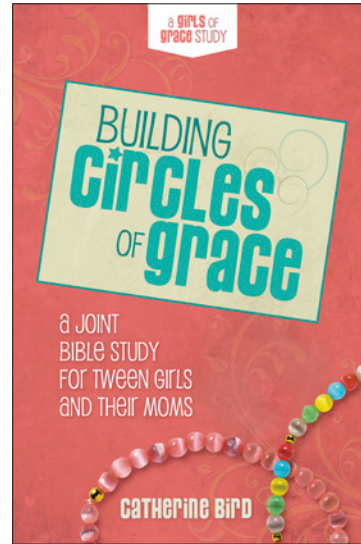
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Prayer time often becomes another chore on a never-ending to-do list. But God’s gift of prayer is an invitation to set aside regular, consistent time to grow in our relationship with him. Infused with biblical truths, *The Art of Amen* will rejuvenate you with an artful blend of teachings on prayer and rich examples of creative prayer styles—such as Bible journaling, prayer walks, and intercessional prayer art.

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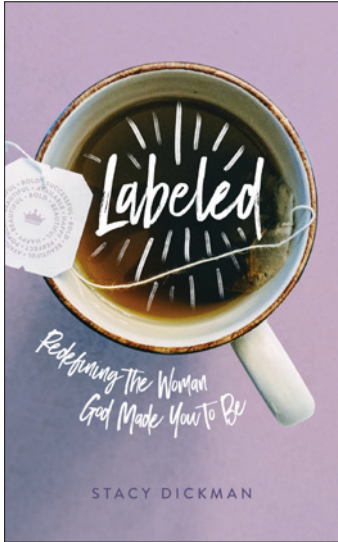
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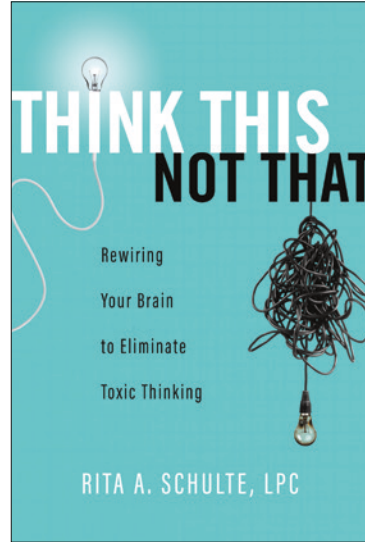
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Redefining the Woman God Made You to Be
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The world's definition of an ideal woman often becomes a lady's personal list of inadequacies. Filtering through all the cultural noise, Stacy examines seven words that society frequently uses to compare women to each other and offers insight, biblical definitions, and practical solutions for breaking the traps set by these labels in order to reclaim them as God-honoring expressions of woman as God created her.

"If you want to stop striving for significance in the eyes of others and rest in the assurance of God's love for you, let Stacy's encouraging words and biblical insight empower you to only wear one label—beloved daughter of the one true God."

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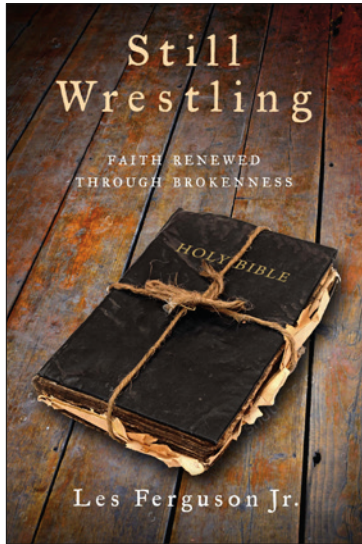
Think This Not That

Rewiring Your Brain to Eliminate Toxic Thinking

RITA A. SCHULTE

Contrary to popular belief, your circumstances do not determine your mood. Rather, your thoughts, feelings, and behaviors flow from your interpretations of events. In our minds, we assign meaning to troubling events, and that meaning can trigger emotional stress.

Scripture challenges us to think about what is true, right, pure, and excellent, and that's much more than a feel-good message. How we think actually affects how we respond to the world around us, especially when we face difficult situations. Drawing on her experience as a clinical psychotherapist and a trauma survivor, Rita Schulte combines science and faith to show you how a strong connection to God, mindfulness techniques, and target exercises can help you identify and change toxic thinking patterns, rewire your brain, and achieve better health and well-being.



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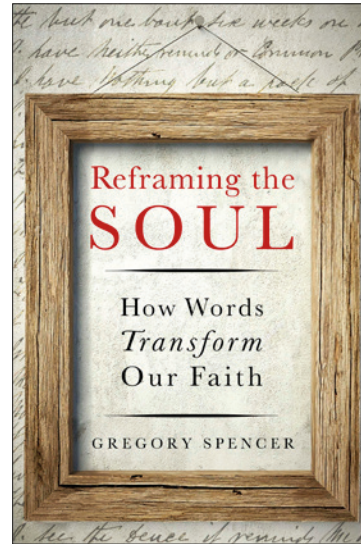
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After the horrific double murder that destroyed his family, Les Ferguson started wrestling with God. But through this tragedy, he has become a trusted teacher who can offer you deep insight into Scripture. With Les as your guide, you can learn to read your Bible in fresh ways and relate to the people of Scripture, examining their humanity, seeing their fears, and acknowledging their weaknesses. His perspective on brokenness will give you permission to bring your entire life, even your doubts, before God.

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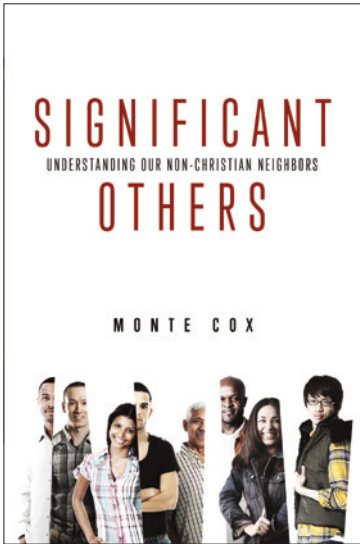
How Words Transform Our Faith

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We all frame our experiences. Usually, our frames help us navigate our lives, but sometimes new circumstances—a divorce, a new job, an illness—drive us to reframe. Jesus himself calls us to reframe our lives in terms of grace instead of law, light instead of darkness, love instead of retaliation. *Reframing the Soul* will help you understand the power of the words you choose to describe how you see the world. With dozens of personal stories, Spencer shares practical ways to choose life-giving words.

“Reframing the Soul is a wonderful guide to navigating reality with grace and truth. It is honest, hopeful, literate, and faith-filled.”

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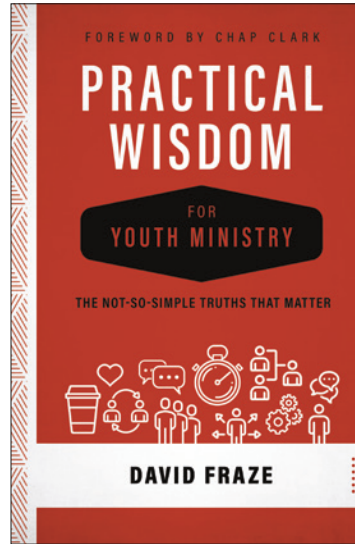
Significant Others

Understanding Our Non-Christian Neighbors

MONTE COX

A generation ago, most Americans had little or no contact with Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, or any other adherents of non-Christian religions. Now our culture is much more pluralistic. In addition to these “others,” many Westerners, disenchanted with Christianity, are more inclined than they were a generation ago to dabble in new spiritual alternatives that were not as readily available here before.

Many Christians don’t know how to engage their newest non-Christian neighbors in conversation, partly because they feel ignorant about the religions practiced by others. *Significant Others* seeks to fill this knowledge gap so readers will become more acquainted with the religious backgrounds of devout non-Christians they are meeting, as well as with the growing number of American people who claim no religious affiliation at all. Each chapter also includes discussion questions for application.



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All youth ministers have asked this question to themselves at least once in their career: “What do I do now?” Packed with theological insight, expert advice, and personal testimony, *Practical Wisdom for Youth Ministry* speaks to the critical issues for volunteer leaders and youth ministers. With straightforward steps that are both biblically grounded and easy to apply, it discusses large-scale concerns such as organization, budgeting, and outreach, as well as personal concerns such as marriage, self-care, and conflict. This practical guide will help you build a strong foundation for your ministry.

“You won’t just find ideas for how to reach kids in these pages; you’ll discover more about your faith.”

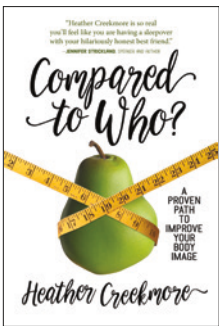
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Hagar
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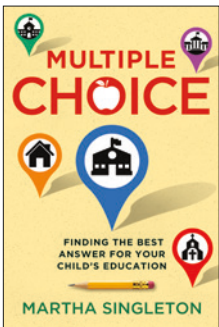
If someone were to ask you to name a few famous Bible characters, Hagar would probably not be at the top of your list. She is often relegated to the backstage as a minor character in God’s redemptive story. But was she? Rest assured that her story does not end in despair. In fact, she emerges victorious! Through this seven-week, in-depth Bible study, you will find that when you surrender your life into God’s hands, your trials and triumphs serve a magnificent purpose: to draw you into the arms of the faithful God Who Sees Me.



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Are you tired of clichés like “It’s what’s on the inside that counts!” or “Just love your body!” which sound encouraging but don’t really help your struggle? Then *Compared to Who?* is for you. It may not be grammatically correct, but it’s one question every woman should ask as she wrestles with issues like feeling sufficient, beautiful, and loved. Writing from her personal battle with weight and appearance, Heather will encourage you with humor and honesty, while her practical, grace-based approach will help you find freedom from body insecurity in five biblically rooted steps.



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When it comes to educating their kids, parents need to know that between homeschool, private Christian school, and public school, there’s no one right answer. As a practical guide in making that all-important decision, *Multiple Choice* will help you examine the benefits and drawbacks of each option, assess your child’s learning style, and identify your family’s goals for education. With interviews from education professors, teachers, parents, and students, *Multiple Choice* will empower you to make informed decisions and to engage in your child’s learning and spiritual growth on a daily basis.

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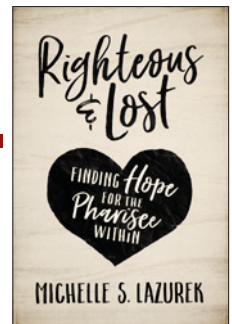


Disrupting for Good shares powerful stories about people like you who are taking on the challenges around them and helping reshape lives. From a preschool teacher creating a cross-generational program with a nearby nursing home to a young girl eliminating trash in her neighborhood, these stories proclaim the truth: anyone can make positive change. Our world is in desperate need of people who talk less and do more. But change in our own lives and those around us only begins when we ask good questions and then dream, dare, and do.

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Finding Hope for the Pharisee Within
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When Jesus first spoke the parable of the prodigal son and his older brother, Jesus sought to confront the religious leaders of his day, the Pharisees. They were filled with a critical and biting spirit. Today's church is full of similarly-minded older brothers who are just as lost. In *Righteous and Lost*, you can identify the symptoms of a religious spirit and explore biblical passages that will help you embrace the love of your Father, delving deeper at the end of each chapter with discussion questions that can be used for individual or group study.

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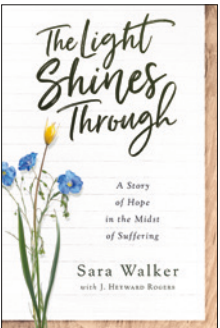
In a time of increasing wickedness in the world, believers are examining their own spiritual health and walk with God. Some of us who once burned brightly for Jesus find ourselves going through the motions, living out a mediocre faith. But God's Word promises, "a smoldering wick He will not extinguish" (Matt. 12:20). *Fanning the Flame* identifies and addresses the issues that most affect a believer's flame. Drawing from her forty-year walk with God and travels around the world, Terri brings relevant stories alongside Scripture to reveal key principles for stirring up and reigniting a Christian's smoldering embers.



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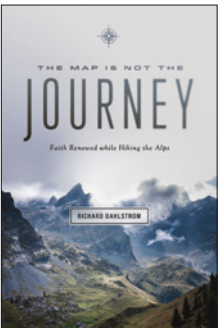
Hate is an epidemic, infecting social media, politics, neighborhoods, and homes. Communities of believers, which should be clinics with the cure, are instead suspected of being primary carriers of the virus. But there is hope. *Love First* offers a clear-eyed assessment of the current love/hate crisis and a practical, doable strategy for how Christians can begin to truly love, especially those who do not love us in return.



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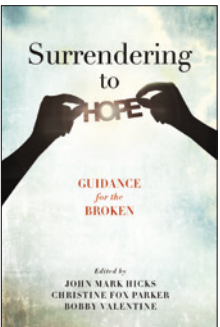
Two weeks before her due date, Sara lost a healthy baby girl. Six weeks later, doctors discovered Stage IV colon cancer. A week after this terminal diagnosis, Sara set up a blog and began telling her story of the “most wonderful terrible thing” that had ever happened to her. Through her humble perspective and unabashed passion, Sara teaches others to see God’s presence in every moment—even those that are deeply painful.



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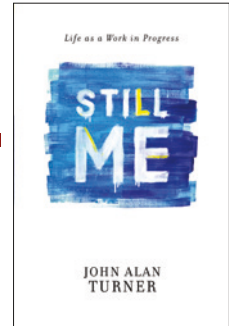
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Still Me
Life as a Work in Progress
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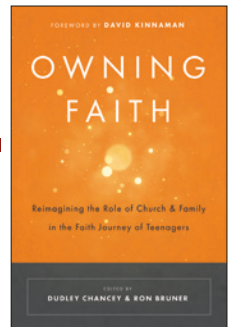
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When he looked in the mirror, John Alan Turner didn't like what he saw. He wanted to be a better person. But the harder he worked toward the life he thought he was supposed to have, the farther away it fled. Still, through it all, he has become more authentic before God. With wit and humor, *Still Me* will help you examine the difference between the life you expected to have and the transformed life that God actually offers.

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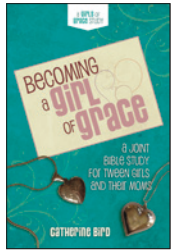
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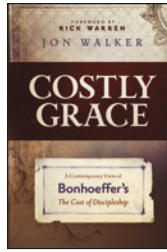


Meet the surprising women in Jesus's family tree and discover that quality of life is not determined by the size of our problems but by the size of our God. Discover God's care for ordinary women and how he uses human weakness and failure as an opportunity to reveal his strength and grace. *Little Women, Big God* shows that everyday women who walk with Christ have meaningful stories worth telling.

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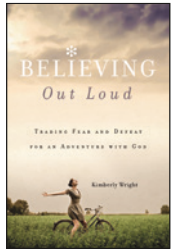
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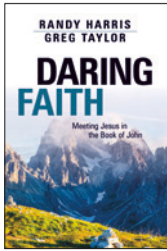
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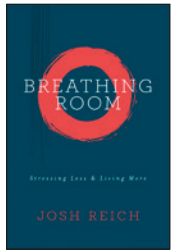
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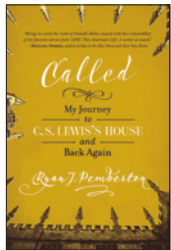
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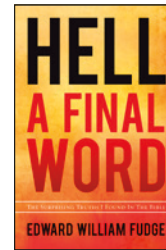
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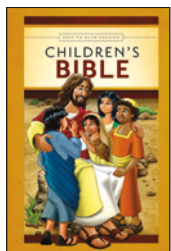
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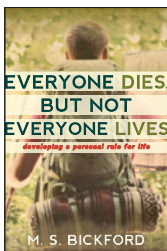
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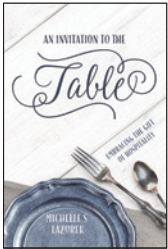
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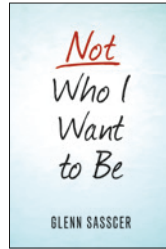
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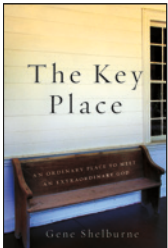
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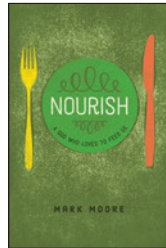
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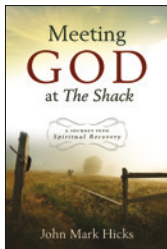
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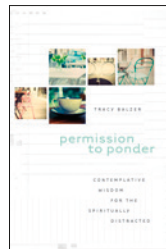
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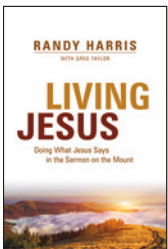
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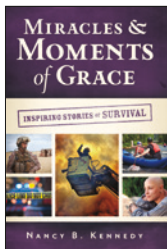
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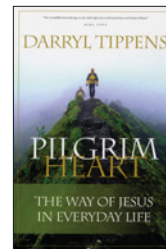
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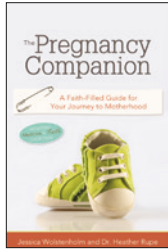


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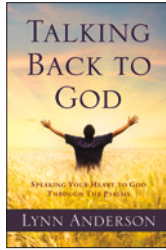


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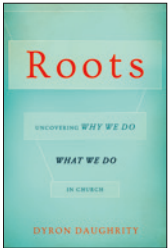
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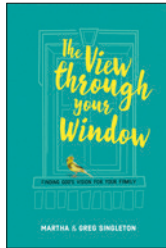
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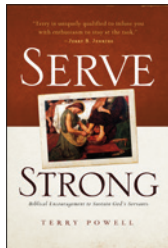
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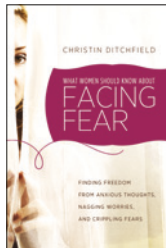
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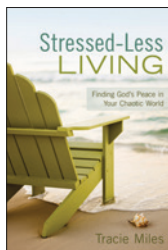
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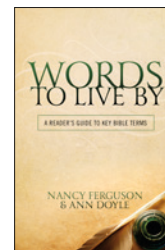
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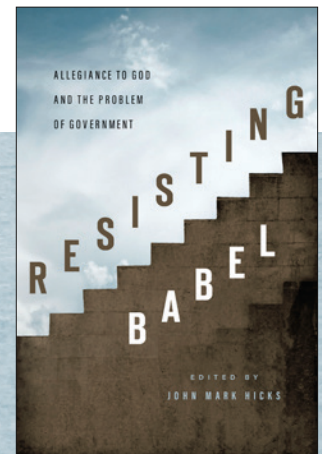
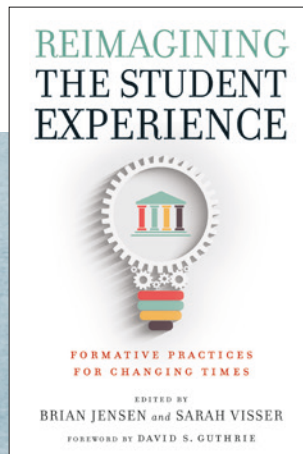
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