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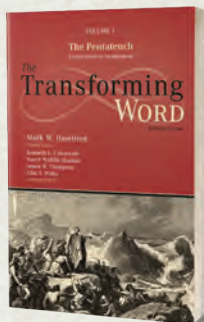


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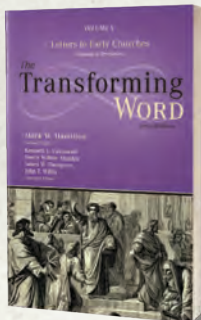
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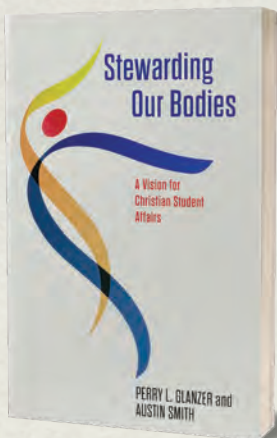
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STEWARDING OUR BODIES

A Vision for Christian Student Affairs

Perry L. Glanzer and Austin T. Smith

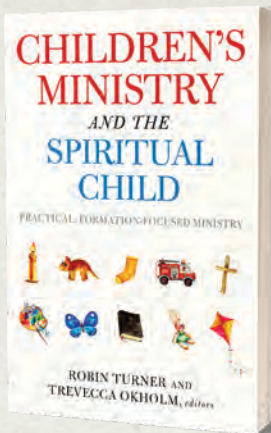
Most college students struggle tremendously with their bodies.

Numerous issues related to the body plague higher education. Students struggle with sleep, mental health, eating disorders, sexual identity questions, clothing choices, obesity, and alcohol problems, among other concerns. Too often Christian colleges try to meet these challenges with rules instead of setting forth a vision of what it means to steward the body—a precious gift from God that has been bought with a price by Christ.

Students, faculty, and staff at faith-based institutions need a theological framework and biblical wisdom by which they can better understand, nurture, and celebrate life in all its fullness. *Stewarding Our Bodies* draws from the expertise and experiences of researchers and practitioners both within and outside higher education to provide insight and suggestions for those who desire to help students better bear God's image. Most importantly, it sets forth a positive vision by which to understand the precious gift God has entrusted to us—our bodies.

“By rightly situating perspectives about stewarding the body in biblical theology, the authors set our thinking and our practice on solid ground. Each chapter contains well-researched insights and thoughtfully developed recommendations. In a time when moral development and spiritual formation of our students is so critical, this resource will inform my direct work with students and the leadership of my student life team.”

—**Edee Schulze**, Vice President for Student Life,
Westmont College



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND THE SPIRITUAL CHILD

Practical, Formation-Focused Ministry
Edited by Robin Turner and Trevecca Okholm

God is at work in the lives of children.

Most ministers are looking for inspiration but feel overwhelmed. *Children's Ministry and the Spiritual Child* offers practical tools with evidence-based research in an easy-to-read format, perfect for engaging and equipping passionate yet busy children's ministry leaders. Learn from the wisdom and research of some of the leading thinkers in the field of children's spirituality.

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- **Section 3:** Outlines intergenerational involvement in a child's faith formation
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"What is unique about this resource is that many contributors are primarily thoughtful practitioners (some also happen to be academics)—the reverse is usually true. Okholm and Turner's work is extremely valuable for the person in the trenches of local ministry."

—**Scottie May**, Associate Professor of Christian Formation and Ministry Emerita at Wheaton College; coauthor of *Listening to Children on the Spiritual Journey*

SEXPECTATIONS

Helping the Next Generation Navigate Healthy Relationships

Barb Winters

Distorted views of intimate relationships abound. Let's offer youth a better option.

Social media, television, and the Internet feed destructive information to tweens, teens, and young adults. Hookup culture, the acceptance of sending nudes, and rampant pornography contribute to unrealistic sexual expectations. At what cost?

Barb Winters addresses the heavy loads of anxiety, worry, and depression among young people and offers practical advice for discovering healthier options. Today's youth are eager, passionate, and impressionable. They look to parents, grandparents, teachers, and trusted adults for direction. *Sexpectations* will help you make a difference and be part of the solution:

- Discover the factors contributing to the declining health of relationships.
- Examine the consequences of a “casual sex is acceptable” societal attitude.
- Explore four foundational attributes of healthy relationships based on God's Word: love, selflessness, mutuality, and communication.
- Learn how to have effective and ongoing conversations with the young people in your life about pornography, hookup culture, nudes, and God's design for sex.

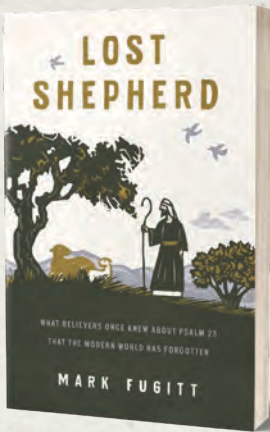
“Barb Winters is a fantastic resource for people looking for practical tips on how to talk with preteens and teens about healthy relationships amidst today's culture of pornography, social media, and hookups. I am confident her book will be a blessing to many.”

—**Dr. John D. Foubert**, PhD, author of *Protecting Your Children from Internet Pornography*; board member of National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE)



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LOST SHEPHERD

What Believers Once Knew about Psalm 23 That the Modern World Has Forgotten

Mark Fugitt

You are not the first sheep to follow the shepherd; and you will not be the last.

For 3,000 years, people of faith have found meaning and comfort in the 23rd Psalm. This widely known song has had an impact across time and culture. But in the twenty-first century, this psalm appears idle. For many, it only serves as a short reading at the end of funerals. How did this happen?

Most books about Psalm 23 focus only on the author's interpretation. Many are wonderful, yet they offer only perspectives of modern Christians. *Lost Shepherd* seeks to enrich the meaning of a passage many Christians believe is almost "too familiar" to appreciate. This book is the perfect cure to break Psalm 23 out of the category of nostalgia and return it to relevance in our daily lives by looking far into the past.

Lost Shepherd allows you to stand with the sheep who have gone before, revealing a better look into the face of our Shepherd. Each chapter examines a line from the psalm and discusses how it has encouraged devotion over the centuries and continues to feed our souls today. Rediscover lost interpretations and consider how Psalm 23 can form your spirit, serving as a source of wisdom for a new generation of Christians.

"Lest we live by the adage 'familiarity breeds contempt,' I invite you to read this intriguing book that connects the most well-known psalm in Scripture with the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. As a phrase-by-phrase exposition of this beloved poem, *Lost Shepherd* will push you to hear and sense Psalm 23 in a fresh and surprising way."

—**Gregg R. Allison**, Professor of Christian Theology, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; author of *Historical Theology and Sojourners and Strangers*

LITTLE STRENGTH, BIG GOD

Discover a God Greater than Your Goliaths

Debbie W. Wilson

Discover timeless truths to slay your giants.

Like the faithful in Hebrews 11, you can become mighty in battle.

Loss and intimidation are not new to God's people. What if you had to choose between—

- Drowning your baby or letting your worst enemy raise him?
- Bowing before an idol or being thrown into a fiery furnace?
- Compromising your convictions or being tossed to the lions?
- Living in fear or leading ill-equipped volunteers against an intimidating enemy?

The believers who faced these decisions felt their limitations. Yet they found strength in the Lord. You can too. Using the men and women highlighted in the last half of Hebrews 11, *Little Strength, Big God* will help you turn your weaknesses into strengths to accomplish God's purpose in your life. When trouble attacks, you don't need a bigger God—you need clearer vision. Discover the transforming power of a God greater than your Goliaths and live strong now.

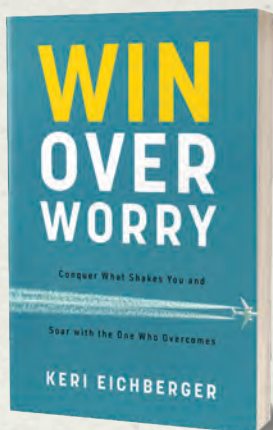
“In our world of ever-increasing antagonism, Debbie Wilson shows how those in the Bible faced similar challenges and found strength in the Lord. Like these heroes of the faith, we can triumph in crushing circumstances. *Little Strength, Big God* provides assurance, hope, and practical steps.”

—**PeggySue Wells**, best-selling author of 31 books, including *The Ten Best Decisions a Single Mom Can Make* and *Chasing Sunrise*



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WIN OVER WORRY

Conquer What Shakes You and
Soar with the One Who Overcomes

Keri Eichberger

Nagging thoughts simmer and sizzle within you. Super-sized fears shake and overtake you. It's the enemy "worry." But you have the power to win over it.

Keri is no stranger to worry and its ill effects. As a teenager, she discovered the power of panic and anxiety after encountering her own struggles and suffering. She developed unhealthy and unreliable coping strategies of self-will over the preferred will and way of God. *Win over Worry* will equip you to face the fears that have been holding you back from taking flight into the fullness of life we all long for. God has planned a colorful, flavorful, chains-free future for you, his cherished child, to enjoy. Right here, and right now.

"We are in a war for our minds, and Keri beautifully leads us to a better narrative in this book—one that will allow us to soar with our Overcomer. If you struggle with worry or anxious thoughts (let's be honest, we all do!), this is a must-read!"

—**Rebecca George**, author of *Do the Thing* and *Host of the Radical Radiance* podcast

"Keri invites us to search the depths of our own souls and examine what we truly believe at the core of who we are. The more my deepest beliefs are brought to light and reshaped by the gospel, the more worry begins to lose its power in my life."

—**Kyle Idleman**, best-selling author of *not a fan* and *One at a Time*

FRIENDSHIP CAN SAVE THE WORLD

The Book of Ruth and the Power of Diverse Gospel Community

Carrie & Morgan Stephens

God uses diverse friendships to fulfill his miraculous will in the world.

In an increasingly polarized world, our collective ability to navigate friendships with people whose backgrounds, experiences, and views differ from our own has diminished. Along the way, valuing diversity has come to be seen by many Christians as a secular pursuit. However, we love and serve a diverse God (being three in one) who taught us to love those we tend to have a hard time loving: outsiders, enemies, foreigners, the poor, and the weak.

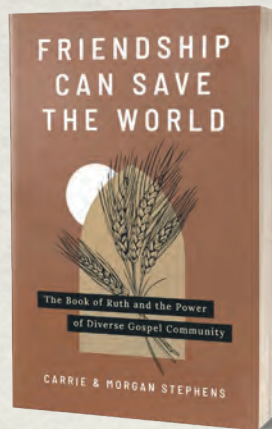
In *Friendship Can Save the World*, Carrie and Morgan offer an invigorating retelling of Ruth to help us love people unlike us. Weaving in stories from their multiethnic, multigenerational, and socioeconomically diverse church, they highlight the power of unique friendships in God's greater missional story. Find inspiration to love and be loved more courageously as we all forge a path into a more redemptive future.

“Morgan and Carrie Stephens have skillfully crafted a literary tapestry that intertwines everyday relational fibers with those of the iconic Old Testament saint Ruth. Every turn of the page encourages you to be more to those who need more.”

—**Brett Fuller**, Bishop, Grace Covenant Church, Washington Metropolitan Area and Chaplain, Washington Commanders

“*Friendship Can Save the World* brings us more into what it truly means to live together as brothers and sisters, and more into what Jesus meant when he offers the fullness of life. You will leave with a refreshed view of the Father's heart to see the dividing wall of hostility crumble and the part we play in seeing that happen.”

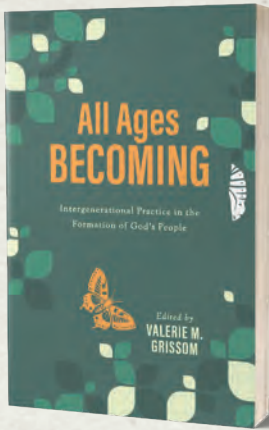
—**Adrian Crawford**, Founding Pastor of Engage Church Tallahassee, author of *Mask Off*



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CARRIE & MORGAN

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ALL AGES BECOMING

Intergenerational Practice in the Formation of God's People

Edited by Valerie M. Grissom

We are in this together—all ages practicing, all ages becoming God's people.

Often, intergenerational initiatives are seen as the next new church trend, or another programming tool for church growth and revitalization. Ultimately, though, intergenerational practice is at the core of what it means for us to *be* the body of Christ. God intends for all ages to participate in faith formation together; we are formed in our practice of intergenerationality as we participate in the formation of becoming God's people.

All Ages Becoming brings theologians, practitioners, and ministry leaders, representing diverse denominations, generations, cultures, and geographical locations, together to help us explore this adventure of intergenerational Christian practice. As you consider intergenerational practice in your own faith community, each chapter provides Theology in Practice sections with questions designed to help your community reflect, discuss, discover, experiment, reinvent, redesign, and continue in your community of practice.

“The chapters address the needs of the veteran practitioner and those who are just beginning on the journey to an intergenerational future for their church. Our future is intergenerational, and *All Ages Becoming* is a guide to that future.”

—**John Roberto**, Lifelong Faith Associates, author of *Lifelong Faith: Formation for All Ages and Generations*

“*All Ages Becoming* is a new, rich, and life-giving text that all leaders who seek to engage across all ages need to read. It is like a choir of voices, all with their unique flavours and tones coming together to bring harmony, strength, and beauty to the growing conversation of what it means for all ages to grow, love, and serve together.”

—**Tammy Preston**, Founding Pastor, Ingenerate Australia, and author of *Piece by Piece* and *Collide: Exploring Intergenerational Ministry*

THE HISPANIC FACULTY EXPERIENCE

Opportunities for Growth and Retention in Christian Colleges and Universities

Edited by Octavio J. Esqueda and Benjamin Espinoza

Hispanics are not a current trend. They have been here for centuries and embody an integral part of the United States and higher education.

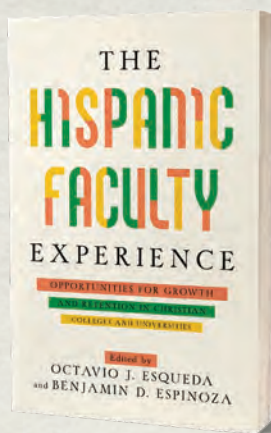
Every racial term—including Hispanic, Latino/a, and more recently Latinx and Latine—is imperfect and problematic. There is no consensus about what works best. Despite this reality, the lives and stories of non-White faculty are essential to the future of Christian higher education.

Each author shares their account of working in a predominately White Christian institution. Filled with triumphs, struggles, and penetrating insights, the chapters explain what it is like to experience the shifting demographics of today’s universities, which are bringing increasing numbers of Hispanic students even as the overall number of Hispanic colleagues remains exceedingly small. This book will be especially useful for leaders who may be unaware of how difficult it is to navigate the challenges of Christian higher education as Hispanic faculty.

“If you read one book this year, make it this one. Presidents, provosts, deans, and college trustees will find [The Hispanic Faculty Experience](#) a treasure.”

—**Shirley V. Hoogstra**, President, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities

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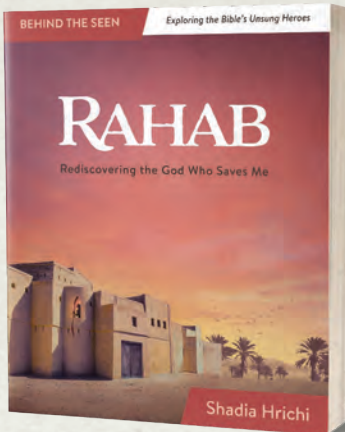


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RAHAB

Rediscovering the God Who Saves Me

Shadia Hrichi

Rahab, who witnessed no miracles and knew none of God's laws, merely heard of God's power—and believed.

Rahab, a former Canaanite prostitute, holds a surprisingly prominent position in several key faith passages—as well as being listed in the lineage of Christ! In fact, she marries a prince. *The prostitute marries a prince!* This is the stuff of movies and romance novels.

But the best part? Rahab's story is our story. It's a story centered on three key themes, without which there would be no Bible, no gospel, and no Savior: *faith, grace, and salvation*. Through her daring faith, Rahab hid enemy spies, defied her king, risked her life, and found the living God. By the time you finish this six-week study, you will never look at the story of Rahab the same way again.

“With a much deeper dive into this woman in the lineage of Christ, Shadia challenges us to take our faith deeper with a relentlessly faithful God. She reminds us that no one, no matter who they are or what they've done, is outside of God's tender love. Just like he did with Rahab, God extends a rescue cord to each of us.”

—**Jennifer Crosswhite**, author of the best-selling Christian romantic suspense *Protective Custody*

“Insightful and rich in cultural details, Shadia's new Bible study on Rahab takes the reader on a deep and meaningful journey. Because of it, I have a fresh understanding of the God who saves. Highly recommended.”

—**Robin Lee Hatcher**, Christy Award-winning author of *The Legacy of Faith* series and *I'll Be Seeing You*

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

An Empirical Guide

Perry L. Glanzer, Theodore F. Cockle,
and Jessica Martin

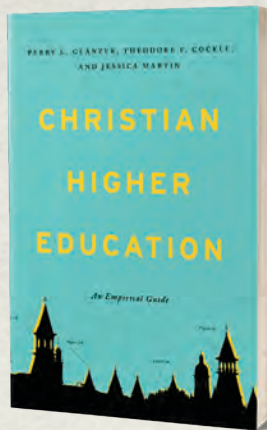
Utilizing a common set of objective institutional markers as a compass, this book guides readers through the terrain of various Christian institutions.

The Christian higher education landscape confuses many people. Future students, parents, staff, and even faculty often do not understand the important subtleties and nuances. They need a guide that empirically explores the ways Christian universities operationalize their Christian identity. This book will guide them through the field of Christian higher education and introduce our Operationalizing Christian Identity Guide (OCIG), which identifies the major ways Christian colleges and universities use their Christian identity to make mission, marketing, membership, curriculum, cocurricular, and other decisions. These markers are identifiable by anyone, no matter their religious or nonreligious background.

The OCIG is then employed to rank and evaluate Protestant, historically Black, Catholic, evangelical/multidenominational, and Eastern Orthodox institutions in the United States and Canada. Parents, students, staff, and faculty will be equipped to engage Christian higher education with a clearer understanding of these key elements and their importance to the mission and purposes of individual institutions and Christian higher education at large.

“For those just beginning their Christian higher education journeys, this guide provides an accessible overview of the wide array of institutions with various Christian commitments and expressions. Meanwhile, more experienced scholars and practitioners receive an objective and useable tool for evaluating the way Christian identity influences key institutional practices.”

—**Shirley V. Hoogstra**, JD, President, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities

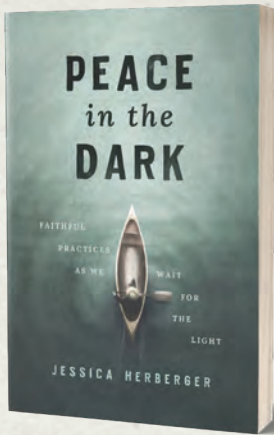


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PEACE IN THE DARK

Faithful Practices as We Wait for the Light

Jessica Herberger

How do we stay faithful as we wait on God?

The time after Good Friday but before Easter Sunday is one of the most overlooked portions of the Bible. We tend to rush ahead to the empty tomb seeking to find the resurrected Lord, but our lives don’t come equipped with a fast-forward button. We all face seasons of waiting where we long for a new or better future.

Peace in the Dark invites you to look again and acknowledge the reality of Holy Saturday. The example of the early disciples in those in-between hours offers a depth of wisdom about what to do when things have gone wrong. Their practices can serve us as we face our own disappointments, trials, and even traumatic experiences. There is a way to not just live but to experience peace when God seems silent. Rooted in Scripture, nature, and her personal experiences of years of trial, Jessica Herberger guides us through what was happening on that day, why it matters, and how we can approach our Holy Saturdays with hope and faithfulness.

“Jessica Herberger manages to take a quiet day that we know little about—Holy Saturday—and offers us a gift we hardly knew we needed. Through careful reading of Scripture and history, compelling narrative, and lived wisdom, she shows us what it means to grieve, feast, endure the quiet, trust what can’t yet be seen, and allow paradox to be an invitation instead of a frustration. *Peace in the Dark* will help you discover fullness within the emptiness of the space between the crucifixion and resurrection, and how—even there in the deepest darkness—Light remains.”

—**Adriel Booker**, author of *Grace Like Scarlett* and *Tethered to Hope*

“With the heart of a teacher and a hope formed out of loss, Jessica’s words ring true and timeless for all of us who live amidst life’s shadows. As a mom who has lost a son, my soul breathed yes from beginning to end, and I hope we can all lean in to her invitation to put down our silver linings and dip our toes in the sacred nuance of the in-between, where hollow spaces can be holy places for God to dwell.”

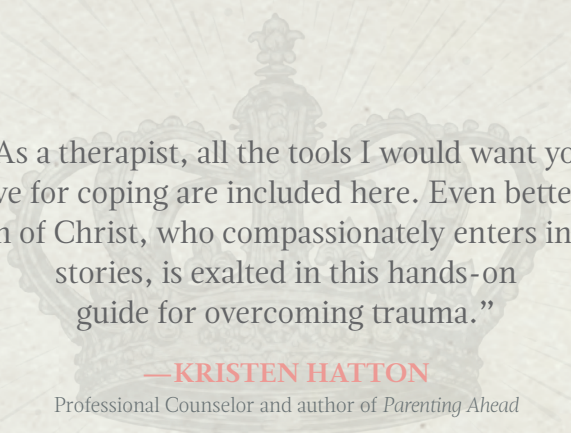
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speaker and author of *The Way of Becoming*

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LEGACY CHANGER

Heal the Hurt, Redeem Your Story, Create Hope for Your Family

Kristen Hallinan

Heal from your past and create a stronger, healthier family. Be a Legacy Changer.

The pain we experience today—in marriage, parenting, friendships, self-esteem, and even faith—oftentimes has roots in the wounds we experienced growing up. Many of us unknowingly repeat the mistakes of our parents and grandparents, passing on an unnecessary family legacy of pain and suffering. Through biblical wisdom, relatable storytelling, and tips for practical application, *Legacy Changer* equips women to heal their wounds of generational toxicity and create a healthier, more hopeful legacy for their families.

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WHEN IT HURTS TO HOPE

Honest Conversations about Living with Unmet Longing

Rachel Miller

Embrace the tension of unmet longing and live with hope—even when life doesn't look like you thought it would.

Maybe you've chosen to bury your dreams, denying your desires and sleepwalking through life. Maybe you've let your longing take the driver's seat and now you feel frantic and out of control. Even worse, you find yourself growing cold to God, wondering, *If I never get what I want, is God still good?* This book tackles that hard question—and many others.

In many church circles, we're told to bury our God-given longings. In our current culture, we're encouraged to overindulge them. *When It Hurts to Hope* will show you the middle ground: how to honor God and honor your desires at the same time. Drawing upon her own experience of heartache, Rachel Miller offers encouragement and practical advice on embracing the tension of unmet longing. She shares tools for readers to be emotionally and spiritually healthy, including teachings on toxic shame, spiritual bypassing, lament, and community. Ultimately, Jesus is the only one who can meet every longing. Delayed dreams can deepen our intimacy with God while we hope for the day when he wipes away every tear and heals every heartache.

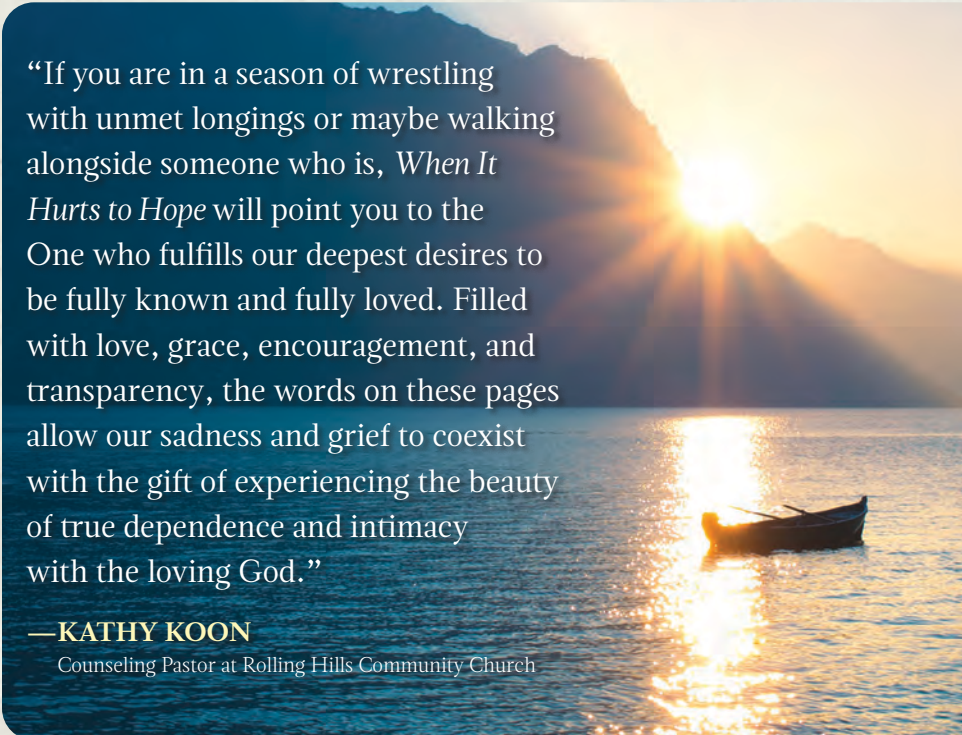
"Each page of *When It Hurts to Hope* is a beautiful gift of truth and encouragement—a field guide for living well while waiting and for how to still hope when your dreams may never come true. Hilarious and honest, Rachel speaks into tender topics that are often spiritually bypassed in a way that is both helpful and hopeful. Whatever unmet longing lives in your soul, this book is for you in this season."

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A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long rays of light that reflect on the water's surface. A small, dark boat is visible in the distance on the right side of the frame. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, and the water is dark blue with shimmering reflections.

“If you are in a season of wrestling with unmet longings or maybe walking alongside someone who is, *When It Hurts to Hope* will point you to the One who fulfills our deepest desires to be fully known and fully loved. Filled with love, grace, encouragement, and transparency, the words on these pages allow our sadness and grief to coexist with the gift of experiencing the beauty of true dependence and intimacy with the loving God.”

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FRIEND OF GOD

Letting Jesus Say Who You Really Are

Rusty George

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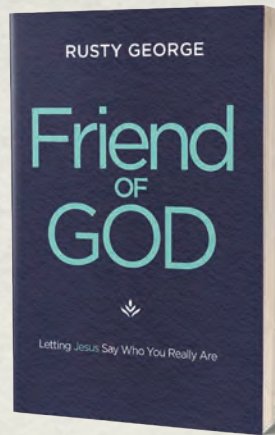
Did you have a nickname growing up? Most are fun and harmless, but sometimes the names get mean. Then, after we swallow a few other negative internal messages, we believe the lies. What others say becomes what we begin to believe about ourselves.

The apostle John grew up just like us. People handed him a ready list of labels—the brother of James, a Jew, a fisherman, a hothead—but then Jesus gave him a new direction in life. Writing about these events many years later, John referred to himself using a curious label. He always writes as “the one Jesus loved.” Many wonder about this choice. Some even think it’s presumptuous. Why would anyone single themselves out as the *one* loved by Jesus?

Rusty George wisely sees that John called himself “the one Jesus loves” so every reader could see that Jesus values and deeply loves them. *Friend of God* takes you inside John’s writings—his Gospel, his letters, and the Revelation—so you can discover how Jesus saw John, and thus how he sees you.

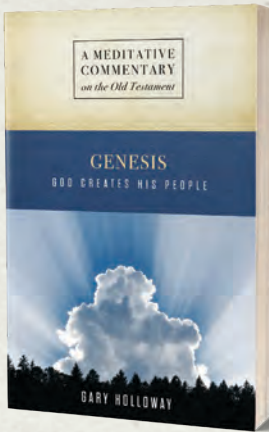
You are not the sum of what other people think of you. You are more than your victories or your mistakes. You, like John, are the one Jesus loves.

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GENESIS

God Creates His People

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What’s more, he creates everything good. Very good.

Now it looks as if most everything is bad. Pain, injustice, violence, and disaster surround us. If there is a God, some say, he must be evil, or powerless, or unconcerned. But the good news of Genesis is that the God we serve is not only powerful and wise—he is good. He made things good. And when they go bad, he still works his good will.

So things are not the way they were supposed to be. Genesis begins the story of a God who is working to make things right.

When humans abandon their proper place and rebel against the Lord, he punishes them as any loving father would. But he does not abandon humanity or the rest of his creation. Genesis tells the story of how God works in surprising ways through human choices, good and bad, to reclaim and restore his creation. He works in unlikely people—Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Pharaoh, and others. He initiates covenant with them. Even when they break covenant, he faithfully pursues them.

Genesis tells of a faithful God. And the Lord in turn expects his people to be faithful. That means trusting him, especially when his ways do not make sense. Abraham is willing to sacrifice his own son. Joseph trusts even when he is a slave and a prisoner. As we meditate on these stories of those who trusted, followed, and wrestled with God, let us open ourselves to his Spirit. Let us trust his inscrutable ways. Let us believe God so he might, through his covenant of love, count us as righteous.

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EXODUS TO DEUTERONOMY

God Goes with His People

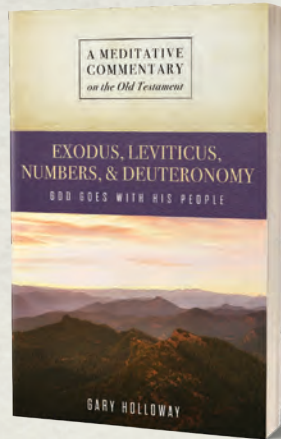
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Have you ever started reading the Old Testament and got stuck in the law of Leviticus? If so, get unstuck with trusted teacher Gary Holloway.

The stories of Exodus–Deuteronomy remind us that right relationship with God is reflected in right relationship with the neighbor. God’s people are often reminded of their obligations to family, tribe, and nation. What’s more, they are to have right relationships with strangers and foreigners, remembering that God has love for all nations. The Lord calls them to treat people, animals, and the land as God treats them. They are to be “for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” (Exod. 19:6).

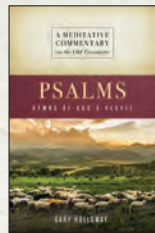
The laws found in Exodus–Deuteronomy (and there are many of them) reflect and embody the covenant God has made with Israel. They show what it means to be God’s people and to have relationship with him. This is why the first phrase of the Ten Words (or Ten Commandments) is “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery” (Exod. 20:2). Relationship with God is based on the Lord’s gracious act of choosing and delivering Israel. It is not based on their obedience (which is good, because they often did not obey). However, because God has chosen them to be his people, the laws show them what it means to reflect the character of God, to “be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy” (Lev. 19:2).

While you might get lost in Leviticus, you must remember that obedience is all about relationship to God. That’s why Israel is often reminded of what the law and obedience are about: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength” (Deut. 6:5).



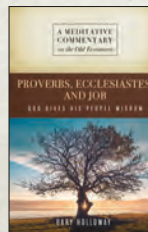
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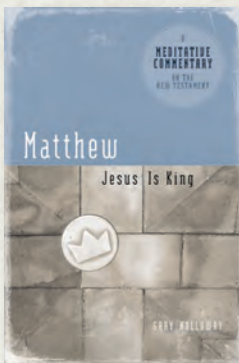


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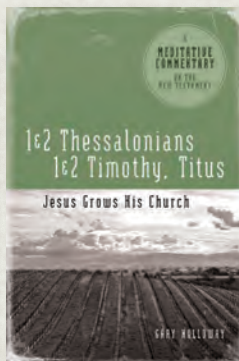
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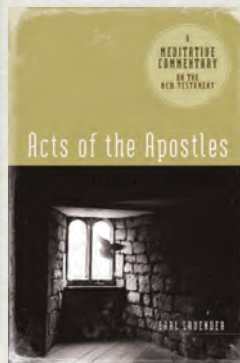
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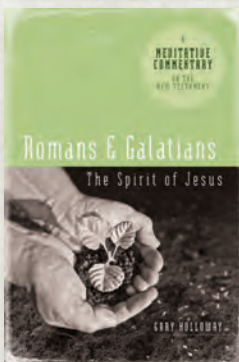


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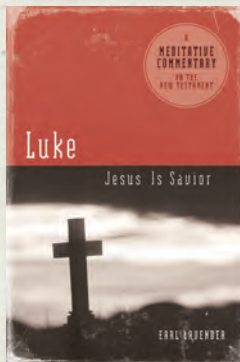
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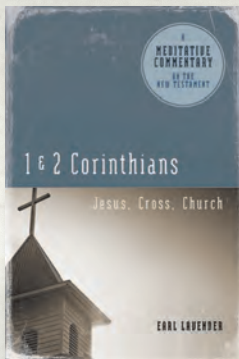
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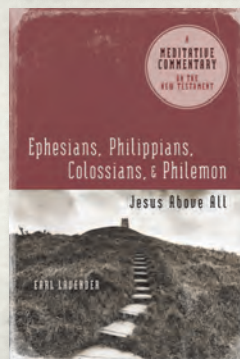
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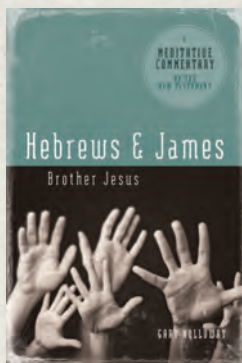
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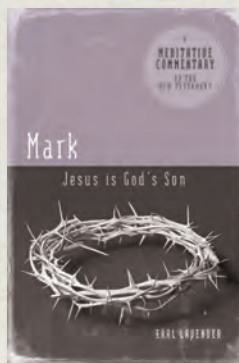
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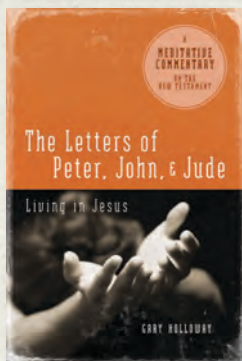
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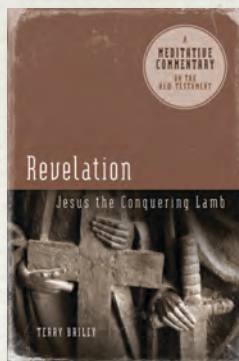
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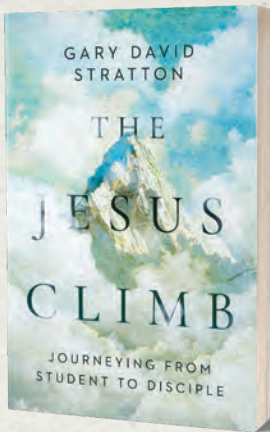


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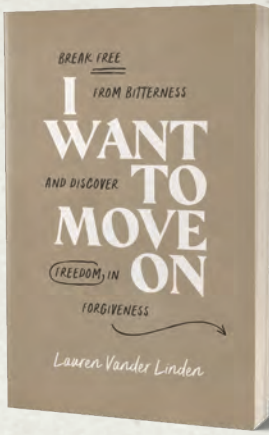
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I WANT TO MOVE ON Break Free from Bitterness and Discover Freedom in Forgiveness

Lauren Vander Linden

You know you should move on—so why can't you?

Regardless of how long ago you were hurt, feelings of betrayal, bitterness, and confusion still repeat in your mind. You can't deny your anger, fears, or frustrations without giving the enemy a foothold. Bitterness grows wherever its given a chance to thrive. You find unwanted thoughts creeping in:

I would never do to them what they did to me.

How can they be a Christian and act this way?

God, why did you allow this?

My bitterness isn't as bad as what they did to me.


But I didn't do anything wrong.

If I don't fight for myself, no one will.

I can wait to forgive.

I Want to Move On was born out of this struggle. Each chapter addresses a different unwanted thought and combats them with biblical truths to give you the practical tools to beat bitterness once and for all.

By exposing bitterness and trusting God to bring justice in his way, you can finally get your life back! What are you waiting for? Get unstuck and break the cycle for good. Open the book!



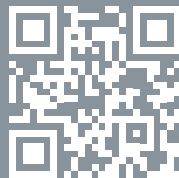
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