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## WELCOME

Fellow Church Leaders—

There has been a wonderful response to our Small Group Resource Guide over this past year. Its value lies in its usefulness to anyone facilitating discussion in a classroom or small group setting. Each item in this catalog includes questions and thoughts to help guide you through the material and come to a deeper and more dynamic faith.

In order to develop more useful resources for congregations, we are working to increase our video series offerings. To help make these easier to find, we have placed them near the front of the book. We have also marked any new items in this edition of the guide to assist you in finding the latest material.

Our prayer is that you will find this listing of our books to be a helpful resource for your classroom and small group material needs. Please feel free to contact us if you have further questions.

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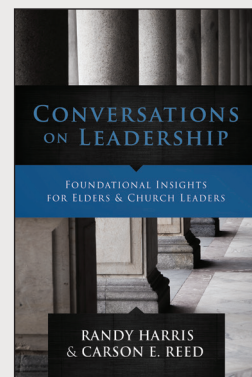
## VIDEO SERIES

**Conversations on Leadership DVD**

Foundational Insights for Elders &amp; Church Leaders

*Randy Harris & Carson E. Reed*

Congregational leadership requires pastoral care, hope-filled visioning, effective governance, and above all else, practicing wisdom in all things. Since these characteristics are essential to effective leadership, congregational leaders should seek to excel in these practices. This video series provides practical and meaningful resources for church leaders as they strive to grow in each of these areas.



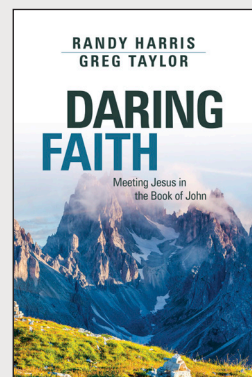
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Meeting Jesus in the Book of John

*Randy Harris*

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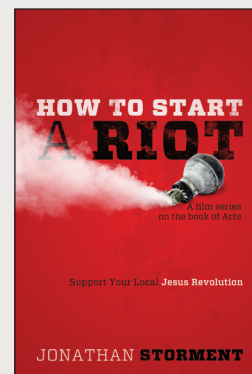
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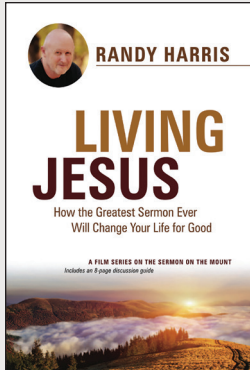
*Jonathan Storment*

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## **Living Jesus DVD**

How the Greatest Sermon Ever Will Change Your Life for Good  
*Randy Harris*

In this video series, Randy Harris uses the Sermon on the Mount to invite you not just to understand the great teachings, but to live them in ways you never imagined before. *Living Jesus* is centered on the entire contents of the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5-7. It is important to believe that Jesus intended for us to live these teachings, not simply read them and understand them.



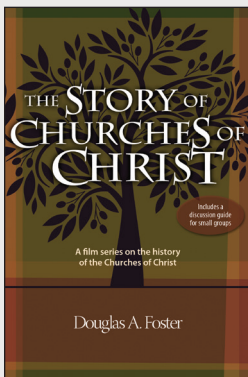
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## **Love First DVD**

Understanding Our Non-Christian Neighbors  
*Don McLaughlin*

We don't just need to inspire more love. We need a revolutionary call to love better. For too long, Christians have settled for less than the matchless love of Jesus. This compromise has left us disastrously unprepared as hate has come out of the shadows and into the public light. More than ever, believers are tempted to give in to their fears, prejudices, and suspicions. Even worse, hate is now accepted as normal, and many remain unaware of its deep pull on their lives.

In twelve film segments, *Love-First* offers a clear-eyed assessment of the current love/hate crisis and a practical strategy for how Christians can begin to truly love, especially those who do not love us in return. This 2-DVD set is filled with humor and hard-hitting questions. McLaughlin will surprise, inspire, convict, and challenge you with God's call to love as we have been loved.



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## **The Story of Churches of Christ DVD**

A Film Series on the History of the Churches of Christ  
*Douglas A. Foster*

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## CHRISTIAN LIVING

**Awakening**

How God's Next Great Move Inspires &amp; Influences Our Lives Today

*Matt Brown*

We hear a lot about the weakening faith in our country, but God is alive and well in America. *Awakening* is a very encouraging counter balance of astounding stories of God at work all around the world, and will inspire you to take part. Enjoy Brown's collection of stories from his own experiences that move and inspire Christians burdened over the state of our nation.



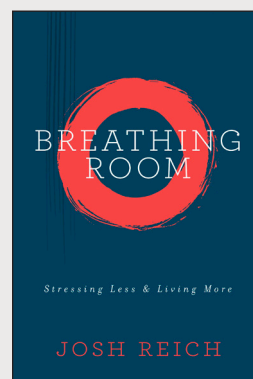
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Stressing Less &amp; Living More

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Finding breathing room in finances, schedules, and relationships leads to enjoying and savoring life instead of simply going through the motions. *Breathing Room* is a chance not only to catch your breath, but to find the road to the life you have come to believe is impossible.



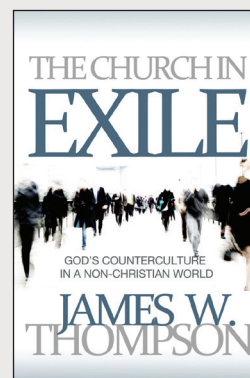
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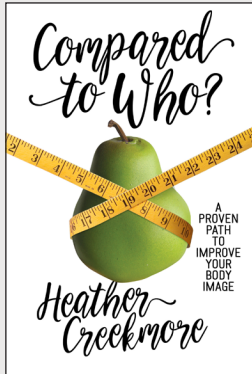
God's Counterculture in a Non-Christian World

*James W. Thompson*

Christians in America now belong to a distinctly minority group, so their behavior will increasingly be considered strange to the majority of the population. *The Church in Exile* draws upon the epistle of 1 Peter, which was written to Christians at a time when Christianity was not a popular identity, and is used to show us how to live as a counterculture in a non-Christian world.



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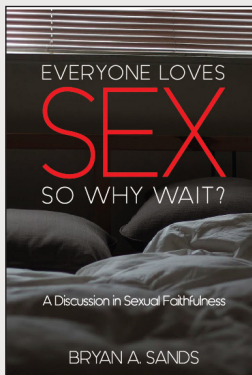
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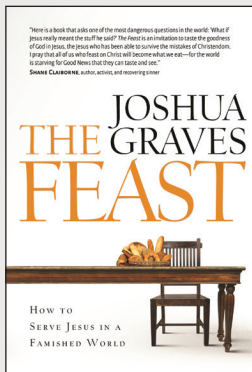
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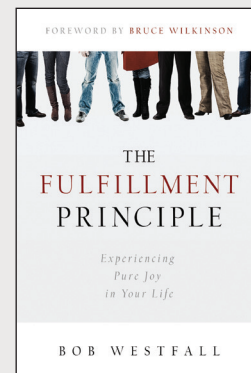


## **The Fulfillment Principle**

Experiencing Pure Joy in Your Life

*Bob Westfall*

People can become overwhelmed and feel unfulfilled, but Bob Westfall provides the profound truth that using the gifts God has given you helps you feel the “joy of fulfillment that comes straight from heaven.” Fulfillment isn’t impossible or unreachable; it starts with understanding that God created each of us with a glorious dream for who we are.



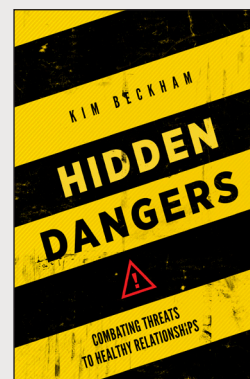
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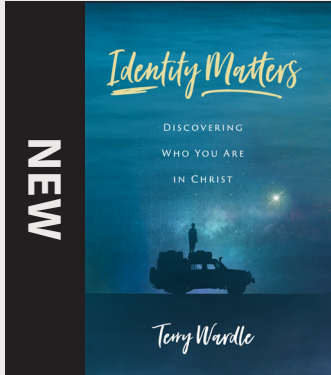
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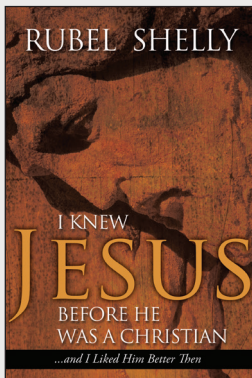


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Discovering Who You Are in Christ  
*Terry Wardle*

Our understanding of our identity matters. It is the foundation of well-being, self-esteem, and self worth, which directly influences our quest for purpose and significance in life. Unfortunately, we live in a society that insists on performance and people pleasing as the only acceptable pathways to security and acceptance. Many Christians are wearing themselves out on this treadmill of self-promotion and achievement, unaware that they are ultimately building their lives on shifting sand.

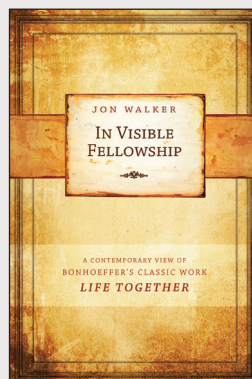


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...and I Liked Him Better Then  
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A Contemporary View of Bonhoeffer's Classic Work, *Life Together*  
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Christians were never meant to live life alone; only in fellowship do we learn to love. Jon Walker focuses on Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* book to bring a contemporary view of life in the body of Christ. *In Visible Fellowship* shows how the church and Christian community enable you to understand the great importance of the Body of Christ.

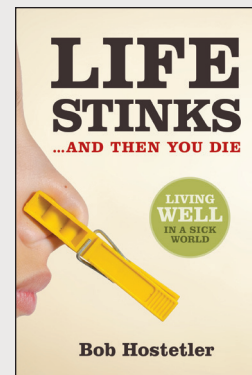


## **Life Stinks ...And Then You Die**

Living Well in a Sick World

*Bob Hostetler*

Many people seem to blithely skip through the meadows of this world, with nary a wound or scar, and they wake up each morning with a smile on their face. . . . This book is not for them. *Life Stinks . . . And Then You Die* is a gritty, honest look at the world around us and the world inside us.



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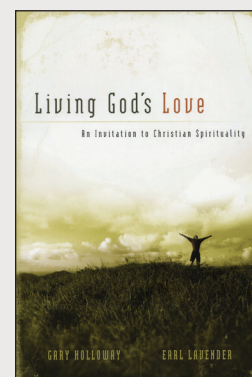
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## **Living God's Love**

An Invitation to Christian Spirituality

*Gary Holloway & Earl Lavendar*

Do you desire a deeper relationship with God, a closer walk with Jesus, and a constant sense of the Holy Spirit? *Living God's Love* is for you then. No shortcuts or sure-fire techniques, just an invitation to follow and share God's life, and an easy-to-follow signpost marking the path of a daily relationship with Him.



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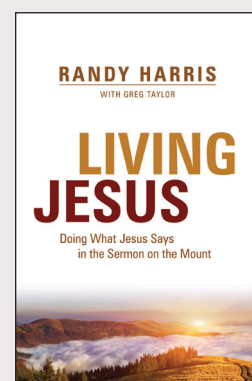
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## **Living Jesus**

Doing What Jesus Says in Sermon on the Mount

*Randy Harris*

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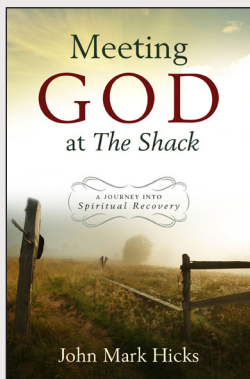
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*Don McLaughlin*

Hate, even in its most nefarious forms, is no match for the love modeled by Jesus. Love is his cure for the sick and dying world. But not just any love. This is not just a book to inspire more love; it's a revolutionary call to love better. Historians, sociologists, and theologians agree that we are experiencing the most fundamental changes in global society in the last five hundred years. And while the church has a lofty vision and mighty power, we are disastrously unprepared. This book presents an understandable, practical, and doable approach to loving others with such clarity and conviction that the world will truly know the God who loves us first.



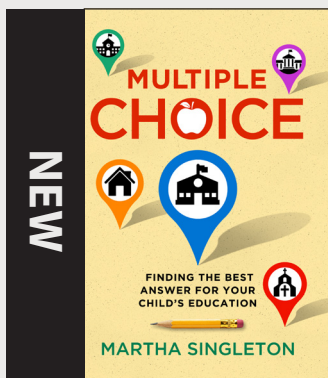
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A Journey into Spiritual Recovery

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*Meeting God at The Shack* shows hurting people how to read this story with profit and come to know God more fully. Many have enjoyed William Young's *The Shack*, even if they puzzled over the book's actual meaning and theology. While some were quick to dismiss it as fiction, *The Shack* isn't really fiction at all. It's a modern day parable.



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Finding the Best Answer for Your Child's Education

*Marth Singleton*

As a practical guide in making that all-important decision, *Multiple Choice* helps parents assess each child's learning style and their family's goals for education. It objectively examines both the benefits and drawbacks of each form of schooling. Interviews with education professors, teachers, parents, and students who have participated in each venue combine to make this an engaging guide for parents as they make important choices for their child's future.

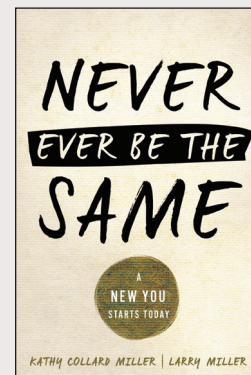


## **Never Ever Be the Same**

A New You Starts Today

*Kathy Collard Miller & Larry Miller*

Have you ever proclaimed, “I will never be the same” about something in your life you absolutely wanted to change? *Never Ever Be the Same* will not only help you say it, but also make the statement a reality. With the use of biblical principles, insightful stories, and helpful instruction, you can unearth the underlying causes of your sin and learn to trust God more for an inner transformation.



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Questions You Wish You Could Ask at Church

*Ross Cochran*

Churches often avoid complex issues in hopes of keeping away from defensive responses, arguments, and division within a congregation. True unity cannot exist until it has weathered conflict and Christians must learn to see issues from various points of view as well as appreciating the people with whom they differ. *Not Off Limits* provides the opportunity to explore, reflect, and discuss these hard questions together without judgment of conflict.



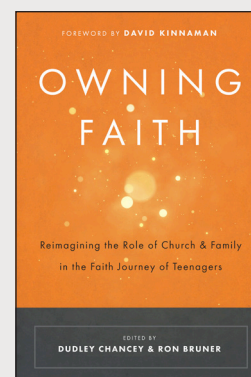
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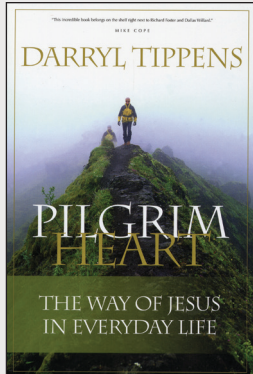
Reimagining the Role of Church & Family in the Faith Journey of Teenagers

*Dudley Chancey & Ron Bruner*

*Owning Faith* is an accessible guide into the adventure-filled spiritual journey of adolescents. If you would like to learn how to be a wise and compassionate companion who can make an eternal difference in the lives of youth, *Owning Faith* will show you how.



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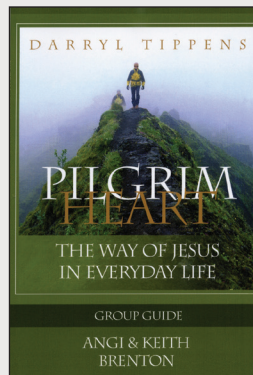
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*Darryl Tippens*

Originally, the faith of Jesus was considered a distinctive way of life rather than a sophisticated theological system. *Pilgrim Heart* re-imagines discipleship as - first and foremost - a particular way of life guided by a set of simple, but powerful, daily practices known to the earliest disciples and the saints through the ages.

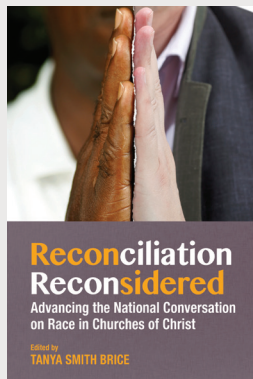


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Advancing the Conversation on Race in Churches of Christ

*Tanya Smith Brice*

A broad racial divide mars Churches of Christ, and courageous leaders from across the United States have joined together to listen to one another. In *Reconciliation Reconsidered*, Tanya Brice pulls together the early fruit she has gleaned from this ongoing conversation about racial reconciliation. Each chapter concludes with discussion questions that can help you and others navigate this perplexing and difficult topic.

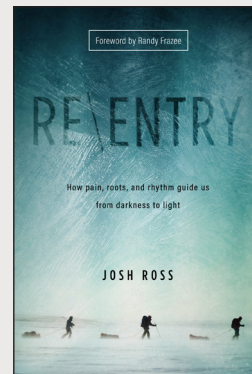


## **Re/entry**

How Pain, Roots, and Rhythm Guide Us from Darkness to Light

*Josh Ross*

As vital as the message of entry is to the Christian faith, many Christians are also desperate for a message of reentry after many seasons of doubt, confusion, bondage to the past, severed relationships, loss, depression, and stress. From places of darkness and shadows, God comes and reveals himself as the one who enters into our pain both as a companion who walks with us through our trials and as the one who is eager to eventually lead us into a healthier place.



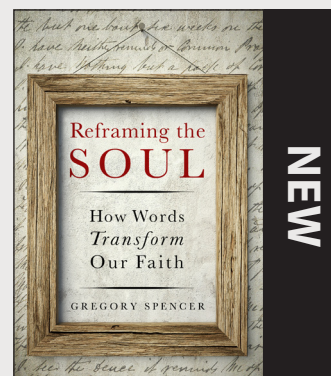
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## **Reframing the Soul**

How Words Transform Our Faith

*Gregory Spencer*

We don't just remember the past. We remember it as we have framed it. Jesus calls us to reframe life—grace instead of law, love instead of retaliation—demonstrating that our faith-work is frame-work. In this book, readers will be awakened to the power of the words they choose.



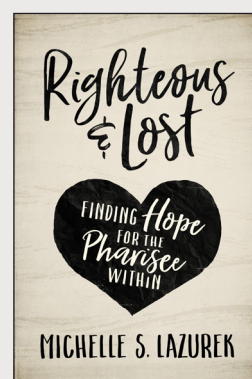
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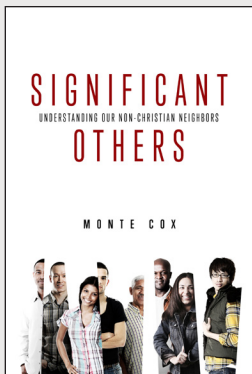
Finding Hope for the Pharisee Within

*Mchelle S. Lazurek*

Christians often become burned out on church but don't know why. We can easily become the older brother grumbling in the field, jealous and envious of all the spoils our younger brother receives. This parable is one of longing, of wanting, and of a Father who extends his hand and gives freely to both sons—yet only one gratefully receives. This book will help you identify the attitudes and behaviors hindering you from the intimate walk with God you desire.



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Understanding Our Non-Christian Neighbors

*Monte Cox*

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.



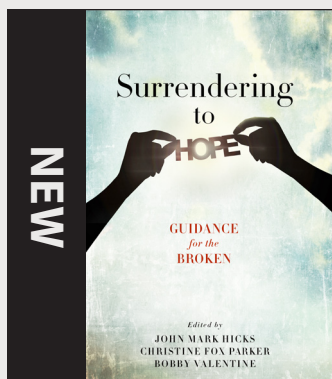
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Faith Renewed Through Brokenness

*Les Ferguson Jr.*

Life happens to us all. When good turns to bad, the journey from bad back to good can seem impossible. In this candid book, Pastor Les Ferguson Jr. shares his true story of when he struggled to believe not that God existed but that he cared. The questions of faith and doubt shared in *Still Wrestling* show Les's journey through tragedy to a deep, renewed faith.



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## **Surrendering to Hope**

Guidance for the Broken

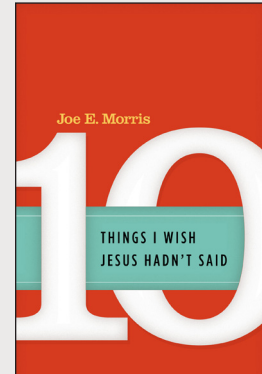
*John Mark Hicks, Christine Fox Parker, & Bobby Valentine*

In *Surrendering to Hope*, you'll find fifteen stories of heartbreak and tragedy told with unflinching honesty—brutal deaths of loved ones, chronic illness, mental and sexual abuse, divorce, as well as struggles with same sex attraction, dealing with the trauma of combat loss, and living under racial oppression. But the real story of *Surrendering to Hope* is that every story is God's story. Despite brokenness and suffering, God is lovingly, powerfully present in every life. He invites each of us to lean on him in trust and begin a journey towards peace.

## **Ten Things I Wish Jesus Hadn't Said**

*Joe E. Morris*

The hard lessons of Jesus sear and scorch, challenge and demand. They call us to accountability, responsibility, and action. The easy sayings seem to contradict and counter the hard messages. *Ten Things I Wish Jesus Hadn't Said* focuses on ten of these sayings: five that make it hard to be a Christian; five, in seeming contradiction, that make it easy—all re-scripted in present tense narrative and reframed for contemporary readers.



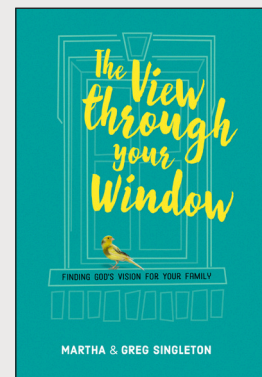
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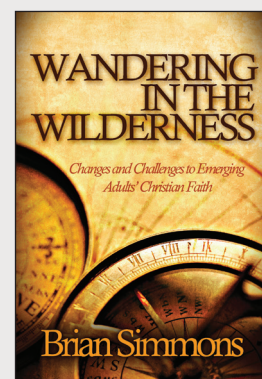
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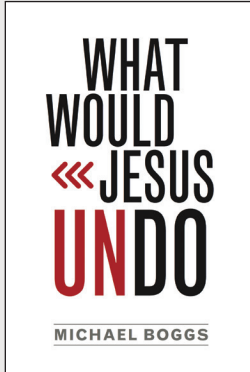
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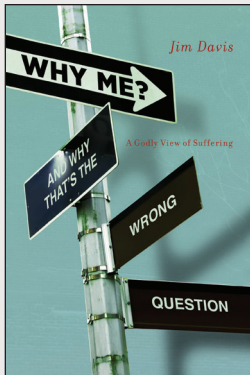


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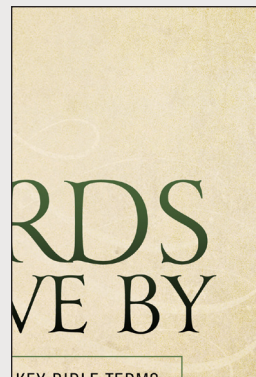
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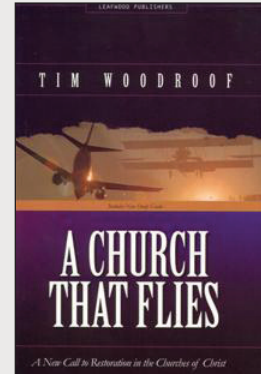
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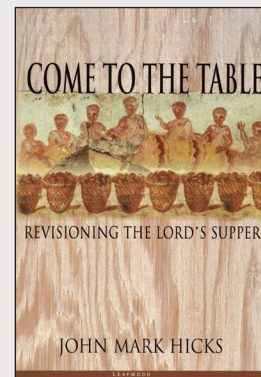
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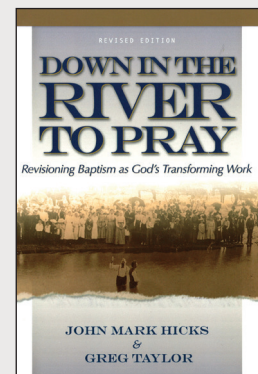
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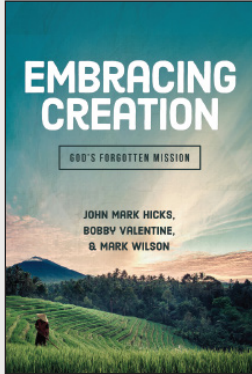
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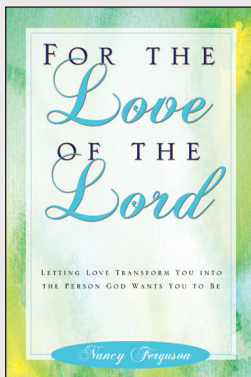
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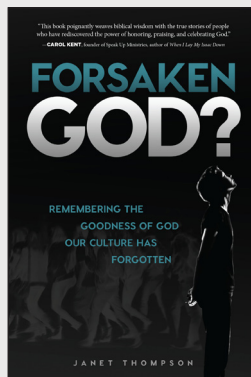
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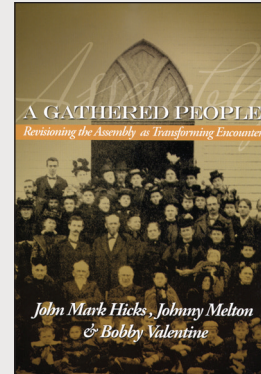
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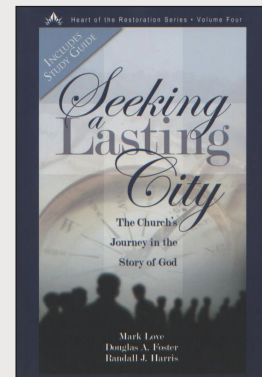
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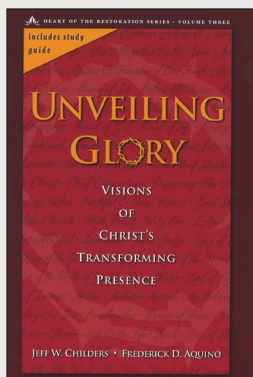
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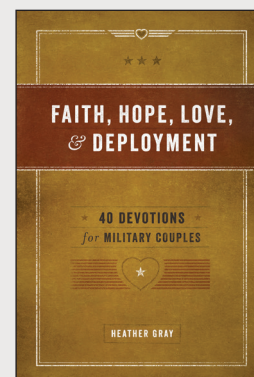
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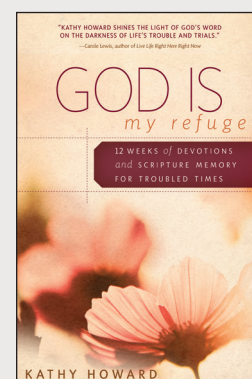
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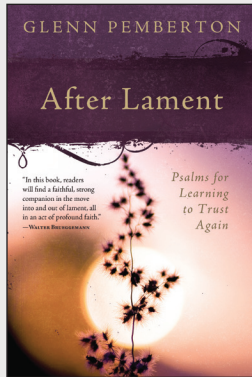
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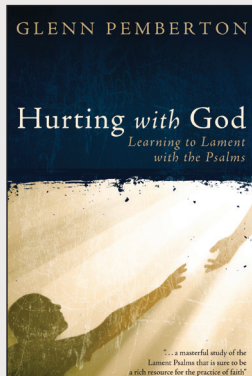


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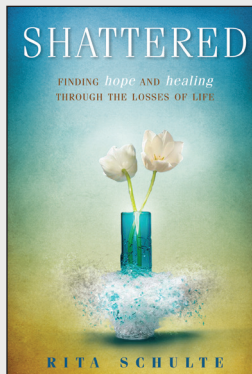


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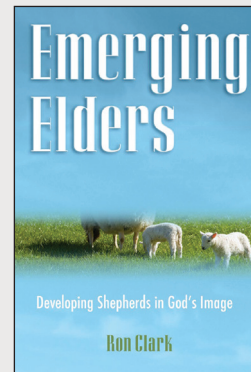
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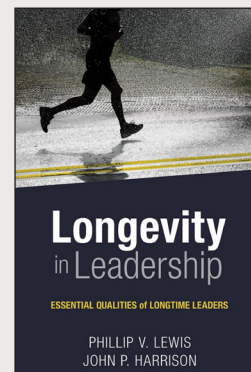
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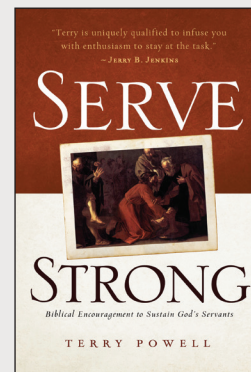
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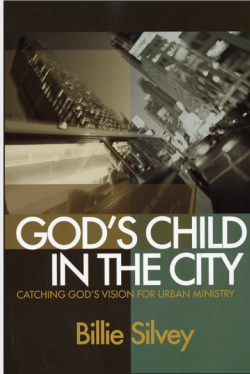
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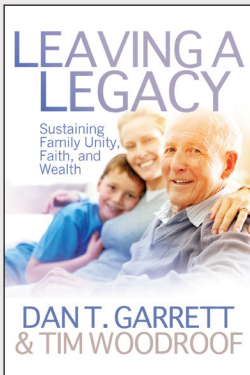
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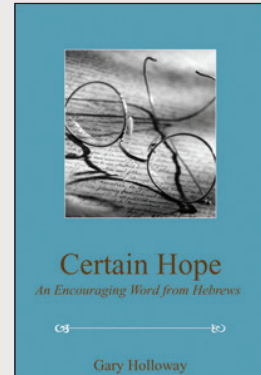
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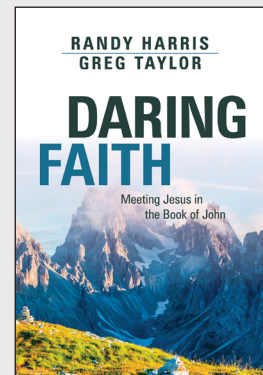
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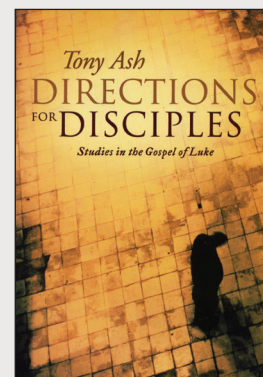
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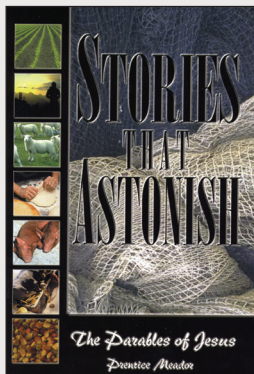
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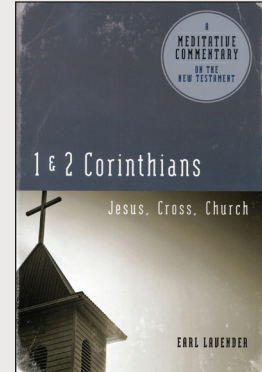
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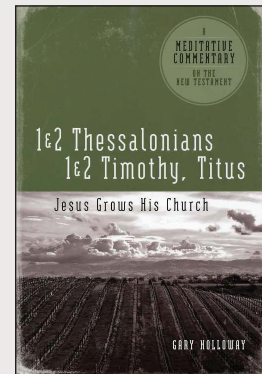
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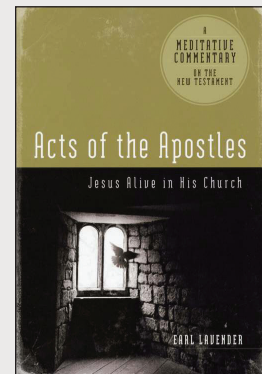
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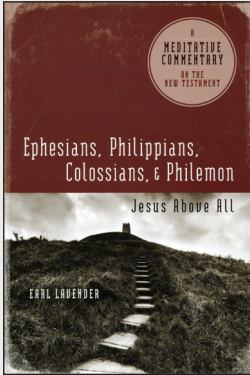
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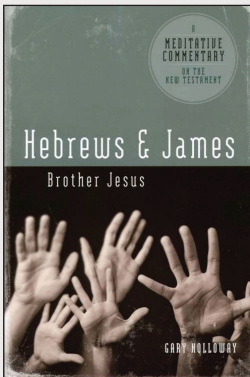


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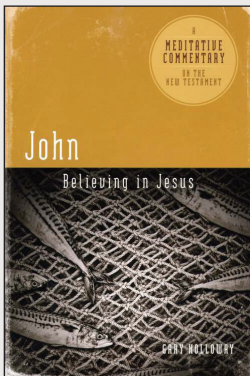


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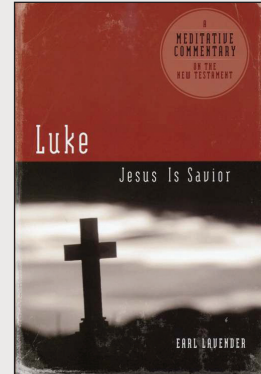
Written by one who calls himself “the disciple whom Jesus loved”, the Gospel of John paints an intimate portrait of Jesus as one who is intimate with God the Father, who calls disciples to follow him, and who gives signs that point his listeners to God. The meditative style of “holy reading” makes the text more memorable and applicable to our lives. The Bible is not just an ancient book to study but a living window into the very life of Jesus.

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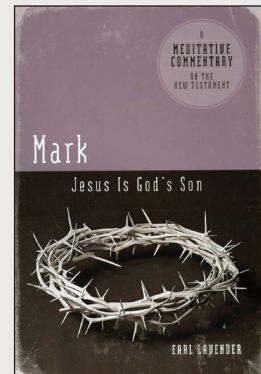
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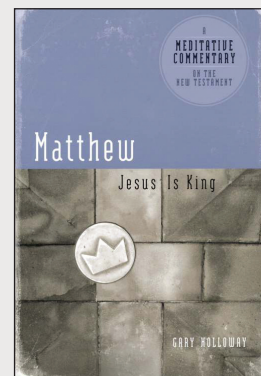
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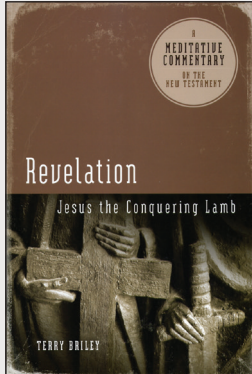
Jesus is King

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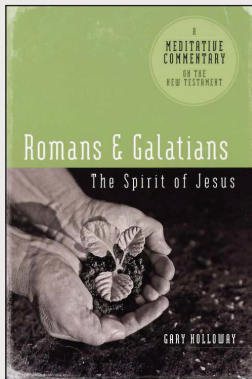
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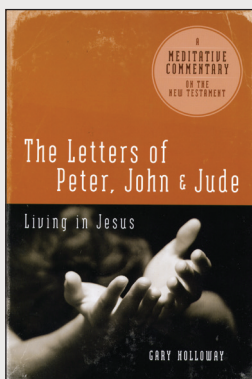
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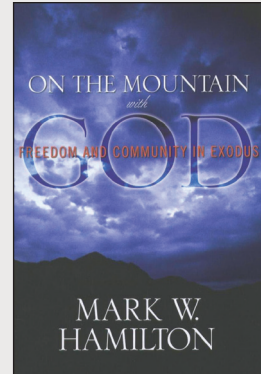
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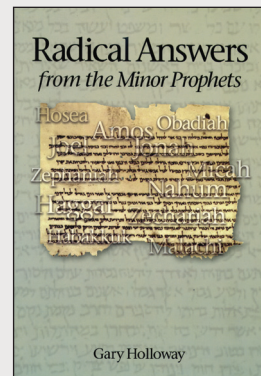


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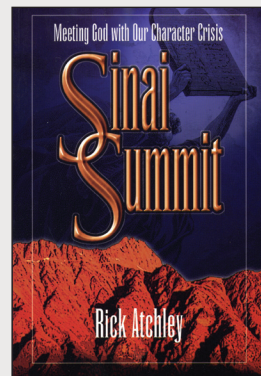
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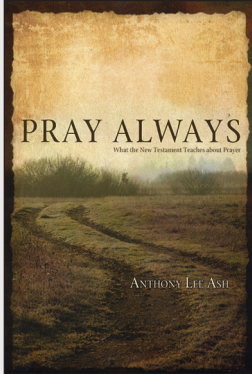
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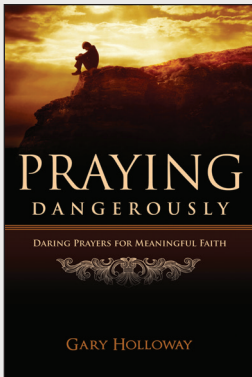
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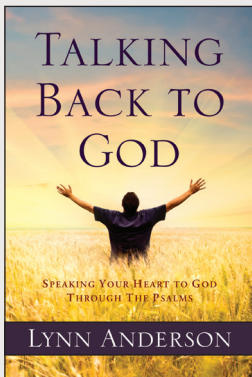
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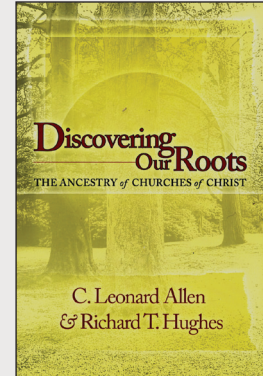
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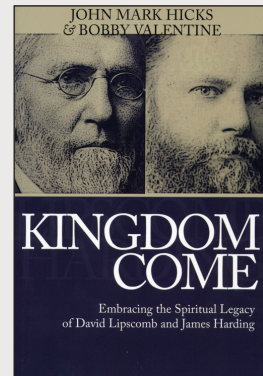
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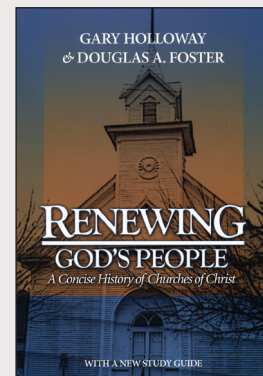
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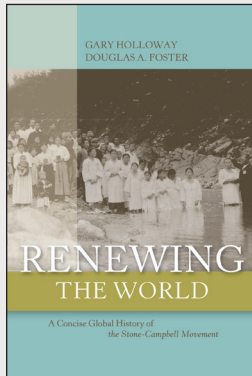
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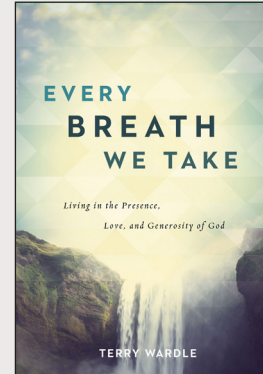
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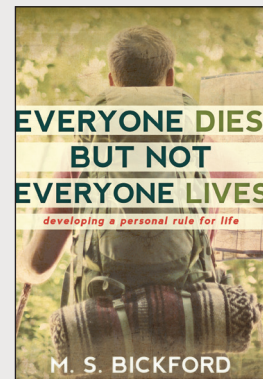
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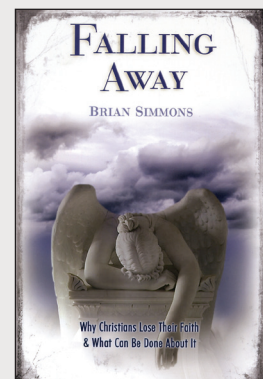
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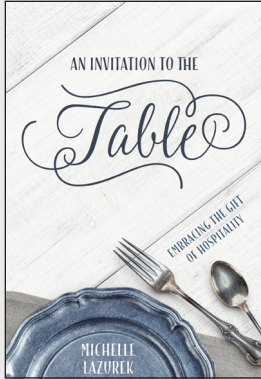
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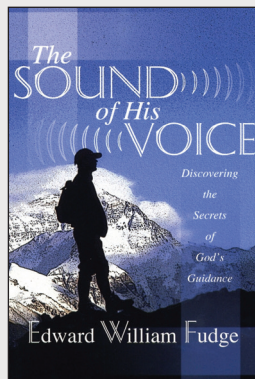
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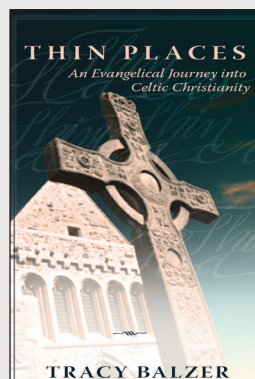
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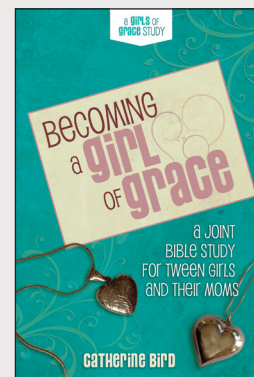
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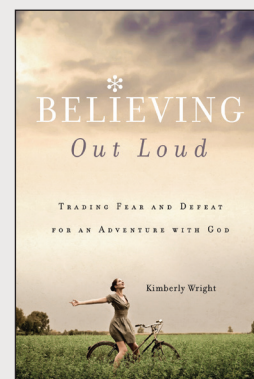
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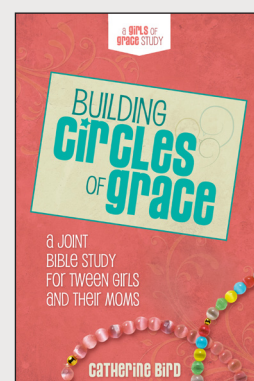
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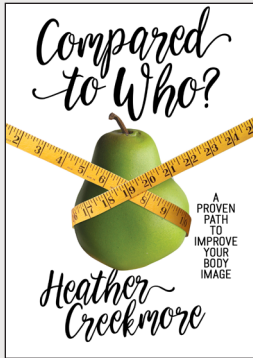
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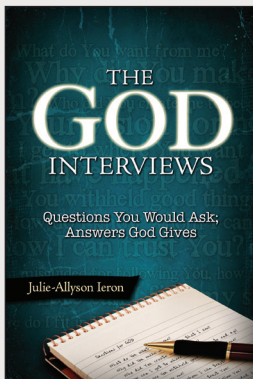


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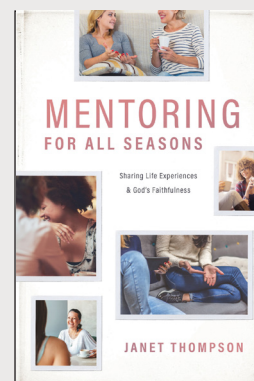
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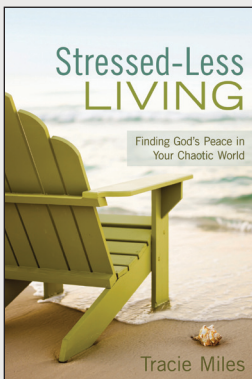
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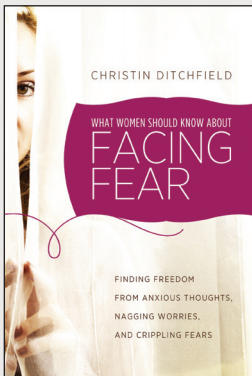
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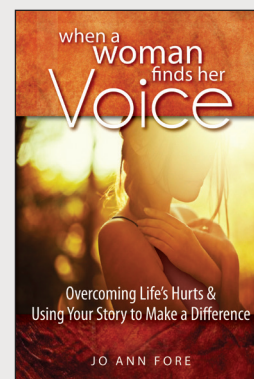


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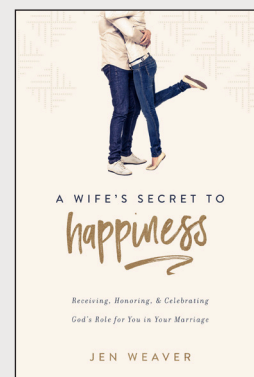
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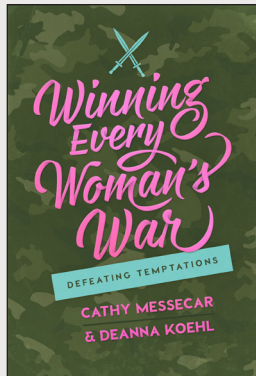
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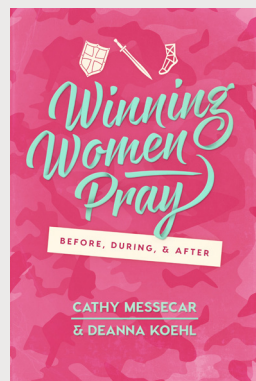
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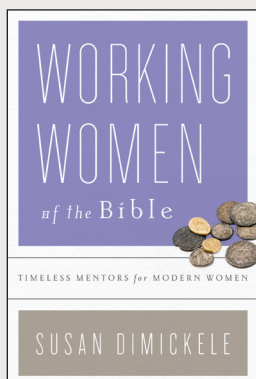
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