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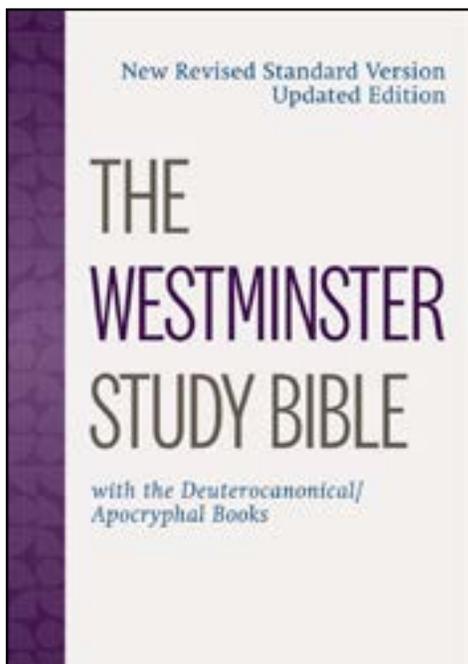
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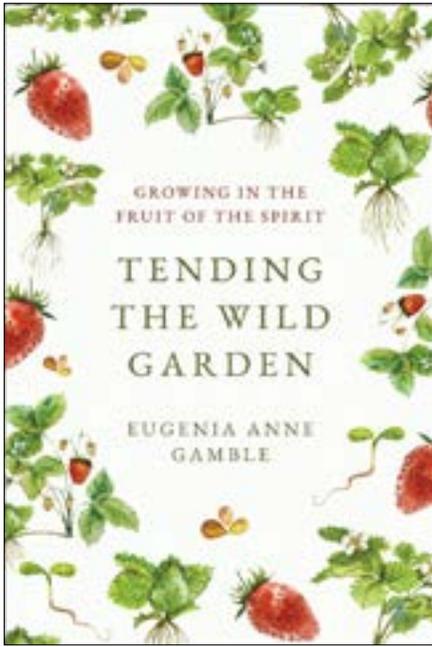
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Tending the Wild Garden *Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit*

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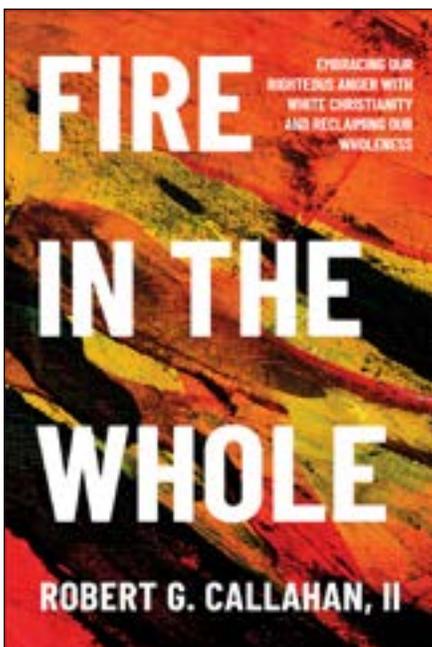
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Fire in the Whole *Embracing Our Righteous Anger with White Christianity and Reclaiming Our Wholeness*

Robert G. Callahan, II

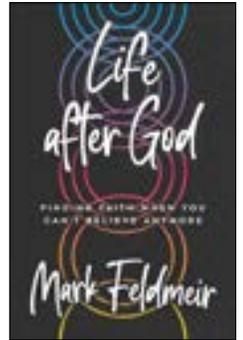
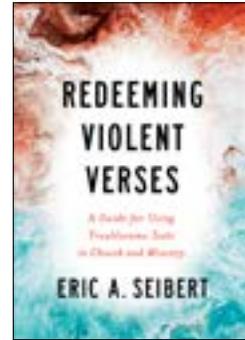
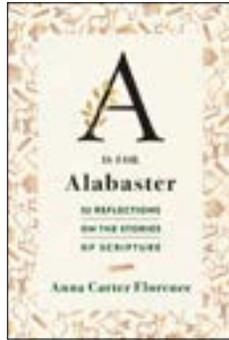
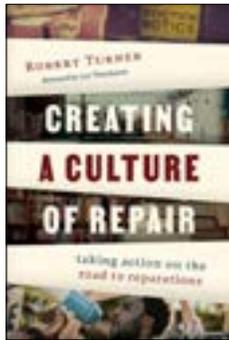
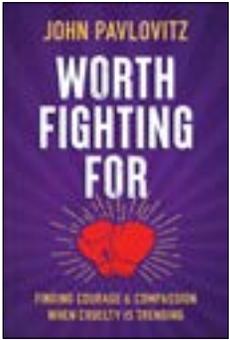
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Fire in the Whole explores the anger of Black Christians who feel betrayed by white Christianity’s complicity of perpetuating racism. In this transformative work, author Robert Callahan not only empathizes with this pain, giving words to strong and powerful emotions, but also provides guidance for healing church-related wounds. Whether you are a Christian minority who is hurt and angry, a progressive white ally seeking understanding of what went wrong, or a conservative white Christian willing to engage in constructive dialogue to rebuild a fractured community, this book is a powerful guide to navigating the flames of righteous anger and emerging whole again.

To assist with personal reflection and group discussion, a Spotify playlist curated by the author and downloadable versions of the guides at the end of the book are available at www.wjkbooks.com/FireintheWhole.

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<p>It's a scary time for America, with rights for women and transgender people being rolled back, the truth about Black history and experience being silenced, and unrestricted gun violence on the rise. People who value inclusion, compassion, and the common good are understandably anxious and angry—but we can't give up hope. We need motivation to keep fighting for justice. This inspiring volume provides the encouragement, stamina, and direction we need to keep going, even when things feel bleak.</p> <p>Access free resources, including sermon series prompts and a group discussion guide to expand the use of this book to communal and worship settings.</p>	<p>Many people are aware of the injustices Black Americans have suffered over the centuries but feel powerless when it comes to repairing the harm done. Robert Turner provides an accessible guide for individuals and groups wanting to influence significant institutional action while also acting on their own to repair the effects of racial injustice in our communities, churches, and spheres of influence. Divided into categories of individual, social, institutional, and spiritual repair, Turner offers the longest list of reparations currently published. Perfect for book clubs and group study!</p> <p>Access free digital resources for use in group settings.</p>	<p>Beloved preacher and writer Anna Carter Florence brings winsome insight to an array of characters and stories in the Bible—some celebrated and some overlooked. From courageous Abigail to Zelophehad's daughters, and from an alabaster jar of ointment to Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree, Florence takes readers on an enchanting tour of the Old and New Testaments with reflections that reveal ancient wisdom and spark imagination anew. In addition to group discussion guides available in the book, a book club guide is also available to download for free!</p> <p>There is also a wealth of material for pastors to mine in this volume. To help leaders use this book, Florence has written a free, downloadable reading guide for preachers to suggest ways a preacher might read this book.</p>	<p>In <i>Hope Is Here!</i> Smith describes how we truly perceive and join “the work of hope.” Interpreting five spiritual practices for individuals and congregations to experience the power of hope, this book prepares us to engage racism, mass incarceration, environmental crises, divisive politics, and indifference that imperil justice and beloved community. Each chapter ends with questions that prompt readers to examine their experiences and their readiness to journey with hope. Additionally, this book is designed for congregational, communal, or small-group use.</p> <p>To assist groups using the book, the publisher has developed a free, downloadable congregational guide.</p>	<p>In <i>Redeeming Violent Verses</i>, Eric Seibert provides chapters devoted to using biblical passages that include violence when preaching sermons, teaching Sunday school, and leading worship. This book is filled with guidelines and specific practices designed to help ministers use violent verses responsibly. Religious practitioners of all stripes will find this book immensely helpful, and readers will benefit greatly from the many strategies and suggestions offered here.</p> <p>To help integrate the practical approaches found in this book, you can access free digital resources, which include a discussion and reflection guide for groups and individuals, as well as suggestions for teaching these scriptures to children and notes on answering the difficult questions children ask.</p>	<p>Pastor Mark Feldmeir offers an introduction to a God that many people weren't aware existed—a mysterious, uncontainable, still-active God who loves and cares for real people with real problems. <i>Life after God</i> offers glimpses of the ineffable God, who can open us up to the mystery, wonder, and compelling love we crave.</p> <p>Companion Videos for each chapter are available for free. To help your group's study, you can download the study guide from the book with links directly to each companion video available for each session.</p>
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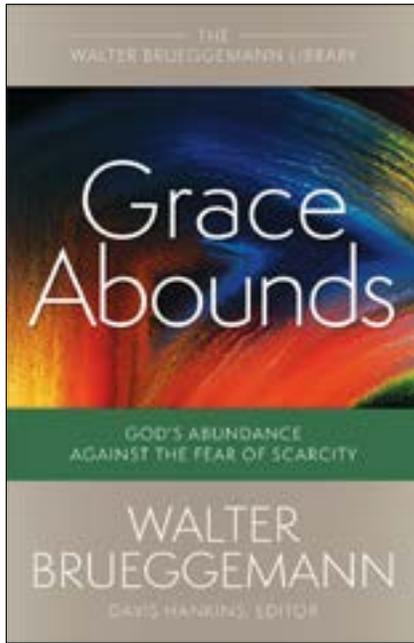
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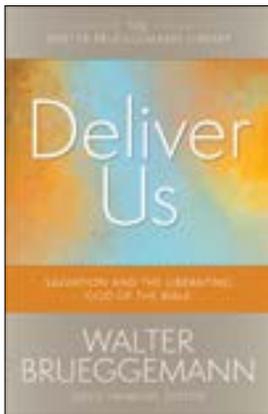
God's Abundance against the Fear of Scarcity

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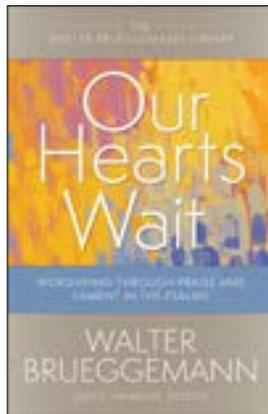
In *Grace Abounds*, Brueggemann examines the human struggle with a narrow mindset that fosters competition and envy, contrasting it with God's call to trust in divine provision and extend ourselves to others with generosity. The book's first part lays a foundation for biblical grace, exploring our basic needs and four types of responses from people in Scripture enduring exile and forced migration. In the second part, Brueggemann highlights specific biblical practices that embody God's grace and foster grace-filled relationships: keeping Sabbath, making doxology, bestowing blessings, offering forgiveness, and realizing reconciliation.

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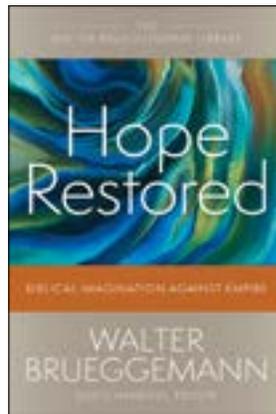
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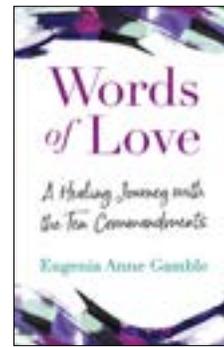
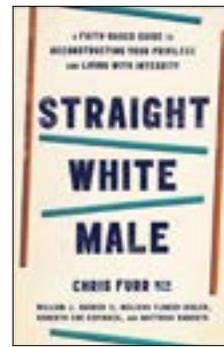
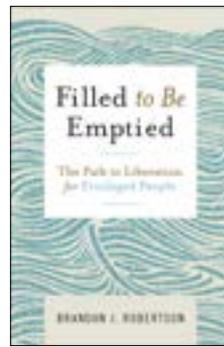
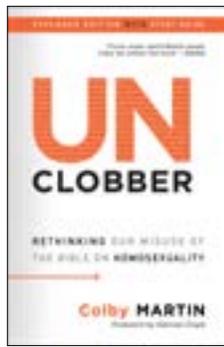
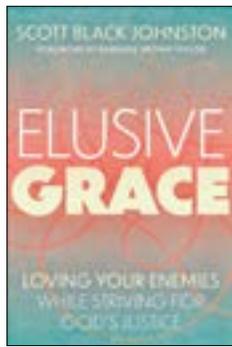
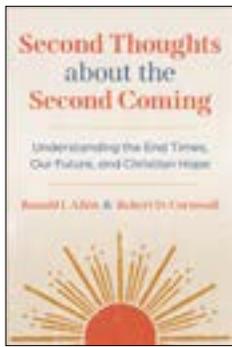
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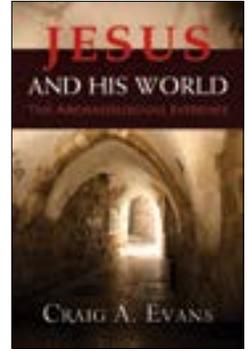
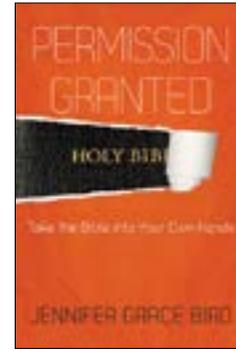
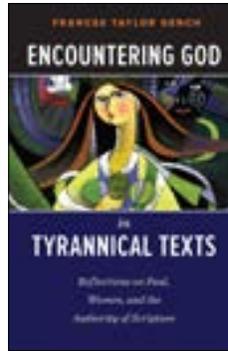
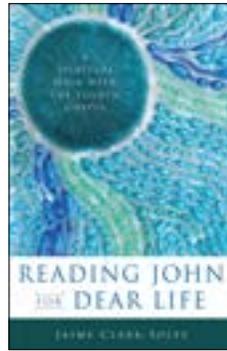
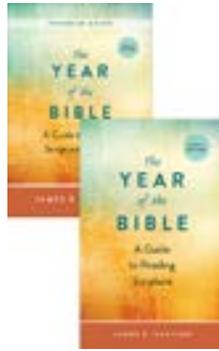
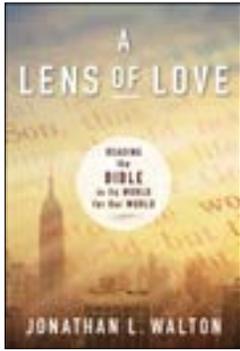
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<p>Ronald J. Allen & Robert D. Cornwall</p>	<p>Scott Black Johnston</p>	<p>Colby Martin</p>	<p>Brandon J. Robertson</p>	<p>Chris Furr, with William J. Barber II, Melissa Florer-Bixler, Roberto Che Espinoza, & Matthias Roberts</p>	<p>Eugenia Anne Gamble</p>
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<p>In this helpful book, Allen and Cornwall explain how we don't have to subscribe to sensationalist theories or sketchy interpretations to believe in Christian hope. They walk the reader through the central biblical teachings on last things and then show the ways the church has interpreted those teachings throughout the centuries. The book includes a study guide for group use. There are also free downloadable preaching guides designed to help pastors develop both topical and lectionary-based sermon series on Christian hope.</p>	<p>Johnston calls for the church to model robust advocacy for justice, without denying the full humanity of those on the other side of the argument. This provocative book brings the wisdom of Scripture into conversation with such diverse minds as Emily Dickinson, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Ayn Rand, and Mister Rogers. He offers not just words of hope but a prescribed course of action for individuals and communities alike, as we look to mend our souls and restore our civic life.</p> <p>Perfect for book clubs! Download the Reading Group Guide.</p>	<p>Armed with only six passages in the Bible—often known as the “Clobber Passages”—the conservative Christian position has been one that stands against the full inclusion of our LGBTQ siblings. <i>UnClobber</i> reexamines what the Bible says (and does not say) about homosexuality in such a way that sheds divine light on outdated and inaccurate assumptions and interpretations. This new edition equips study groups and congregations with questions for discussion and a sermon series guide for preachers.</p>	<p><i>Filled to Be Emptied</i> is a thought-provoking book that challenges mainstream and progressive Christians to rethink their approach to privilege and justice. Robertson uses the Kenosis Hymn (Philippians 2:5-11) to illustrate how Christians can use their privilege to benefit others and subvert the oppressive systems that surround them. Through an insightful interpretation of the hymn and personal stories, this book is a fascinating read that shows how humbling ourselves and seeking justice and equality for everyone is far more meaningful than the pursuit of riches.</p>	<p>Straight, white, male pastor Chris Furr offers a guide to deconstructing privilege in <i>Straight White Male</i>. With an emphasis on confession and redemption, Furr invites other privileged men to reconsider the ways they live, work, believe, and interact with others. Alongside Furr's perspective, essays from contributing writers who lack various types of privilege offer insights on how particular types and combinations of privilege (and the lack thereof) shape the way we move through the world.</p> <p>Perfect for book clubs! Download the Reading Group Guide.</p>	<p>In this unique Bible study, readers will discover that the Ten Commandments are words from the heart of God, given to reconcile creation to Creator and God's people to one another. Eugenia Anne Gamble dives into each of the Ten Commandments and examines their application for modern-day Christians, going beyond the letter of the law to a spiritual truth pointing us toward wholeness and well-being. Each chapter includes a spiritual practice and questions for reflection and discussion to help readers engage deeply with the message of each commandment, whether individually or in a group.</p>
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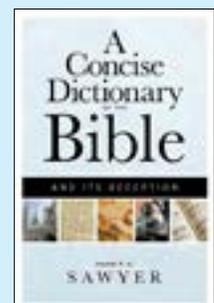
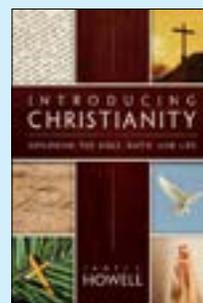
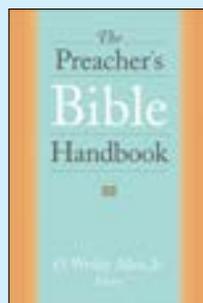
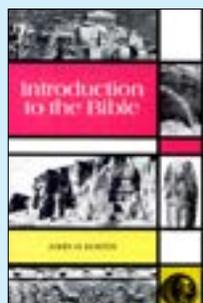
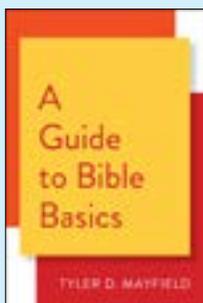
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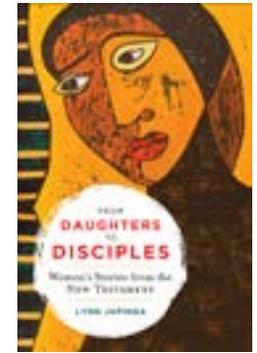
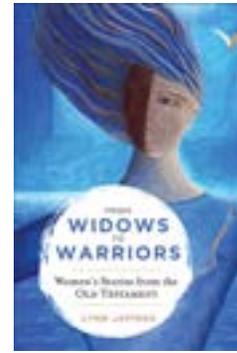
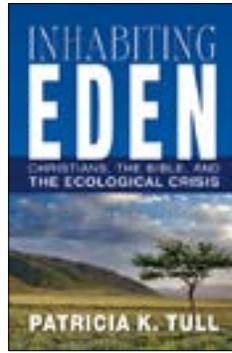
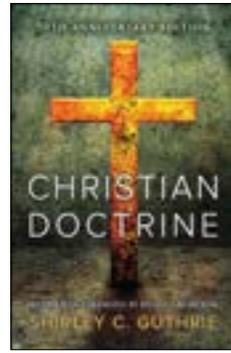
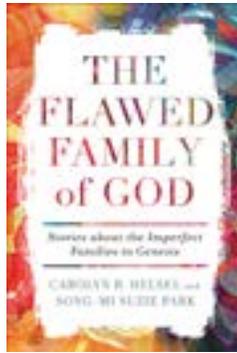
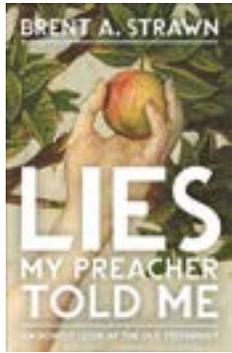
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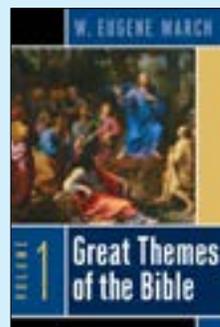
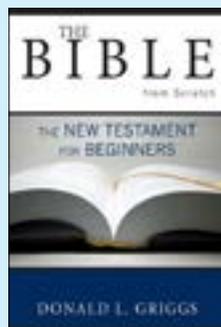
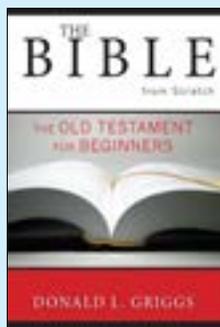
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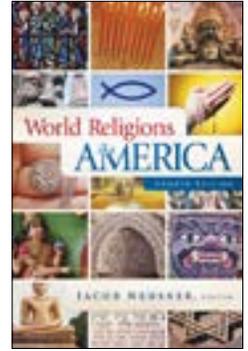
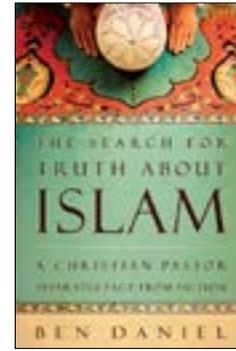
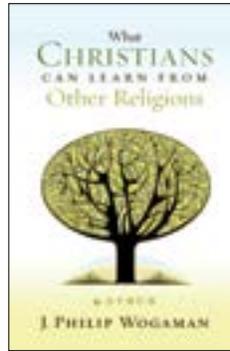
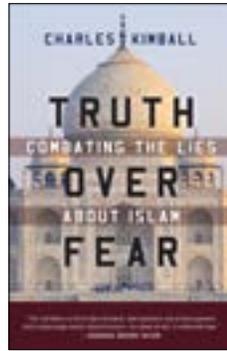
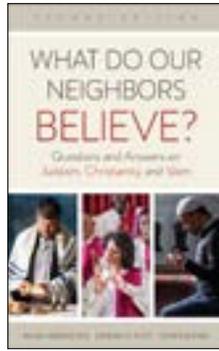
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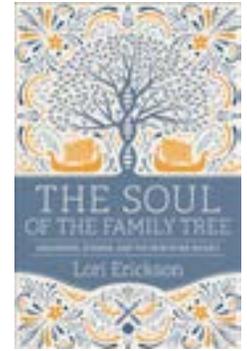
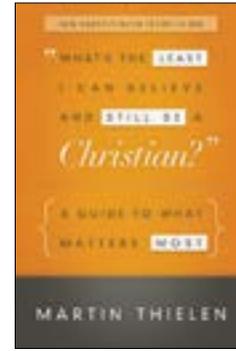
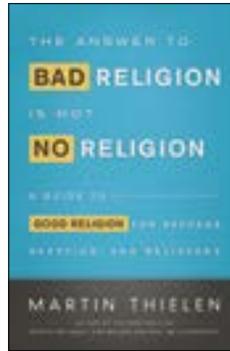
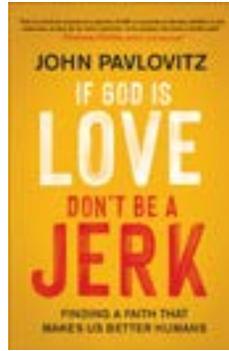
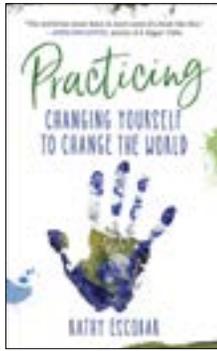
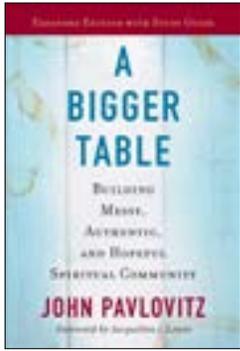


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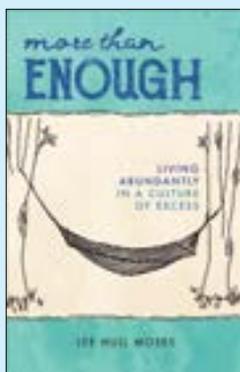
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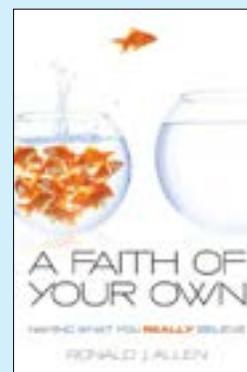
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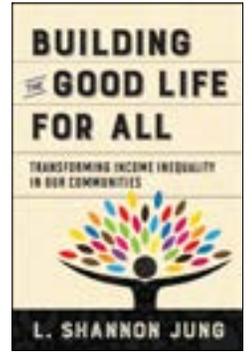
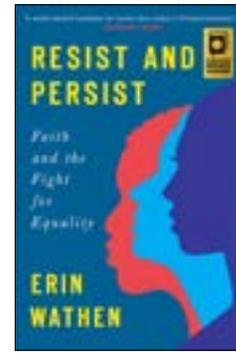
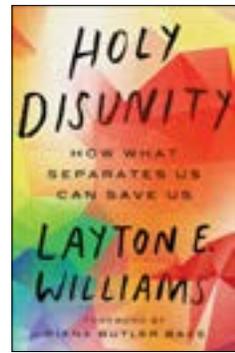
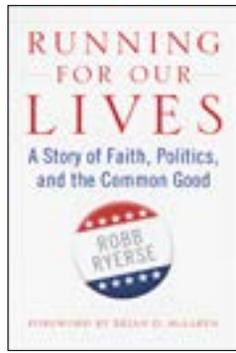
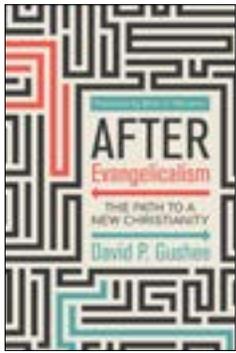
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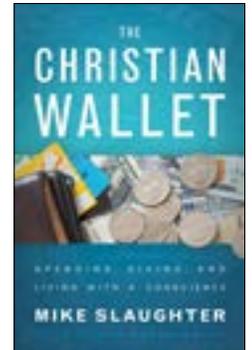
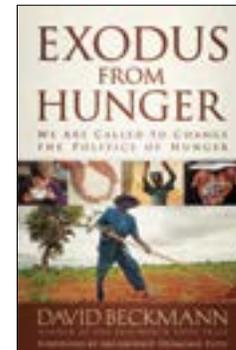
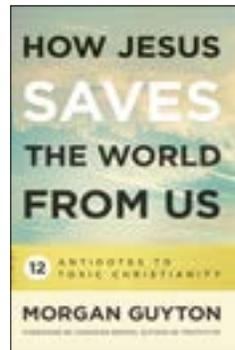
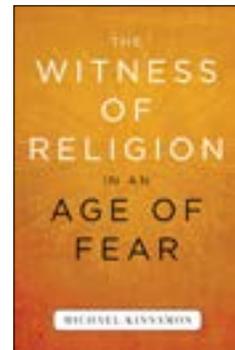
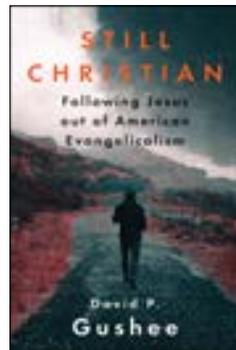
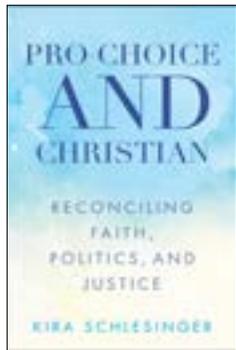


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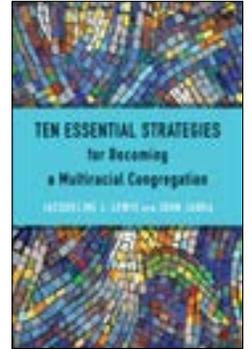
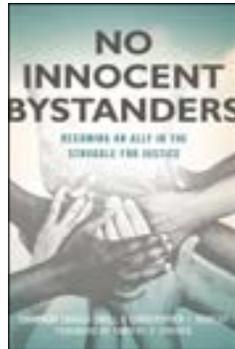
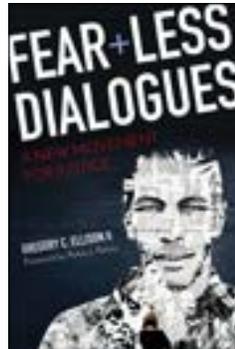
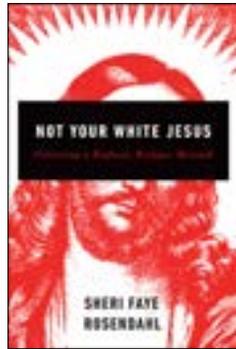
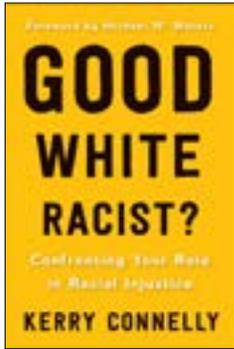


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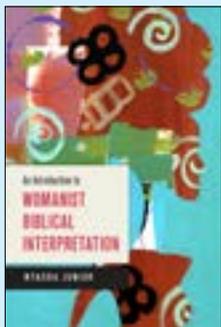
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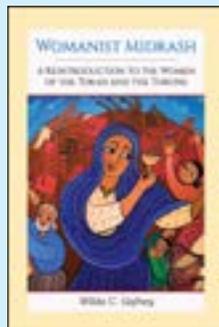
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In <i>Good White Racist?</i> , Kerry Connelly exposes the ways white people participate in, benefit from, and unknowingly perpetuate racism – despite their best “good person” intentions. The book unpacks the systems that maintain the status quo, keep white people comfortable and complicit, and perpetuate racism in the United States and elsewhere. Perfect for book clubs! Download the Reading Group Guide.	As we see oppression and hate run rampant in our nation, it’s as if Christianity has lost sight of the red letters altogether. <i>Not Your White Jesus</i> addresses the need to reexamine the true ways of Jesus that we find clearly in the red letters, enabling readers to discover what it truly means to follow the ways of Jesus in contrast to following the ways of the American Christian elite. Perfect for book clubs! Download the Reading Group Guide.	Drawing on all the community’s collective voices – from “doctors to drug dealers” – <i>Fearless Dialogues</i> is a groundbreaking program that seeks real solutions to problems of chronic unemployment, violence, and hopelessness. In <i>Fearless Dialogues</i> , Ellison makes this same kind of program available to readers, walking them through the steps that must be taken to find common ground in our divided communities and then to implement genuine and lasting change.	This book is a start-up guide for spiritual or religious people who are interested in working for social justice but don’t know how or where to begin. Drawing on the lessons of history, the framework of Christian ideas, and the insights of contemporary activists, it offers practical guidance on how to meaningfully and mindfully advocate alongside all who struggle for a more just society. Includes discussion questions at the end of each chapter.	Written by a diverse group of pastors, professors, and activists, this book traces the history of racism, the issues of racism today, and action plans for moving toward antiracist work and racial justice. Readers will also engage topics of police and police brutality, the ongoing work of Black Lives Matter, and racism in relation to immigration and digital media. Includes questions for reflection and discussion.	Born of the authors’ work with The Middle Project, an institute that prepares ethical leaders for a more just society, this book provides lessons, questions for conversation, and spaces for journaling. Use the workbook with your planning team, board members, lay leaders, and staff. In welcoming communities of faith where everyone is accepted just as they are, we can lead the way toward racial reconciliation and dismantle the prejudices that segregate our houses of worship.
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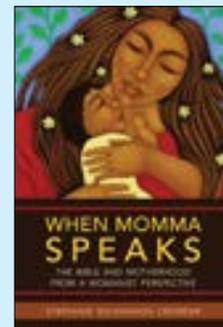
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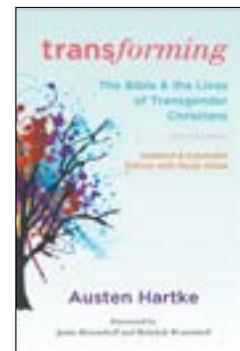
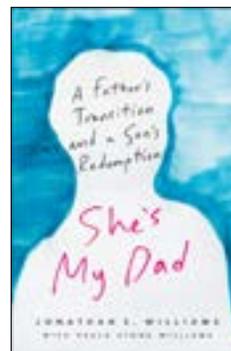
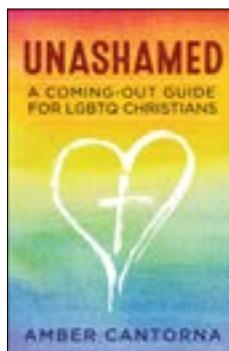
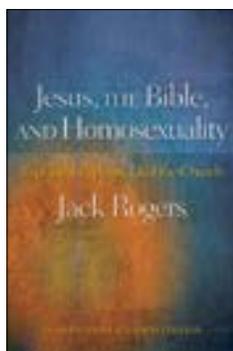
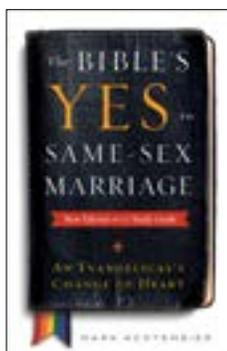
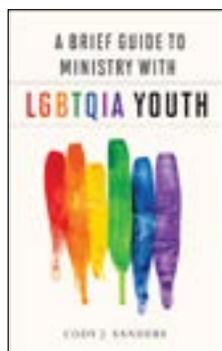


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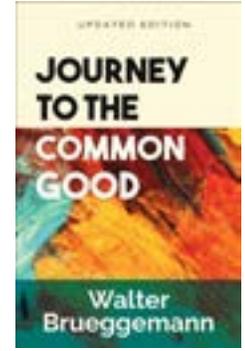
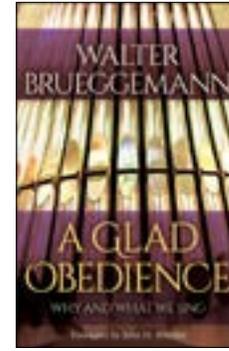
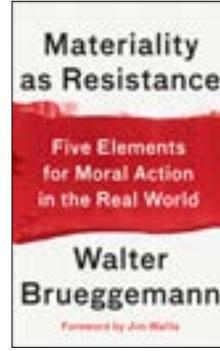
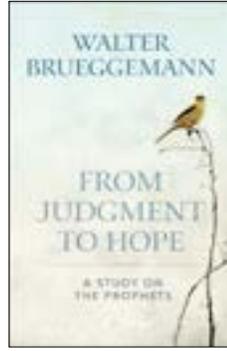
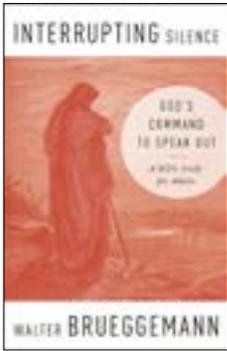
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<p>Despite our best efforts to create welcoming and affirming congregations, the reality is that church can still be a harmful place to LGBTQIA youth.</p> <p>In <i>A Brief Guide to Ministry with LGBTQIA Youth</i>, author Cody J. Sanders challenges pastors and church leaders to reflect on the various trials that adolescence brings for LGBTQIA youth. Designed for congregations that currently have a theologically and biblically affirming stance toward the LGBTQIA community, this unique resource provides insight and practical advice.</p> <p>A glossary of terms to use when talking about LGBTQIA issues and a list of national and location resources that can be used to support LGBTQIA youth are included.</p>	<p>In <i>The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage</i>, Achtemeier shares what led to his change of heart: the problems with excluding groups of people and the insights into the Bible's message that led him to recognize the fullness of God's love and support for LGBT persons. Readers will discover how reading snippets of Scripture out of context has led to false and misleading interpretations of the Bible's message for gay people. Achtemeier shows how a careful reading of the whole Scripture reveals God's good news about love, marriage, and sexuality for gay and straight people alike.</p> <p>This new edition includes a study guide and a new introduction from the author that reflects on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling and changes within the church. Perfect for groups or self-reflection, the study guide directs readers over four sessions to explore both Achtemeier's book and the Bible.</p>	<p>In this revised and expanded bestseller, Rogers argues for equal rights in both the church and society for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgendered people. He describes how he moved away from opposition to support, charts the church's history of using biblical passages to oppress marginalized groups, argues for a Christ-centered reading of Scripture, debunks stereotypes about gays and lesbians, and explores texts used most frequently against homosexuals and gay ordination.</p> <p>The book also includes a guide for group study or personal reflection.</p>	<p>As the gay daughter of a thirty-plus-year executive of conservative Christian organization Focus on the Family, Amber lost everything when she came out as gay in 2012. However, her journey to embrace her authenticity brought her fulfillment and wisdom to share.</p> <p><i>Unashamed</i> serves as a guide for Christians considering coming out, tackling tough subject matters such as demolishing internalized homophobia, finding an affirming faith community, reestablishing your worth as a child of God, navigating difficult family conversations (especially in cases where family is involved in church leadership/ministry), and healing from the pain of rejection. <i>Unashamed</i> encourages LGBTQ Christians to embrace their unique identities and to celebrate the diversity placed inside them by God.</p>	<p>Jonathan S. Williams was three months into pastoring a new, evangelical church plant when his father confessed a secret: he was transgender. His father, Paul, a prominent evangelical pastor, soon became Paula, and Jonathan's life and ministry went into a tailspin. Feeling betrayed by his mentor and confidante and scared that his church would lose funding and support if Paula's secret was exposed, Jonathan sunk into depression and alcoholism.</p> <p><i>She's My Dad</i> explores Jonathan's long and winding journey toward reconciliation, forgiveness, and acceptance of his father as well as his church's journey to become one of the few fully LGBTQ-inclusive, evangelical churches in America.</p>	<p>Austen Hartke's groundbreaking, best-selling book is now updated and expanded with new insights and terminology, plus new materials for study groups, preaching, and pastoral care.</p> <p><i>Transforming</i> deftly weaves ancient and modern stories that will change the way readers think about gender, the Bible, and the faith to which Jesus calls us. Hartke helps readers visualize a more inclusive Christianity, equipping them with the language, understanding, confidence, and tools to change both the church and the world.</p>
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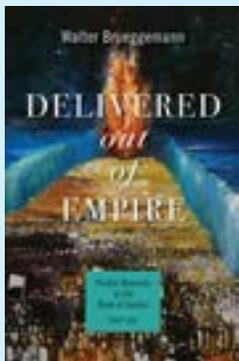
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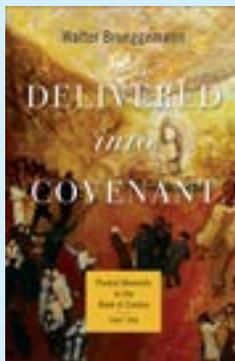
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<p><i>Interrupting Silence</i> illustrates that the Bible is filled with stories where marginalized people break repressive silence and speak against it. Brueggemann motivates readers to consider situations in their lives where they need to interrupt silence, convincing us that God is active and wanting us to act for justice. The themes explored through eight chapters are a unique Lenten study experience. Questions for discussion included for each chapter.</p>	<p>In this new edition that includes a six-session study guide, Walter Brueggemann writes that the Sabbath is not simply about keeping rules but rather about becoming a whole person and restoring a whole society. Brueggemann calls out our 24/7 society of consumption, a society in which we live to achieve, accomplish, perform, and possess. Brueggemann shows readers how keeping the Sabbath allows us to break this restless cycle and focus on what is truly important: God, other people, all life.</p>	<p>In this collection of studies, popular biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann explores the Major Prophets, the Minor Prophets, and the prophets of the Persian Age. By highlighting the common themes of judgment and hope found in the prophets' messages, Brueggemann invites readers to consider what those messages mean for us today.</p>	<p>In <i>Materiality as Resistance</i>, Walter Brueggemann defines materiality as the use of the material aspects of the Christian faith, as opposed to materialism, which places possessions and physical comfort over spiritual values. In this concise volume, Brueggemann lays out how we as Christians may reengage our materiality for the common good. Likewise, how is the church obligated to use its time, money, abundance of food, the care and use of our bodies, observance of Sabbath, and stewardship of our world and those with whom we share it.</p>	<p>The Christian practice of hymn singing, says Walter Brueggemann, is a countercultural act. It marks the Christian community as different from an unforgiving and often ungrateful culture. In this book, Brueggemann discusses both why we sing and what we sing. The first part of the book examines the Psalms and what they can teach us about the reasons that corporate song is a part of the Christian tradition. The second part looks at fifteen popular hymns and the reasons why they have caught our imagination.</p>	<p>Published originally in 2010, <i>Journey to the Common Good</i> spoke to an era defined by America's efforts to rebuild from an age of terror as it navigated through an economic collapse. Today, the dual crises of the coronavirus and the disease of racial injustice present daunting new challenges for the church as it seeks the good of its neighbors. This updated edition provides a framework to help the church navigate this time of risk and vulnerability.</p>
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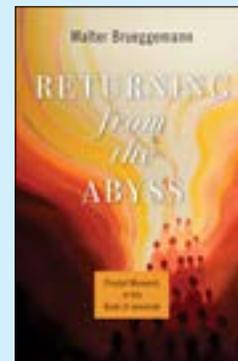
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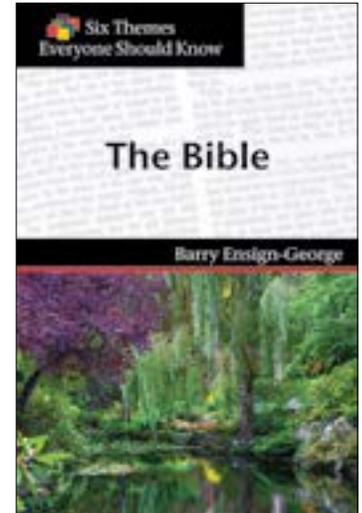
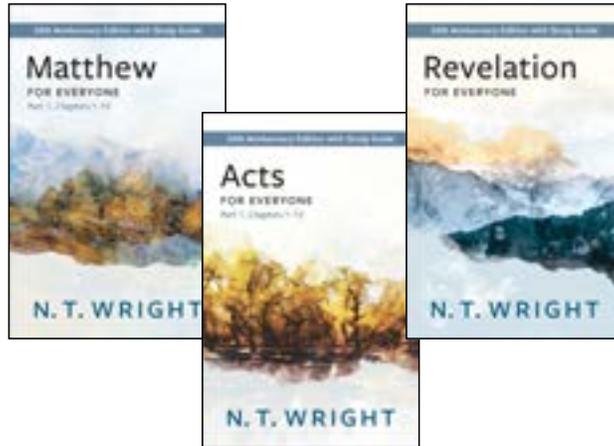
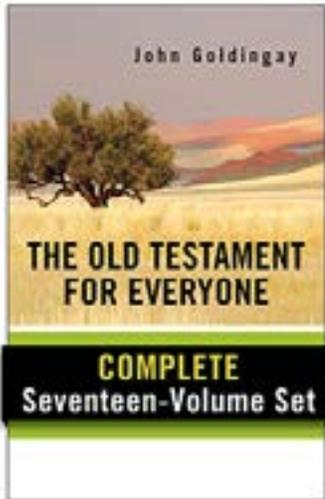
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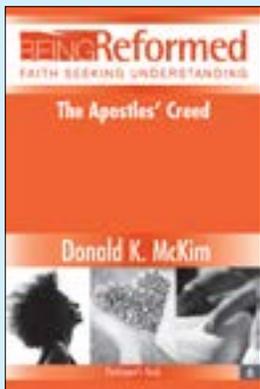
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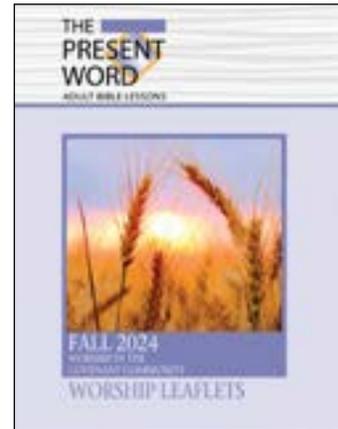
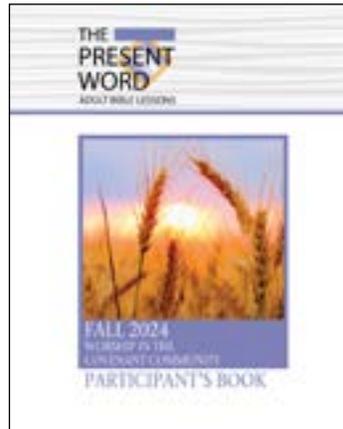
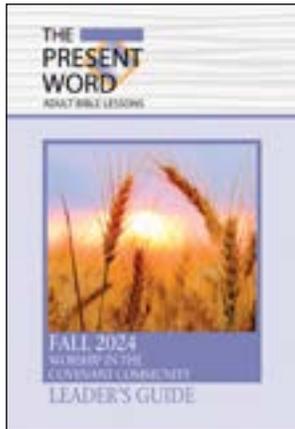
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