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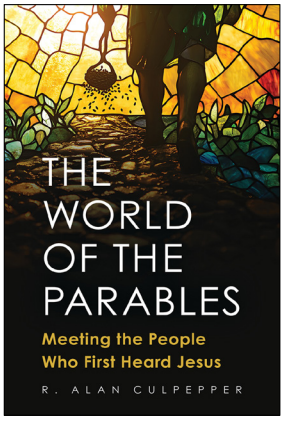

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R. Alan Culpepper

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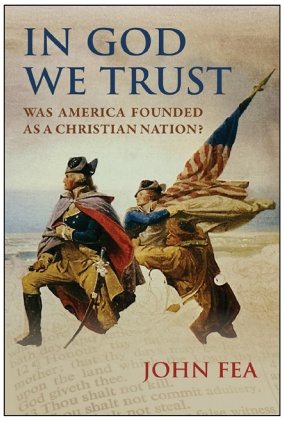

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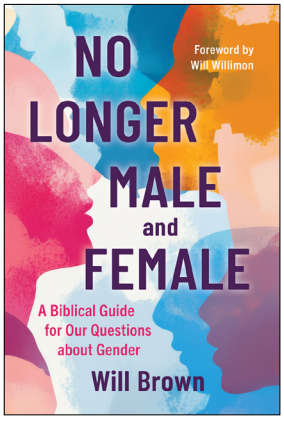

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Will Brown

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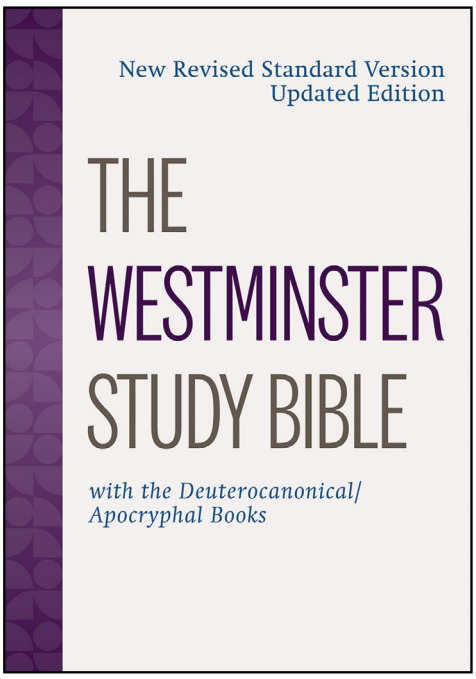

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Emerson B. Powery, Stacy Davis, Mary F. Foskett, & Brent A. Strawn, general editors

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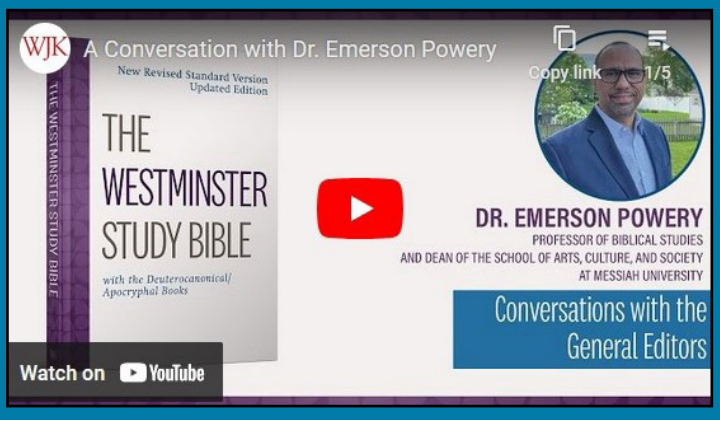

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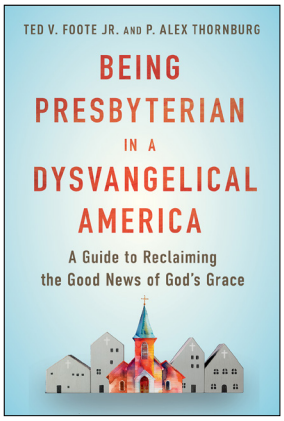

Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America

A Guide to Reclaiming the Good News of God's Grace

Ted V. Foote Jr. & P. Alex Thornburg

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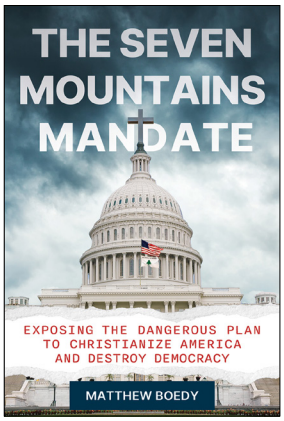

The Seven Mountains Mandate

Exposing the Dangerous Plan to Christianize America and Destroy Democracy

Matthew Boedy

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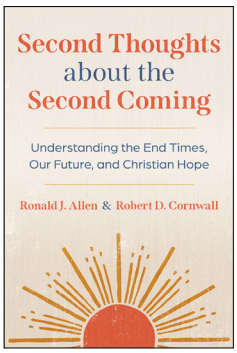

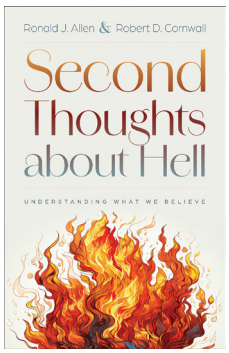

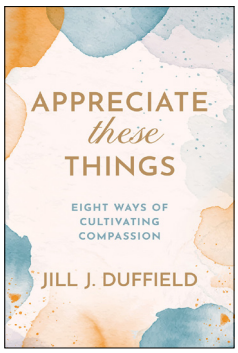

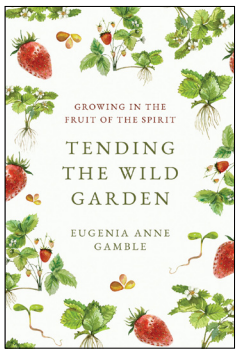

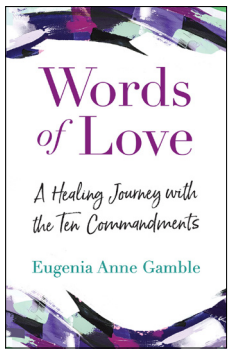

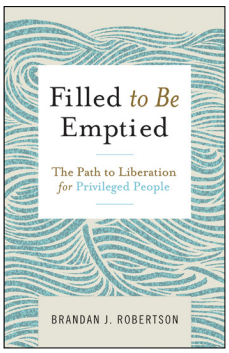

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In this helpful book, Allen and Cornwall explain how we don't have to subscribe to sensationalist theories or sketchy interpretations to believe in Christian hope. They walk the reader through the central biblical teachings on last things and then 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.	As Christians, what should we believe about hell? Instead of offering a prescriptive, one-size-fits-all answer, Allen and Cornwall guide the reader through the historical interpretations and multiple contemporary theological positions on hell, allowing the reader to decide what view(s) of hell make the most theological and ethical sense to them. A group study guide is included. A digital resource to help preachers engage the notion of hell in the pulpit is available.	In a world tense with anger and division, how can we inject a little more kindness into our daily interactions? Pastor Jill J. Duffield finds an answer in the apostle Paul's guidance in Philippians 4:8. Appreciating the eight things in this passage can reorient our hearts and minds. To enhance your congregation's use of the book, find free digital resources, which include a sermon series guide, group study videos and a Spotify playlist from the author, and images that enrich worship or group study.	"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." –Galatians 5:22-23a *Tending the Wild Garden* helps us to move beyond the checklist mentality of the fruit of the Spirit, to cultivate our relationship with God, and to uproot the "weeds" that could threaten the flourishing of the fruit in our lives. In addition to the devotion and study resources found in the book, find free digital resources that provide inspiration for preachers and study groups.	In this unique Bible study, 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.	*Filled to Be Emptied* 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. 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.
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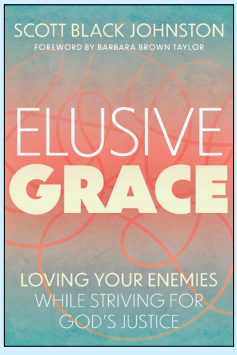

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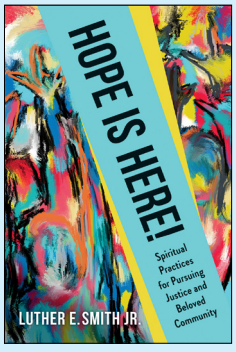

Hope Is Here!

Spiritual Practices for Pursuing Justice and Beloved Community

Luther E. Smith Jr.

ISBN: 9780664268305

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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. With questions at the end of each chapter and free resources, this book is designed for congregational, communal, or small-group use.

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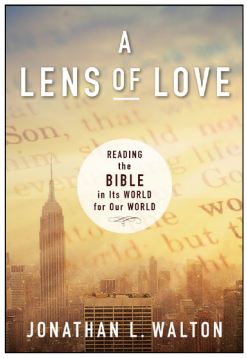

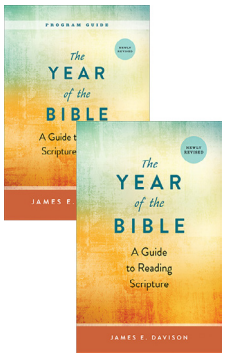

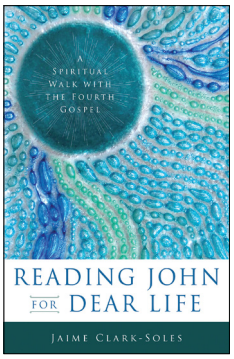

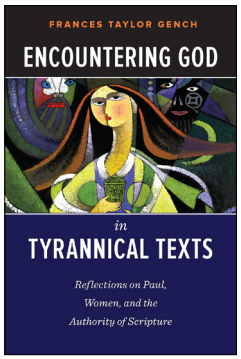

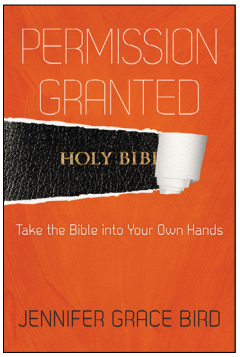

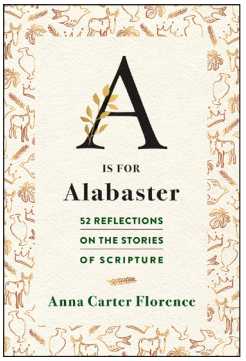

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In order to engage the Bible in the spirit of justice, compassion, and love, Jonathan L. Walton suggests reading the Bible in its world for our world. Perfect for individual or group study, Walton provides interpretive tools to help understand the context of the Scriptures along with the Scriptures themselves in order to engage the richness of the Bible as they strive to live in the world in a biblically grounded, theologically sound, and socially responsible way.	This popular, comprehensive Bible-reading program for individuals and group study offers a sweeping introduction to biblical themes and concepts. Complete with a detailed reading schedule for every day of one year, *The Year of the Bible* leads participants to a better understanding of Scripture and a greater sense of community within the church. The program guide book helps congregations put the program together and keep enthusiasm going.	Jaime Clark-Soles takes readers on a dynamic journey deep into the heart of John in this lively reading of the Fourth Gospel. Clark-Soles provides important historical and literary insights while illuminating the dramatic characters in John and emphasizing the Gospel's unique themes and symbols. Readers will also appreciate the addition of prayers as well as questions for individual study and/or group discussion.	The Bible includes many "tyrannical texts" that have been profoundly oppressive. Among them are Pauline texts that have circumscribed the lives and ministries of women throughout Christian history. In *Encountering God in Tyrannical Texts*, Frances Taylor Gench provides strategies for engaging such texts with integrity—that is, without dismissing them, whitewashing them, or acquiescing to them—and as potential sources of edification for the church.	In *Permission Granted*, Jennifer Grace Bird encourages people of faith to explore the texts on their own, freed from long-held myths and misconceptions; experience the Bible anew; and appreciate this holy book for what it is—not what we think it should be. With the sensitivity of one who has discovered this freedom herself, Bird invites readers to engage what the Bible really says about twelve key issues, including sin, sex, and the role of women.	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 in the book, a book club guide and a reading guide for preachers are available to download for free.
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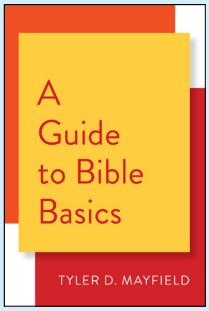

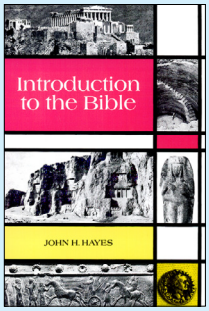

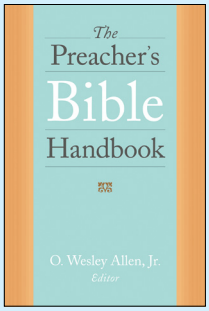

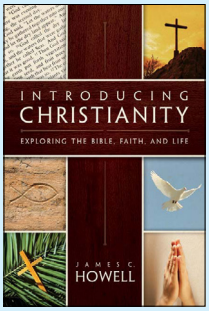

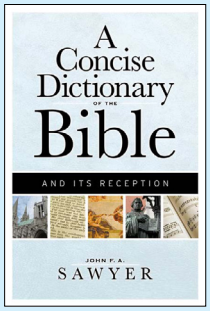

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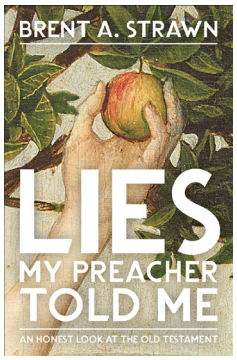

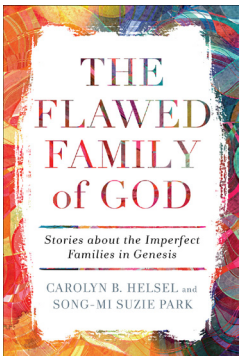

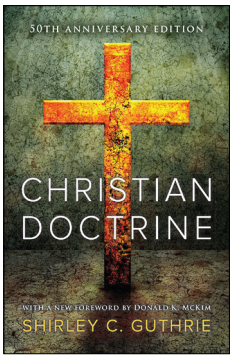

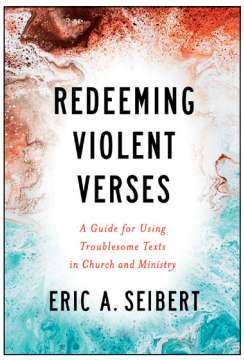

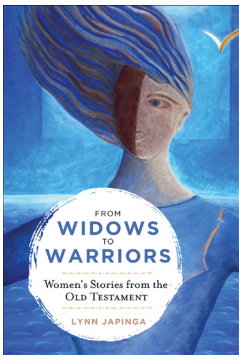

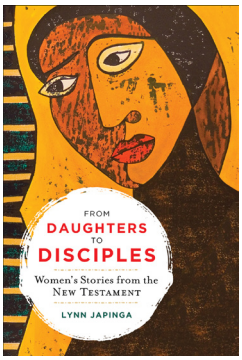

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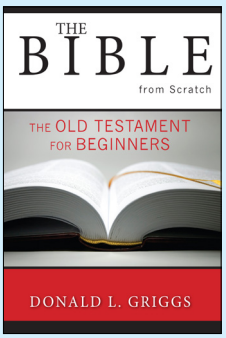

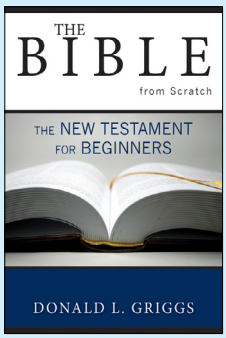

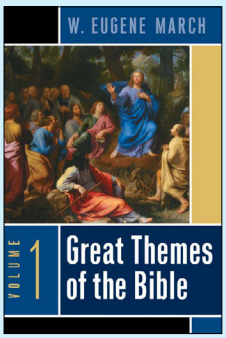



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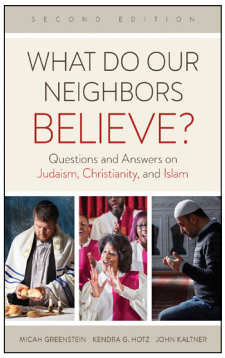

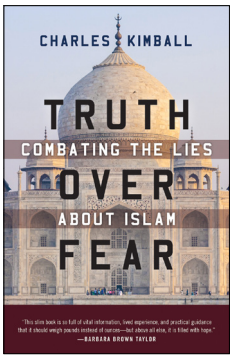

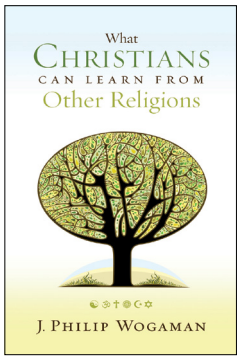

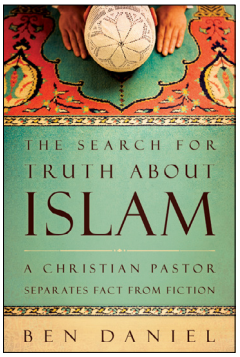

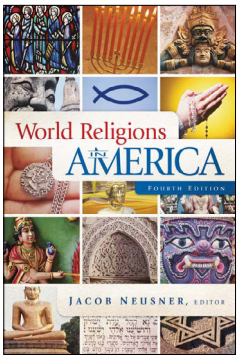

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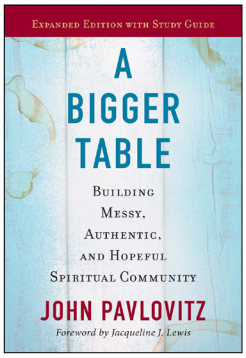

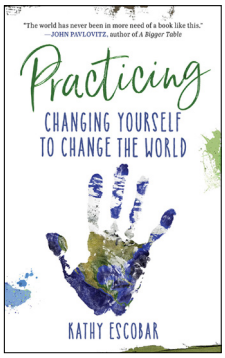

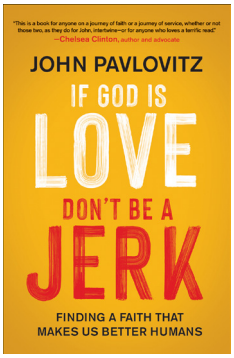

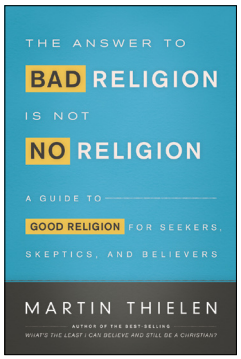

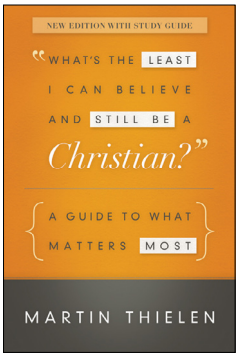

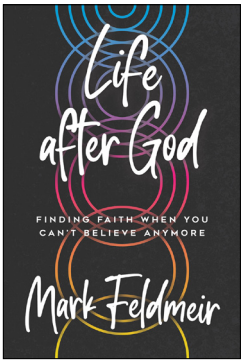

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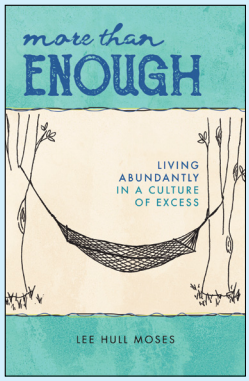

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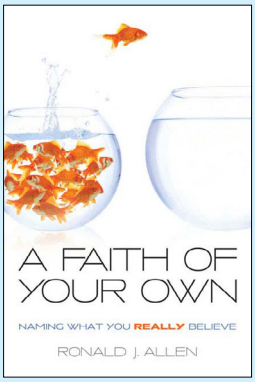

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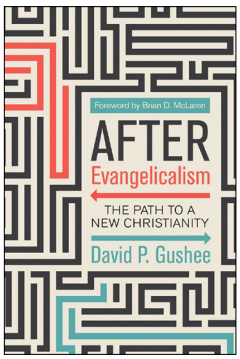



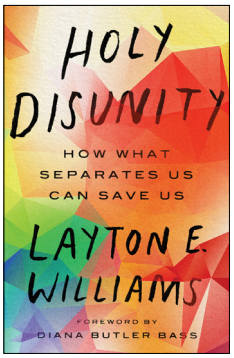

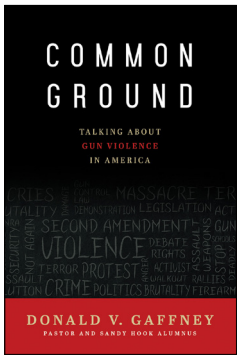

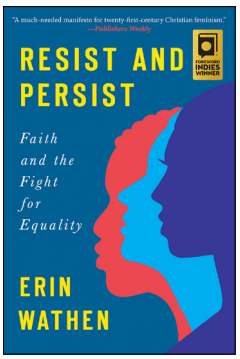

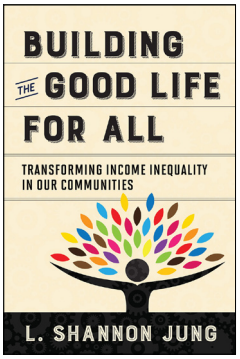

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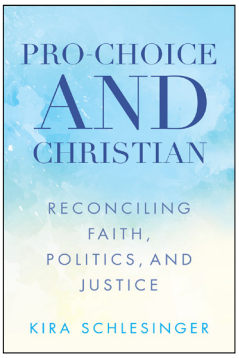

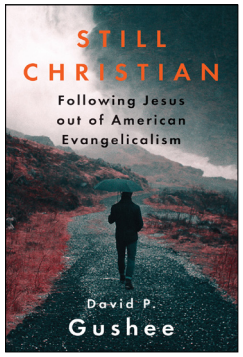

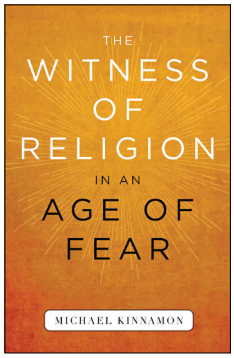

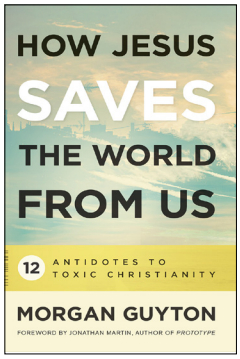

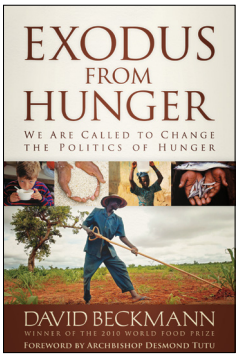

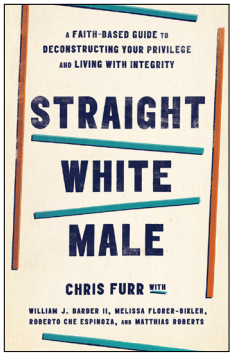

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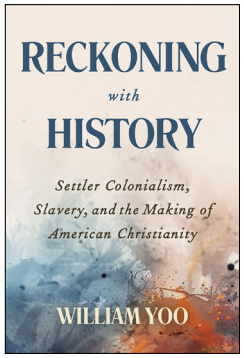

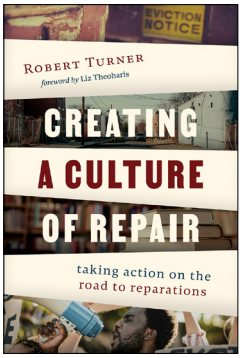

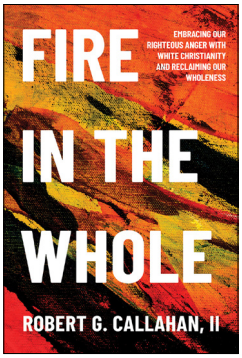

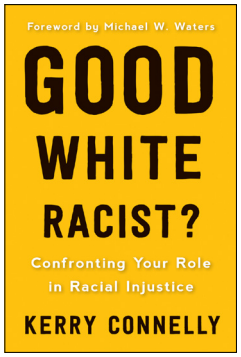

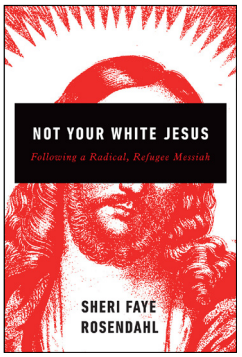

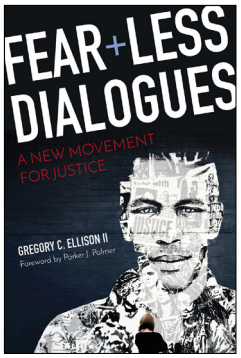

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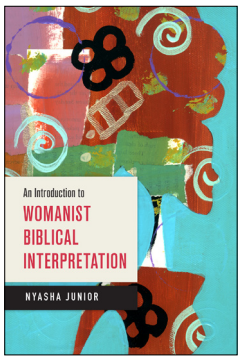

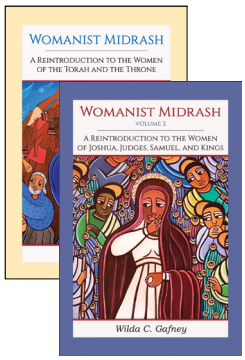

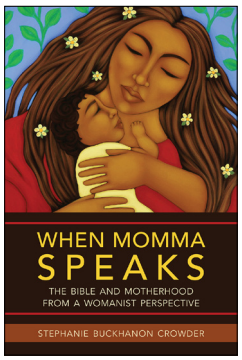

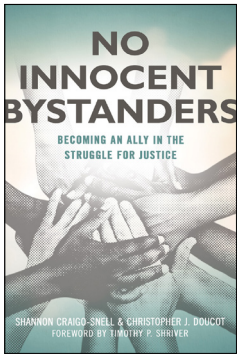

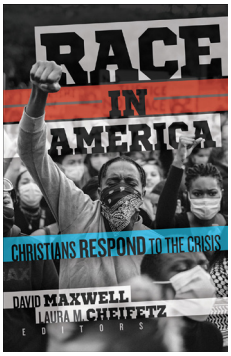

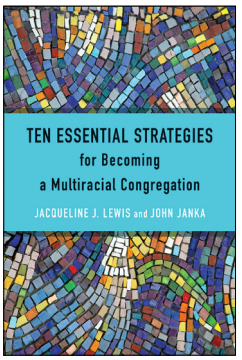

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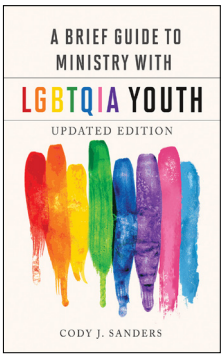

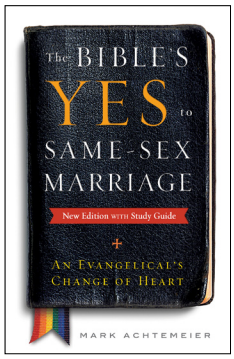

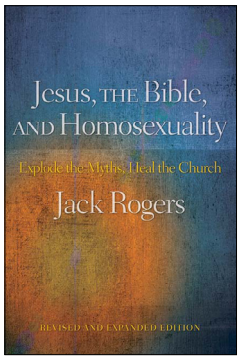

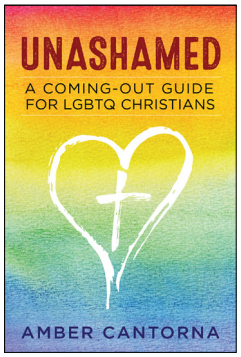

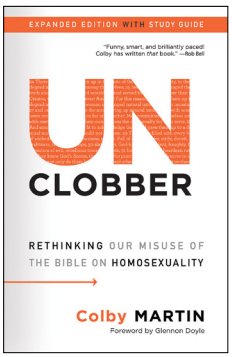

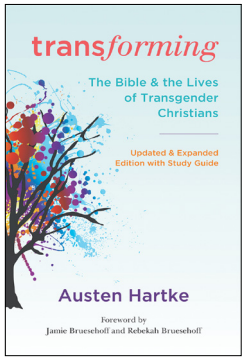

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Despite our best efforts to create welcoming and affirming congregations, the reality is that church can still be a harmful place for LGBTQIA youth. *A Brief Guide to Ministry with LGBTQIA Youth, Updated Edition* helps pastors and church leaders reflect on the various trials that adolescence brings for LGBTQIA youth and understand how an affirming stance toward LGBTQIA people can positively affect the day-to-day experience of teenagers in a church setting. New to this edition is a chapter on the intersections between LGBTQIA identity and neurodivergence, and extra attention to how churches can respond to the assault on diversity and transgender rights in the current political climate. An updated glossary of terms and list of national and local resources that can be used to support LGBTQIA youth are also included.	In *The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage*, 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. 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.	In this revised and expanded bestseller, Rogers argues for equal rights in both the church and society for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender 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. The book also includes a guide for group study or personal reflection.	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. *Unashamed* 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. *Unashamed* encourages LGBTQ Christians to embrace their unique identities and to celebrate the diversity placed inside them by God.	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. *UnClobber* 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.	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. *Transforming* 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.
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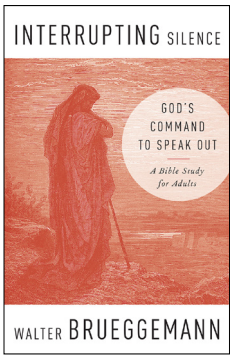



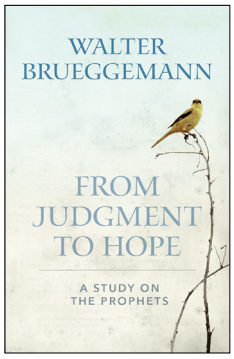

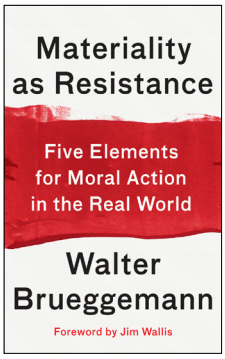

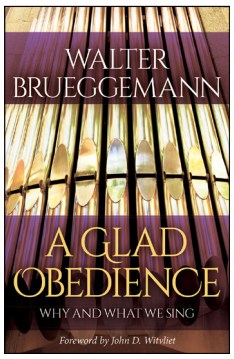



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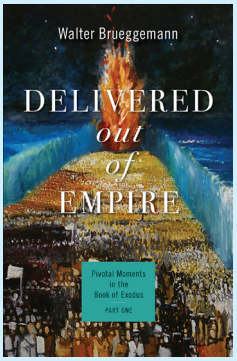

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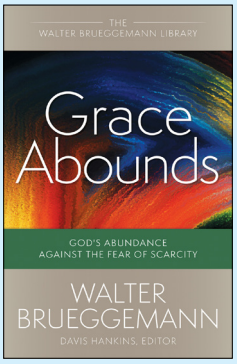

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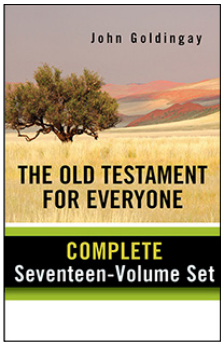

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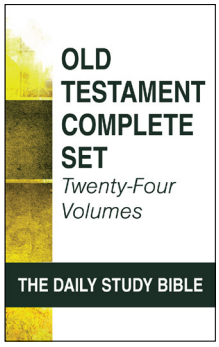

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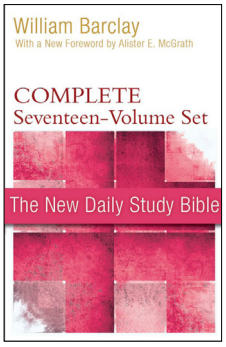

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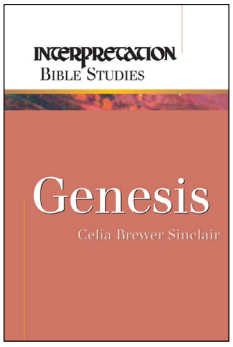

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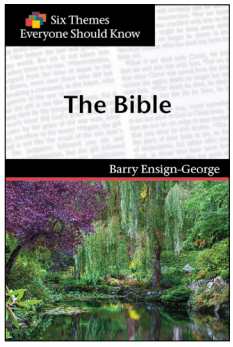

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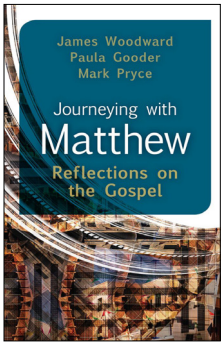

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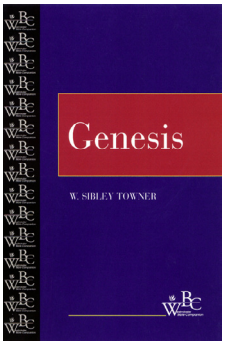

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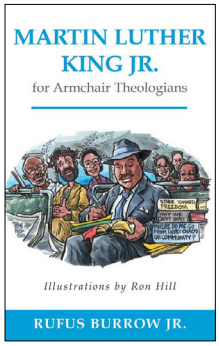

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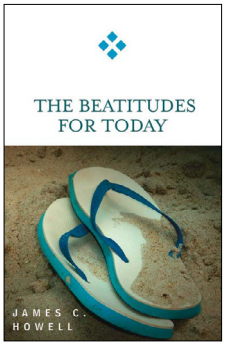

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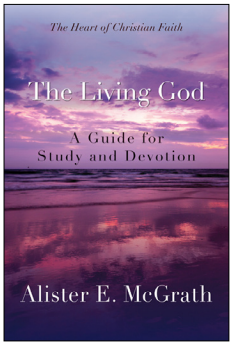

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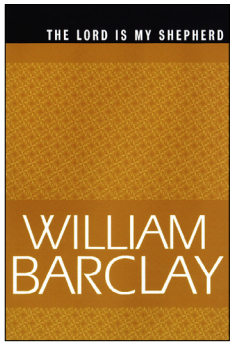

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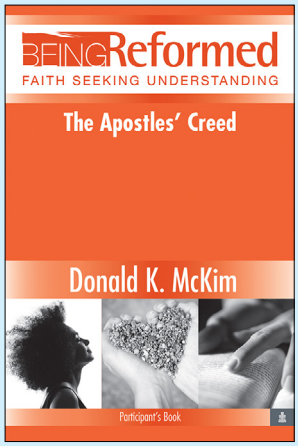

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