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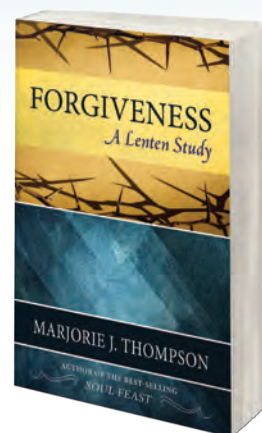
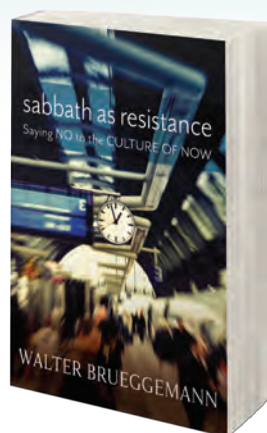
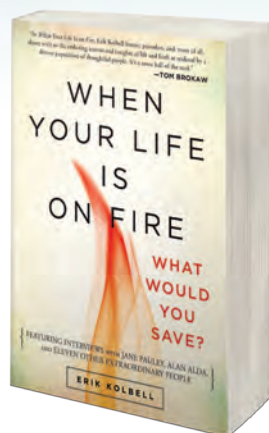
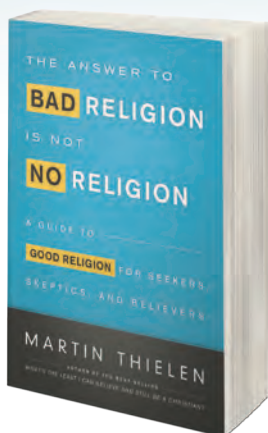


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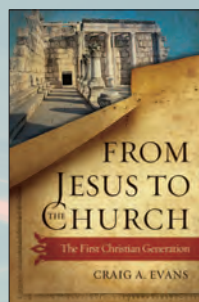
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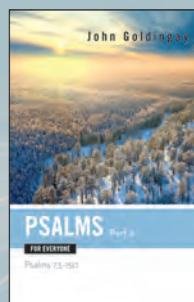
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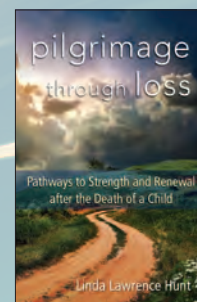
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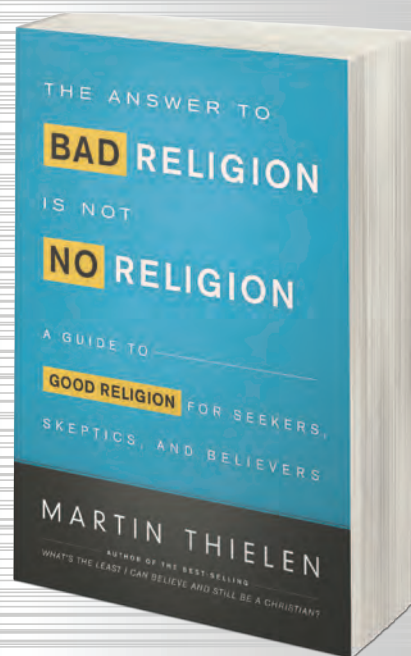
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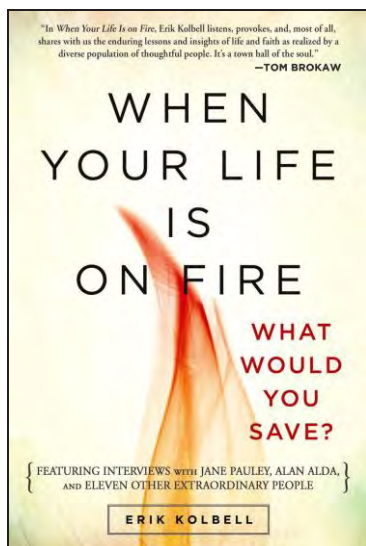


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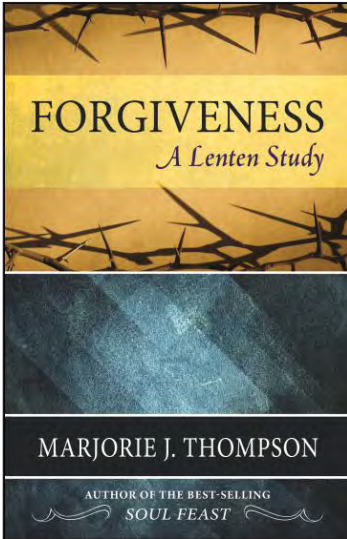
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Erik Kolbell is a psychotherapist and former Minister of Social Justice at Riverside Church in New York City. He is the author of *What Jesus Meant: The Beatitudes and A Meaningful Life* and *The God of Second Chances*, published by Westminster John Knox Press. Kolbell has been a guest on many national media outlets including *The Today Show*, *Dateline*, *The Jane Pauley Show*, *Morning Joe*, and numerous local television and radio programs.



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A Lenten Study

Marjorie J. Thompson

"There is . . . no Christianity without forgiveness. It is impossible to conceive of any expression of Christian discipleship that ignores or excludes a virtue so central to the Good News. The entire message of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection would be lost without it. Forgiveness is the healing stream flowing from the crucified Christ out over a world that does not know how desperately it needs the healing. Yet divine forgiveness—what Christ on the cross represents—is precisely what makes a realistic future possible within a human community still largely wading around in the muck of emotional and spiritual immaturity."

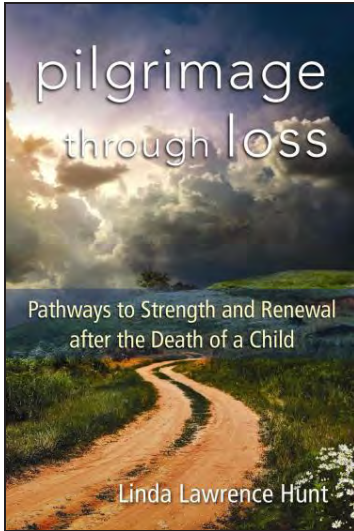
—from the introduction

Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. Marjorie J. Thompson, author of the best-selling book *Soul Feast*, takes a close look at our understanding of forgiveness in this encouraging study. In six brief chapters, Thompson addresses such questions as the following:

- Is forgiveness a Christian duty under all circumstances? Or are there situations when Christians do not need to forgive?
- Is forgiveness a matter between individuals, or is it meaningful only in the context of communities?
- Is forgiving the best route to healing for the injured?
- How do we get past emotional barriers to real forgiveness?

Using biblical examples and real-life situations, Thompson illustrates each chapter's theme in an informative and engaging way. A study guide is also included at the back of the book that is appropriate for either individual reflection or group discussion. With clarity, insight, and sensitivity, this book is the perfect resource for examining both our ability to forgive and our own need for forgiveness.

Marjorie J. Thompson is author of the best-selling book *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*. A Presbyterian pastor, she spent thirteen years as Director of Congregational Spirituality with Upper Room Ministries. She currently does freelance work in retreat leadership, teaching, and writing.



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Pathways to Strength and Renewal after the Death of a Child
 Linda Lawrence Hunt

"Pilgrimage through Loss is not only a book about grief, but it is also a book about love—the never-ending, boundless love of a mother's heart. The depth and breadth of Linda Lawrence Hunt's love, and thus grief, for her daughter Krista is apparent in every word, on every, page, in every story, and in each glimpse of the other parent's life stories told of so many beautiful children gone too soon."

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—Darrell Guder, Professor of Missional and Ecumenical Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary

The death of a child immerses parents into a life-long challenge of living with one of life's most heartbreaking losses. *Pilgrimage through Loss* tells the story of one family's journey, along with interviews from thirty other mothers and fathers who add their voices to the silences that often surround suffering in our "mourning-avoidant" culture. Hunt illuminates the varied pathways parents eventually discover that open their lives to strength and healing. Rather than prescribing a path that will lead to recovery, Hunt encourages parents to find the pathways that work for them as they seek to engage life again with meaning and hope. Each chapter includes questions for reflection and discussion, plus recent research on grief and loss. *Pilgrimage through Loss* not only helps grieving parents, it also provides an insightful resource for those wanting to understand and come alongside a family in grief.

Linda Lawrence Hunt is a scholar, teacher, speaker, and author. A former professor at Whitworth University, Hunt left after twenty years to direct the Krista Foundation for Global Citizenship, named after her daughter, who died in a bus crash while performing humanitarian work in Bolivia. She has authored or coauthored five books, including the best-selling *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk across Victorian America*. It was the recipient of the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Award, the Washington State Book Award, and the national Willa Cather Award for nonfiction.



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Saying No to the Culture of Now

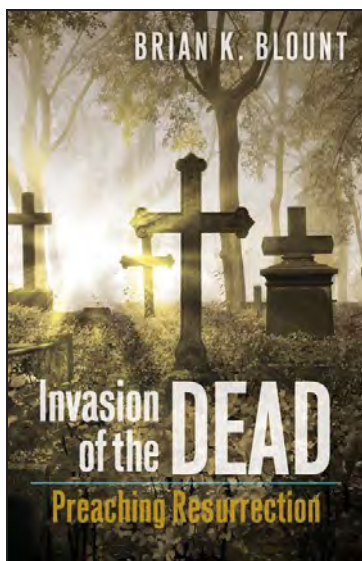
Walter Brueggemann

"In our own contemporary context of the rat race of anxiety, the celebration of Sabbath is an act of both resistance and alternative. It is resistance because it is a visible insistence that our lives are not defined by the production and consumption of commodity goods. Such an act of resistance requires enormous intentionality and communal reinforcement amid the barrage of seductive pressures from the insatiable insistences of the market, with its intrusion into every part of our life from the family to the national budget. . . . But Sabbath is not only resistance. It is alternative. It is an alternative to the demanding, chattering, pervasive presence of advertising and its great liturgical claim of professional sports that devours all of our 'rest time.' The alternative on offer is the awareness and practice of the claim that we are situated on the receiving end of the gifts of God."

—from the preface

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Walter Brueggemann is William Marcellus McPheeters Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, he is the author of dozens of books and hundreds of articles.



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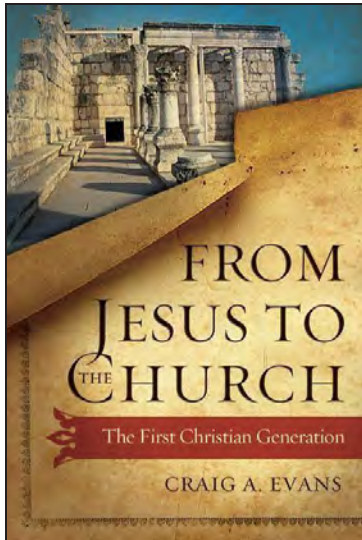
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The First Christian Generation

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- whether Jesus actually intended to found the Christian Church;
- the ways in which Jesus’s proclamation of the “Kingdom of God” relate to the Christian Church;
- the role of James, brother of Jesus, in the new movement in Jerusalem;
- the tension between James and Paul in the matter of law and works;
- the conflict between the families and followers of Jesus and those of the high priest Annas before the destruction of the temple; and
- the aftermath of the Jewish rebellion, whereby the Church moved away from its Jewish roots.

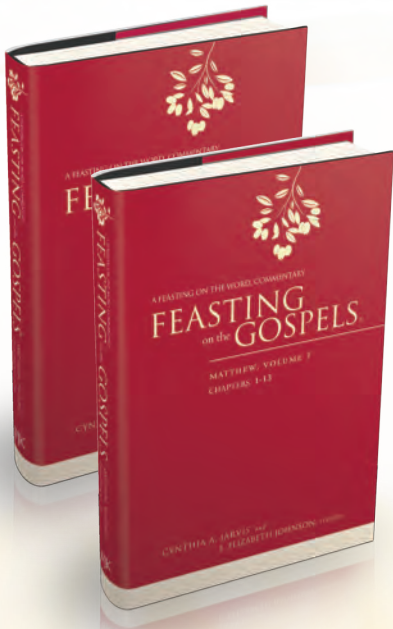
An appendix further explores the reasons behind the rift between the Jesus movement and the synagogue. This fascinating volume is suitable for historical Jesus and early church studies, along with anyone else interested in learning about the very first followers of Jesus.

Craig A. Evans is Payzant Distinguished Professor of New Testament at Acadia Divinity College, Acadia University, in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada. The author or editor of more than fifty books and hundreds of articles, Evans is a regular guest on many national media outlets, including NBC, The History Channel, The Discovery Channel, and the BBC. He is an internationally distinguished authority and lecturer on the historical Jesus. For more information, visit craigaevans.com.

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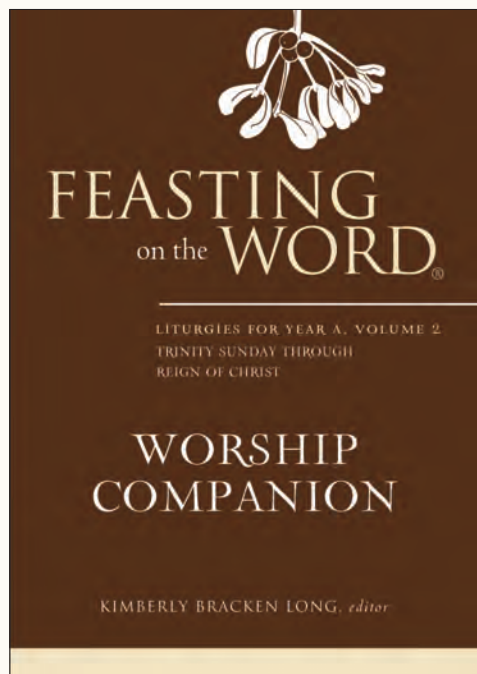
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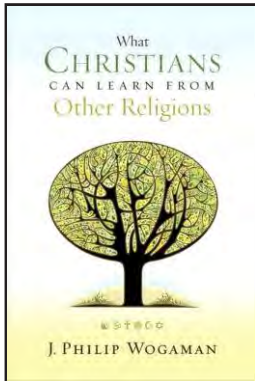
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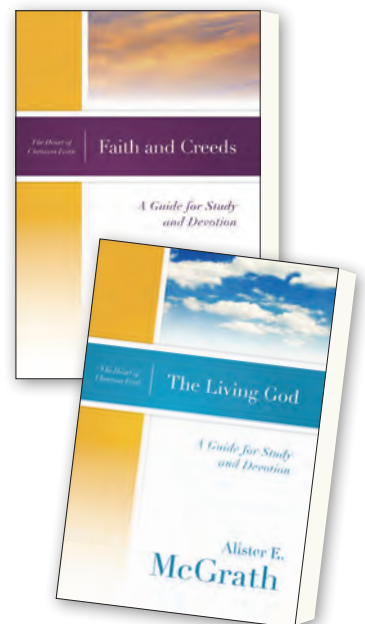
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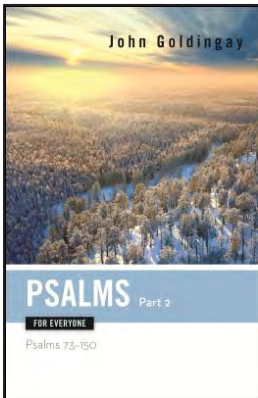
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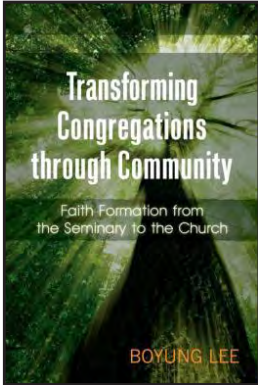
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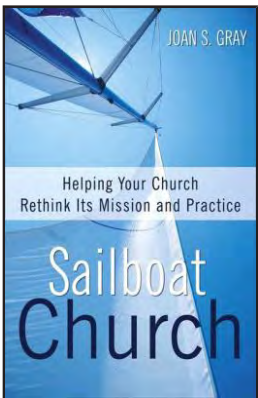
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Boyung Lee is Associate Professor of Practical Theology, Education, and Spiritual Formation at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California.



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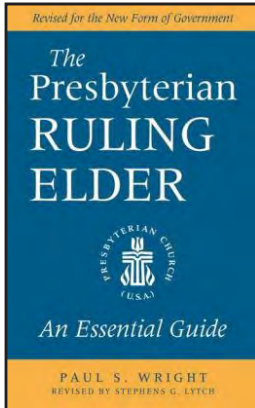
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Joan S. Gray is a teaching elder living in Atlanta, Georgia. The moderator of the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), she is the author or coauthor of several books including *Presbyterian Polity for Church Leaders, Fourth Edition*, with Joyce C. Tucker.



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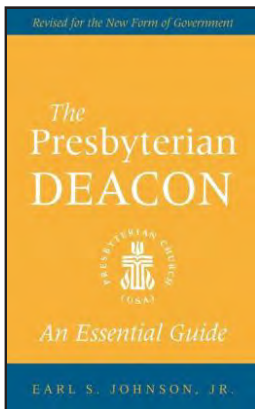
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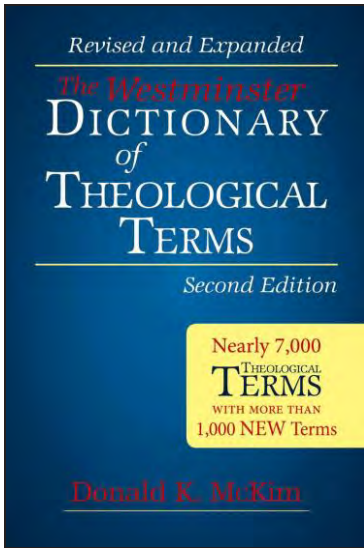
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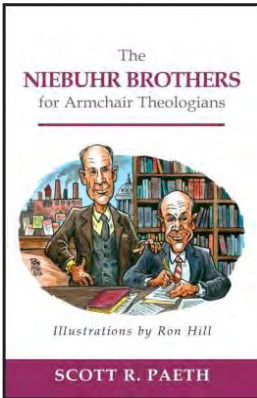
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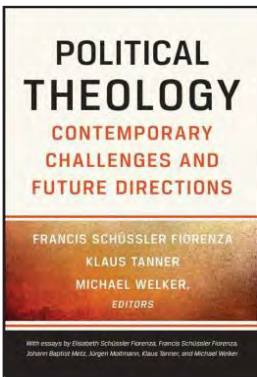
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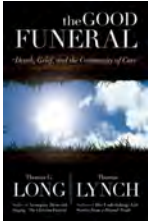
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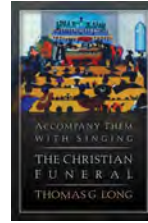


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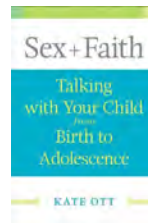


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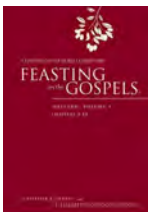


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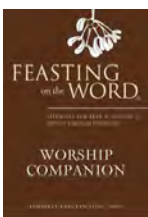


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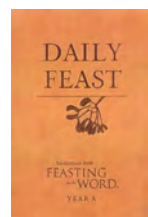


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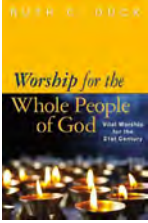
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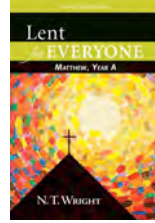


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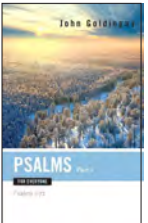


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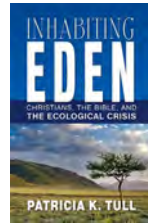
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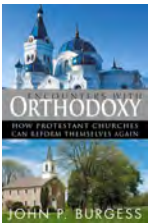


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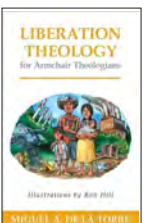


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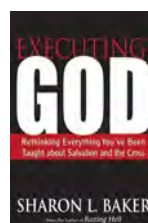


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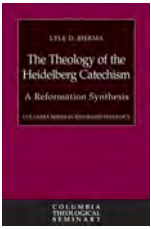
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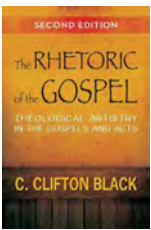


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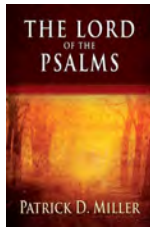


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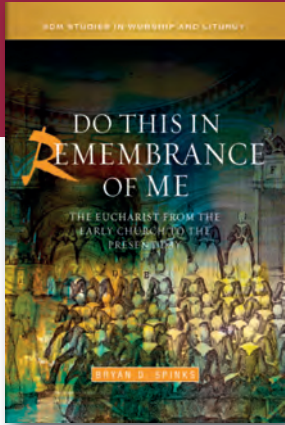


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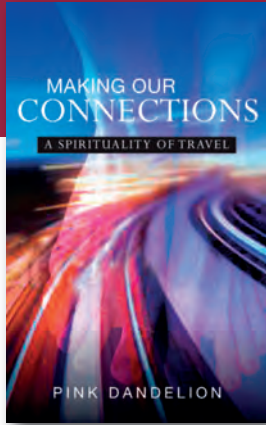
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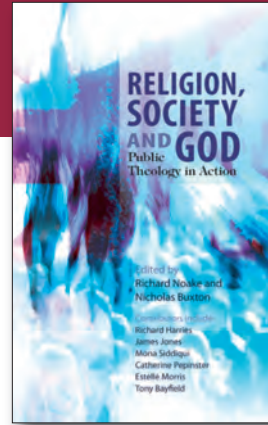
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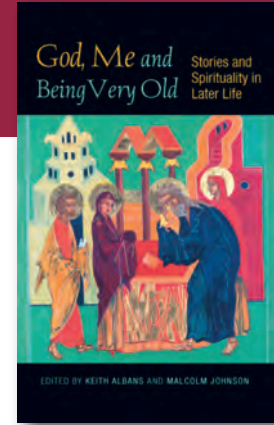
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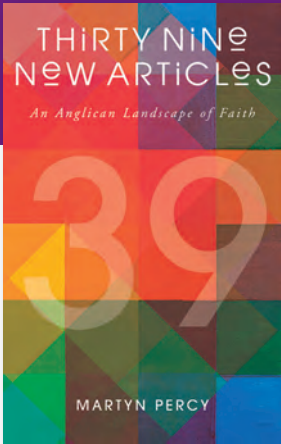
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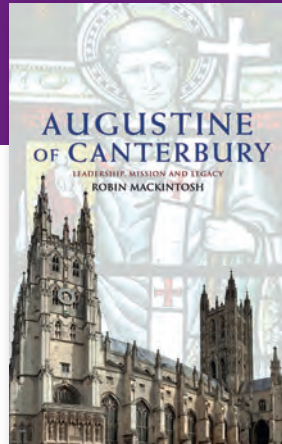
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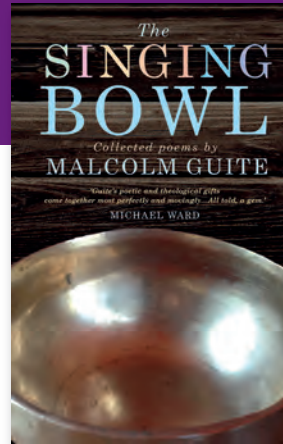
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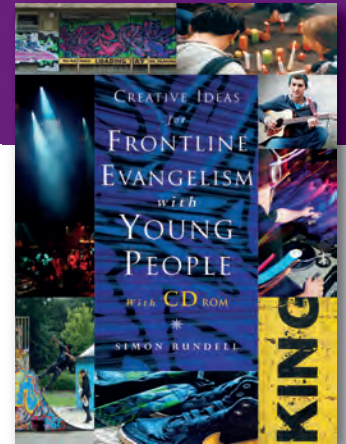
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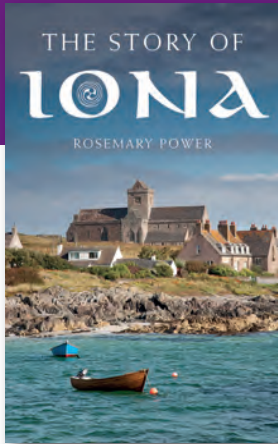
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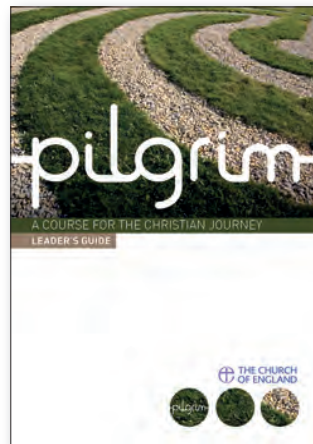
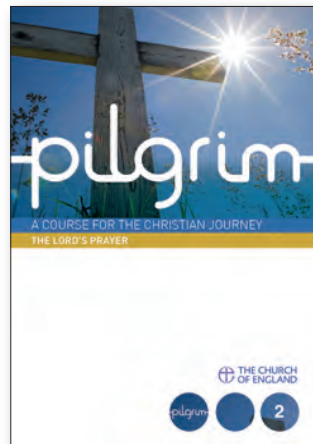
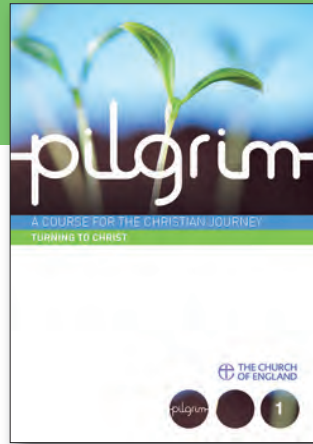
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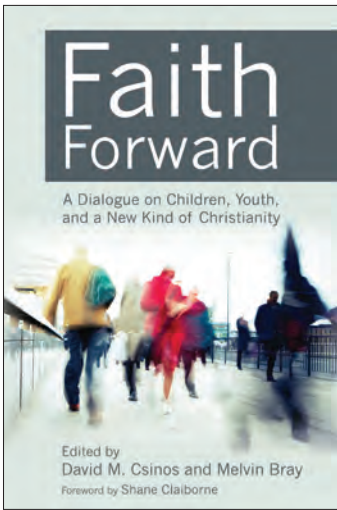
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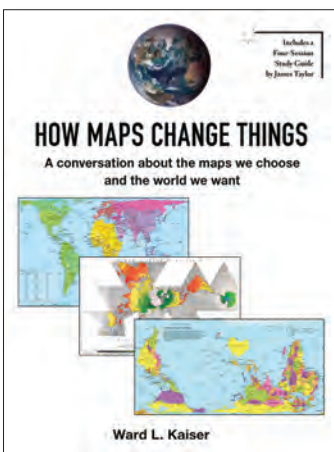
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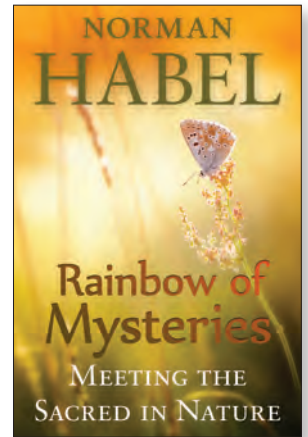
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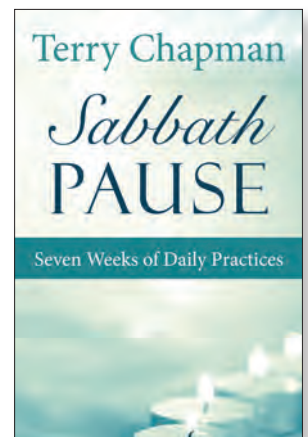
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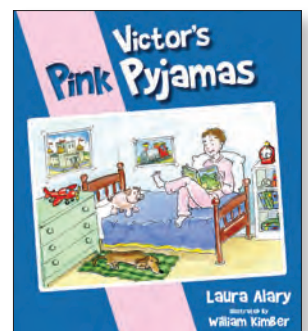
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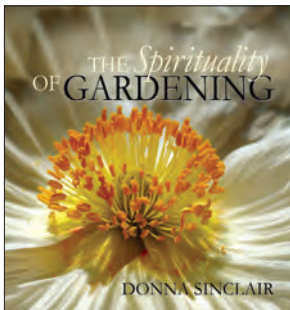
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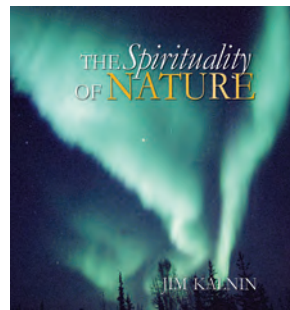
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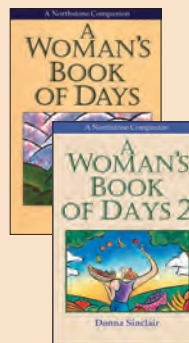
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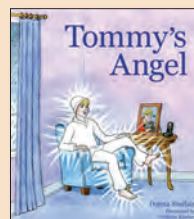
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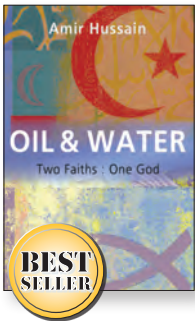
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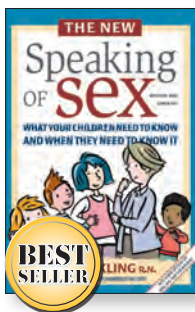
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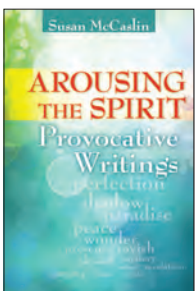


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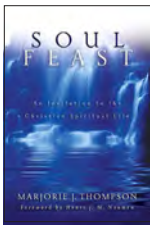
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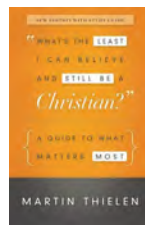


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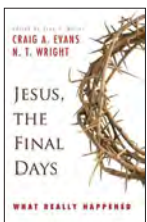


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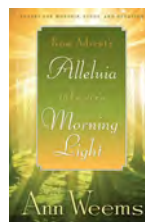


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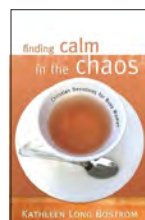


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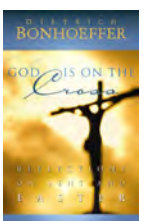


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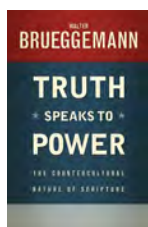


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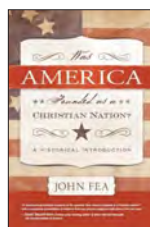


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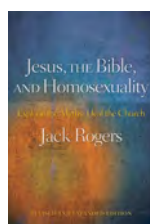


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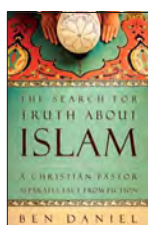


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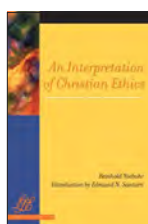


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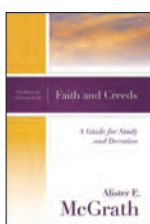


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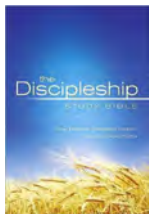


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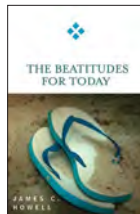


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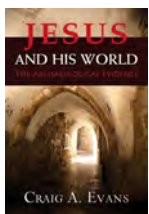
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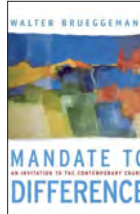


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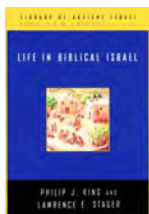


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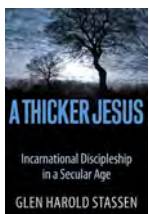


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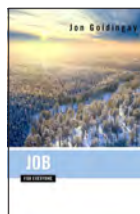


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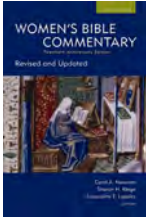


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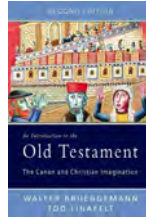


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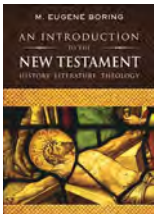


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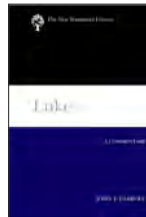


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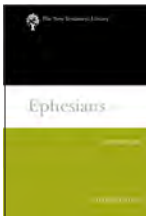


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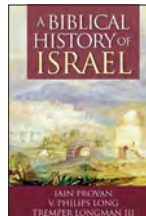


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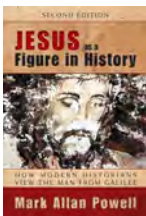


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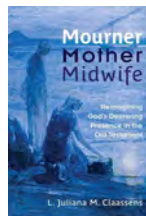


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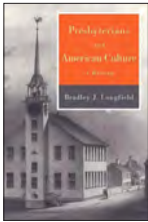


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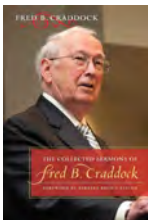


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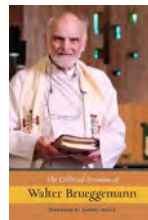


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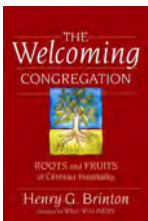
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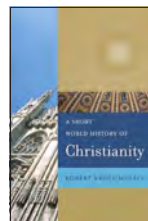


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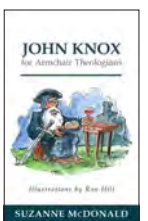


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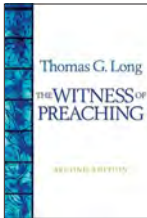
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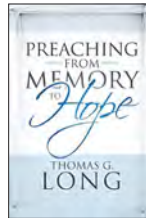


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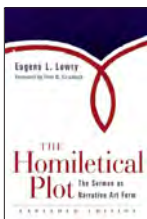


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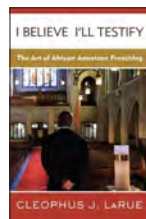


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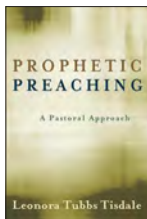
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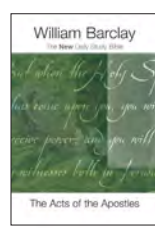


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