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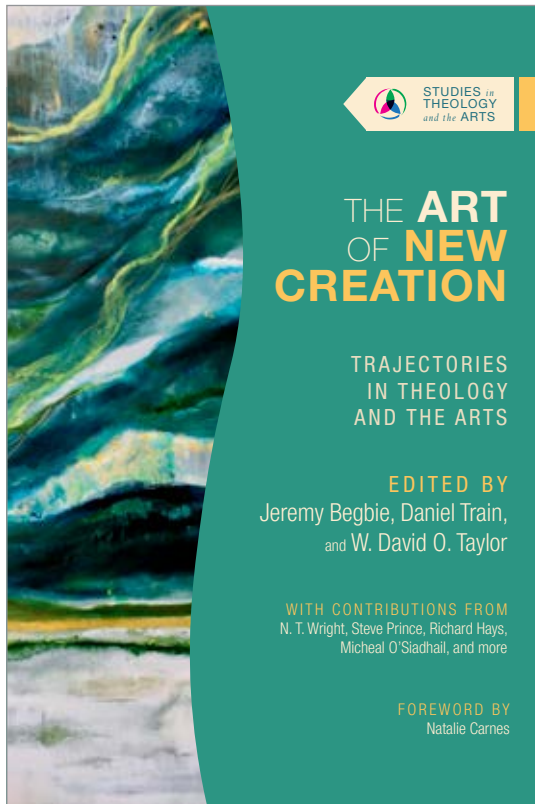
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Welcome to the 2022 Media Idea Book, brought to you by the publicity team at InterVarsity Press! We're pleased to offer you this handpicked collection of recent titles, and we've included angles, talking points, and author biographies for your reference and referral.

We've organized the books into the following categories, but if you don't find the topic you are looking for, please feel free to contact one of us and we'll be happy to assist you.

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IVP Academic’s [Studies in Theology and the Arts](#) (STA) series seeks to enable Christians to reflect more deeply upon the relationship between their faith and humanity’s artistic and cultural expressions. By drawing on the insights of both academic theologians and artistic practitioners, this series encourages thoughtful engagement with and critical discernment of the full variety of artistic media—including visual art, music, literature, film, theater, and more—which both embody and inform Christian thinking.

## **The Art of New Creation**

*Trajectories in Theology and the Arts*

March 29, 2022

\$30 | 280 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0326-8

## *Theology, Art, and Cultural Engagement*

### **Angle and Talking Points**

The biblical themes of creation and new creation are inextricably bound to each other. For the God who created the world is the same God who recreates humanity in Jesus Christ and the same God who promises a new heaven and a new earth. How might the relationship between creation and new creation be informed by and reflected in the arts? This volume, based on the DITA10 conference at Duke Divinity School, brings together reflections from theologians, biblical scholars, and artists to offer insights on God’s first work, God’s future work, and the future of the field of theology and the arts.

### **More STA Titles**

***Resisting the Marriage Plot: Faith and Female Agency in Austen, Brontë, Gaskell, and Wollstonecraft***  
Dalene Joy Fisher

***God in the Modern Wing: Viewing Art with the Eyes of Faith***  
Ed. Cameron J. Anderson and G. Walter Hansen

***Placemaking and the Arts: Cultivating the Christian Life***  
Jennifer Allen Craft

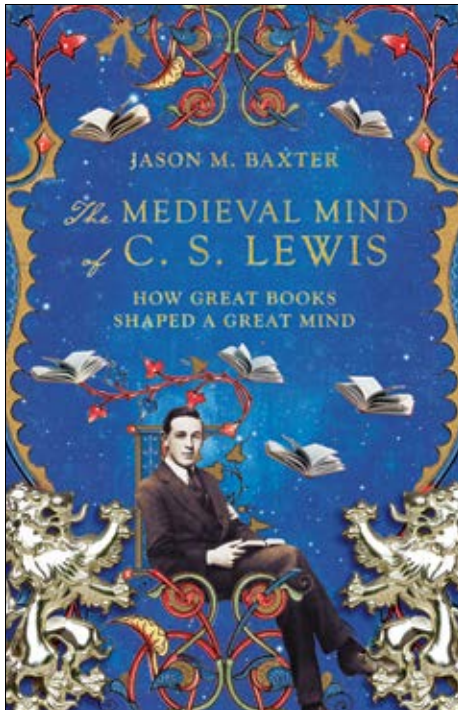
***Mariner: A Theological Voyage with Samuel Taylor Coleridge***  
Malcolm Guite

***A Subversive Gospel: Flannery O’Connor and the Reimagining of Beauty, Goodness, and Truth***  
Michael Mears Bruner

***Contemporary Art and the Church: A Conversation Between Two Worlds***  
Ed. W. David O. Taylor and Taylor Worley

***The Faithful Artist: A Vision for Evangelicalism and the Arts***  
Cameron J. Anderson

***Modern Art and the Life of a Culture: The Religious Impulses of Modernism***  
Jonathan A. Anderson and William A. Dyrness



## ***The Medieval Mind of C. S. Lewis***

*How Great Books Shaped a Great Mind*

March 15, 2022

\$22 | 176 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0164-6

Many readers know C. S. Lewis as the fantasy writer of the Chronicles of Narnia or the apologist of *Mere Christianity*. But few know how deeply Lewis was formed by medieval authors like Dante and Boethius and how he saw their worldviews' relevance to the challenges of the modern world. Here, readers will encounter Lewis the medievalist to guide them in their own journey.

**JASON M. BAXTER** (PhD, University of Notre Dame) is associate professor of fine arts and humanities at Wyoming Catholic College. He is the author of *An Introduction to Christian Mysticism*, *The Infinite Beauty of the World: Dante's Encyclopedia and the Names of God*, and *A Beginner's Guide to Dante's Divine Comedy*.

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## ***A Supreme Love***

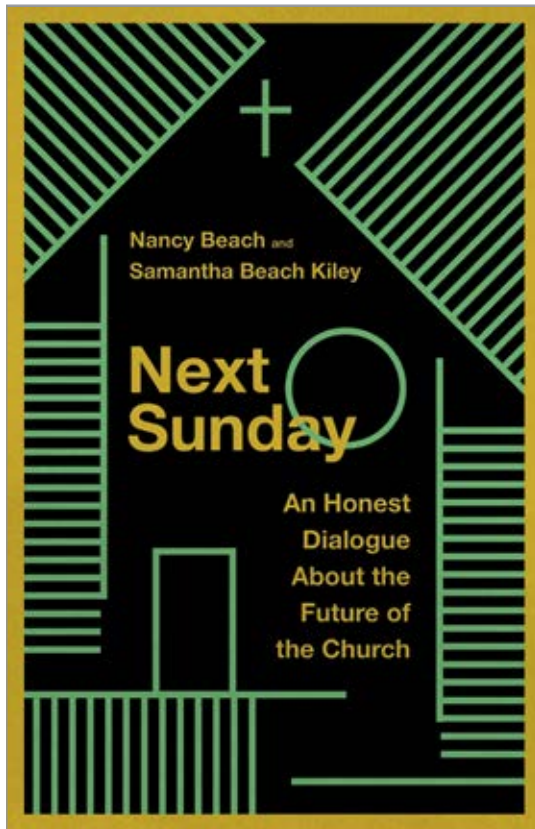
*The Music of Jazz and the Hope of the Gospel*

June 14, 2022

\$24 | 188 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0066-3

Theologian and jazz pianist William Edgar places jazz within the context of the African American experience and explores the work of musicians like Miles Davis and Ella Fitzgerald, arguing that jazz, which moves from deep lament to inextinguishable joy, deeply resonates with the hope that is ultimately found in the good news of Jesus Christ.

**WILLIAM EDGAR** (DThéol, Université de Genève) is professor of apologetics and coordinator of the apologetics department at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia as well as professeur associé at the Faculté Jean Calvin in Aix-en-Provence, France. He is the author of several books, including *Created and Creating: A Biblical Theology of Culture*; *Reasons of the Heart: Recovering Christian Persuasion*; *Does Christianity Really Work?*; *The Christian Mind: Escaping Futility*; *A Transforming Vision: The Lord's Prayer as a Lens for Life*; *Francis Schaeffer on the Christian Life*; and *Christian Apologetics Past and Present*.



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*“We are living in one of the most consequential times of the human story. Divides along economic, racial, cultural, and gender lines continue to widen. Conversations from pulpits to playgrounds, from halls of government to boardrooms and classrooms have been stymied to advance a way forward on these issues and a host of others. One entity that has not been consistent in these discussions is the church; she has yet to live out her full redemptive potential. Nancy and Samantha, as storytellers, speak with honesty, wisdom, and vulnerability as to what the church can—and indeed must be—in this pivotal moment. Hear their lament. Embrace the hope they offer in the transcendent.”*

**MARCUS “GOODIE” GOODLOE**, Martin Luther King Jr. scholar and leadership development consultant

## Next Sunday

*An Honest Dialogue About the Future of the Church*

June 14, 2022

\$17 | 176 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0302-2

## Will future generations find a church worth fighting for?

### Angle and Talking Points

Like many families, the Beaches have been wrestling with this question. Together, Nancy and Samantha represent two generations: Nancy, a boomer, and Samantha, a millennial. Each chapter includes both voices as they offer their unique generational perspective on topics the church is addressing today, from racial reconciliation to women’s roles in the church, from children’s ministry to evangelism. Filled with deep introspection and keen insight, *Next Sunday* is a vulnerable conversation about what the church has been—and what it can be.



**NANCY BEACH** serves as a leadership coach with the Slingshot Group and on the teaching team at Soul City Church in downtown Chicago. Previously, Nancy served as the programming director at Willow Creek Community Church in suburban Chicago. She is also the author of *An Hour on Sunday* and *Gifted to Lead*. Nancy and her husband, Warren, have two adult daughters, Samantha and Johanna.

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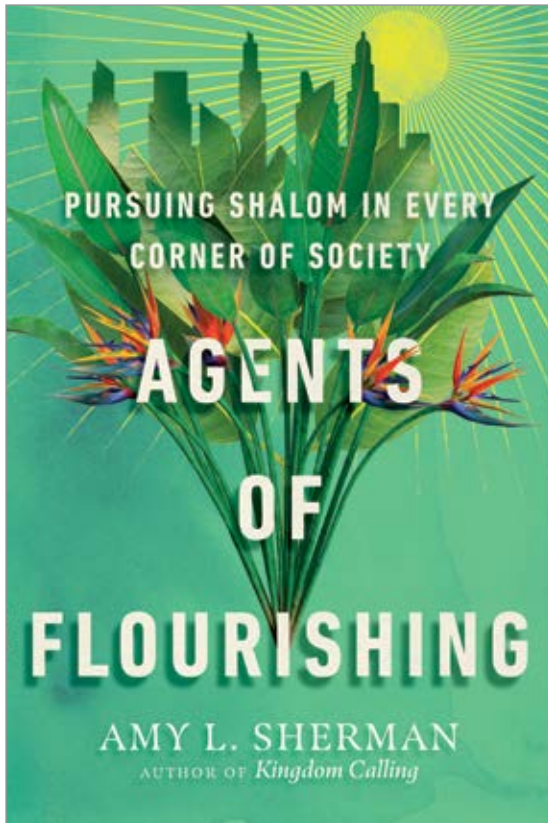


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“Throughout history, parts of the church in different parts of the world have gotten parts of this flourishing framework right, which led to the abolition of the slave trade, the adoption of children, care for the sick, the establishment of public schools and public spaces, and job creation for the common good. Today we can see the complete ecosystem of a flourishing community and the role we can play in helping to bring that about. I believe *Agents of Flourishing* can serve as the systematic theology for advancing shalom in every community and will be the go-to source for those who find themselves captivated by Jeremiah’s word to ‘seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you.’”

ERIC SWANSON, senior fellow with Leadership Network

## *Agents of Flourishing*

*Pursuing Shalom in Every Corner of Society*

May 10, 2022

\$26 | 352 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0078-6

## *We Are Called to Be Agents of Flourishing*

### Angle and Talking Points

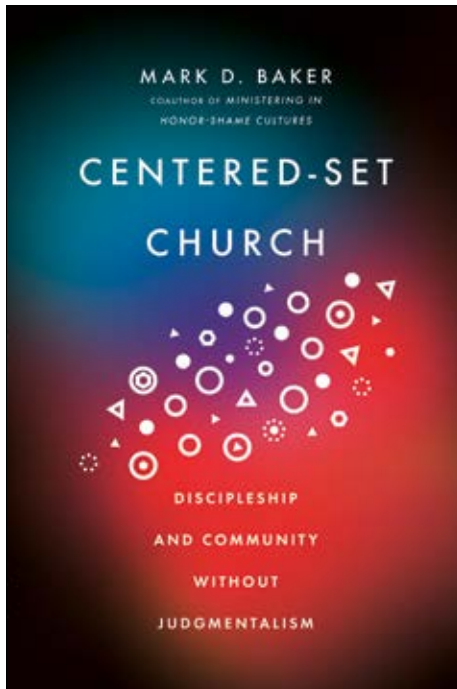
Amy Sherman offers a multifaceted, biblically grounded framework for enacting God’s call to seek the shalom of our communities in six arenas of civilizational life (The Good, The True, The Beautiful, The Just, The Prosperous, and The Sustainable). She said, “This approach argues that these six social realms must be healthy and strong if a community is to flourish. I couple this sociological framework with theological reflection on God’s normative intentions for each realm and what scripture teaches about how these arenas have been malformed by the fall. I then discuss specific historical and contemporary strategies that the Church has implemented to re-form these spheres and strengthen them. My hope is that these stories will both inspire and instruct today’s Christian leaders.”

- A comprehensive, culture-making vision for transforming every sphere of society
- Filled with case studies of real-life churches that have shaped their communities for the better
- Undergirded with biblical/theological and historical frameworks for vocational stewardship and societal transformation



**AMY L. SHERMAN** directs the Sagamore Institute’s Center on Faith in Communities, which trains and consults with faith-based social service providers and religious congregations desiring to invest more effectively in their neighborhoods. She is also the founder and former executive director of Charlottesville

Abundant Life Ministries and a senior fellow with International Justice Mission. She earned her BA in political science at Messiah College and her MA and PhD in international economic development from the University of Virginia. She is the author of *Kingdom Calling: Vocational Stewardship for the Common Good*.



## **Centered-Set Church**

*Discipleship and Community Without Judgmentalism*

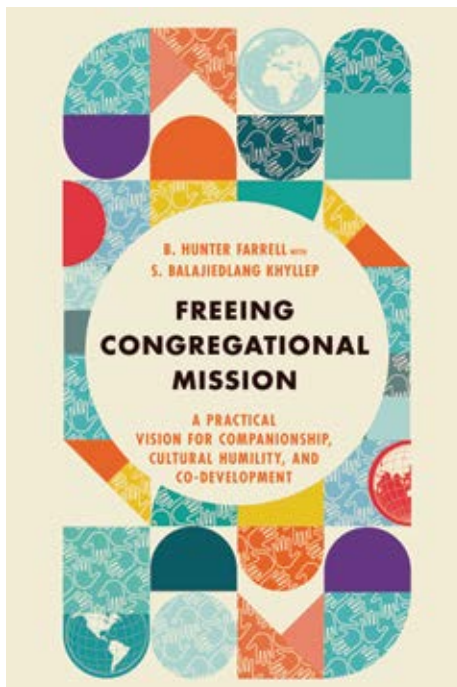
January 18, 2022

\$24 | 256 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0094-6

Is there an alternative to the church's impulse to either obsess over boundaries or erase them completely? Building on the work of Paul Hiebert, Mark D. Baker provides a unique manual for understanding and applying the vision of a "centered" church, charting a new path for congregations and leaders to grow in authentic freedom and dynamic movement toward the true center: Jesus himself.

**MARK D. BAKER** (PhD, Duke University) is professor of mission and theology at Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary in Fresno, California. He served as a missionary in Honduras for ten years and has written a number of books, including *Ministering in Honor-Shame Cultures* (with Jayson Georges) and *Recovering the Scandal of the Cross* (with Joel B. Green).

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## **Freeing Congregational Mission**

*A Practical Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility, and Co-Development*

January 25, 2022

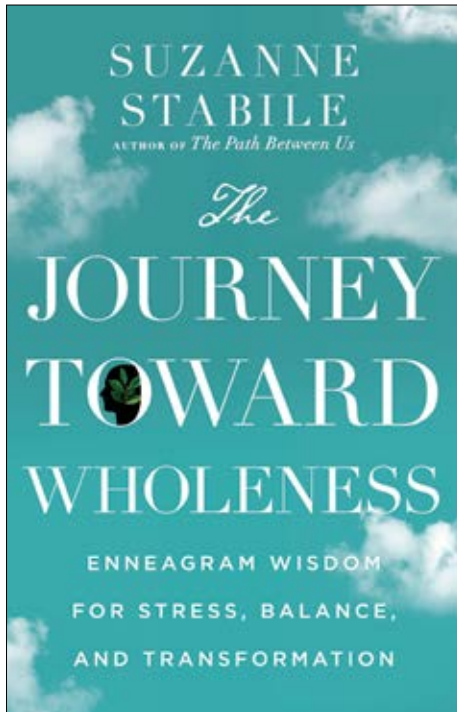
\$26 | 288 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0068-7

North American congregations face a deepening crisis of consumer-oriented "selfie missions" and practices based on colonial-era assumptions. Seeking to free congregational mission from harmful cultural forces, this book helps churches better partner with God's work in the world, offering the latest research and practical, step-by-step tools for churches.

**B. HUNTER FARRELL** (doctor of anthropology, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú) is the director of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's World Mission Initiative (WMI). He has worked for over thirty years as a missionary, director of world mission for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and a professor of mission and intercultural studies. He has published articles in periodicals including *Missiology*, *The Journal of Latin American Theology*, and *Christianity Today*.

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## ***The Journey Toward Wholeness***

*Enneagram Wisdom for Stress, Balance, and Transformation*

November 2, 2021

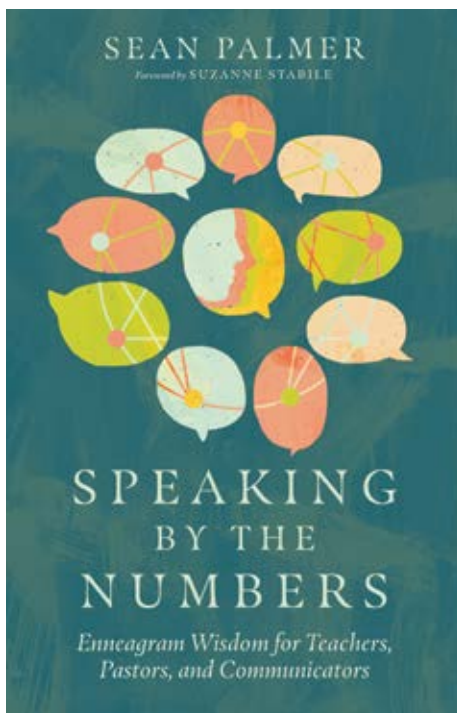
\$24 | 256 pages | hardcover | 978-1-5140-0116-5

In everything from health care and politics to technology and economics, we are experiencing feelings of loss, anger, and anxiety. In the Enneagram's wisdom, our number determines how we respond. Through the book, a six-session study guide, and a multi-city book tour primarily through Southern states, expert teacher Suzanne Stabile opens the path to reducing fear and improving relationships.

**SUZANNE STABILE** is a highly sought-after speaker, teacher, and internationally recognized Enneagram master teacher who has taught thousands of people over the last thirty years. She is the author of *The Path Between Us*, and coauthor, with Ian Morgan Cron, of *The Road Back to You*. She is also the creator and host of *The Enneagram Journey* podcast.

Listen to her Enneagram Podcast: [TheEnneagramJourney.org](https://TheEnneagramJourney.org)

Follow Suzanne on Twitter: [@SuzanneStabile](https://twitter.com/SuzanneStabile).



## ***Speaking By the Numbers***

*Enneagram Wisdom for Teachers, Pastors, and Communicators*

March 29, 2022

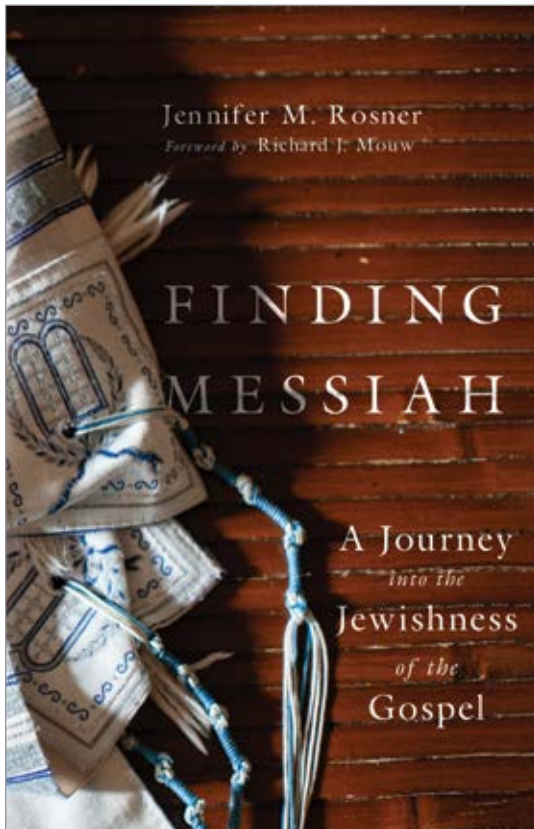
\$24 | 192 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4166-0

Providing real-life examples of speeches, Sean Palmer uses Enneagram wisdom and develops communication strategies that lead to connection, transformation, and mobilization.

**SEAN PALMER** is the teaching pastor at Ecclesia Houston, a speaker, and an executive coach. He is the author of *Forty Days on Being a Three, Unarmed Empire*, and a contributing writer to *The Voice Bible*. Sean is vice-chair of the Missio Alliance board.

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*“Jen Rosner urges us, having followed the telling of her unfolding story about what her Jewishness means for her faith in Christ, to think back now on our own stories. . . . Rosner has forced me to face issues that I have long been willing to ignore, and I will now continue to face. I am confident that her wonderful book will motivate others to make the journey also.”*

**RICHARD J. MOUW**, former president of Fuller Theological Seminary, from the foreword

*“So much theology is written as though nothing much is at stake. But to read Jen Rosner, the stakes could not be higher: draining Christianity of the poison of anti-Judaism and showing her fellow Jews that she can be a loyal daughter of Sarah and follower of Jesus. I’m not sure which is the taller task! But I do know this: she has written a beautiful and brave and learned book, and you should read it.”*

**JASON BYASSEE**, Vancouver School of Theology, author of *Surprised by Jesus Again*

## Finding Messiah

*A Journey into the Jewishness of the Gospel*

May 24, 2022

\$17 | 216 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0324-4

## The Story of a Jewish Follower of Jesus

### Angle and Talking Points

Jennifer Rosner, a scholar of Jewish-Christian relations, takes us on a personal and corporate journey into the Jewish roots of Christian faith and practice. Understanding Judaism—and the way in which Judaism and Christianity became separate religions—is essential for a rich and holistic Christian identity. As a follower of Jesus who was raised in a Jewish home and who continues to live a Jewish life, Rosner has seen firsthand how a Christian faith can become impoverished when divorced from its Jewish roots. *Finding Messiah* follows Rosner’s own journey in rediscovering the role of Judaism and God’s covenant with Israel in Christian life and practice.

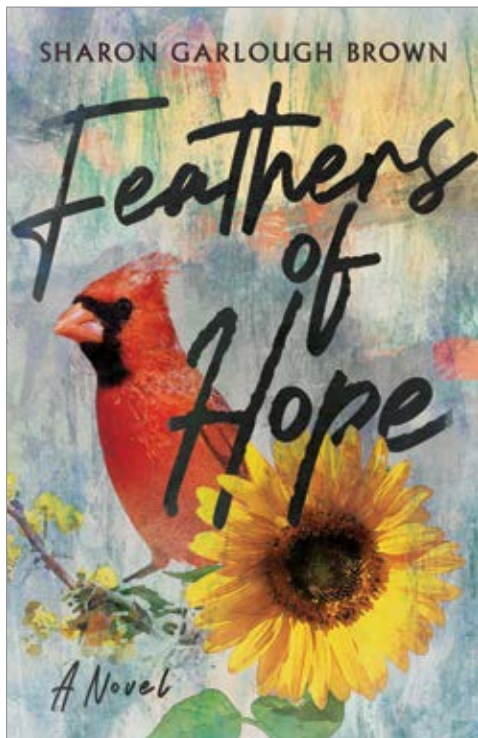
- written by one who is an insider to both Judaism and Christianity
- deals not only with the Judaism of Jesus’ day but also contemporary Judaism
- interweaves personal narrative with theological/historical reflection
- by an expert and scholar on the history of Jewish/Christian relations



**JENNIFER M. ROSNER** is affiliate assistant professor of systematic theology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, where she completed her PhD on the relationship between Judaism and Christianity. She is the author of *Healing the Schism* and coauthor of *At the Foot of the Mountain*. She and her family live in Northern California.

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## Feathers of Hope

A Novel

April 19, 2022

\$18 | 384 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0062-5

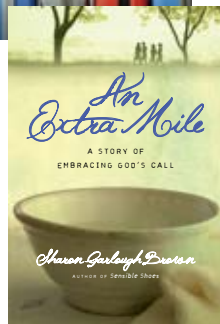
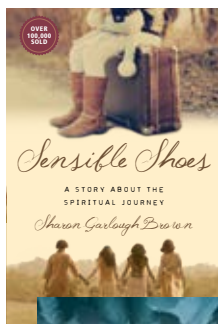
## Author of the Bestselling Sensible Shoes Series

### Angle and Talking Points

In a season of loss and change, Wren Crawford and Katherine Rhodes share the journey as companions in sorrow and hope. In this sequel to *Shades of Light* and *Remember Me* fans of the Sensible Shoes series will not only be able to attend Katherine's final retreat sessions at New Hope but also encounter old and new friends along the way. An accompanying six-week study guide provides guidance for individuals or groups participating in a discussion around the book.

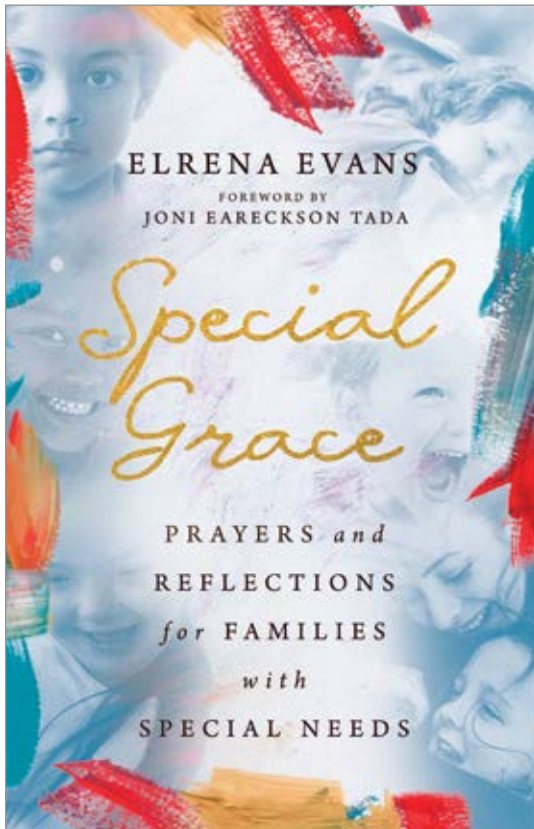
Sharon said, "I like to say that my characters and stories are discovered rather than created. The only way I know how to write fiction is to take the posture of a pastor or spiritual director who creates space and listens deeply, both to the characters and to the Holy Spirit's leadings. I ask questions and wait for them to reveal what they want me to know. Their journeys with God and with each other need to emerge in ways that are true to them. That means giving them freedom to walk on and off the page, to respond to God and resist God. I weep over their losses. I rejoice over their progress and healing. And I get frustrated when they refuse to say yes to God's invitations. I have to practice patience and compassion along the way. And when I see myself reflected in their fears, sin, or resistance, I'm invited to receive God's grace and compassion and patience for me, too."

### THE SENSIBLE SHOES SERIES



**SHARON GARLOUGH BROWN** is a spiritual director, speaker, and cofounder of Abiding Way Ministries, providing spiritual formation retreats and resources. She is the author of *Shades of Light: A Novel* and the follow-up titles, *Remember Me* and *Feathers of Hope*. Sharon is also the author of the bestselling Sensible Shoes Series, which includes these spiritual fiction novels and their study guides.

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“If you live with disability as I do, you, too, will love Special Grace. . . . Messy, but beautiful. Gut wrenching, but wonderfully real. You’ll discover a new friend in Elrena Evans, a Christ-loving mom who invites you to join her as she kneels at the throne on behalf of her family with special needs.”

JONI EARECKSON TADA, from the foreword

## Special Grace

*Prayers and Reflections for Families with Special Needs*

April 12, 2022

\$16 | 112 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0351-0

## Hope Found in the Stories Behind the Statistics

### Angle and Talking Points

Filled with humor and wisdom, this collection of 127 prayers touches on all aspects of family life with special needs. Each prayer is set off by a reflective essay from author Elrena Evans’s own family life. These prayers and reflections will help special needs families process their experiences together and offer them to God with hope and simple trust.

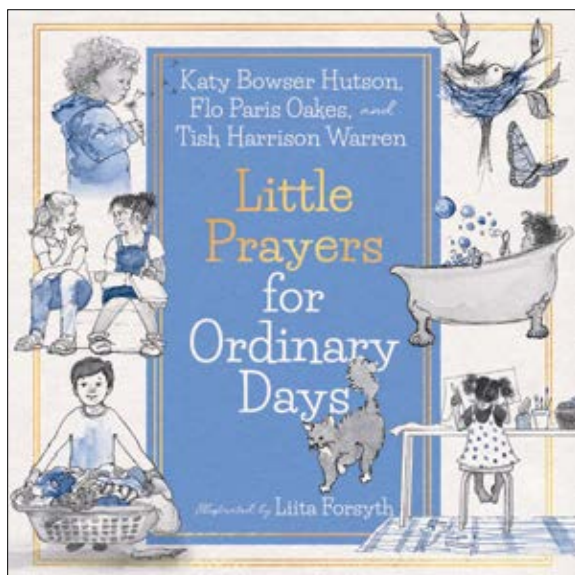
- 17 percent of children have a diagnosed developmental disability
- 14 percent of public school students receive special education services.
- Big and small challenges unique to families with kids with special needs are covered in prayer through the pages of this book



**ELRENA EVANS** is executive editor of *Paper and String*, a digital care package celebrating faith, creativity, and beauty in its many forms. She is the author of a short story collection, *This Crowded Night*, and coauthor of the essay collection *Mama, PhD: Women Write About Motherhood and Academic Life*.

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## Little Prayers for Ordinary Days

May 31, 2022

\$15 | 32 pages | hardcover | 978-1-5140-0339-8

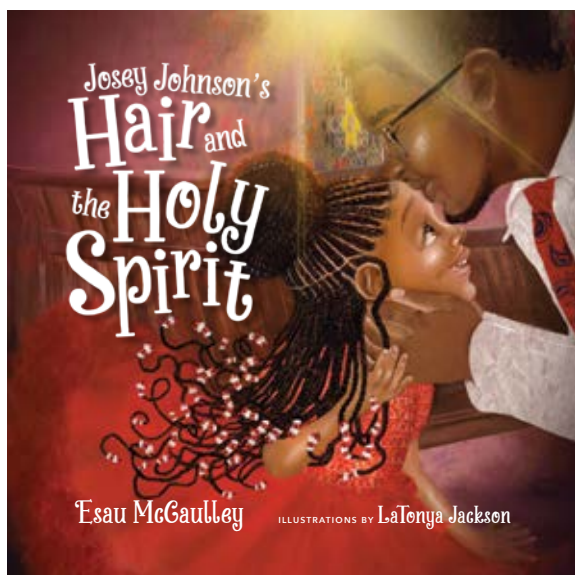
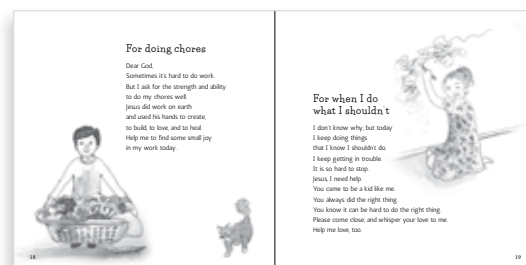
This collection of simple prayers, accompanied by winsome and playful art, will bring delight to readers of all ages. Intended as a faith formation tool for Christian families to use together, this book is perfect for parents who want to incorporate liturgy and prayer into their family discipleship and home life.

### TISH HARRISON WARREN

is the author of *Liturgy of the Ordinary* and *Prayer in the Night*. She is a weekly contributing newsletter writer for the *New York Times* and writes a monthly column for *Christianity Today*.

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**KATY BOWSER HUTSON** is a forming member of the children's band Rain for Roots. She is the author of *Now I Lay Me Down to Fight*, and a contributing author to *It Was Good: Making Music to the Glory of God*.



## Josey Johnson's Hair and the Holy Spirit

May 10, 2022

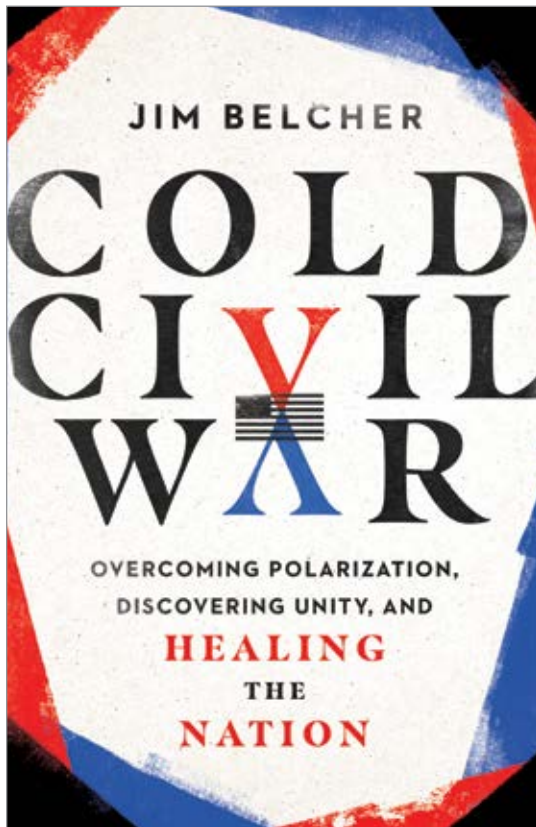
\$18 | 32 pages | hardcover | 978-1-5140-0357-2

Josie is spending the day with Dad—getting her hair braided at Monique's Beauty Shop, and picking out a new red dress for Sunday. Because Sunday is Pentecost! In the process, she learns to celebrate the differences she sees all around her as part of God's plan for his creation.

**ESAU McCAULEY** is assistant professor of New Testament at Wheaton College, the author of *Reading While Black*, and a contributing opinion writer for the *New York Times*. When he's not writing or teaching, he spends his time cheering for his kids in their sporting and artistic endeavors, and on many a Saturday afternoon you can find him at a beauty parlor with his daughter.







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*“For anyone hoping for a way out of the current political mess, Jim Belcher’s Cold Civil War is a must-read, and it’s clearly the product of the author’s many years of curiosity about and careful consideration of diverse moral and political views. Belcher offers a new way of classifying political orientations. He argues that the four main political orientations act as counter-vailing forces that strengthen the country when in their more centrist forms but tear the country apart in their more extreme forms. The way forward isn’t to abandon our ideologies entirely or for us all to agree with one another, but the country does need to move toward the ‘vital center.’”*

**BRADLEY CAMPBELL**, professor of sociology at California State University Los Angeles and coauthor of *The Rise of Victimhood Culture*

## Cold Civil War

*Overcoming Polarization, Discovering Unity, and Healing the Nation*

March 22, 2022

\$28 | 352 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4764-8

## A Way Beyond the Left-Right Stalemate

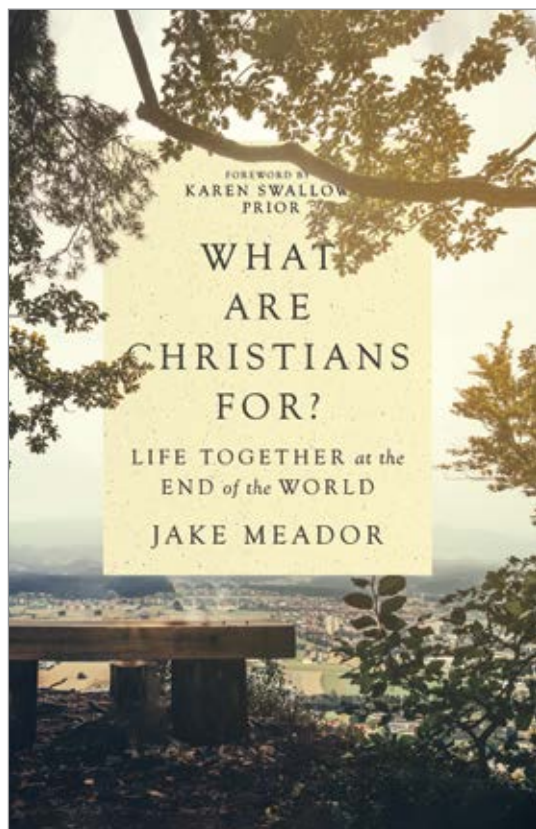
### Angle and Talking Points

America is experiencing what some have called a cold civil war that could split the country in two. Is there any way to step back from this dangerous precipice? This book by political philosopher Jim Belcher lays out a quadrant framework of understanding today’s political climate, revealing both how polarization divides us and how to move beyond the left-right stalemate, toward the seeds of a new vital center which can transcend political tribalism and bring America back together again.

- A groundbreaking book on politics that explains the reasons for our cold civil war
- Unpacks how polarization has made political discourse worse and how the recovery of a new vital center can be shared by Democrats and Republicans alike
- Combines the constitutional soul of James Madison (Freedom Left), the republican soul of Thomas Jefferson (Order Left), the bourgeois soul of Adam Smith (Freedom Right), and the statesman soul of Abraham Lincoln (Order Right) for a new vision of citizenship



**JIM BELCHER** (PhD, Georgetown University) is a political philosopher, researcher, and writer. He previously served as president of Providence Christian College in Pasadena, California, and was the founding lead pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, California. He is the author of *In Search of Deep Faith* and *Deep Church*, which won a 2010 *Christianity Today* Book Award in church/pastoral leadership.



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“Jake Meador continues to give us an accessible but deeply informed account of what he calls ‘Christian social doctrine.’ Jake insightfully provides an alternative, life-giving way to understand race, sex, technology, the family, the environment, politics, and institutions. Our polarized and fragmenting contemporary church needs this book!”

**TIMOTHY KELLER**, pastor emeritus, Redeemer Presbyterian Church of New York City

## What Are Christians For?

*Life Together at the End of the World*

February 22, 2022

\$22 | 192 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4736-5

## Today’s Christian Political Witness

### Angle and Talking Points

Jake Meador lays out a proposal for a Christian politics rooted in the givenness and goodness of the created world. He is uninterested in the cultural wars that have so often characterized American Christianity. Instead, he casts a vision for an ordered society that rejects the late modern revolution at every turn and is rooted in the natural law tradition and the great Protestant confessions. Here is a political approach that is:

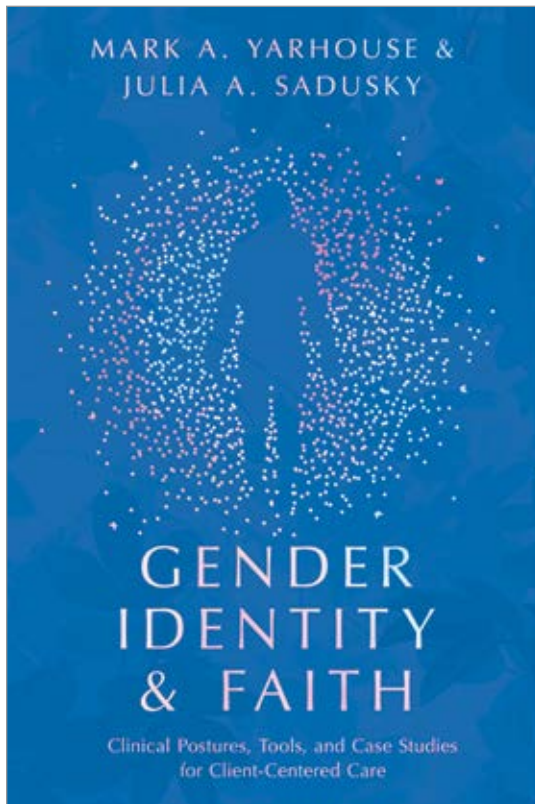
- Antiracist
- Anticapitalist
- Profoundly Pro-life



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*Culture*, *Commonweal*, *Christianity Today*, *Front Porch Republic*, and the University Bookman.

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## **Gender Identity and Faith**

*Clinical Postures, Tools, and Case Studies for Client-Centered Care*

March 29, 2022

\$28 | 216 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4181-3

## *An Empathetic Resource for Clinicians*

### **Angle and Talking Points**

Helping people navigate gender identity questions today is complex and often polarized work. Filled with assessments, therapeutic tools, and case studies, this practical resource from Mark Yarhouse and Julia Sadusky offers mental health professionals a client-centered, open-ended approach that makes room for gender exploration while respecting religious identity.

- Emphasizes respect for clients' journeys, without a single fixed outcome, toward congruence between their gender identity and faith
- Describes effective clinical postures, assessment and therapeutic tools, and numerous case studies
- Covers needs and characteristics of children, youth, and adult clients
- Includes worksheets and prompts for clients and family members

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*“Too often, we who counsel and coach other persons erroneously believe our job is to offer solutions to the complex overlap of philosophy, religion, and gender identity. Using multiple worksheets, Gender Identity and Faith greatly helps religious and nonreligious counselors and coaches to come alongside the transgender-presenting client and, by offering questions, to assist the client in exploring their amazing inner worlds.”*

**CARYN LEMUR**, a male-to-female transsexual and a follower of the words and life of Jesus



**MARK A. YARHOUSE** (PsyD, Wheaton College) is the Dr. Arthur P. Rech and Mrs. Jean May Rech Endowed Chair and professor of psychology at Wheaton College, where he directs the Sexual and Gender Identity (SGI) Institute.

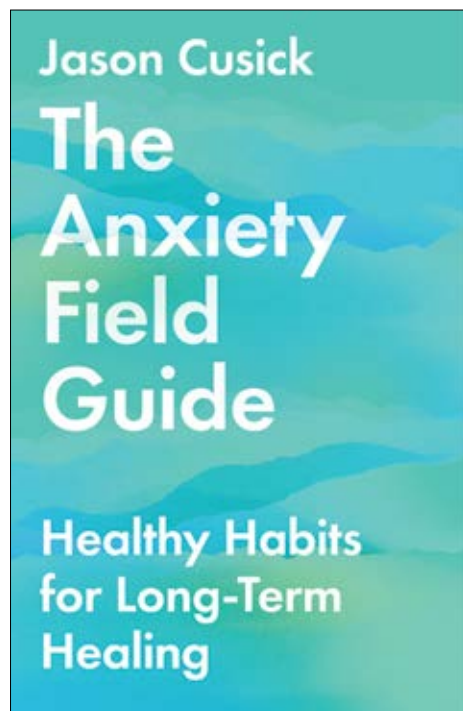
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**JULIA A. SADUSKY** (PsyD, Regent University) is a fellow of the Sexual and Gender Identity Institute at Wheaton College, an advisor for the Center for Faith, Sexuality and Gender, and an adjunct professor at Denver Seminary. She is the coauthor (with Mark Yarhouse) of *Emerging Gender Identities: Understanding the Diverse Experiences of Today's Youth*.

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## ***The Anxiety Field Guide***

*Healthy Habits for Long-Term Healing*

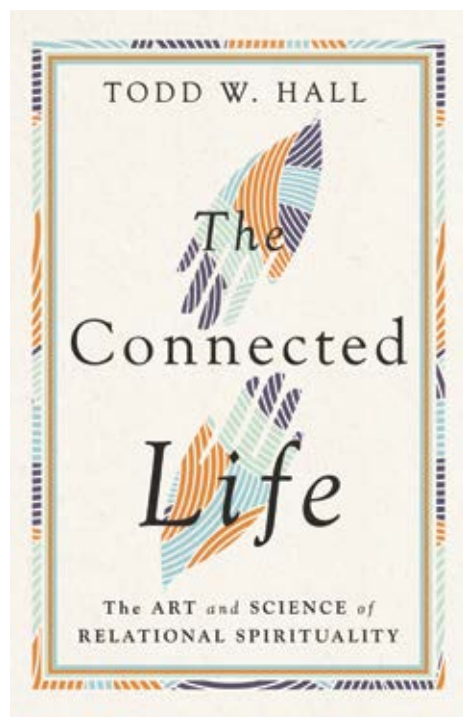
April 26, 2022

\$17 | 184 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0345-9

Anxiety is one of the most pressing mental health issues of our day. Millions of people in our society suffer from anxiety, often unbeknownst to those around them. The pressures of modern life seem specially designed to cause anxiety, and anxiety is on the rise in recent years. The good news is that anxiety is very treatable. Pastor Jason Cusick tells the story of his own history with anxiety.

- Outlines accessible, step-by-step instructions for coping
- Provides clinical data with pastoral wisdom
- Addresses psychological and spiritual aspects of anxiety

**JASON CUSICK** is lead pastor at Journey of Faith, a multi-campus church in Southern California. He was previously the pastor of care ministries, overseeing grief, recovery, crisis, and counseling ministries, and has also worked as a board-certified hospital chaplain.



## ***The Connected Life***

*The Art and Science of Relational Spirituality*

June 28, 2022

\$25 | 224 pages | hardcover | 978-1-5140-0261-2

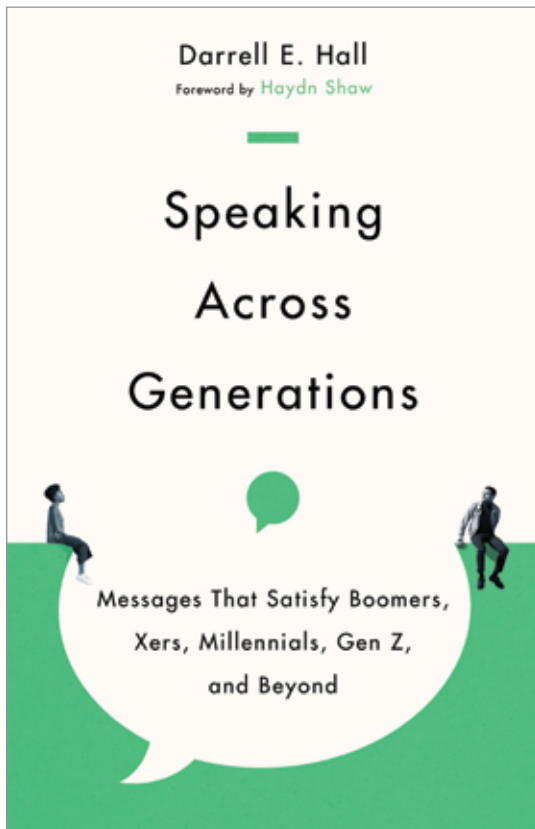
Psychologist Todd Hall has been researching human relationships and ways of connecting for many years. In *The Connected Life*, he offers the fruit of that work, contending that real human growth doesn't come through head knowledge alone but through relational knowledge and strong attachment bonds.

**TODD W. HALL** (PhD, Rosemead School of Psychology) is professor of psychology at Rosemead School of Psychology at Biola University, where he teaches courses on the integration of psychology and theology, psychodynamic psychotherapy, and positive psychology. He is a faculty affiliate at the Harvard Human Flourishing Program at Harvard University and a founding partner at Flourishing Metrics. Hall is an award-winning researcher, focusing on relational approaches to spirituality, virtue, and leadership. He is a coauthor of *Psychology in the Spirit and Relational Spirituality*, developer of several widely used spiritual assessments, and codeveloper of the Flourish Assessment.

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“How we think, speak, and live are tied to the efficacy of our message. Dr. Darrell E. Hall masterfully teaches leaders to integrate the message of the gospel across generations. His practical steps promote intergenerational awareness and are key to developing sermons that reach a broader audience. Jesus’ message reached all people, and the strategies within this book mirror that paradigm.”

**JOSEPH W. WALKER**, senior pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee, and international presiding bishop of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International

## Speaking Across Generations

*Messages That Satisfy Boomers, Xers, Millennials, Gen Z, and Beyond*

April 12, 2022

\$18 | 176 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0308-4

## Generations Communicate Differently

### Angle and Talking Points

Discover how generational science can equip you to communicate effectively. Bridge the communication gap between speaker and listener so people of all generations can hear clearly.

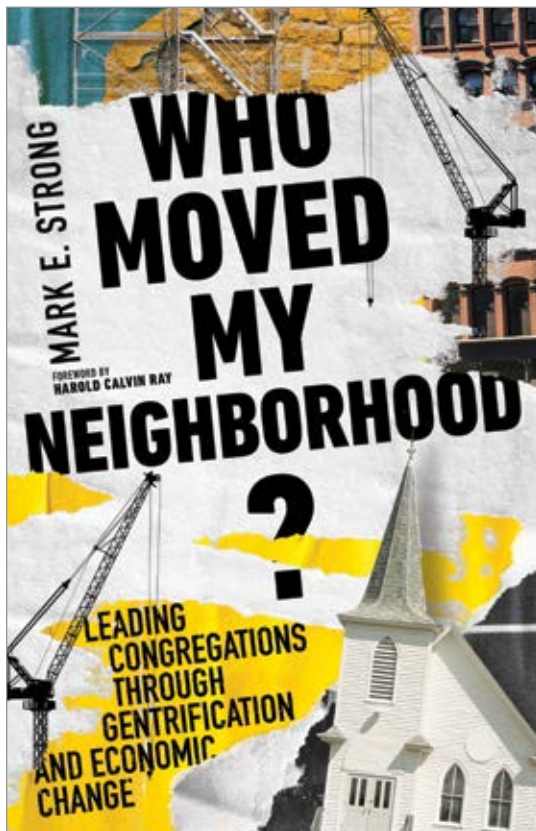
- Fresh research from the Barna Group
- Important resource for intergenerational ministry
- Generations are people groups just like ethnicities with their own language



**DARRELL E. HALL** is campus pastor of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Conyers, Georgia, where he regularly preaches and teaches across five generations. He is an experienced preacher and public speaker who has given messages in venues from local Bible studies to a packed NBA arena. Hall has a DMin from Beeson Divinity School, where his doctoral research

focused on generational intelligence and effective intergenerational communication.

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*“Mark Strong helps us get our arms around a challenging issue that perplexes community leaders across the country. With insight born of experience and wisdom seasoned with grace, he provides navigational understanding and guidance that will be helpful to everyone touched by changing neighborhoods and by all who are committed to community flourishing.”*

**STEVE MOORE**, CEO of M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust

## Who Moved My Neighborhood?

*Leading Congregations through Gentrification and Economic Change*

March 8, 2022

\$18 | 176 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0238-4

## Reengaging Complex Neighborhoods

### Angle and Talking Points

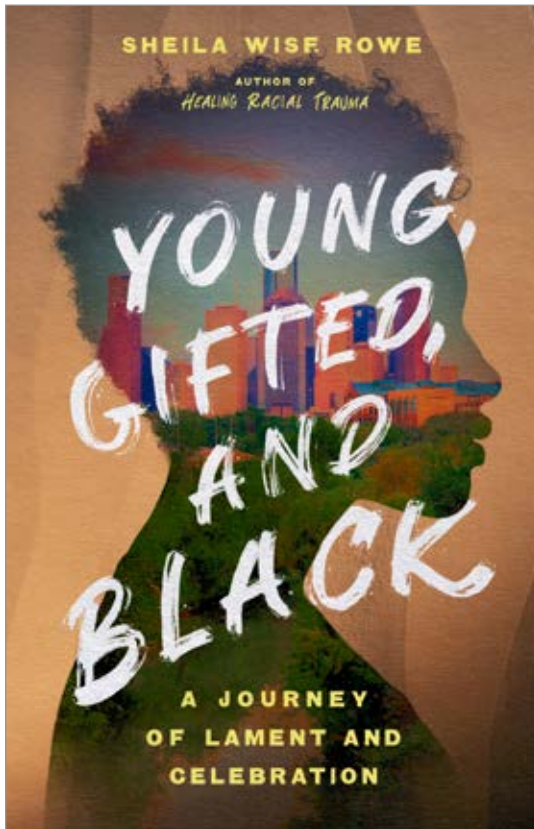
Gentrification can be a vastly different experience for long-time residents and neighborhood churches. As a pastor who led his church through its own moved neighborhood in Portland, Mark Strong gives insight to churches that need to heal from the wounds of gentrification and revamp their mission amidst an uncertain future.

- Personal testimony about navigating change
- Case studies of other churches' transformations
- Reflection questions close each chapter



**MARK E. STRONG** is senior pastor of Life Change Church, a diverse congregation located in the heart of inner-city Portland, Oregon. He is also the author of *Church for the Fatherless*, and he serves on the Board of Regents at George Fox Seminary.

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“Young, Gifted, and Black is one of the most important books in our present moment that speaks to readers about why it is vitally important to affirm, celebrate, and create safe spaces for gifted Black children. Wise Rowe compassionately takes the reader on a journey, weaving in the importance of racial healing and discipleship in how we parent, support, and raise Black children. I highly recommend this literary work to anyone who cares about Black children growing up with full confidence, knowing that their existence, stories, and contributions matter in this world”

**TERENCE LESTER**, founder of Love Beyond Walls and author of *When We Stand: The Power of Seeking Justice Together*

## Young, Gifted, and Black

*A Journey of Lament and Celebration*

February 15, 2022

\$18 | 192 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0355-8

## New from the Author of Healing Racial Trauma

### Angle and Talking Points

*Young, Gifted, and Black* gives voice to the real-life stories of Black millennials and younger adults. Drawing from her years of experience in counseling trauma and abuse survivors, Sheila Wise Rowe provides stories, reflections, and tools for Black readers of all ages and their allies.

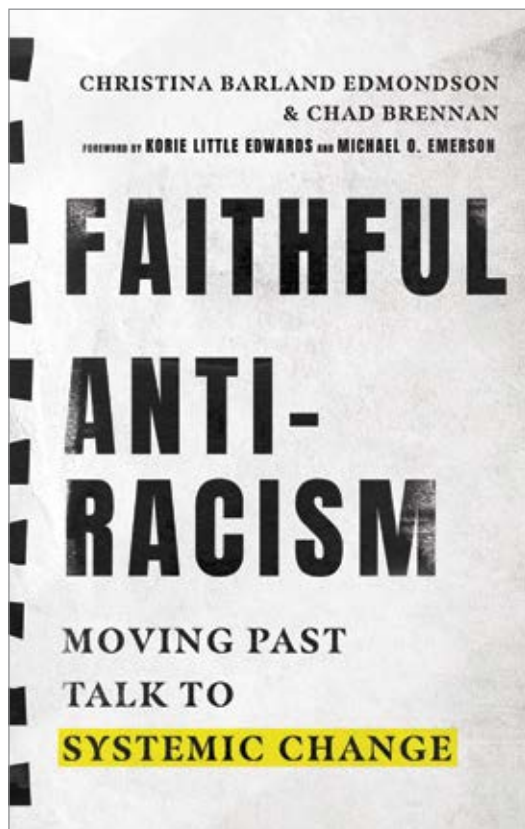
Sheila said, “*Young, Gifted, and Black* addresses a variety of experiences of Black and Bi-racial millennials and younger adults. I delve into the impact, and healing of personal struggles, which includes but is not limited to racial trauma. Similar to my prior book, included are stories that do not shy away from the pain yet point to hope.”



**SHEILA WISE ROWE**, the author of *Healing Racial Trauma*, holds a master’s degree in counseling psychology. She has ministered to abuse and trauma survivors in the United States for over twenty-five years and in Johannesburg, South Africa, for a decade. Sheila also taught counseling and trauma-related courses. She and her family live in the Boston area, where she is a writer, speaker, and spiritual director.

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*“Faithful Antiracism is bound to become a standard in churches and religious organizations that aspire to pursue racial justice. Dr. Christina Edmondson and Chad Brennan combine the precision of scholars with the compassion of pastors who patiently love and care for others. This book is packed with application and is ready-made for group or individual study. Whether you’ve been committed to antiracism for years or you are just beginning the journey, Faithful Antiracism will equip and inspire you for the struggle.”*

**JEMAR TISBY**, author of *The Color of Compromise* and founder of The Witness, Inc.

## **Faithful Antiracism**

*Moving Past Talk to Systemic Change*

March 22, 2022

\$25 | 248 pages | casebound | 978-0-8308-4723-5

## *A Twenty-Year Study of Evangelicals and Race*

### **Angle and Talking Points**

Based on the [Race, Religion, and Justice Project](#), the most comprehensive study of evangelicals and race in over twenty years, Christina Edmondson and Chad Brennan address the lingering questions around racism and cultural bias in local congregations, denominations, and other Christian institutions.

- How do we determine if we ought to label an organization or system racist?
- What are the appropriate and most efficacious interventions in such spaces that bring to bear special revelation of God’s Word and the Common Grace of the social sciences to address it?
- What resources within the history, theology, and liturgy of Christianity do we currently have that are being overlooked?
- How do we challenge strategically, correctively, and biblically those individuals and systems most resistant to the call of divesting from racist practices and ideologies in the name of Jesus?



**CHRISTINA EDMONDSON** serves as the Dean for Intercultural Student Development at Calvin College. A Certified Cultural Intelligence facilitator, public speaker, and mental health therapist, Christina is often contacted by churches to consult about both diversity and mental health issues. Her writing

has been seen and referenced in a variety of outlets including *Essence.com*, *YourBlackWorld.com*, and *Gospel Today* magazine. She is also one of the co-hosts of the *Truth’s Table* podcast.

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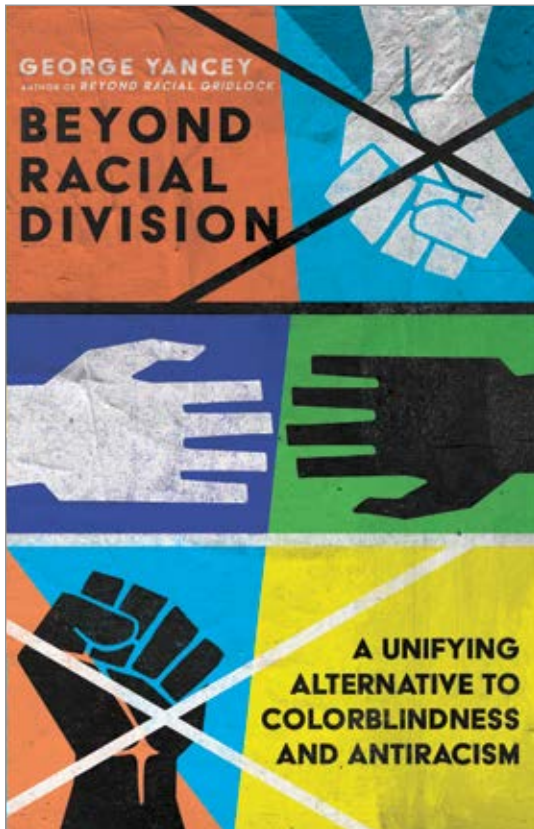
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**CHAD BRENNAN** is founder of the Dublin, Ohio-based ReNew Partnerships, a Christian research and consulting ministry that focuses on diversity and race in faith-based organizations. He is currently coordinating the Race, Religion, and Justice Project, a groundbreaking research initiative led by

Michael Emerson and other prominent scholars. He leads workshops, speaks, and writes widely on multiethnic ministry and racial reconciliation.





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“Race relations in the US are mired in acrimony, tribalism, and polarization. What is really needed as a key first step is the pursuit of better listening to one another. Yancey’s *Beyond Racial Division* is a sensitive and sane proposal for how to go there while assessing current options with care and balance.”

**DARRELL L. BOCK**, executive director for cultural engagement at the Hendricks Center for Christian Leadership and Cultural Engagement, senior research professor of New Testament studies, Dallas Theological Seminary

## ***Beyond Racial Division***

*A Unifying Alternative to Colorblindness and Antiracism*

March 15, 2022

\$18 | 224 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0184-4

## *Casting a Vision for a Movement*

### **Angle and Talking Points**

While colorblindness ignores our history of injustice, antiracism efforts have often alienated people who need to be involved. Sociologist George Yancey offers an alternative to racial alienation where all seek the common good for all to thrive.

- Collaborative conversations that reduce racial tensions
- A mutual accountability model supported by Christian theology
- Empirical rationale coupled with first-person stories



**GEORGE YANCEY** is a professor at the Institute for Studies of Religion at Baylor University, specializing in race/ethnicity and religion. He works to promote collaborative communication as a solution to racial unrest. His books include *Compromising Scholarship*, *One Faith No Longer*, *Hostile Environment*, *Beyond Racial Gridlock*, and *Transcending Racial Barriers*.

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## Inalienable

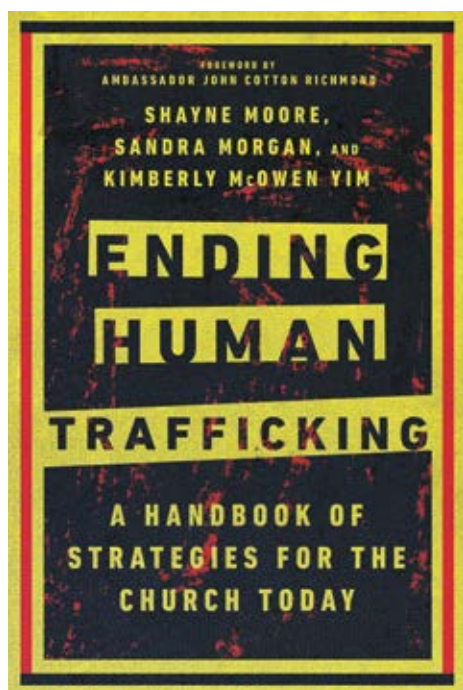
*How Marginalized Kingdom Voices Can Help Save the American Church*

May 31, 2022

\$17 | 240 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0304-6

Pastor [Eric Costanzo](#), missiologist [Daniel Yang](#), and nonprofit leader [Matthew Soerens](#) find that for the church to return to health, we must de-center ourselves from our American idols and re-center on the undeniable, inalienable core reality of the global, transcultural kingdom of God.

Yang said, “The crisis facing American Christianity can be overcome by a radical refocus on the inalienable attributes of the kingdom of God, the image of God, the Word of God, and the mission of God. However, this is not a simple fix from the inside out. It requires drastic consideration and influence from Christian voices that are typically marginalized in American Christianity, specifically women, people of color, immigrants, and the global and ancient church.”



## Ending Human Trafficking

*A Handbook of Strategies for the Church Today*

April 5, 2022

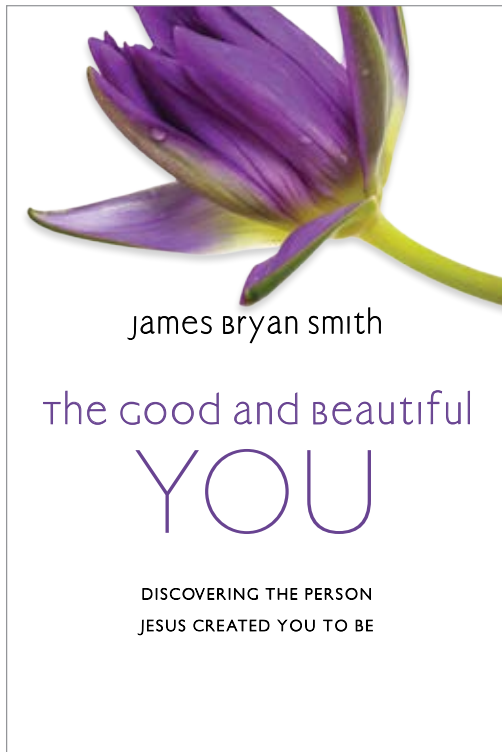
\$25 | 200 pages | paperback | 978-0-8308-4187-5

Human trafficking is one of the most pressing social justice issues of our time. Though renewed interest in this issue among Christians is a wonderful thing, misinformed and misguided efforts can do more harm than good. Written by seasoned leaders and grounded in theology and up-to-date data, this accessible and compelling handbook will educate churches and organizations for truly effective work.

**SHAYNE MOORE** was formerly director of operations at the Humanitarian Disaster Institute at Wheaton College Graduate School. She is the author of several books, including (with Kimberly Yim) *Refuse To Do Nothing: Finding Your Power to Abolish Modern Day Slavery*. She is also the cofounder of the Redbud Writers Guild.

**SANDRA MORGAN** is director of the Global Center for Women and Justice at Vanguard University. She is recognized globally as a leader in the fight against human trafficking. She is currently serving a two-year appointment to the White House Public-Private Partnership Advisory Council to End Human Trafficking, and hosts the *Ending Human Trafficking* podcast.

**KIMBERLY McOWEN YIM** is cofounder and executive director of the SOCO Institute, and she writes and speaks on issues related to human trafficking. She is also coauthor (with Shayne Moore) of *Refuse To Do Nothing: Finding Your Power to Abolish Modern Day Slavery*.



## ***The Good and Beautiful You***

*Discovering the Person Jesus Created You to Be*

May 17, 2022

\$25 | 240 pages | hardcover | 978-0-8308-4694-8

## ***The Missing Book in the Good and Beautiful Series***

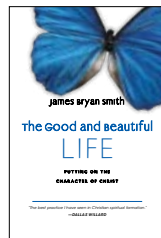
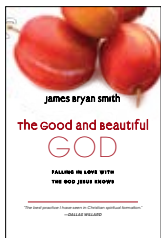
### **Angle and Talking Points**

Christian faith is about more than belief and practices; it is also about the kind of people we become. The fourth book in the [Good and Beautiful Series](#) addresses the self-narratives that hinder spiritual growth, reminding us how Scripture reveals the beauty and goodness of our own souls and serving as a welcome companion on your journey to discover who you truly are in Christ.

James Bryan Smith writes, “My hope for you as you read this book is that you will discover the good and beautiful you that Jesus created you to be. I pray that you will see yourself with wonder, see yourself as sacred—even though you are flawed and broken. . . .

“There is one more desire I have for you as you read and engage with this book: that you will see your neighbor in the same way. I pray that you will look at those you interact with—your friends and coworkers and family members, as well as those people you disagree with politically or socially or culturally—as sacred beings, loved by God, who are worthy of your compassion and kindness because they, too, are of divine origin.”

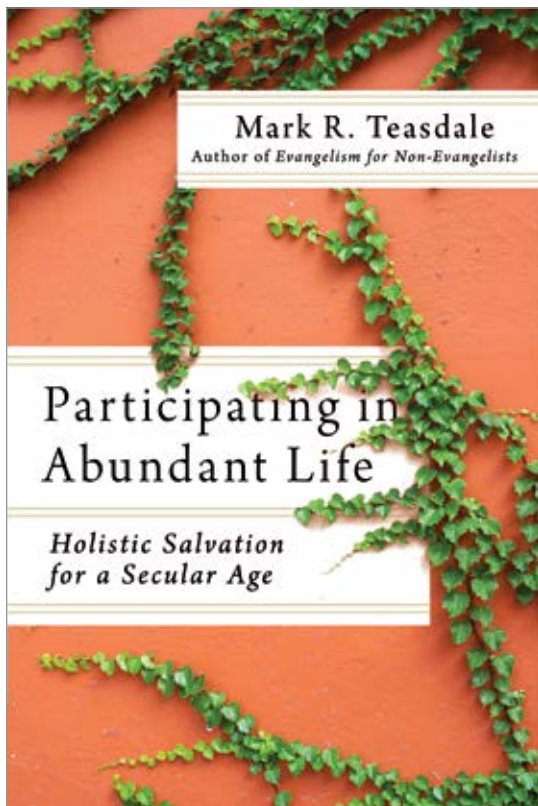
### GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL SERIES



**JAMES BRYAN SMITH** is the author of *The Good and Beautiful God*, *The Good and Beautiful Life*, *The Good and Beautiful Community*, and other Apprentice resources. He earned his MDiv at Yale and his DMin at Fuller and is a theology professor at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, where he also serves as the director of the Apprentice Institute for Spiritual Formation.

A founding member of Richard J. Foster’s spiritual renewal ministry, Renovaré, Smith is an ordained United Methodist Church minister and has served in various capacities in local churches. He is the editor of *A Spiritual Formation Workbook* and *Devotional Classics* (with Richard Foster), and the author of *Embracing the Love of God*, *Rich Mullins: An Arrow Pointing to Heaven*, *Room of Marvels*, *The Magnificent Story*, and *The Magnificent Journey*.

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*“Mark skillfully widens the scope of salvation—connecting back to the concepts of shalom and the kingdom of God—to show that a more holistic and yet deeply biblical view of abundant and eternal life is for both the world now and the world to come. So good, and a much-needed word for the times we’re living in.”*

**JAMES CHOUNG**, author of *True Story: A Christianity Worth Believing In*

## ***Participating in Abundant Life***

*Holistic Salvation for a Secular Age*

April 12, 2022

\$24 | 216 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0052-6

## *Sharing the Promise of Abundant Life*

### **Angle and Talking Points**

Though we know that God cares about people’s lives both in this world and eternity, it can be hard to communicate the full picture of holistic salvation. Mark Teasdale invites us to both participate in and share Jesus’ promise of abundant life, connecting biblical perspectives of salvation and discipleship to contemporary concepts of well-being and the common good.

- Connects biblical concepts about salvation to contemporary “felt needs”
- Shows the compatibility of God’s spiritual and material provision for human flourishing
- Charts a course for individuals and church congregations to improve their communication of God’s offer of abundant life

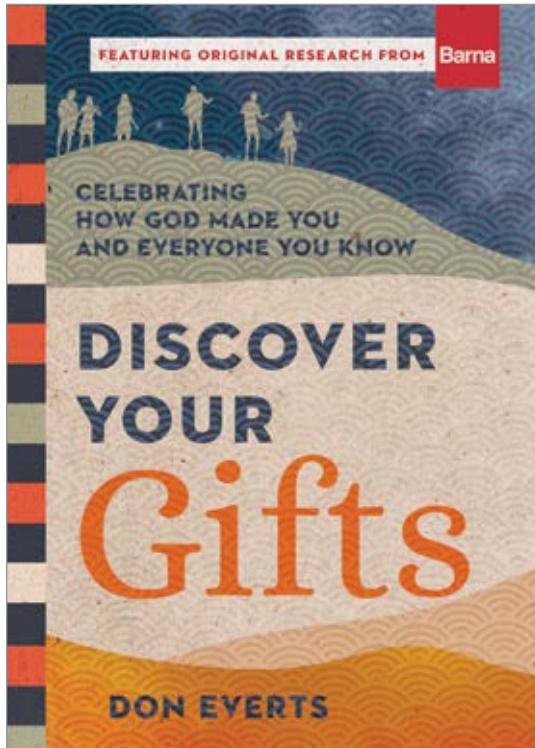


**MARK R. TEASDALE** (PhD, Southern Methodist University) is E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism at Garrett–Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He is ordained in the United Methodist Church, has served as director of the doctor of ministry, lifelong learning, and course of study programs at

Garrett. He consults with churches locally, nationally, and internationally regarding evangelism, discipleship, and leadership, and volunteers on community boards and commissions in his neighborhood. He is the author of *Evangelism for Non-Evangelists*, *Go: Becoming a Great Commission Congregation*, and *Methodist Evangelism, American Salvation*.

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*“God patiently invades our lies and false assumptions with the simple but powerful good news that we are gifts. And he often accomplishes this patient invasion through other people. Giftedness lives most vibrantly in community. We need heralds in our lives who remind us of our own worth.”*

**DON EVERTS**, from *Discover Your Gifts*

*“I invite you to allow this conversation to stretch your understanding of what giftedness really is—and what it means for your own life and community. I am so grateful for the ways it has stretched me.”*

**SAVANNAH KIMBERLIN**, director of research solutions with the Barna Group, from the foreword

## Discover Your Gifts

*Celebrating How God Made You and Everyone You Know*

March 22, 2022

\$17 | 192 pages | casebound | 978-1-5140-0373-2

## Everyone Is a Gift.

### Angle and Talking Points

Each of us has gifts to offer to the world around us, but we have not always identified or deployed them effectively. Incorporating new research on the impact that our gifts can make, Don Everts explores the many kinds of gifts God gives, whether spiritual, civic, artistic, or entrepreneurial. Discover how our gifts can pave a way for reconnecting with our communities.

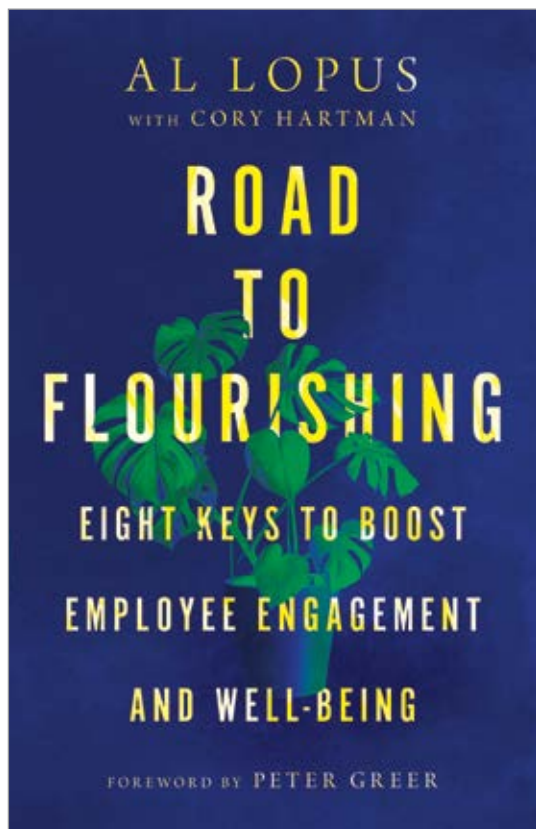
- Fourth in a series of books in partnership with [Lutheran Hour Ministries](#)
- Includes fresh research from the Barna Group on how people best discover and use their gifts
- Filled with infographics and charts that illuminate the data
- Expands beyond spiritual gifts to explore other spheres of gifts, like entrepreneurial, artistic, or interpersonal gifts
- Access to a free online [EveryGift Inventory assessment](#)



**DON EVERTS** is the senior pastor of First & Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Missouri, and is a writer for Lutheran Hour Ministries and the Hopeful Neighborhood Project. Don has spent almost three decades helping people on college campuses and in the local church become good stewards of their God-given gifts.

Along the way, his wife, Wendy, has been helping Don do the same. His many books include *The Reluctant Witness*, *The Spiritually Vibrant Home*, and *The Hopeful Neighborhood*, all of which feature original research from Barna and biblical insights for our everyday lives.

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*“There is a growing consensus among organizational gurus and leaders that a healthy organizational culture is one of the most powerful tools available for lifting performance and improving competitiveness. But just how do you improve something as intangible as your organization’s culture? One answer is to call in the ‘culture doctor’! Al Lopus is an experienced real-world culture doctor, who has diagnosed and treated hundreds of ailing and failing organizational cultures.”*

**RICHARD STEARNS**, president emeritus of World Vision US and author of *Lead Like It Matters to God: Values-Driven Leadership in a Success-Driven World*

## **Road to Flourishing**

*Eight Keys to Boost Employee Engagement and Well-Being*

March 8, 2022

\$25 | 216 pages | hardcover | 978-1-5140-0246-9

## *What Makes for a Flourishing Workplace?*

### **Angle and Talking Points**

With compelling case studies from the Best Christian Workplaces Institute along with enlightening personal anecdotes, Al Lopus demonstrates how companies and ministries can accomplish work that matters with:

- Fantastic teams and life-giving work
- Outstanding talent and uplifting growth
- Rewarding compensation and inspirational leadership
- Sustainable Strategy and Healthy Communication



**AL LOPUS** is the president and CEO of the Best Christian Workplaces Institute (BCWI), which provides research-based measurement tools and strategic advisory services with a single vision: to help Christian organizations set the standard as the best, most effective workplaces in the world.

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*“Few people have thought as long and deep about vocation as Gordon T. Smith. He thinks with the ancients about it. He joins the conversation of contemporary thinkers on it and brings to that conversation his own scintillating insights. His writing is felicitous and humorous. And this, his signature virtue: it is clear as a mountain lake, where you can see all the way down to the bottom without a single ripple of distortion. This book is both primer and compendium on a topic that the church and the world, with fresh urgency, need to learn and to heed.”*

**MARK BUCHANAN**, author of *God Walk: Moving at the Speed of Your Soul*

## ***Your Calling Here and Now***

*Making Sense of Vocation*

June 14, 2022

\$18 | 176 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0341-1

## ***New from the Author of Courage and Calling***

### **Angle and Talking Points**

According to Gordon T. Smith, vocation is not a goal on the horizon but a present reality we can discern and explore. When discerning our vocation feels overwhelming, Smith offers a simple question as a way forward: “At this time and place, who am I meant to be, and what am I called to do?” Chapters include:

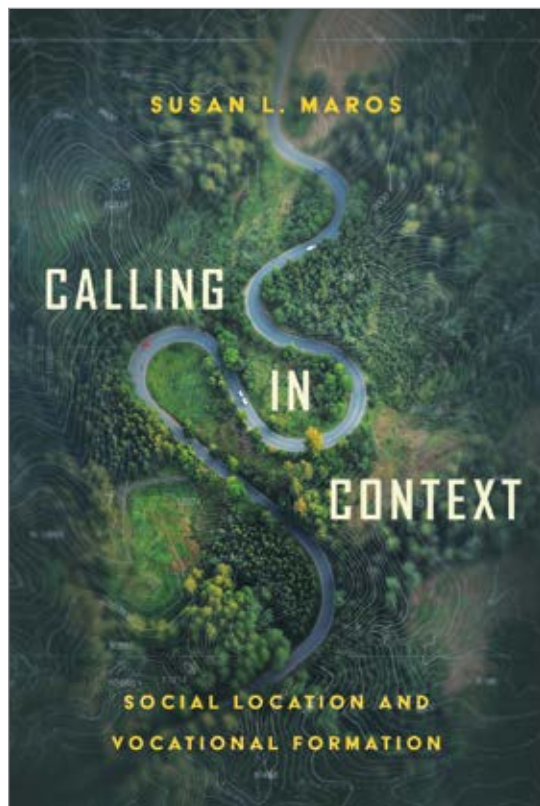
1. At This Time and in This Place
2. The Stewardship of Our Lives
3. Calling and Callings
4. Career Transitions
5. Tending to the Life of the Mind
6. The Work of Our Hands
7. Vocation and Organizations
8. Practices of Engagement
9. Sustaining a Resilient Hope



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Columbia. He is the author of many books, including *Institutional Intelligence*, *Courage and Calling*, *Called to Be Saints*, and *Evangelical, Sacramental, and Pentecostal*.

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*“Before the end of the introduction you will discover why Dr. Susan Maros is one of Fuller Seminary’s most respected and popular professors. By the end of the book, you will realize that almost all your assumptions about how God calls a person will be challenged. Filled with biblical reflections that will cause you to reconsider what you think you know, and stories and studies that will encourage you to rethink what you believe to be settled about the way vocation is formed, this book disturbs and deconstructs, and then provides wisdom and a way for reconstructing perhaps the most personal moments in a Christian’s life. I heartily recommend it.”*

**TOD BOLSINGER**, Fuller Seminary and the De Pree Center for Leadership, author of *Canoeing the Mountains*

## Calling in Context

*Social Location and Vocational Formation*

February 22, 2022

\$24 | 240 pages | paperback | 978-1-5140-0144-8

## Reconsidering Assumptions About Calling and Vocation

### Angle and Talking Points

Is the concept of calling universal? God calls all people, yes—but calling is not a monolithic concept. This path breaking book helps Christians in the United States see how social location shapes assumptions and experiences with vocation, critically examining the cultural priorities of vocation that emphasize certainty, career paths, and personal achievement.

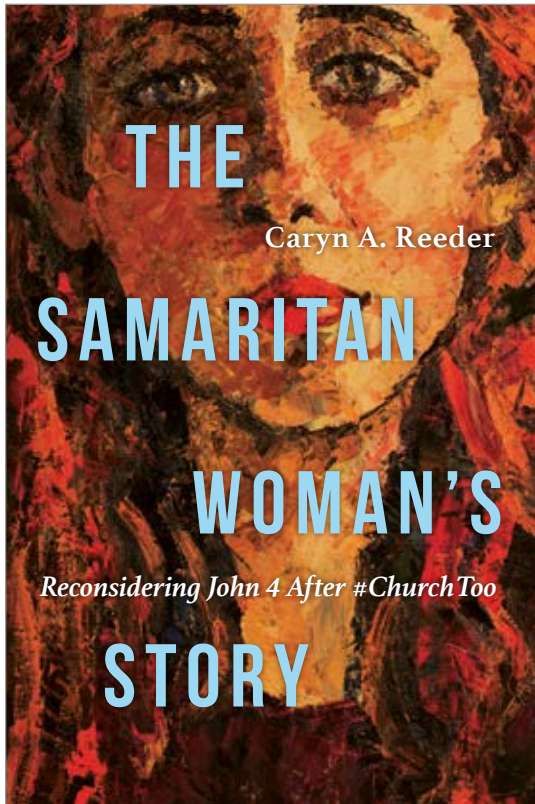
- Explains the “mental maps” we bring to our thinking about Christian calling
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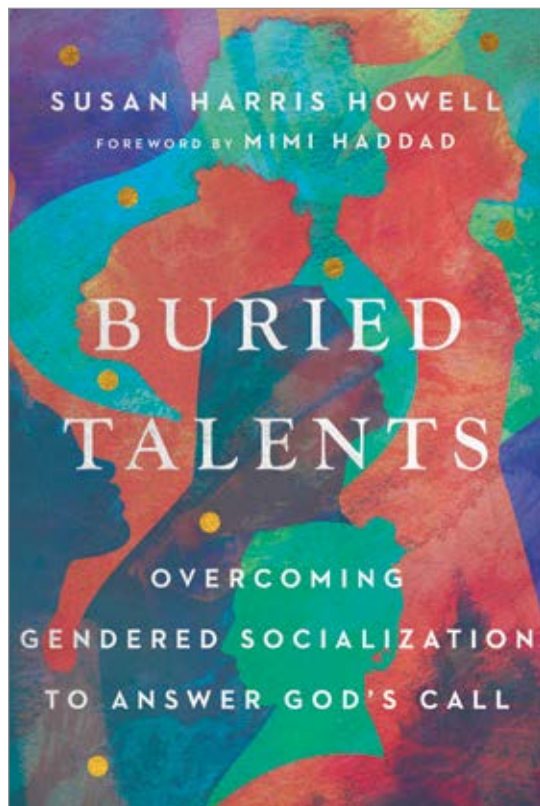
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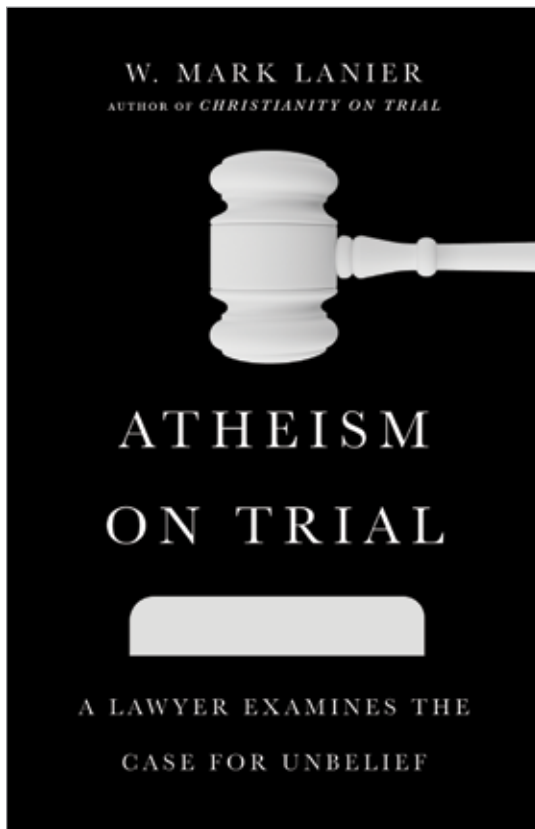
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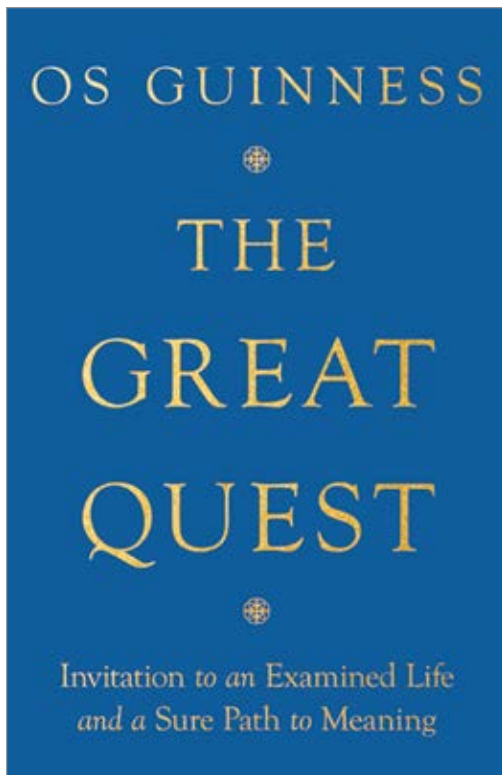
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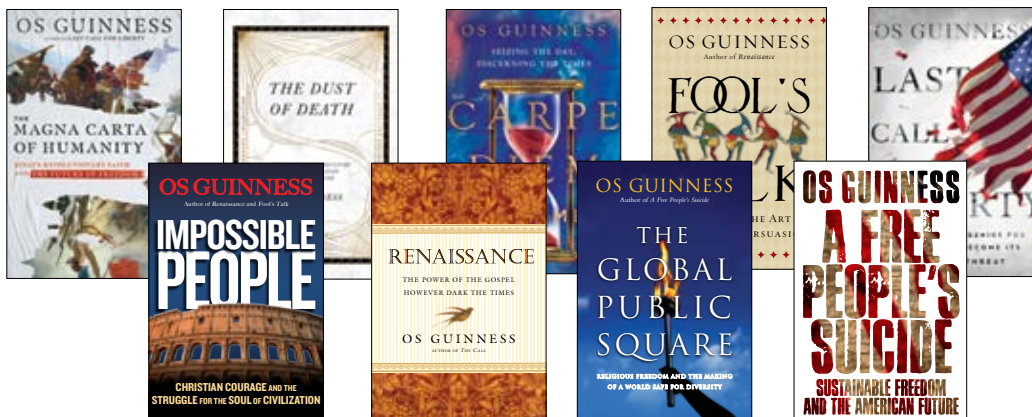


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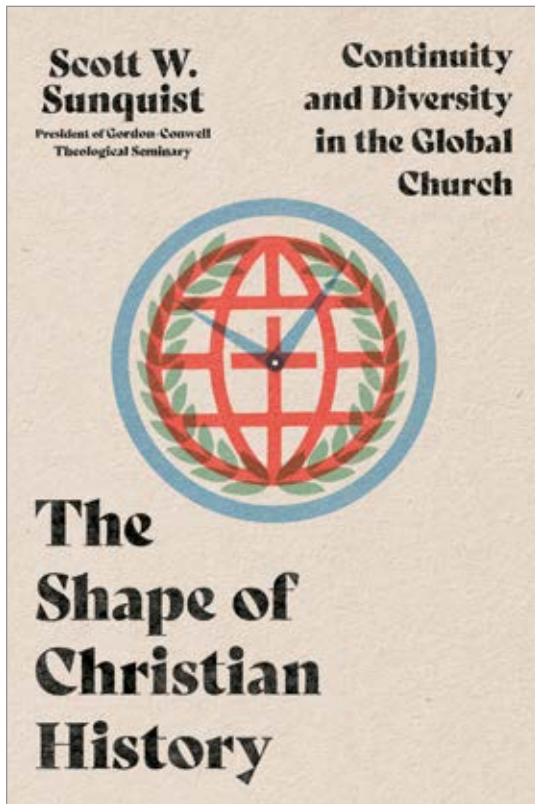
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