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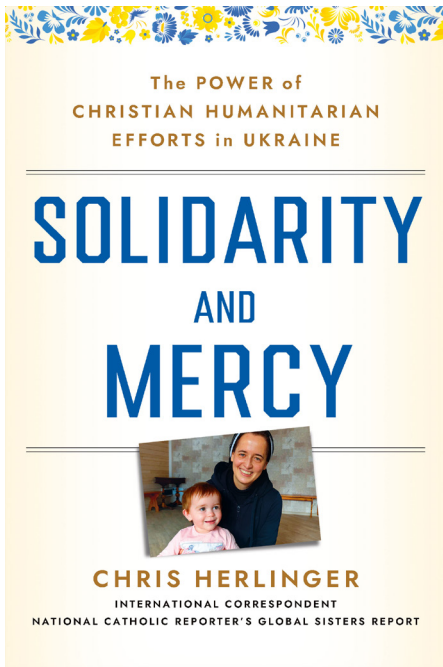
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Solidarity and Mercy

The Power of Christian Humanitarian Efforts in Ukraine

Chris Herlinger

From an international correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter comes a powerful investigative work into the poignant acts of humanitarianism during the Ukrainian war.

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Chris Herlinger is an international correspondent for Global Sisters Report, a project of National Catholic Reporter, for which he covers the impactful humanitarian work of Catholic nuns across the globe. A freelance journalist, he has written on humanitarian and international issues for the *Christian Century*, the Huffington Post, *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, and Religion News Service. Chris's work for humanitarian groups has also included stints for Church World Service and Episcopal Relief & Development.

In this touching, eye-opening book, journalist Chris Herlinger spotlights the Catholic sisters, clergy, and humanitarian workers who came together to assist those affected by the war in Ukraine. Drawing from his remarkable field reports and comprehensive research into the history of the crisis, Chris recounts how groups and people of different backgrounds joined forces to help Ukrainian survivors and refugees get to safety and survive the war.

Complemented by evocative color photos taken by the author himself, *Solidarity and Mercy: The Power of Christian Humanitarian Efforts in Ukraine* explores the limitless bounds of compassion, the indomitable power of faith, and the central role coming together plays in alleviating human suffering. As readers will come to discover, standing in solidarity with the oppressed and forsaken is foundational to the faith and key to changing the world.

Praise for Chris Herlinger's Previous Books:

"Required reading for all caring people who wish to understand this intractable problem and who want to give an informed moral response."

—Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate,
on *Where Mercy Fails: Darfur's Struggle to Survive*

"The best single account of that recent tragic history known...."

—Donald W. Shriver, Union Theological Seminary, New York,
President Emeritus & Grawmeyer Religion Award Winner,
on *Where Mercy Fails: Darfur's Struggle to Survive*



Rage Prayers

Elizabeth Riley

Medicine for life's furies—from political outrage to spilt milk—from the TikTok priest.

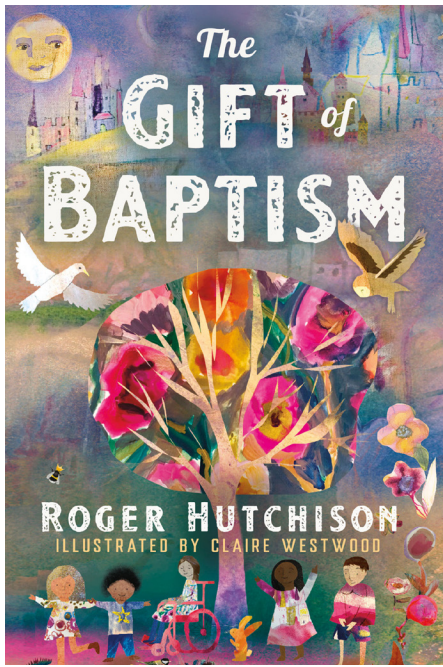
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Rev. Elizabeth Riley is the rector at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Mercer Island, fostering a diverse community both in-person and through her vibrant TikTok presence, where she connects with nearly 60,000 followers from various backgrounds. An alumna of Saint Mary's College of California, she has a Master of Divinity from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley. She has been a steadfast board member for organizations like Young Clergy Women International and Stanford's Episcopal Campus Ministry, focusing on fundraising and development initiatives. In 2022, her sermonizing acumen earned her the diocesan preaching award.

Readers can and should engage in no-holds-barred conversation with the divine. Forget about whispering into the ether or quiet contemplation —“Rage Praying” is about turning your pent-up frustrations, daily annoyances, and righteous anger into a raw and transformative dialogue with a higher power who's ready to listen.

Fed up with injustice, environmental neglect, or just the jerk who stole your parking spot? Elizabeth Riley's got it all covered, with a prayer for every peeve and a mantra for every meltdown. Dive into this daring collection and discover the liberating power of a spiritual practice that doesn't just understand inner turmoil but welcomes it with open arms. That means saying goodbye to the guilt of having not-so-holy thoughts and embracing a spiritual journey that's as real and messy as life itself.



The Gift of Baptism

Roger Hutchison

An ideal gift: a beautifully illustrated poetic rendering of the promise made at baptism.

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Roger Hutchison is a bestselling author and illustrator of nine books. He is a recipient of the Governor's Order of the Silver Crescent Award and an award-winning photographer. Roger serves as the Director of Children's and Youth Ministries at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas.

Millions of people are baptized every year, most as babies, in an important and joyous family ritual. Once children reach reading age, an understanding of the meaning of their baptism is an essential part of their formation and opens up their lives to the power of Christian community. With 22 colorful illustrations and a vibrant concise lyrical narrative, *The Gift of Baptism* is the perfect learning tool for children embarking on their journey of faith. Its poignant style teaches readers about the Baptismal Covenant and nurtures understanding of concepts like the Holy Trinity, Jesus' teachings, and living with love at the forefront of your mind and in your actions.

A keepsake for the newly baptized, and equally valuable for any child embarking on their faith journey, this book is perfect for individuals and enriching Sunday school and youth group discussions. Parents, grandparents, godparents, educators, and spiritual mentors will find it a cherished resource for helping children understand and embrace their baptismal calling. The heartwarming illustrations and wholesome narrative make it accessible and inviting for all.

Praise for Roger Hutchison's Previous Books:

"Hutchison's calm, self-effacing tone [is] extremely refreshing. A compassionate, helpful, faith-oriented series of meditations on finding peace in a tumultuous world."

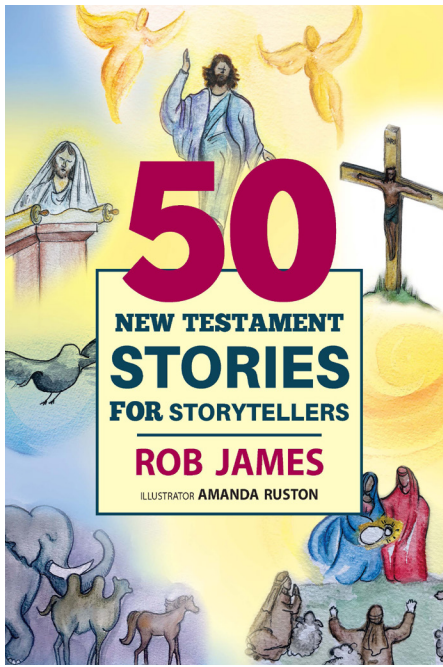
—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Exceptionally well written, exceptionally well organized and thoroughly 'reader friendly', *The Art of Calm* will be of special value for readers with an interest in a Christian approach to therapy and relaxation."

—*Midwest Book Review*

"*The Art of Calm* is about developing a practice, exploring strategies and finding sources of solace. It's equal parts workbook, self-help guide, memoir, and prayer book."

—*Houston Chronicle*



Fifty New Testament Stories for Storytellers

Rob James

Illustrated by **Amanda Ruston**

A richly illustrated collection of stories from the New Testament meant to be delivered verbally.

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Rob James has been a parish priest and the Chancellor of Wells Cathedral, Somerset. Having worked for the Church of England, he then moved to Canada where he is an Associate Professor at the Vancouver School of Theology. Among other things, he has research interests in the New Testament, in particular Luke's Gospel. His ministry has always included large amounts of children's ministry and biblical storytelling.

Amanda Ruston is an Anglican priest and vowed Benedictine. In addition to over twenty years of experience in graphic design and illustration, she has an MDiv and is pursuing doctoral work in the field of liturgy and language.

In this new children's bible, Anglican priest and biblical scholar Rob James offers adaptations of fifty stories of Jesus' life and ministry, as well as the experience of the early church, designed for oral storytelling. From the Annunciation to Resurrection appearances to Paul's travels, *Fifty New Testament Stories for Storytelling* introduces children to the key events of the New Testament, whether at home, in church, or in school. Each story is richly and diversely illustrated by Anglican priest and artist Amanda Ruston, offering visual inspiration to children and storytellers alike.

Designed for new and experienced storytellers, each two-page narrative is built for dramatic retelling. Ideas for telling the story at the end of each narrative offer strategies to bring the text alive. *Fifty New Testament Stories for Storytelling* offers a fun and engaging way to introduce children to the basics of Christianity and the key events of the New Testament.

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CRAIG DETWEILER
A VARIETY MENTOR OF THE YEAR

Honest Creativity

*The Foundations of Boundless,
Good, and Inspired Innovation*

Craig Detweiler

From an acclaimed filmmaker, educator, cultural commentator, and Variety Mentor of the Year: “A convincing case for prizing experimentation over productivity” (*Publishers Weekly*).

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Craig Detweiler is a winner of the Variety Mentor of the Year award. He currently serves as the President & CEO of Wedgwood Circle, a philanthropical investment collective funding creative projects of meaning. He is also Dean of the College of Arts & Media at Grand Canyon University. Detweiler’s commentary has appeared on *Nightline*, *CNN*, *Fox News*, *Al Jazeera*, *NPR*, *The New York Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. His award-winning documentaries include *Remand* (narrated by Angela Bassett), *Purple State of Mind*, and *unCommon Sounds*. Detweiler has both a Master of Divinity and a PhD in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Craig Detweiler has taught thousands how to launch creative work projects with intention, awareness, and confidence. As a result, his students have founded festivals, started companies and schools, written acclaimed graphic novels, developed scripts for LeBron James’ production company, composed soundtracks for Netflix, and directed for Marvel. Now he shares how business leaders, entrepreneurs, and change-makers can foster genuine personal expression and share their most meaningful work. This purpose-driven book shatters assumptions about what it takes to create honestly as a way of honoring the gift of life. At a time when AI can generate text and images in seconds, Detweiler shows readers how to excel at “honest creativity”: an act that is, fundamentally, both uniquely human and magnificently divine.

“[Detweiler] remind[s] readers to ‘set aside our script or agenda long enough to see and hear the bounty before us.’”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“A faith-filled master teacher on the elusive subject of creativity, especially in the backdrop of what is called an ‘A.I.’ revolution, Craig Detweiler guides us beyond what machines can create, to produce enduring and human works.”

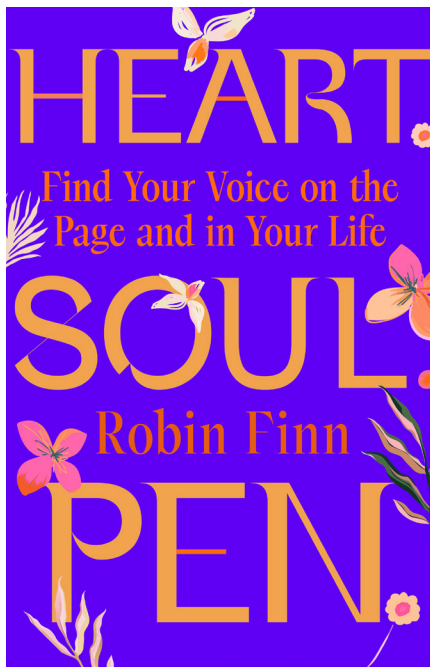
—Makoto Fujimura, artist and author of *Art+Faith: A Theology of Making*

“In bearing his own artistic soul, Craig Detweiler maps out the artist’s journey of facing obstacles, self-doubt, and fear. He gives creatives the tools and courage to spread their wings and fly in their authentic calling, to release their gifts so that others can soar, too.”

—Christine Swanson, award-winning director of “Chicago P.D.,” “FBI,” and “All American”

“Detweiler gives us the moral compass and contours to navigate the world of AI and machine learning. How we embrace or create with machines and what true and beautiful stories will we tell, are the burning issues.”

—Ralph Winter, Head of Creative at Sphere and producer of *X-Men*, *Hocus Pocus*, and *Planet of the Apes*



Heart. Soul. Pen.

Find Your Voice on the Page and In Your Life

Robin Finn

For fans of Anne Lamott: an indispensable book packed with inspiration and guidance to help women discover their voice, perfect for novice and experienced writers.

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Robin Finn, MPH, MA, is an award-winning writer, teacher, and coach, and the founder and creator of Heart. Soul. Pen.,[®] a Los Angeles-based course blending writing and radical self-expression for women, and Hot Writing™, a course for women in midlife and menopause. As a writer, Robin's essay on a humorous moment of midlife parenting, "When Our Daughter Walked In On Us," was one of *The New York Times* Most Read Stories of 2019. Her work has been featured in *The Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *BuzzFeed*, and many more.

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"*Heart. Soul. Pen.* gave me the confidence to believe in myself and my story and write my first book, which changed my life. I would recommend this book to any woman who is searching for her voice."

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—Melissa Gould, bestselling author of *Widowish: A Memoir*

"A book that will inspire your creativity every time you use it!"

—Lisa Dawn Angerame, author of *Wait, That's Vegan?!* and *The Vegan ABCs Cookbook*

"[A] life-affirming book that teaches women the complex process of connecting to their voice in the most approachable and user-friendly way. The results are powerful and life-changing."

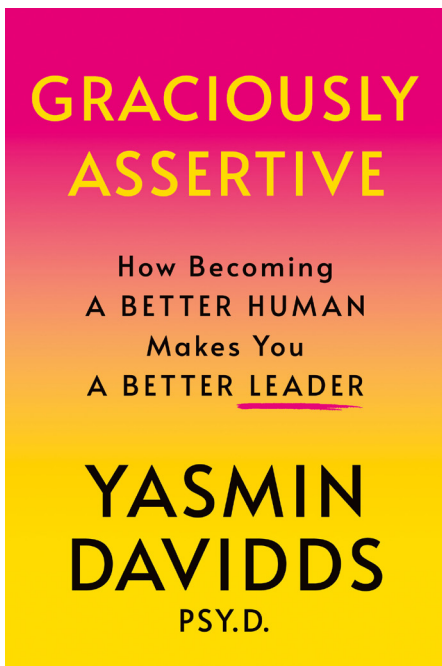
—Patty Stegman, LCSW, Clinical Instructor, NYU School of Medicine, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

"This book is a gift to women.... I encourage all my patients and my female friends to read this book and follow the simple steps to use writing as a path to self-love and empowerment."

—Rebecca Dupont, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology specialist with 28 years of experience

"A book you will return to again and again. I find myself coming back to Robin's wisdom when I feel stuck and need to generate fresh ideas—even when I needed inspiration to write my own wedding vows!"

—Brooke Jaffe, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs & Strategy, Penske Media, Style expert, trend forecaster, on-air commentator



Graciously Assertive

*How Becoming a Better Human
Makes You a Better Leader*

Yasmin Davidds

Foreword by **Susan Rubio**

From one of Hispanic Magazine's most influential Latinas—an empowering guide that teaches women how to become powerful leaders.

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Yasmin Davidds is an entrepreneur, psychologist, and author. Her commitment to the empowerment and development of thousands of women leaders has won her recognition and acclaim from the U.S. Congress, the California State Senate, and the California State Assembly. In addition to graduating from the University of Southern California (USC) with a degree in business entrepreneurship, Dr. Davidds has received a Master's Degree in Women's Studies and a Doctorate in Organizational Psychology. She has been named one of the most influential Latinas by *Hispanic* magazine and in *The Book of Latina Women*.

In this book, Dr. Yasmin Davidds offers the tools and strategies she has used to help thousands of women transform their lives—professionally and personally. Breaking down what she refers to as “Graciously Assertive” Leadership, Dr. Davidds shares the eight pillars that lay the foundation for a life of authenticity, meaningful connections, and positive impact. Among the pillars taught by Dr. Davidds are self-awareness, self-regulation, self-compassion, zero tolerance for judgment, and Graciously Assertive communication.

Inspiring, compelling, and deeply informative, this guide teaches women how to flourish in their careers, and evolve into better human beings and more thoughtful and empathetic leaders.

“Why wait for your successful life to find you? You can and you will find your success in life and on your chosen career path, and *Graciously Assertive* offers the operating instructions to get started today.”

—Susan Rubio, California State Senator

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—Xavier Becerra, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services

“From the curriculum to the expertise and breadth of knowledge that Yasmin and all the facilitators possess, this program is unmatched.”

—Araceli Almazan, MPA, JD

“Thanks to this program, I've become a more authentic leader.... This has taken my company to the next level of success.”

—Karla Sandoval, Founder & CEO, *Entrepreneur Intelligence*

“Dr. Davidds doesn't stop by providing necessary development in traditional leadership competencies, she also teaches participants to understand the impact of our culture on us as leaders.... This book has changed my leadership and allowed me to become the most successful version of myself.”

—Emily Preciado-Fonesca, Account Director, The Walt Disney Company



Getting Better

A Doctor's Story of Resilience, Recovery, and Renewal

Dr. Andrew G. Kadar

A renowned physician explores the transformative journey of being a patient, offering profound insights into the power of the human spirit and what it means to truly heal from a traumatic medical event.

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Dr. Andrew G. Kadar is a physician at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, a Diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology, and a Fellow of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. He graduated from the Yale University School of Medicine and completed residencies at both Stanford and Harvard Universities (Massachusetts General Hospital). He's served on the faculties of the UCLA School of Medicine, Charles Drew University, and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. His writing has been featured in *The Atlantic*, *the Los Angeles Times*, *New York Daily News*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. He's also appeared on Good Morning America and NBC Nightly News.

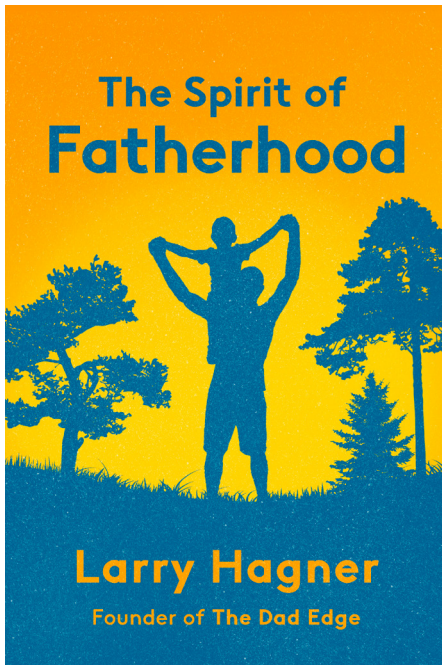
Inspired by the harrowing experience of being a seasoned doctor who unexpectedly becomes a patient, Dr. Andrew Kadar reimagines the conventional medical narrative by inviting readers into an enlightening journey of healing. This trailblazing guide delves into the emotional, spiritual, and psychological facets of getting better. Whether you're a medical professional, a patient, or navigating a loved one's health challenges, this book delivers a uniquely enlightening and empowering perspective on the complexities of healing and the innate strength within us all.

"Getting Better recounts, the waves of emotion experienced by the robust, athletic and wonderfully articulate anesthesiologist Dr. Andrew Kadar. From his denial of symptoms through bypass surgery, complications and complete recovery this book is profoundly educational while telling a compelling uplifting story of triumph over adversity."

—James Forrester, M.D., Cardiologist, Professor UCLA School of Medicine

"Getting Better delivers a compelling, reader-friendly account of the physical and emotional challenges of open-heart surgery and its sequelae — made even more poignant because it comes from the perspective of previously healthy physician who suddenly becomes the patient of his long-time colleagues. This first-hand narrative can help prepare a patient and their loved ones for heart surgery and also help them understand and adjust to the issues and fears they may face along the way."

—Lee Goldman, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Dean Emeritus, Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University



The Spirit of Fatherhood

Larry Hagner

From the host of the hugely popular The Dad Edge podcast—a life-changing guide that shows fathers how to become the best version of themselves.

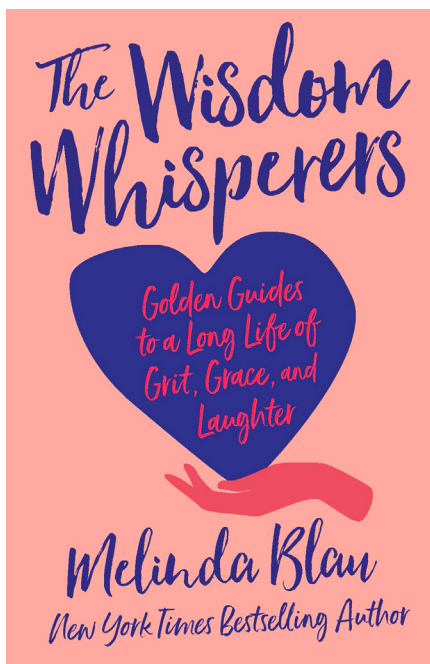
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Larry Hagner is the host of The Dad Edge podcast, the #1 podcast about fatherhood on Apple Podcasts, where he has interviewed over 700 guests, including Matthew McConaughey, Mike Rowe, and Jocko Willink. He is the founder of an organization also called The Dad Edge—which is dedicated to helping men, husbands, and fathers master the necessary skills to navigate fatherhood—and the founder and host of the annual Dad Edge Summit, a 3-day event for fathers. The author of *The Dad Edge*, *Daddy Will Always Love You and Protect You*, and *Screen Time: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly*, Hagner is a popular speaker at churches, entrepreneur conferences, and marriage retreats.

In this groundbreaking book, Larry Hagner takes everything he has learned through his years of biblical study, counseling experience, and in-depth conversations with experts to teach fathers how to build unbreakable bonds with their children, create lasting family memories, and navigate their lives with purpose.

Addressing nearly every aspect of engaged fatherhood, he shares a revelatory framework that helps fathers create a life in which they prioritize their health and happiness while connecting with their children on a much deeper level by leading with resilience and patience. Driven by his desire to be the best father he can, he possesses a deep knowledge of the common challenges fathers face—and the necessary skills to overcome them. Best of all, he offers real-life examples and actionable advice that show men how to become the hero their family deserves. As a result, fathers will deepen their faith, enhance their leadership skills, and create a foundation of faith, love, and Godly values for their children.



The Wisdom Whisperers

Golden Guides to a Long Life of Grit, Grace, and Laughter

Melinda Blau

From *The New York Times* bestselling author comes a poignant, hilarious, and deeply insightful work of narrative non-fiction about intergenerational women's friendships.

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Melinda Blau has spent a lifetime researching and writing about the importance of relationships. Our more intimate bonds are covered in her *New York Times* bestseller, *Secrets of the Baby Whisperer*, its two sequels, and *Family Whispering*, the book that inspired Blau's Huffington Post advice column. Blau has been interviewed numerous times on NPR and has appeared on *Oprah*, *Good Morning America*, CBS News, and dozens of talk shows and podcasts. She has won multiple awards and commendations including those from The American Society of Journalists (Author of the Year), the Jewish Book Council, the American Psychological Association, and more. She hosts episodes of the podcast, *Crow's Feet: Life As We Age*, which is dedicated to changing the conversation about getting older.

In this deeply personal and heartwarming book, an award-winning journalist and *New York Times* bestselling author confronts the stereotypes surrounding life's later chapters, drawing from unexpected friendships with the remarkable women she affectionately dubs "my old ladies." Through intimate storytelling and candid reflections, Blau peels back layers of societal judgment to uncover the hard-earned wisdom and resilience that come with the unfolding of years.

From her relationship with Henrietta, a vibrant nonagenarian, Blau discovers that age is less a number and more the unexpected twists and turns of a life fully lived. Zelda, ever the free spirit, shows that the sparkle of youthful passion can persist well into later years—she's nailing tennis serves even in her 90s. And then there's Anne, a Holocaust survivor who proves that at 98, it's still not too late to pen your life story. Yet, Blau's book isn't simply a compilation of friendship tales. It's a wake-up call that encourages us to build meaningful connections across different phases of life. These bonds are mutually enriching, offering us valuable insights and a depth of understanding that is impossible to obtain from our contemporaries.



Joan of Art

Lesa Engelthaler

Illustrated by Brooke O'Neill

An inspiring story of the joys of self-expression about a girl who harnesses the power of friendship and the bravery of her namesake, Joan of Arc, to embrace her own creativity.

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Lesa Engelthaler is a speaker and author who has written for publications such as *The Dallas Morning News* and *Christianity Today*. For over 10 years she has collaborated with House of Hope to help women and girls in difficult situations overcome adversity. Lesa is Senior Associate for Victory Search Group, where she assists nonprofits recruit transformation leaders.

Brooke O'Neill is a graphic designer and illustrator who has provided art for several books for children, including *Texas Baby*, and the Carl Can series. A member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, she received a BA in Graphic Design from Illinois State University in 2008.

In this empowering tale of friendship and self-affirmation, nine-year-old Joan dreams of being an artist but struggles to find the courage to share her dreams with others. Lovingly rendered with lush illustrations and tender prose, readers young and old will be rooting for Joan to find her way. "Exactly the kind of story that kids need," writes bestselling author Brian McLaren. "This could be one of those precious few books that parents read to their kids for generations to come."

"A message of courage for young dreamers. Kids will love the adorable illustrations that capture all the awkward spunk of a wannabe artist named after a real-life warrior."

—Lori Z. Scott, author of *The Meghan Rose* series

"A whimsically illustrated story of a little girl who, deep down, knows what she was 'born to do'.... What a delightful book!"

—Jennifer Grant, author of *A Little Blue Bottle* and *Maybe God Is Like That Too*

"Such a powerful, profound story of empowering children to believe in themselves, encouraging them to look deep into their hearts and find meaning and purpose.... Children need books that inspire, empower, and encourage their imagination. *Joan of Art* does just that."

—Shirin Shamsi, author of *Zahra's Blessing* and *The Moon from Dehradun*

"I enthusiastically endorse *Joan of Art* as an addition to any child's library."

—Roger Hutchison, bestselling author of *The Very Best Day*, *Sparrow's Prayer*, and *The Art of Calm: Spiritual Exercises for the Anxious Soul*



Worth It and Wonderful

*Inspiration for Christian Women
to Live Bravely and Boldly*

Caitlyn Scaggs

A leadership-lifestyle blogger and inspirational TV personality issues a clarion call for Christian women who often feel pressured to choose between career and family.

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Caitlyn Scaggs is a featured writer for Inspiration Ministries, a Christian platform with 2.5 million Facebook followers. Scaggs maintains a popular leadership-lifestyle blog that she uses to provide encouragement and thought-provoking articles to her followers and regularly appears on a local TV segment, “Morning Motivations,” where she discusses a range of topics. An entrepreneur, marketer, and dynamic communicator, she is currently the Executive Manager of New Hope Girls, a non-profit based in the Dominican Republic that fights human trafficking, exploitation, and cycles of abuse.

Caitlyn Scaggs draws from her eclectic background and Christian principles to offer practical insight and encouragement to women of all faiths and backgrounds who are striving to lead a fulfilling and complete life. With inspirational stories from her life and career alongside those of others she’s met along the way, Scaggs provides insight on how to thrive in both career and family life. Each chapter includes practical takeaways and actionable steps that invite readers to apply the insight shared to their own lives.

“In this confident debut, Scaggs empowers women to love themselves through God. Believers will find inspiration in this appealing entry.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“Scaggs reminds us that our struggle, pain, and mess live in the same place as our joy, victory, and abundance.... Her unique ability to feel deep and big and use that to inspire others is her superpower.”

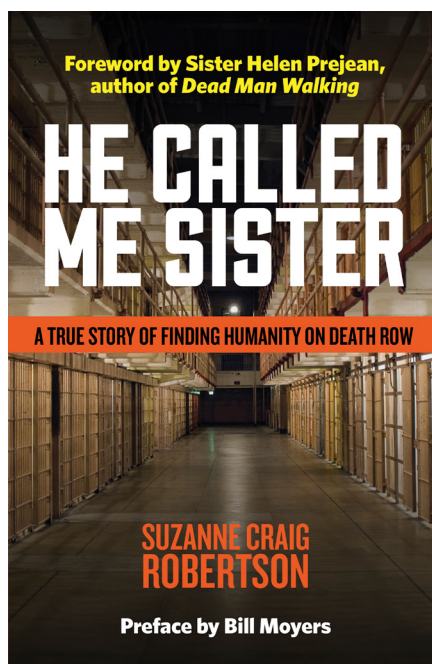
—Joy Reyes, founder and executive manager of New Hope Girls

“Caitlyn shares her amazing story, not to hear the bang of her own drum but to help you hear the beat of your own!”

—Becca Stevens, president and founder of Thistle Farms, author of *Practically Divine*

“This book will bless you!... *Worth It and Wonderful* is Caitlyn Scaggs’s way of saying ‘Enough is enough! It’s time to live boldly for Jesus and take back what the enemy has stolen!’”

—Melissa Gaona, anchor and multimedia journalist



He Called Me Sister

A True Story of Finding Humanity on Death Row

Suzanne Craig Robertson

Foreword by **Sister Helen Prejean**

The fascinating, moving story of a friendship with an inmate on death row.

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Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, is a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph and author of the bestselling book *Dead Man Walking*.

This book recounts a fifteen-year friendship and how trust and compassion were forged between a white middle-class woman and a Black man on Death Row who grew up devoid of advantage. Despite the difficult circumstances, Cecil ended up ministering more to Suzanne's family than they did to him. This story details how Cecil maintained inexplicable joy and hope despite the tragic events of his life and how Suzanne, her husband, Alan, and their two daughters opened their hearts to a man convicted of murder. Cecil Johnson was executed on Dec. 2, 2009.

"While disquieting and troubling, the story is gracefully intimate ... tender and moving. She subtly honors the emotions inevitable in a story of innocence and guilt; of our collectively taking a life; of race and politics, right and wrong, and of wrestling with questions haunted by biblical memories that we confront every day."

—Bill Moyers

"Pregnant with a sense of tragedy and wrestling with what could have been ... [A] touching memoir about how faith and love reached beyond prison bars."

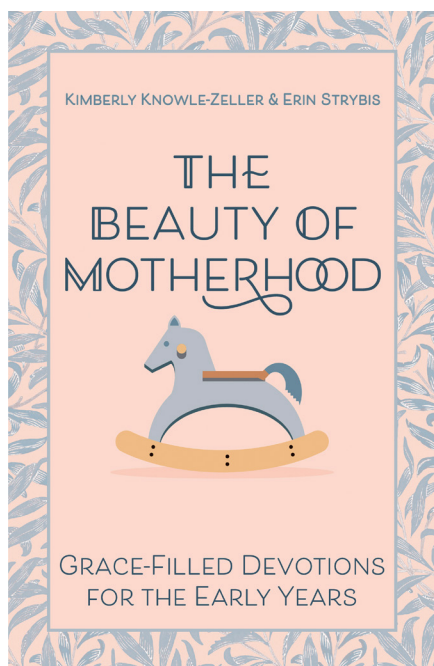
—Foreword Reviews

"A story of becoming family with someone whose life experiences could not be more different... A must read for all those who are pro-death penalty, all those who are anti-death penalty and, truly, everyone in between."

—Joy Jordan-Lake, bestselling author of *A Tangled Mercy*
and *Why Jesus Makes Me Nervous*

"A captivating story of the power of showing up for one another, of choosing to be in community even in the face of ultimate unknowns."

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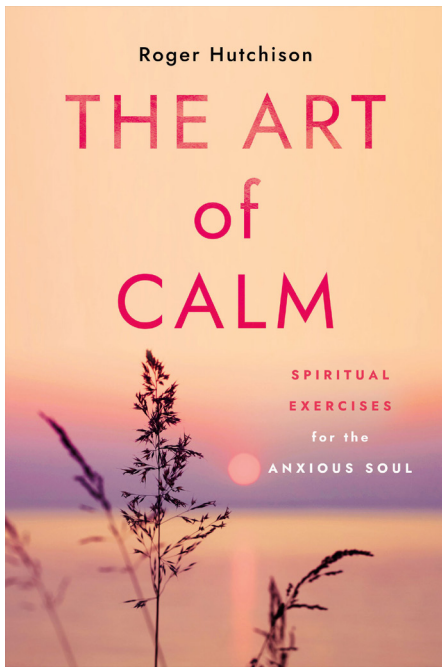
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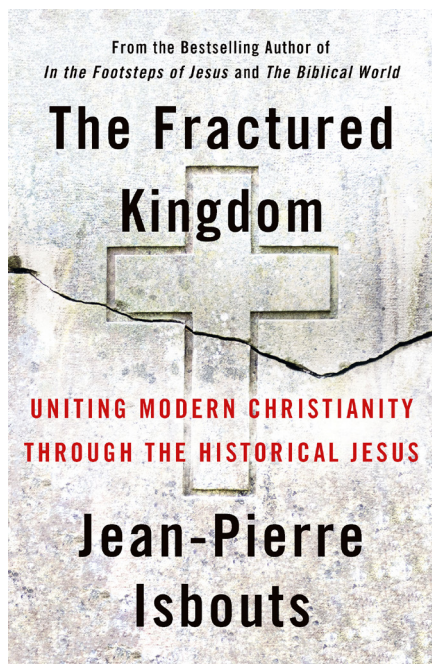
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Prof. Jean-Pierre Isbouts is one of the leading biblical historians writing today. A bestselling author, he has written numerous *National Geographic* books on biblical history, with an approach that examines Judeo-Christian traditions through a strictly non-denominational lens. A Professor Emeritus in Human Development at Fielding Graduate University, Dr. Isbouts is a frequent Smithsonian lecturer and also serves as the managing editor of Fielding University Press, which he founded in 2013.

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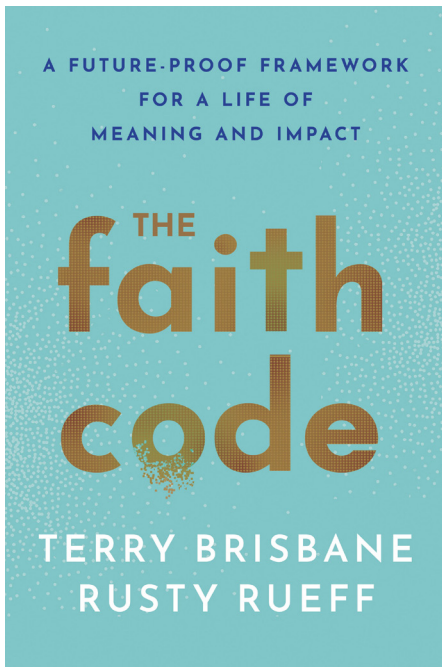
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Terry Brisbane has been the lead pastor of CornerstoneSF for the past three decades, helping grow the church into a multi-generational congregation with over 1,000 attendees.

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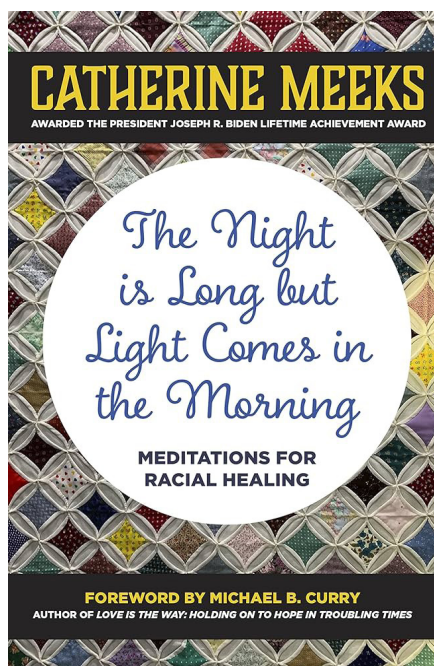
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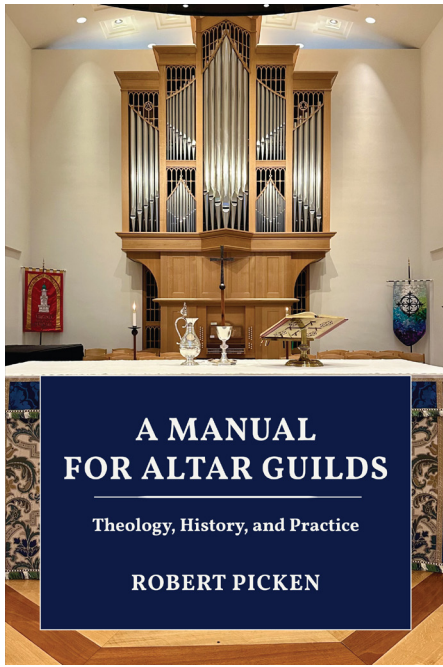
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Theology, History, and Practice

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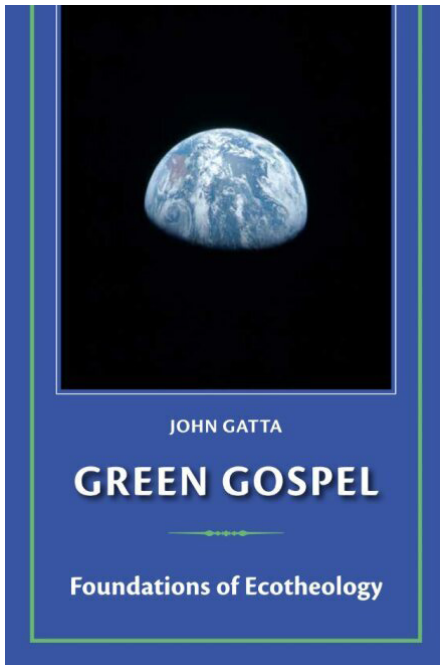
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The world is changing rapidly. Between climate change, an unequal economic system, and widespread human migration, our societies are under stress and strain like never before. And just at the moment when the world needs to hear good news, many people perceive the Christian church as too old, tired, or out-of-touch to respond.

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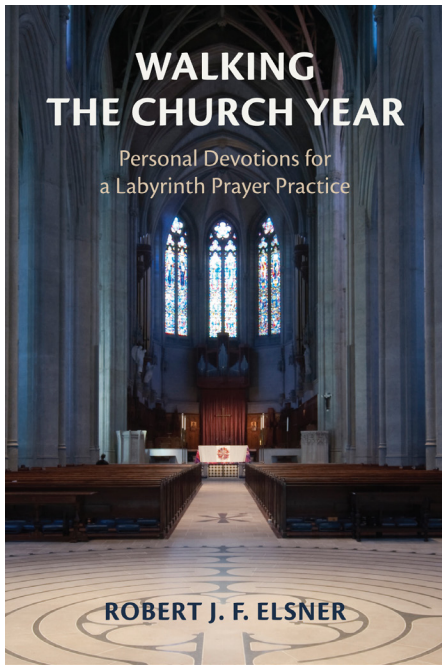
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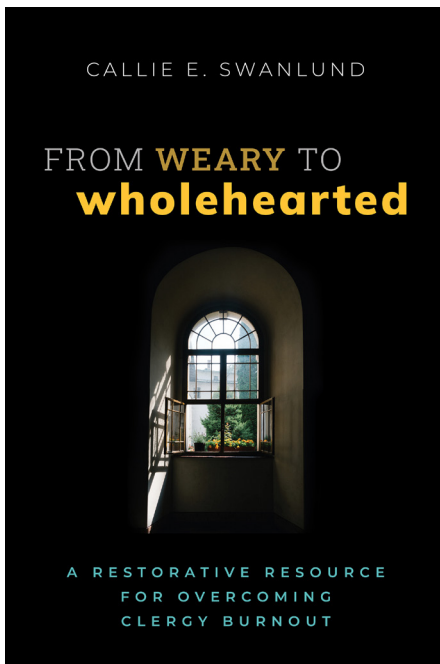
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For centuries, labyrinths have served as an essential meditation aid for Christians seeking to deepen their personal relationships with God, the serpentine paths mirroring the journey each traveler undertakes. Nevertheless, many Christians have yet to integrate labyrinths into their regular spiritual practice. Fortunately, author Robert Elsner has unraveled the mysteries of the labyrinth, laying out a clear roadmap to a regular meditative practice, whether you walk the blue marble of Chartres or the grass of your own backyard.

Following the liturgical calendar, *Walking the Church Year* provides personal devotions for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time, as well as Holy Days and walks for special occasions. Each entry offers scripture to contemplate before entry, a prayer or mantra for use within the labyrinth, a prayer for processing from the labyrinth, a reflection on the occasion, and questions to inspire further thought. Helpful suggestions for alternate labyrinth forms ensure that these meditations can be practiced by faithful people of all physical abilities.

“These spiritual walks water the reader’s souls with optimism and hope. Each devotion builds a spiritual house founded on biblical and historical material and surrounded by prayer and practical wisdom. With patient encouragement, Robert Elsner effortlessly unfurls the beautiful and spiritually enriching practice of labyrinth walking.”

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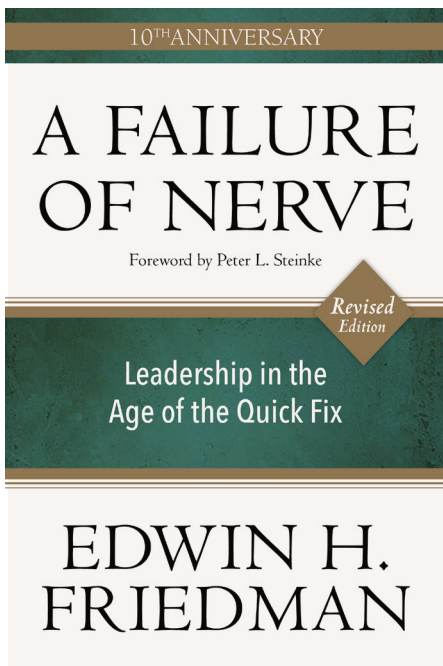
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Clergy and lay ministry professionals are exhausted. The past few years of collegial loneliness, ever-changing ministry practices, illness and death, and declining church attendance have led many to report finding less joy in their ministry. Suffering the effects of burnout and declining mental health, some clergy are contemplating a radical vocational change, or have already left traditional ministry altogether. *From Weary to Wholehearted* isn't a quick fix, but a much-needed companion to remind faith leaders they are not alone, support them through sustainable tools for finding joy and rest, and re-ground them in spiritual nourishment.

Swanlund calls readers to show up wholeheartedly, vulnerably, and courageously. Each section will address a source of weariness, including overwhelm, loneliness, comparison, lack of inspiration, and more. The book incorporates research in the fields of sociology and psychology, as well as Swanlund's experience as a faith leader, spiritual companion, and Certified Daring Way facilitator. The chapters will contain scripture, personal meditation, reflection prompts, an invitation toward flourishing, and an original prayer. Drawing upon the rhythm of the liturgical calendar, *From Weary to Wholehearted* begins with the spiritual themes of justice and anticipation in Advent and moves through the sustainable practices invited by Ordinary Time. While not expressly a homiletic or liturgical resource, it will infuse new life into the ministry of emotionally impoverished preachers and lay leaders.



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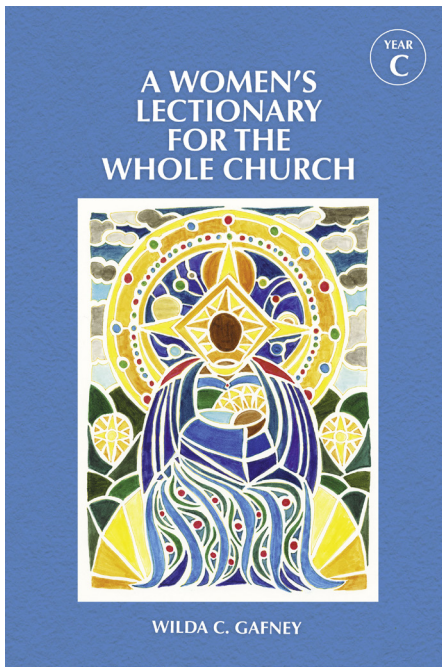
—C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Texas

“Friedman invites leaders to cast a courageous and imaginative vision, to lead resiliently, and to be present and steady in times of deep anxiety; qualities of leadership more urgently needed now than at any time in my memory.”

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“As Friedman’s mentor, Murray Bowen, succinctly reminded us, ‘If you lower anxiety one notch, it’s a better world. We all owe thanks to Edwin Friedman for helping us in this process.’”

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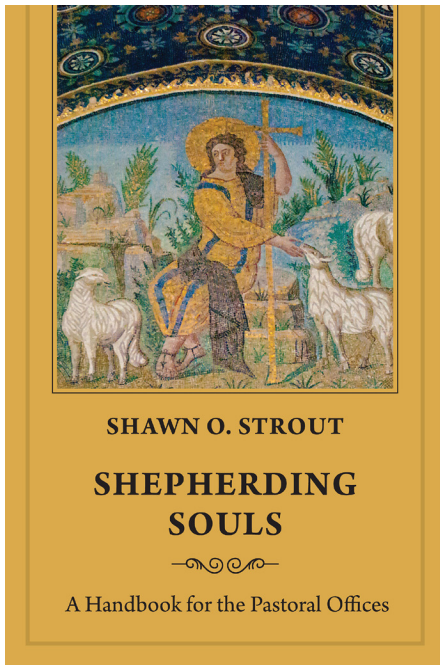
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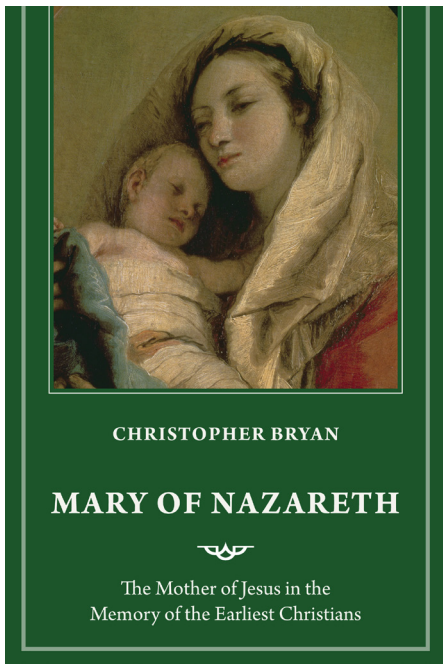
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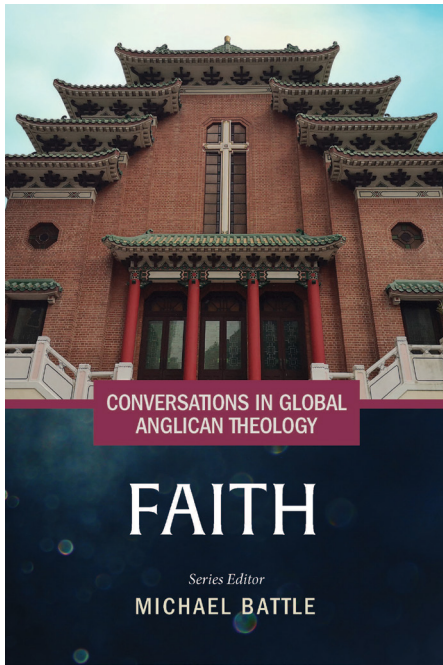
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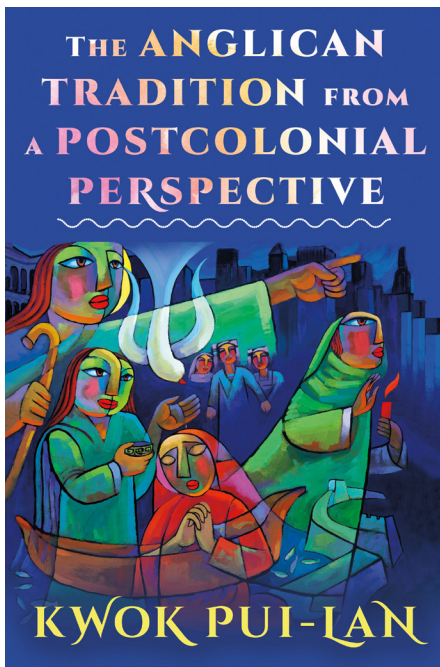
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