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### SPEAKING OF JESUS

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#### THE ART OF NOT-EVANGELISM

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**David C Cook** *Some of us fear moments when we need to defend our theology. Some of us seek them out. But we are seldom ready the way Jesus seemed to be ready. So how do we draw others to God in the midst of these ordinary conversations the way Jesus did? In Speaking of Jesus, Carl Medearis draws on his experience of international reconciliation between Muslims and Christians to remind us of the heart of the matter: Jesus. Here he gives us tools, stories, and the foundation we need to move beyond "us" and "them" and simply talk about the One who changes it all. As Carl writes, "While others are explaining and defending various isms and ologies we're simply pointing people to our friend. The one who uncovers and disarms. Who leads people right to himself. The beginning and the end of the story. A good story indeed."*

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#### 42 SECONDS

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#### THE JESUS MODEL FOR EVERYDAY INTERACTIONS

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**NavPress** *The average length of Jesus' conversations as recorded in the Gospels was 42 seconds long. This is good news for all of us. It frees us up to talk about the most important part of our lives in a way that's natural, meaningful, and helpful instead of clumsy, awkward, and irrelevant. Anyone who has spent countless uncomfortable hours walking from house to house with a clipboard or flash cards that talk about four spiritual laws understands. Jesus' conversations were remarkably simple. Contemporary Christian lingo has set up a dichotomy between what we call "discipleship" and "evangelism," but the Bible doesn't do that. Jesus had conversations all the time with those who thought they were close to God, as well as with those who deemed themselves lost and without hope. He invited all of them to come and learn from Him. 42 Seconds is a simple book that uses the ordinary moments of our lives the way Jesus used the same moments in his own. The premise is straightforward: If we can learn from Jesus how to have great conversations, it will change our lives and the lives of those around us. Its four-part structure, including five short chapters per section, is for churches and small groups to engage with the practical ideas together. 42 Seconds includes discussion questions to help groups and individuals implement Jesus' natural rhythm of interaction in their own lives.*

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#### MUSLIMS, CHRISTIANS, AND JESUS

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#### GAINING UNDERSTANDING AND BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

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**Bethany House** *Based on the author's twenty-five years of first-hand experience, this engaging book reveals what Islam really teaches and how today's Muslims live and think. With practical information and personal stories, Carl Medearis shows readers how they can build life-changing bridges between the world's two largest religions--one person at a time, whether in the US or elsewhere.*

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#### MUSLIMS, CHRISTIANS, AND JESUS

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#### UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD OF ISLAM AND OVERCOMING THE FEARS THAT DIVIDE US

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**Bethany House** *An Acclaimed Guide to Understanding Today's Muslim, Completely Updated Carl Medearis provides new insights into the top questions people have about Muslims and Islam. With*

practical information and fascinating stories, he shares culturally sensitive ways for Christians to get to know Muslims on a personal level. In this updated and expanded edition, Medearis shares · How more and more Muslims live "right next door," and how we can overcome the growing level of misinformation and fear · The roots of modern-day jihad and how recent developments in the Middle East affect the West · A new chapter answering tough questions about terrorism, Christian converts, and other key topics Medearis shows how common ground is the best foundation for hearts turning to Jesus rather than focusing initially on the differences between Islam and Christianity.

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## **GOD BEHAVING BADLY**

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### **IS THE GOD OF THE OLD TESTAMENT ANGRY, SEXIST AND RACIST?**

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**InterVarsity Press** God has a bad reputation. Many think of God as wrathful and angry, smiting people right and left for no apparent reason. In this book David Lamb unpacks the complexity of the Old Testament to explore the true character of God. He sheds light on problematic passages and gives coherence to our understanding of God in both the Old and New Testaments.

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## **INTRODUCING CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

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### **A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE**

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**Baker Academic** What is the role of culture in human experience? This concise yet solid introduction to cultural anthropology helps readers explore and understand this crucial issue from a Christian perspective. Now revised and updated throughout, this new edition of a successful textbook covers standard cultural anthropology topics with special attention given to cultural relativism, evolution, and missions. It also includes a new chapter on medical anthropology. Plentiful figures, photos, and sidebars are sprinkled throughout the text, and updated ancillary support materials and teaching aids are available through Baker Academic's Textbook eSources.

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## **THE ART OF NEIGHBORING**

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### **BUILDING GENUINE RELATIONSHIPS RIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR**

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**Baker Books** Once upon a time, people knew their neighbors. They talked to them, had cook-outs with them, and went to church with them. In our time of unprecedented mobility and increasing isolationism, it's hard to make lasting connections with those who live right outside our front door. We have hundreds of "friends" through online social networking, but we often don't even know the full name of the person who lives right next door. This unique and inspiring book asks the question: What is the most loving thing I can do for the people who live on my street or in my apartment building? Through compelling true stories of lives impacted, the authors show readers how to create genuine friendships with the people who live in closest proximity to them. Discussion questions at the end of each chapter make this book perfect for small groups or individual study.

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## **THE POWER OF A WHISPER**

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### **HEARING GOD, HAVING THE GUTS TO RESPOND**

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**Zondervan** The author of *Holy Discontent* shares the importance in recognizing God whispers and challenges readers to be attentive in this process and to walk in obedience, knowing without a doubt that God's whispers are always worth listening to.

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## **MONEY, POSSESSIONS, AND ETERNITY**

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**Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.** Who wants to settle for fleeting treasures on earth . . . when God offers everlasting treasures in heaven? Its time to rethink our perspectives on money and possessions. In this thoroughly researched classic, Randy Alcorn shows us how to view these things accurately as Gods provision for our good, the good of others, and his glory. Alcorn presents a biblical and comprehensive view of money and possessions, including the following: Why is money so important to God? Is prosperity theology right or wrong? How can we be liberated from materialism? What should we do about debt? How much does God want us to give? How can we best help the poor and reach the lost? What about gambling? Investing? Insurance? Saving? Retirement? Inheritance? How can we leave our children a true heritage? How can we use money in ways that God rewards? This practical and refreshing theology of money contains topical and Scripture indexes, a study guide, and five helpful appendices.

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## ADVENTURES IN SAYING YES

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### A JOURNEY FROM FEAR TO FAITH

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**Baker Books** *Adventures Await When You Overcome Fear* This is the story of a normal family of five living a very unusual life. The Medearis family has faced Middle Eastern prisons, death threats, being kicked out of a country two times, and war. It hasn't always been easy, but in the midst of it all, the invitation of Jesus to follow and not be afraid has won the day. But this is more than just their story. It's also a guide to help you step out in bold faith. Whether the call of Jesus for you means international intrigue, giving up all you have for the poor, or simply being the suburban neighbor you were always meant to be, it's time to begin your own adventure! To live a life where fear takes a backseat and God takes the wheel. In the end, of course, there are no promises of an easy life or a path free of troubles. But enormous blessings await those who walk in faith. It's time to go where Jesus is calling and do what God is doing. Don't put off the adventure he's been saving just for you. "Reading *Adventures in Saying Yes* is so much fun you don't realize at first how profound it is. . . . In an era when people, races, religions, and countries are being torn apart by fear, this call to move past fear and follow Jesus into caring connections is essential reading."--Lynne Hybels, Advocate for Global Engagement, Willow Creek Community Church "You'll cry. You'll laugh. You'll shake your head in disbelief. But most of all, you'll never be the same after this book. It will inspire and ignite you to go beyond planning and start saying yes to Jesus' nonstop invitations to join him in what he's already up to in the world."--Leonard Sweet, bestselling author, professor (Drew University, George Fox University, Tabor College), and chief contributor to sermons.com "We are all looking for ways to be inspired and challenged in our life with Jesus. Carl's stories don't just entertain you. They call you to live courageously in the face of your fears."--Jay Pathak, Senior Pastor, Mile High Vineyard Church, and coauthor of *The Art of Neighboring* "Carl Medearis gives us a rare look into the utterly vulnerable, harrowing, uplifting, and often witty adventures of one who has dared to say yes in the face of fear for the sake of the good news. What's most amazing about this book is that it all actually happened. . . . Brilliant. Simply brilliant."--Ted Dekker, New York Times bestselling author "The gospel of Jesus is not about security and segregation. . . . *Adventures in Saying Yes* is a compelling call to embody the risky faith and radical hospitality of Jesus!"--Brian Zahnd, Pastor of Word, Life Church (St. Joseph, MO), and author of *A Farewell to Mars* "This book will press you toward a closer walk, a deeper love, and an undaunted life of following Jesus. Carl disarms the reader with his warm and engaging style, yet delivers deep biblical truth about what it means to be a fearless disciple. As a Lebanese immigrant to the States, I can promise you that Carl clearly understands the culture and made me yearn for home. I was deeply moved by what God will do through us when we simply say yes."--Lina Abujamra, MD, pediatric ER doctor and author of *Stripped* "Even if you don't like biographical books by missionaries, you are going to love this one. It's so much more than the story of a family learning how to live gracefully among Muslims. This is a text on overcoming fear, learning how to trust strangers, and allowing God to guide all you do."--Tony Campolo, PhD, Eastern University "Written with real-life integrity and humor, this story explodes with invitations--to risk, to trust, to imagine, to open, to more . . ."--Wm. Paul Young, author of *The Shack*

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## GOD CAN'T SLEEP

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### WAITING FOR DAYLIGHT ON LIFE'S DARK NIGHTS

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**David C Cook** *In this follow-up to his debut, True Religion, Palmer Chinchin helps believers develop a God-centered response to suffering.* --from publisher description.

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## A DEADLY MISUNDERSTANDING

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**Harper Collins** *Former Congressman and Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations Mark D. Siljander takes us on an eye-opening journey of personal, religious, and political discovery. In the 1980s, Siljander was a newly minted Reagan Republican from Michigan who joined Congress in the same generation as Newt Gingrich and Tom DeLay, ready to remake the world. A staunch member of the Religious Right, he once walked out of the National Prayer Breakfast when a speaker quoted from the Qur'an. But after losing reelection, Siljander dove into the Bible to look for the passage in which the Bible says it is our job as Christians to convert others in order to save them from eternal damnation. He couldn't find it; in fact, he couldn't even find a passage saying that Jesus set out to form a new religion. This discovery was the first step on a spiritual and political journey that started with an in-depth linguistic study of the Bible and led to the discovery that Christianity and Islam share many base words and concepts. In his role as ambassador to the United Nations Siljander began sharing his insights on the connections between Islam and Christianity, with surprising results. A Deadly Misunderstanding recounts Siljander's amazing discoveries as he travels to some of the most remote and hostile places in the world—deep into Libya, Sudan, Pakistan, and India—forging deep ties with both heads of state and religious leaders. What he has learned could radically shift the contemporary religious landscape and help heal the rift between Islam and the West. No Christian or Muslim will be unaffected after reading this book.*

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## OUT OF MORMONISM

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## A WOMAN'S TRUE STORY

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**Bethany House** *How one woman's soul-searching journey led her to the Mormon church and how her discovery of Jesus, helped her leave despite horrific persecution.*

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## GOOD NEWS FOR A CHANGE

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## HOW TO TALK TO ANYONE ABOUT JESUS

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**NavPress** *Imagine an atheist sending you regular prayer requests. Or your coworker grabbing you by the arm and asking you to stay late at work to talk about God just a bit longer. When Jesus talked about the Good News, people ran to him. We should expect the same response. Good News for a Change is about working together with Jesus to share the gospel in ways unique to each person's situation. You will enjoy evangelism because it is a fun, deeply personal, community and person-oriented way to connect with people. You'll be energized and focused on helping people discover why Jesus is good news for them.*

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## MINISKIRTS, MOTHERS & MUSLIMS

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## A CHRISTIAN WOMAN IN A MUSLIM LAND

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**Monarch Books** *This observant, witty book reveals the conventions that govern Muslim society - and charts the unwitting mistakes Westerners can make when meeting Muslims. 'This book is for Christians venturing among Muslims,' explains Christine Mallouhi. 'It assumes that Christians will want to live honourable among Muslims for Christ's sake, and explores what that means...I am the Western wife of an Arab from a conservative Muslim family. My stories are from the shadow side of Muslim culture, which is invisible to most Westerners.' Her themes include: status, the place of women, the veil, stereotypes, segregation and restrictions, family life, and hospitality and witness.*

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## WAIT AND SEE

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## FINDING PEACE IN GOD'S PAUSES AND PLANS

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**David C Cook** *When waiting on God stretches for months or years, we might begin to doubt His promises. Did I hear You correctly, God? Do You see what I'm going through? Why does this have to be so hard? In Wait and See, Wendy Pope draws on the life of King David to help us focus on the Person of our faith rather than the object of our wait; prepare for the future by participating in God's work in the present; view God's pauses as opportunities to know Him better; gain confidence in God's plans, even during uncertain times; and step out of the security of the known to find peace in the unknown. How can we take every opportunity to focus on God and His beautiful future? This hands-on guidebook will show you how to transform a difficult season of waiting into a sweet season with God.*

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## TEA WITH HEZBOLLAH

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## SITTING AT THE ENEMIES TABLE OUR JOURNEY THROUGH THE MIDDLE EAST

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**Image** *Is it really possible to love one's enemies? That's the question that sparked a fascinating and, at times, terrifying journey into the heart of the Middle East during the summer of 2008. It was a trip that began in Egypt, passed beneath the steel and glass high rises of Saudi Arabia, then wound through the bullet-pocked alleyways of Beirut and dusty streets of Damascus, before ending at the cradle of the world's three major religions: Jerusalem. Tea with Hezbollah combines nail-biting narrative with the texture of rich historical background, as readers join novelist Ted Dekker and his co-author and Middle East expert, Carl Medearis, on a hair-raising journey. They are with them in every rocky cab ride, late-night border crossing, and back-room conversation as they sit down one-on-one with some of the most notorious leaders of the Arab world. These candid discussions with leaders of Hezbollah and Hamas, with muftis, sheikhs, and ayatollahs, with Osama bin Laden's brothers, reveal these men to be real people with emotions, fears, and hopes of their own. Along the way, Dekker and Medearis discover surprising answers and even more surprising questions that they could not have anticipated—questions that lead straight to the heart of Middle Eastern conflict. Through powerful narrative Tea With Hezbollah will draw the West into a completely fresh understanding of those we call our enemies and the teaching that dares us to love them. A must read for all who see the looming threat rising in the Middle East.*

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## ENCOUNTERING THE WORLD OF ISLAM

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**BottomLine Media** *Discover God's Heart for Muslims: Investigate Islam through this positive and hopeful 640-page book. Encountering the World of Islam explores the Muslim world and God's plan for Muslims. Read from a collection of writings about the life of Muhammad, the history of Islamic civilization, Islamic beliefs, Muslims today, and the everyday lives of Muslims from Morocco to Indonesia. Gain insight from 80 different practitioners into diverse Muslim cultures and worldviews as well as Christian outreach toward Muslims, our response to Islam, and prayer for the Muslim world. This book is used as the textbook for the Encountering the World of Islam course. Revised, updated, and expanded for 2014. Fifty-seven new articles, highlights, maps, and tables. Fully indexed and cross-referenced. Over 100 additional pages of free online articles at the companion website. Features: Reading Assignments: Each lesson includes an average of 35 pages of reading, plus additional articles online (available after free registration for access). Highlights: Brief readings focusing on specific topics of interest to the reader are found throughout the book, including: Concepts: Important biblical or cultural concepts the student should know. Outreach: Appropriate ways for reaching out to Muslims. People Groups: Overviews of the major ethnic Muslim affinity blocks, illustrated with descriptions of characteristic people groups from each block. Pray Now: Guides to praying for Muslims within each lesson. Quotes: Quotations from "the experts" illustrating important lesson points. Qur'an: Important verses and concepts from the Qur'an. Stories: Narrative accounts from the lives of Muslims and Muslim-background believers. Women: Specific issues that affect the lives of Muslim women. Ponder This: Introductory questions help set the mental stage for entering each lesson. Explore: Recommendations for deeper exploration of lesson topics. Discussion Questions: Application questions to use in class activities, provide ideas for forum postings, or simply serve as points for individual reflection. Learn More: Additional activities which may be assigned by your professor or completed just for fun, including reading, watching, praying, visiting, eating, listening, meeting, shopping, and browsing the internet. Glossary: Unfamiliar terms or concepts are cross-referenced and included in the 40-page glossary. Pronunciation Guide: Help with pronouncing non-English words found throughout the text. Common Word List: Key words that occur frequently throughout the book. Illustrations: 110 illustrations, maps, and tables. Index: Comprehensive and extensively cross-referenced topical index, as well as separate Bible and Qur'an indices. Bibliography: Complete, scholarly collection of the authors, readings, and highlights that appear in the book. Resources for teaching: Example lectures and PowerPoint presentations for the materials in Encountering the World of Islam are available in the Instructor Resources area of our companion website.*

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## SIMPLE WAYS TO REACH OUT TO MUSLIMS (EBOOK SHORTS)

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**Baker Books** *Carl Medearis, an expert on Islam, shares simple, practical ways Christians can reach out to Muslim neighbors and co-workers. This is a selection from Muslims, Christians, and Jesus.*

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## THE CRESCENT THROUGH THE EYES OF THE CROSS

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## INSIGHTS FROM AN ARAB CHRISTIAN

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**Tyndale House** *Go beyond mere tolerance to a passion for Muslims. This book explains how that can be done in ways that are sensitive to Islamic culture and provides suggestions on how to build vital relationships with Muslims.*

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## SIMPLE LIFE

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## TIME, RELATIONSHIPS, MONEY, GOD

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**B&H Publishing Group** *This text extends the teachings of bestseller "Simple Church," guiding readers to joyfully balance God, time, relationships, and money through clarity, movement, focus, and alignment.*

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## THE OLD TESTAMENT IN SEVEN SENTENCES

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## A SMALL INTRODUCTION TO A VAST TOPIC

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**InterVarsity Press** *It's easy to see the Old Testament as confusing, out of date, or irrelevant. Using seven key sentences drawn straight from the Old Testament, Christopher J. H. Wright fits the pieces together, shows us the coherent whole, and points us toward Jesus. This short survey shows God's faithfulness and love for his people and illuminates how the Old Testament Scriptures prepared for the identity and mission of Jesus.*

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## THE MYSTERY, THE WAY, AND THE JOURNEY

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### WALKING INTO THE DARKNESS OF THE UNKNOWN

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**Wipf and Stock Publishers** *We live in a time of certainty and extremes where questions must be answered and spiritual salvation is centered on a single moment. By drawing on the writings of St. Maximus the Confessor (580–662 CE), this book seeks to introduce the reader to a new, albeit old, way of following Jesus of Nazareth into the darkness of the unknown by embracing the mystery of uncertainty as a way of life in which each person's journey is different. Interwoven together, the concepts of the Mystery, the Way, and the Journey provide a way forward through the uncertainty of the future by following the path set forth by the ancient church while understanding that we are part of something bigger and older than modern American Christianity.*

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### ISRAEL AT WAR

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### INSIDE THE NUCLEAR SHOWDOWN WITH IRAN

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**Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.** *Is the crisis in the Middle East hurtling toward the point of no return? Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, tells the U.N. that Iran could have nukes by spring. Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has called for the end of the United States and Israel. Chaos is erupting throughout the region. Rumors abound of an impending Israeli first strike against Iran's nuclear program. Is war imminent? New York Times best-selling author Joel C. Rosenberg looks at the events developing in the Middle East and asks the tough questions: Could Israel launch a preemptive strike at any moment? How might an Israel-Iran war set the Middle East on fire? What should we be watching for? Israel at War will help you understand what is happening right now behind the scenes in this volatile region—and how this high-stakes showdown could affect the future of the Middle East and the world.*

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### THE CHRIST OF THE INDIAN ROAD

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*Contents: Messenger and the Message; Motive and End of Christian Missions; Growing Moral and Spiritual Supremacy of Jesus; Jesus Comes Through Irregular Channels, Mahatma Gandhi's Part; Through the Regular Channels, Some Evangelistic Series; Great Hindrance; Question Hour; Jesus Through Experience; What or Whom; Christ and the Other Faiths; Concrete Christ; Indian Interpretation of Jesus; Christ of the Indian Road.*

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### THE RULES OF WORK

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**Pearson Education India**

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### 30 DAYS TO TAMING YOUR EMOTIONS

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### DISCOVER THE CALM, CONFIDENT, CARING YOU

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**Harvest House Publishers** *From Deborah Pegues, popular author of 30 Days to Taming Your Tongue (more than 500,000 sold), comes an indispensable guide for overcoming the emotional barriers that rob men and women of life's fullness and derail their personal and professional relationships. Pegues uses biblical and modern-day examples to help readers identify and overcome the obstacles that hold them back. Readers will discover emotion-taming strategies such as establishing boundaries extending grace, mercy, and respect to others conquering perfectionism accepting themselves and learning to laugh at themselves telling the truth and striving to do the right thing 30 Days to Taming Your Emotions provides Scripture-based principles, heart-searching personal challenges, and healing prayers and affirmations that point readers to a new sense of emotional freedom. Compilation of Supreme Confidence, 30 Days to a Great Attitude, and 30 Days to Taming Your Stress.*

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### DREAM BIG, THINK SMALL

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### LIVING AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE ONE DAY AT A TIME

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**Zondervan** *How do you build a life of significance? As pastor and writer Jeff Manion shares in Dream Big, Think Small, truly great lives are built on the foundation of a holy redundancy—a persistence and determination to move faithfully in the right direction. Dream Big, Think Small will provide: The plan for extraordinary living for ordinary life. Big dreams are achievable through steady progress over time. The motivation you need to stick with it for the long haul. The tools necessary for passionate longevity. You can faithfully lead, serve and love others over a lifetime without sacrificing your passion. So*

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many believers want their lives to count, but they are impatient with the slow pace at which goodness grows. Many of us struggle to embrace the faithfulness required to show up day after day after day. In *Dream Big, Think Small* Manion helps to reveal the joy in the small, seemingly inconsequential actions you take every day. Ultimately, you will learn how small persistent steps lead to tremendous and lasting results. Filled with Manion's trademark inspiring stories and insightful biblical teaching, *Dream Big, Think Small* challenges you to explore the spiritual prescription of steady faithfulness. Following the principles of perseverance, intentionality, and discipline outlined in this book, you will see lasting and astonishing results in your spiritual health, within your marriage and family, in the quality of your work, and in a more authentic ability to honor God with your life.

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## THE POOR WILL BE GLAD

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### JOINING THE REVOLUTION TO LIFT THE WORLD OUT OF POVERTY

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**Zondervan** A compelling call to carry God's mercy and compassion to the hurting people of this world This eminently practical book by two leading experts in the field of poverty reduction offers a clear plan to help ordinary Christians translate their compassion into thoughtful action. Authors Peter Greer and Phil Smith draw on their personal experiences to provide proven solutions for effectively reducing poverty. With photographs by Jeremy Cowart included throughout, *The Poor Will Be Glad* examines the pitfalls of traditional approaches and outlines a new model of economic development aimed at breaking the cycle of dependency. Through microfinance and employment-based solutions, people who share God's heart for the poor can reorient their efforts from giving handouts to offering a hand up, helping others provide for their families and regain their dignity. This book provides straightforward guidance for individuals and groups eager to carry God's justice, mercy, and compassion to the hurting people in our world.

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## I AM SECOND

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### REAL STORIES. CHANGING LIVES.

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**Thomas Nelson** Countless stories. One incredible ending. A major league baseball player. a Tennessee pastor. A reality TV star. a single mom. A multi-platinum rocker. What do these people have in common? They've all hit bottom. And none of them stayed there. Famous or unfamiliar, these are the stories of real people who reached the end of their strength, the end of their control, and found the most surprising truths. It taught them not to rely on self or substance but to lean on the only completely reliable source of love, hope, and freedom: the God who created them. Shocking in their honesty, inspiring in their courage, these testimonies are critical reminders that no one is too far from God to find him. Join these and thousands more who have discovered the lifechanging power in putting God first and proclaiming, "I am Second."

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## NARRATIVES IN CONFLICT

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### ATONEMENT IN HEBREWS AND THE QUR'AN

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**Wipf and Stock Publishers** Did Jesus die on the cross for our sins as the Gospels describe? Or, as Muslims often contend, was Jesus rescued to heaven in order to avoid the shameful crucifixion that would be unbecoming of a messenger of God? This debate has raged for generations and has caused no shortage of frustration among those seeking to explain the central teaching of the Christian faith to those influenced by the Qur'an. What this book aims to do is uncover four barriers to understanding the biblical teaching on atonement that likely exist in the minds of our Muslim friends prior to asking about the historical reality of the Christ event. What we will discover is that the Qur'an diverges from the biblical teaching on atonement at the lexical, ritual, narrative, and worldview levels. Each of these points of divergence presents a barrier to communication. Therefore, before arguing with our Muslim friends that Jesus died on the cross, we must provide an answer to the prior question, why would it matter? This book argues that the Letter to the Hebrews provides a particularly helpful biblical starting point for overcoming all four barriers.

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## THE TANGIBLE KINGDOM

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### CREATING INCARNATIONAL COMMUNITY

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**John Wiley & Sons** Written for those who are trying to nurture authentic faith communities and for those who have struggled to retain their faith, *The Tangible Kingdom* offers theological answers and real-life stories that demonstrate how the best ancient church practices can re-emerge in today's culture, through any church of any size. In this remarkable book, Hugh Halter and Matt Smay "two missional leaders and church planters" outline an innovative model for creating thriving grass-roots faith communities.

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## INVITATION TO EVANGELISM

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### SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH COMPASSION AND CONVICTION

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**Kregel Publications** *Essential guidance for a lifestyle of sharing God's good news with a lost world. What exactly does it mean to "evangelize" in a Christian sense? And how is such evangelizing supposed to be done? Longtime pastor, evangelist, and professor of evangelism Timothy K. Beougher answers these questions and more from theological, historical, and practical perspectives. Beougher demonstrates God's goodness in evangelism through relatable anecdotes, Bible teaching, and encouraging instruction. Invitation to Evangelism welcomes believers into the experience of stepping out in faith of behalf of people God loves. Most Christians know that they should be sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with nonbelievers, and most also know they aren't witnessing very well, or even at all. They need help internalizing the content of gospel proclamation and identifying the best way to go about making evangelism a natural part of their lives. Invitation to Evangelism guides readers through the essential issues of the gospel message, evangelism methods, and witnessing models so they are ready and excited to move out in faith as everyday evangelists. Beougher's biblical, theological, historical, and practical teaching revolves around following essential aspects of being an evangelist: Having compassion as the motivation for evangelism Understanding the good news of Jesus Christ Seeing lost people as persons God loves Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit Paving the way for new believers to share their faith eagerly with others*

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### THE EASTER BUNNY ISN'T REAL...AND NEITHER IS JESUS

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**Mental Milk Press** *This book explores the true origins of Jesus and the Easter Bunny, I deconstruct the possible origins of Jesus and examine the crazy laws and commandments found in the Old Testament of the Bible. A great quick read on an atheist's point of view on Easter.*

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### ENGAGING ISLAM

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### THE UNEXPECTED ADVENTURE

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### TAKING EVERYDAY RISKS TO TALK WITH PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS

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**Harper Collins** *Are you missing one of the most exhilarating and rewarding dimensions of the Christian life? Bestselling authors Lee Strobel and Mark Mittelberg use compelling and humorous stories from their own lives in a devotional-style book that paints an irresistible picture of what personal evangelism can be--the fulfilling adventure of a lifetime!*

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### IRRESISTIBLE

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### RECLAIMING THE NEW THAT JESUS UNLEASHED FOR THE WORLD

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**Zondervan** *A fresh look at the earliest Christian movement reveals what made the new faith so compelling...and what we need to change today to make it so again. Once upon a time there was a version of the Christian faith that was practically irresistible. After all, what could be more so than the gospel that Jesus ushered in? Why, then, isn't it the same with Christianity today? Author and pastor Andy Stanley is deeply concerned with the present-day church and its future. He believes that many of the solutions to our issues can be found by investigating our roots. In Irresistible, Andy chronicles what made the early Jesus Movement so compelling, resilient, and irresistible by answering these questions: What did first-century Christians know that we don't--about God's Word, about their lives, about love? What did they do that we're not doing? What makes Christianity so resistible in today's culture? What needs to change in order to repeat the growth our faith had at its beginning? Many people who leave or disparage the faith cite reasons that have less to do with Jesus than with the conduct of his followers. It's time to hit pause and consider the faith modeled by our first-century brothers and sisters who had no official Bible, no status, and little chance of survival. It's time to embrace the version of faith that initiated--against all human odds--a chain of events resulting in the most significant and extensive cultural transformation the world has ever seen. This is a version of Christianity we must remember and re-embrace if we want to be salt and light in an increasingly savorless and dark world.*

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### PRACTICING CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

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### AN INTRODUCTION TO THINKING AND LIVING THEOLOGICALLY

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faithful practitioners of Christianity, we need to engage in the practice of learning doctrine and understanding how it shapes faithful lives. Beth Felker Jones helps students articulate basic Christian doctrines, think theologically so they can act Christianly in a diverse world, and connect Christian thought to their everyday life of faith. This book, written from a solidly evangelical yet ecumenically aware perspective, models a way of doing theology that is generous and charitable. It attends to history and contemporary debates and features voices from the global church. Sidebars made up of illustrative quotations, key Scripture passages, classic hymn texts, and devotional poetry punctuate the chapters.

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