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Openness Unhindered Further Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert on Sexual Identity and Union with Christ Terms like same-sex marriage, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gay Christian are part of daily discourse; yet enormous controversy surrounds them. They are the stuff of news headlines and vitriolic social media posts. But they also reflect stirrings of the heart in real people with real questions and concerns. Rosaria Champagne Butterfield, once a leftist professor in a committed lesbian relationship and now a confessional Christian, but always the thoughtful and compassionate professor, has written a followup to *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert*. This book answers many of the questions people pose when she speaks at universities and churches, questions not only about her unlikely conversion to Christ but about personal struggles that the questioners only dare to ask someone else who has traveled a long and painful journey. Dr. Butterfield not only goes to great lengths to clarify some of today's key controversies, she also traces their history and defines the terms that have become second nature today—even going back to God's original design for marriage and sexuality as found in the Bible. She cuts to the heart of the problems and points the way to the solution, which includes a challenge to the church to be all that God intended it to be, and for each person to find the true freedom that is found in Christ. -- *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert An English Professor's Journey Into Christian Faith* "Rosaria, by the standards of many, was living a very good life. She had a tenured position at a large university in a field for which she cared deeply. She owned two homes with her partner, in which they provided hospitality to students and activists that were looking to make a difference in the world. In the community, Rosaria was involved in volunteer work. At the university, she was a respected advisor of students and her department's curriculum. And then, in her late 30s, Rosaria encountered something that turned her world upside down -- the idea that Christianity, a religion that she had regarded as problematic and sometimes downright damaging, might be right about who God was. That idea seemed to fly in the face of the people and causes that she most loved. What follows is a story of what she describes as a train wreck at the hand of the supernatural. These are her secret thoughts about those events, written as only a reflective English professor could."--Back cover. *The Gospel Comes with a House Key Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in Our Post-Christian World* *Crossway* What did God use to draw a radical, committed unbeliever to himself? Did God take her to an evangelistic rally? Or, since she had her doctorate in literature, did he use something in print? No, God used an invitation to dinner in a modest home, from a humble couple who lived out the gospel daily, simply, and authentically. With this story of her conversion as a backdrop, Rosaria Butterfield invites us into her home to show us how God can use this same "radical, ordinary hospitality" to bring the gospel to our lost friends and neighbors. Such hospitality sees our homes as not our own, but as God's tools for the furtherance of his kingdom as we welcome those who look, think, believe, and act differently from us into our everyday, sometimes messy lives—helping them see what true Christian faith really looks like. *Transformational Discipleship How People Really Grow* *B&H Publishing Group* Compiles stories and wisdom from three church leaders about how to foster an environment where people can grow in their Christian faith. *Eve's Revenge Women and a Spirituality of the Body* *Brazos Press* For every woman who's struggled to link her experience of the female body with her desire for Christian spirituality. *Out of a Far Country A Gay Son's Journey to God. A Broken Mother's Search for Hope.* *WaterBrook* Over 100,000 copies sold! *Coming Out, Then Coming Home* Christopher Yuan, the son of Chinese immigrants, discovered at an early age that he was different. He was attracted to other boys. As he grew into adulthood, his mother, Angela, hoped to control the situation. Instead, she found that her son and her life were spiraling out of control—and her own personal demons were determined to defeat her. Years of heartbreak, confusion, and prayer followed before the Yuans found a place of complete surrender, which is God's desire for all families. Their amazing story, told from the perspectives of both mother and son, offers hope for anyone affected by homosexuality. God calls all who are lost to come home to him. Casting a compelling vision for holy sexuality, *Out of a Far Country* speaks to prodigals, parents of prodigals, and those wanting to minister to the gay community. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him." - Luke 15:20 Includes a discussion guide for personal reflection and group use. *Out of Egypt* *Monarch Books* One woman's journey out of lesbianism *Love Is an Orientation Elevating the Conversation with the Gay Community* *InterVarsity Press* When three of Andrew Marin's friends came out to him in the span of three months, he was confronted head-on with the question of

how to reconcile his friends with his faith. *Love Is an Orientation* is the result of years of wrestling with this issue. In the book, Marin speaks out with compassion and conviction, elevating the conversation between Christianity and the GLBT community so that the focus is moved from genetics to gospel, where it really belongs. **Giving a Voice to the Voiceless A Qualitative Study of Reducing Marginalization of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Same-Sex Attracted Students at Christian Colleges and Universities** *Wipf and Stock Publishers* The problem this project addresses is the sense of marginalization experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual (LGB) and same-sex attracted (SSA) Christian college and university students. Data was collected via an online questionnaire and the study design mixed methods with an emphasis on the qualitative data. The study sample included eighty students/alumni from thirty-two Christian colleges/universities. Generally, respondents felt lonely, hid their sexuality, and reported a negative campus climate. Recommendations from respondents include: institutional policies must be clearer and applied consistently, improve campus climate, and form support groups for LGB and SSA students. **A Change of Affection A Gay Man's Incredible Story of Redemption** *Thomas Nelson* The powerful, dramatic story of how a successful Hollywood set designer whose identity was deeply rooted in his homosexuality came to be suddenly and utterly transformed by the power of the gospel. When Becket Cook moved from Dallas to Los Angeles after college, he discovered a socially progressive, liberal town that embraced not only his creative side but also his homosexuality. He devoted his time to growing his career as a successful set designer and to finding "the one" man who would fill his heart. As a gay man in the entertainment industry, Cook centered his life around celebrity-filled Hollywood parties and traveled to society hot-spots around the world--until a chance encounter with a pastor at an LA coffee shop one morning changed everything. In *A Change of Affection*, Becket Cook shares his testimony as someone who was transformed by the power of the gospel. Cook's dramatic conversion to Christianity and subsequent seminary training inform his views on homosexuality--personally, biblically, theologically, and culturally--and in his new book he educates Christians on how to better understand this complex and controversial issue while revealing how to lovingly engage with those who disagree. *A Change of Affection* is a timely and indispensable resource for anyone who desires to understand more fully one of the most common and difficult stumbling blocks to faithfully following Christ today. **Whose Money Is It Anyway?** *Thomas Nelson* Reading books on money and giving typically makes us feel worse than when we began. "I don't want you to feel worse; I want you to feel better. And the path to feeling better is understanding what the Bible really says about giving and spending. This book will help you do that."-John MacArthur John MacArthur has written this no-nonsense book to affirm Christ's teaching that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." In this practical, easy-to-read book Christians can find out: How to give, where to give, and how much to give Scriptural guidelines for acquiring money and investing it The right and wrong ways to go about giving The connection between generous giving and prosperity Why get-rich-quick schemes like gambling are wrong "When you give as God has commanded, you will find it liberating, rewarding, joyous, and profoundly enriching"-John MacArthur Find out in this book how the blessings that go with giving can be yours. **Holy Sexuality and the Gospel Sex, Desire, and Relationships Shaped by God's Grand Story** *Multnomah* From the author of *Out of a Far Country*, which details his dramatic conversion from an agnostic gay man who put his identity in his sexuality to a Bible professor who now puts his identity in Christ alone, comes a gospel-centered discussion of sex, desire, and relationships. Dr. Christopher Yuan explores the concept of holy sexuality--chastity in singleness or faithfulness in marriage--in a practical and relevant manner, equipping readers with an accessible yet robust theology of sexuality. Whether you want to share Christ with a loved one who identifies as gay or you're wrestling with questions of identity yourself, this book will help you better understand sexuality in light of God's grand story and realize that holy sexuality is actually good news for all. **Don't Mom Alone Growing the Relationships You Need to Be the Mom You Want to Be** *Revell* Being a good mom isn't about doing everything right to create a set of perfect trophy children--though every mom has felt the pressure to do just that and to do it all on her own. To ask for help feels like defeat. Yet when we try to do it all by our own strength, we end up depleted, lonely, and ineffective. Heather MacFadyen wants you to know that you are not meant to go it alone. Sharing her most vulnerable, hard mom moments, she shows how moms can be empowered by God, supported by others, and connected with their children. With encouragement and insight, she helps you foster the key relationships you need to be the mom you want to be. **Whether you work or stay home, whether you have teenagers or babes in arms, you'll find here a compassionate friend who wants the best--not just for your kids but for you. Teach Me To Feel Worshipping Through the Psalms in Every Season of Life** *The Good Book Company* Sums up the victory of the cross in four words and explores what that means for us. Freedom, forgiveness, justice, and purpose. We long for them in our lives and in the world. The cross delivers them! Yet sometimes we are so familiar with the cross that it loses its impact on us. We forget that Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection are the most important events in human history and our lives. The cross is the fulfillment of God's salvation plan, promised from the dawn of time. It is central to the Bible, central to our faith, and central to the meaning and purpose of our lives. This foundational book looks at passages from both the Old and New Testaments to sum up the victory of the cross in four words: freedom, forgiveness, justice, and purpose, and what that means for us personally. Marvel at the cross afresh and be moved to love and serve the Lord Jesus with renewed zeal and joy. This short yet profound book is a very useful discipleship tool. It can be read individually, in pairs, or in small groups. **Same-Sex Attraction and the Church The Surprising Plausibility of the Celibate Life** *InterVarsity Press* The Gospel Coalition Top Books of 2015 in Christian Living Tim Challies' Top Books of 2015 ProdigalThought.net's Top Reads of 2015 Leadership Journal's Best Ministry Books of the Year When Christians have same-sex attraction, how should the church respond? Pastor Ed Shaw experiences same-sex attraction, and yet he is committed to Scripture and the church's traditional position of fidelity in heterosexual marriage and celibacy in singleness. In this honest book, he shares his pain in dealing with these issues, but at the same time shows us that obedience to Jesus is ultimately the only way to experience life to the full. He shows that the Bible's teaching seems unreasonable not because of its difficulties, but because of missteps that the church has often taken in its understanding of the Christian life. We have been shaped by

the world around us and urgently need to re-examine the values that drive our discipleship. Only by doing this in the light of the Bible can we make sense of its call on the lives of those who are attracted to their own sex. **Do Yourself a Favor Love Your Wife [Standard Large Print 16 Pt Edition]** This isn't just a book. This is a manual for men, and an insight into men for women. With over half a million copies sold, marriages all over the world have been saved and renewed with its important message. Filled with good humour and invaluable lessons, this book will transform and refresh your struggling marriage, helping you to find that spark that is so desperately missed. It is a crucial guidebook for men who want to become the husbands that God intended them to be. **Lions for Ajax** *Shepherd Press* If children question their gender, how can parents act with faith and love, rather than react with fear? Through their daily interactions with neighbors who are being bullied, the Trelert boys learn to honor God with their masculinity. Can even the bullies be drawn to the beauty and symmetry of God's design for masculinity and femininity? **Matthew Trelert** experience anguish over his God-given gender. Through reliance on the Holy Spirit, his parents, Joe and Lisa, are able to interact with Matthew without being overwhelmed by fear, instead encouraging him with wisdom and love. They inspire him to be the person he was created to be—an artist with an eye for beauty and attention to detail—and teach him to use these gifts as a man for God's glory. This story shines gospel light on a path that is both time-tested and timely, as Matthew learns that Christ's grace is more than sufficient for those who struggle with their gender. **Love Into Light The Gospel, the Homosexual and the Church** *Ambassador International* **The Gospel and Sexual Orientation A Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America** *Desires in Conflict* *Harvest House Publishers* For more than a decade, "Desires in Conflict" has been the definitive must-read for those who wonder "Can a homosexual change?" This new edition with updated information offers more compelling reasons why the answer is "yes." Dallas provides a fresh insight into the increasingly debated subject of sexual orientation. **The Shorter Catechism with Scripture Proofs** *Ravenio Books* This useful digital edition of the famous Westminster Shorter Catechism is hyperlinked to the the supporting Scripture verses for easy reference. **Think Again Relief from the Burden of Introspection** *New Growth Press* Evaluating yourself—being mindful of who you are and what you are doing—is necessary and can lead to positive change. But what about the dark side of introspection? Do you ever feel weighed down and exhausted by your own self-analysis? Perhaps you made a mistake, said a careless word, or even messed up big time. Your self-examination spirals into a full-blown cross-examination. You keep revisiting what happened. Your mind circles around the event, fruitlessly trying to somehow make the outcome different so you don't feel the embarrassment, shame, and regret. The modern self-esteem movement has left us empty and self-focused. We exhaust our healthy introspection and pervert it into constant self-evaluation, wrong views of ourselves, self-accusation, and false guilt. Introspection was never meant to bear such weight. **Think Again** offers real relief from the burden of introspection that so many of us carry each day. Pastor Jared Mellinger, who tends to overdose on self-analysis himself, shows us how the hope of the gospel can rescue us from the bad fruit of unsound introspection. Mellinger's short, story-filled chapters help readers identify and turn away from unhealthy introspection. There is an outward-focused God who delights to rescue an inward-focused people and lead them into a better way to live. When we truly understand it, we'll see that the gospel actually sets us free from thinking about ourselves too much. We can seek after and pray for the peace and joy—the sanity—that comes from thinking about ourselves less often. **Think Again** includes practical instructions for self-examination, fighting false guilt, breaking free from hyper-introspection, and more. Ultimately, **Think Again** demonstrates that the solution to thinking too much about ourselves is to look to Christ, and it gives readers the tools to begin to turn from the mirror. **And Such Were Some of You!** *Xulon Press* **Homosexuality**, the hot-button issue of the millennium, is boldly and honestly discussed in this new book by Christian author and ex-gay activist Anthony Falzarano. Mr. Falzarano spent 9 years in the gay lifestyle, and discusses in detail how God delivered him out of it. Anthony does not believe that anyone is born gay. While looking for answers in regards to his own struggle, he began to uncover a plethora of lies and deception that the well-funded pro-gay lobbyists organizations had planted in the media. This book blows the roof off the political gay agenda in America, but in a kind but poignant way. Falzarano does not believe that homosexuals have a choice in their initial orientation (because it is inflicted upon the child early in life). However, believes that the homosexual struggler has the power from God to reject this false-identity and choose not to be gay. He emphasizes that patience and compassion be extended to the struggler, but grieves over the politically motivated gay lobbyists that are affirming millions of young people into the lifestyle through its lies. Mr. Falzarano is considered to be an expert on homosexuality and since 1988 has devoted his life's work to the ex-gay movement. Anthony has ministered to over 600 former homosexuals and their families; since founding Parents and Friends Ministries (PFM), which is located in West Palm Beach, FL. The PFM website can be found at parentsandfriends.20m.com. He is used as a subject matter expert by nationally known media such as CBS, CNBC, BBC, NET, Salem Broadcasting, The Washington Post, The Washington Times, Newsweek Magazine, iSpan and USA Radio Network. He has addressed different family protection organizations such as Concerned Women for America, Family Research Council and Focus on the Family. He has appeared on nationally syndicated programs such as Geraldo, The 700 Club, Armstrong Williams, Politically Incorrect, Ricki Lake, The Sally Jesse Raphael Show, and Roseanne. **Knowing Sin Seeing a Neglected Doctrine Through the Eyes of the Puritans** *Moody Publishers* The first rule of combat is: know your enemy. We don't talk a lot about sin these days. But maybe we should. The Puritans sure did—because they understood sin's deceptive power and wanted to root it out of their lives. Shouldn't we want the same? Though many books have been written on the "doctrine of sin," few are as practical and applicable as this one. In **Knowing Sin**, Mark Jones puts his expertise in the Puritans to work by distilling the vast wisdom of our Christian forebears into a single volume that summarizes their thought on this vital subject. The result isn't a theological tome to sit on your shelf and gather dust, but a surprisingly relevant book to keep by your bedside and refer to again and again. You'll come to understand topics like: Sin's Origin Sin's Grief Sin's Thoughts Sin's Temptations Sin's Misery Sin's Secrecy and of course . . . Sin's Defeat! None of us is free from the struggle with sin. The question isn't whether we're sinful, it's what

we're doing about it. Thanks be to God, there is a path to overcoming sin. And the first step on that path to victory is knowing what we're up against. **Start Knowing Sin today! Being the Bad Guys How to Live for Jesus in a World That Says You Shouldn't** *The Good Book Company* How to live confidently for Jesus in today's world. The church used to be recognized as a force for good, but this is changing rapidly. Christians are now often seen as the bad guys, losing both respect and influence. In our post-Christian culture, how do we offer the gospel to those around us who view it as not only wrong but possibly dangerous? And how do we ensure that the secular worldview does not entice us away with its constant barrage, online and elsewhere, of messages about self-determinism? Author Stephen McAlpine offers an analysis of how our culture ended up this way and explains key points of tension between biblical Christianity and secular culture. He encourages Christians not to be ashamed of the gospel as it is more liberating, fulfilling and joyful than anything the world has to offer. He also offers strategies for coping in this world, with its opposing values, and for reaching out to others wisely with the truth. **Repairing the Ruins The Classical and Christian Challenge to Modern Education** *Canon Press & Book Service* As parents, it is easy for us to look back and see the shortcomings of our own education. Since many of us were taught in public schools, we often have a pretty good idea of what we don't want our children to learn. But what exactly should we give them instead? The authors of *Repairing the Ruins*, a group of experienced teachers and school administrators, faced this same question when they first embarked on the journey of education. And they found a tried and true answer in classical Christian education. Here they explain what makes classical Christian education different from modern methods and why it offers a distinctly Christian alternative. Building upon this foundation, the authors provide parents with the "Whys and Hows" of the Trivium, tips on planning curriculum, wisdom in designing education to serve the heart as well as the mind, and advice on starting up schools. For all who have ever wondered where to begin with their children's education, *Repairing the Ruins* comes alongside with words of comfort and direction. **Transforming Homosexuality What the Bible Says about Sexual Orientation and Change** Challenging misconceptions on all sides of the homosexuality debate, Burk and Lambert show how a biblical view of same-sex orientation, temptation, and desire gives hope for profound personal change. **Finding My Father How the Gospel Heals the Pain of Fatherlessness** *The Good Book Company* A personal story of learning to trust our heavenly Father when you feel your earthly father has let you down. Blair Linne's personal story of growing up without a father at home reflects the experiences of millions. She weaves her personal story with thoughtful theological reflection, inviting readers to learn from God what "father" really means and to trust him, even if they feel their earthly father has let them down. This book will help readers to shift their eyes from what they do not have in their earthly fathers (who, whether present or absent, loving or the opposite, can never be perfect) to what they do have in their eternal Father, who will never disappoint, reject or abandon them. Readers will see that the gospel promises not just forgiveness but also a place in God's family, experienced in a local church, where they can enjoy the fullness of his fatherly joy, care, wisdom, provision, protection and security. Also includes a chapter by Blair's husband, the Christian hip-hop artist Shai, on his own story of fatherlessness and faith. **Loves God, Likes Girls A Memoir** *Leafwood Publishers* No other issue has been more divisive in families and in faith communities than homosexuality. Rather than providing "cookie-cutter" answers as to why someone experiences same-sex attraction and how to "make it go away," "Loves God, Likes Girls" simply explores one woman's perspective on the multitude of experiences over a lifetime that impact the development of sexuality. Sally Gary's story offers hope and redemption for families torn apart by this issue. Through stories, Sally shares some of the painful and confusing lies she grew up believing about herself that shaped her views of femininity and her ability to form healthy relationships with both men and women. The book emphasizes that those who experience same-sex attraction need safe places to explore questions, to find community, and to grow deeper in relationship with God. **In Search of Dignity The Hardest Peace Expecting Grace in the Midst of Life's Hard** *David C Cook* Don't miss **The Long Goodbye: The Kara Tippetts Story** on Netflix now, featuring Ann Voskamp, Ellie Holcomb, and Joanna Gaines! Kara Tippetts knows the ordinary days of mothering four kids, the joy of watching her children grow ... and the devastating reality of stage-four cancer. In *The Hardest Peace*, Kara doesn't offer answers for when living is hard, but she asks us to join her in moving away from fear and control and toward peace and grace. Most of all, she draws us back to the God who is with us, in the mundane and the suffering, and who shapes even our pain into beauty. Winner of the 2015 Christian Book Award® in the Inspiration category. **The Book of Psalms for Singing Messy Grace How a Pastor with Gay Parents Learned to Love Others Without Sacrificing Conviction** *WaterBrook* Sometimes, grace gets messy. Caleb Kaltenbach was raised by LGBT parents, marched in gay pride parades as a youngster, and experienced firsthand the hatred and bitterness of some Christians toward his family. But then Caleb surprised everyone, including himself, by becoming a Christian...and a pastor. Very few issues in Christianity are as divisive as the acceptance of the LGBT community in the church. As a pastor and as a person with beloved family members living a gay lifestyle, Caleb had to face this issue with courage and grace. *Messy Grace* shows us that Jesus's command to "love your neighbor as yourself" doesn't have an exception clause for a gay "neighbor"—or for that matter, any other "neighbor" we might find it hard to relate to. Jesus was able to love these people and yet still hold on to his beliefs. So can you. Even when it's messy. "Messy Grace is an important contribution to the conversation about sexual identity for churches and leaders. Caleb's story is surprising and unique, and he weaves it together compellingly. He states his views clearly, leaves room for disagreement, and champions love no matter where you are in this conversation." —Jud Wilhite, Sr. Pastor, Central Christian Church **Identity Theft Reclaiming the Truth of Our Identity in Christ Who am I? It's a question we all ask ourselves at some point. Depending on the season we focus our identity on our job performance, marital status, personality type, or social network, among other options. However, there's a larger question to consider. Who does the Bible tell me I am in Christ? Single, Gay, Christian A Personal Journey of Faith and Sexual Identity** *InterVarsity Press* In an age where neither society nor the church knows what to do with gay Christians, Greg Coles shares his story—a story about a boy in love with Jesus who, at the fateful onset of puberty, realized his sexual attractions were persistently and exclusively for other guys. This honest, hopeful account

shows life through one man's eyes and assures all people: "You are not a mistake." *The Care of Souls Cultivating a Pastor's Heart* Drawing on a lifetime of pastoral experience, *The Care of Souls* is a beautifully written treasury of proven wisdom which pastors will find themselves turning to again and again. Harold Senkbeil helps remind pastors of the essential calling of the ministry: preaching and living out the Word of God while orienting others in the same direction. And he offers practical and fruitful advice—born out of his five decades as a pastor—that will benefit both new pastors and those with years in the pulpit. In a time when many churches have lost sight of the real purpose of the church, *The Care of Souls* invites a new generation of pastors to form the godly habits and practical wisdom needed to minister to the hearts and souls of those committed to their care. **Bold and Broken Becoming the Bridge Between Heaven and Earth** *Salem Books* **God Needs Your Boldness and Your Brokenness to Transform a Dying World.** The world doesn't need more bullies who stand firmly for the truth but ignore their own brokenness. The world doesn't need watchers who are broken over sin but won't act boldly for the truth. The world needs you: a faithful and courageous believer in a loving God whose truth has the power to transform a dying world. • Do you ever feel like God is calling you to act but don't know where to start? • Have you ever wondered how to reach out to a person in love when they hate you for your faith? • Do you want to stand firm when it feels like the world is against you and your beliefs? After wrestling with these questions personally, twin brothers and real-estate moguls David and Jason Benham have good news for you: God wants to use both your boldness and your brokenness to accomplish his purposes. The Benhams know what it means to be broken. In 2014, the brothers watched their dreams ripped apart when HGTV scrapped their upcoming reality show. Rather than abandoning their beliefs to their loss and the sting of hateful accusations, the brothers stood boldly in their faith and turned their brokenness into a bridge to reach others with compassion. From the rush of the London subway system to the deafening cheers of Chicago's Wrigley Field, the Benhams use personal stories and sound biblical teaching to show you how your everyday struggles are your strongest tools toward understanding the needs of others and boldly accomplishing God's purposes. Now is your moment to step out in boldness to become the lifeline between a dying world and the God who lovingly saves. Join the Benhams and discover how Christ can transform your brokenness into an indispensable tool of courage and strength. **You Are What You Love The Spiritual Power of Habit** *Brazos Press* **You are what you love. But you might not love what you think.** In this book, award-winning author James K. A. Smith shows that who and what we worship fundamentally shape our hearts. And while we desire to shape culture, we are not often aware of how culture shapes us. We might not realize the ways our hearts are being taught to love rival gods instead of the One for whom we were made. Smith helps readers recognize the formative power of culture and the transformative possibilities of Christian practices. He explains that worship is the "imagination station" that incubates our loves and longings so that our cultural endeavors are indexed toward God and his kingdom. This is why the church and worshiping in a local community of believers should be the hub and heart of Christian formation and discipleship. Following the publication of his influential work *Desiring the Kingdom*, Smith received numerous requests from pastors and leaders for a more accessible version of that book's content. No mere abridgment, this new book draws on years of Smith's popular presentations on the ideas in *Desiring the Kingdom* to offer a fresh, bottom-up rearticulation. The author creatively uses film, literature, and music illustrations to engage readers and includes new material on marriage, family, youth ministry, and faith and work. He also suggests individual and communal practices for shaping the Christian life. **Joyfully Spreading the Word Sharing the Good News of Jesus** *Crossway* **You can be a part of the spread of the gospel in the world.** Here are theological reflections and real stories from women from across the world who are eagerly sharing the good news of Jesus wherever God has placed them—showing us just how possible it is to follow Jesus's call to evangelism in our ordinary, everyday lives. **Unimaginable What Our World Would Be Like Without Christianity** *Baker Books* **A Stirring Account of Christianity's Power for Good** In a day when Christians are often attacked for their beliefs, professor and speaker Jeremiah Johnston offers an inspiring look at the positive influence of Christianity, both historically and today. In *Unimaginable*, you'll discover the far-reaching ways that Christianity is good for the world—and has been since the first century AD—including: • How the plights of women and children in society were forever changed by Jesus • Why democracy and our education and legal systems owe much to Christianity • How early believers demonstrated the inherent value of human life by caring for the sick, handicapped, and dying • How Christians today are extending God's kingdom through charities, social justice efforts, and other profound ways **Like It's a Wonderful Life**, the classic film that showed George Bailey how different Bedford Falls would be without his presence, *Unimaginable* guides readers through the halls of history to see how Jesus' teachings dramatically changed the world and continue to be the most powerful force for good today. This provocative and enlightening book is sure to encourage believers and challenge doubters.