

The Case For Life Equipping Christians To Engage Culture Scott Klusendorf

From pornographic videos of rape and incest to sexual predators around every corner; from online challenges teaching children how to commit suicide to resources teaching them how to conjure up demons; from social media trends praising abortion to completely redefining what it means to be human; these are the monsters in the closet which children and teenagers are being exposed to. America is facing a drastic moral decline, and we are only seeing the beginning of the avalanche. Narratives which directly attack God's word are being fed to young people. These monsters are very real and may be much closer than you think. Learn about the harmful indoctrination and lies being spread through the internet, social media, and even the classroom, and how you can combat them. The authors draw on their combined experience to create an exciting model of congregational leadership that understands congregations as relational systems. Learn how relational processes can liberate members for ministry and mission in the world and release pastors for appropriate leadership.

As many as 96% of Christians are not leading anyone to Jesus. Which means that the vast majority of the wider church is, at best, simply sowing. The kingdom of God, however, requires both sowing and reaping. If we neglect reaping, we will not have a healthy harvest. Jesus at the Door offers a unique tool--an Equipping Card to use with anyone you know, anywhere--and practical, step-by-step instructions, helping readers witness to friends, family, even strangers on the street. This tried-and-tested method is framed around nine points and a picture, and takes about two minutes from introduction to salvation. A Leader's Guide to Jesus at the Door explains in greater detail how to use the Equipping Card and is the perfect resource for pastors and ministry leaders who want to help their congregations or group members share the gospel effectively, partnering with the Holy Spirit and inviting users to learn to grow in Spirit-led evangelism. This book shows how you--yes, even you--can move from being a seasoned sower into a relentless reaper, living out a naturally supernatural lifestyle.

God made human beings in his image and that is what makes us so valuable. Yet there are vastly different ideas of what the image means and how sin affects the image, and each of those ideas impacts the claim that the image grounds human value. People have treated one another in either horrible or wonderful ways based on their theologies of the image. This book examines the logical implications of various image doctrines in the real world. Also, in Genesis 1:26–27, the image of God is closely tied to the first stated purposes of human life in Genesis 1:28. Yet such practical purposes seem remote from the private spirituality of the gospel story often heard in churches. To live out our part in God's creation project, we need to understand the image of God within the unfolding story Scripture narrates from creation to new creation. This book builds a theology of the image of God by situating it firmly in the biblical narrative,

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harnessing the insights of biblical theology, and conversing with theologians past and present to form a coherent story of God, his children, and his creation in this age and the age to come.

In *Roe v. Wade*, perhaps the most controversial United States Supreme Court decision, Norma McCorvey fought for and won the right to secure an abortion. Though she never had an abortion, under the pseudonym "Jane Roe," Norma reluctantly became the poster child for the pro-choice movement. Over the next two decades, Norma experienced the grief and despair of millions of women who chose to abort their babies; she witnessed the destruction of thousands of human lives in abortion clinics where she worked; and the "champion" of the pro-choice movement was soon being crushed by the weight of so much pain, so much death, and so many ill-considered "choices." Finally, she began to break. She found out that the real choice she had been burdened with was not about abortion but about eternal life. It was a choice that would shock the world and change Norma's life forever.

The author of *Deliver Us from Abortion* presents a five-point plan for men to put an end to abortion in America for women, men, and family. Do men have a stake in the abortion debate? Modern culture says no but author Brian Fisher shows why men are very much an interested party. Men led the campaign to legalize abortion—harming and exploiting women in the process. Now, he says, men must lead the effort to end the exploitation by ending abortion. And he presents a plan to do so. This revised and expanded second edition presents a more complete picture of how men target and exploit women globally, how this oppression is deeply connected to abortion, and how men can be, are, and should be a part of the solution.

Popular Author, Speaker, and Founder of the Josh McDowell Ministry Speaks Out on the Popular, Culturally Relevant Topic of Right vs. Wrong Directed to parents and gatekeepers of today's youth, renowned speaker and author Josh McDowell focuses on the how-to's of teaching teens and pre-teens to make right moral choices. *Set Free to Choose Right* will help you come to understand: why today's kids feel they have the right to determine what is "right" or "wrong" for themselves how culture reinforces that there are no universal truths and. . . where this misconception historically originated how to motivate kids to make good choices it is God's character and nature that makes right, right and wrong, wrong Engaging stories and helpful illustration are provided to model how a person (of any age) can distinguish between right and wrong and make the right choice—every time!

The newest addition to the popular Quick-Reference Guide collection, *The Quick-Reference Guide to Counseling Women* focuses on the special needs of women in counseling situations. It is an A-Z guide for assisting people--helpers--pastors, professional counselors, youth workers, and everyday believers--to easily access a full array of information to aid them in formal and informal counseling situations. Each of the 40 topics covered follows a helpful eight-part outline and identifies (1)

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typical symptoms and patterns, (2) definitions and key thoughts, (3) questions to ask, (4) directions for the conversation, (5) action steps, (6) biblical insights, (7) prayer starters, and (8) recommended resources.

In recent years, there have been major outbreaks of whooping cough among children in California, mumps in New York, and measles in Ohio's Amish country -- despite the fact that these are all vaccine-preventable diseases. Although America is the most medically advanced place in the world, many people disregard modern medicine in favor of using their faith to fight life threatening illnesses. Christian Scientists pray for healing instead of going to the doctor, Jehovah's Witnesses refuse blood transfusions, and ultra-Orthodox Jewish mohels spread herpes by using a primitive ritual to clean the wound. Tragically, children suffer and die every year from treatable diseases, and in most states it is legal for parents to deny their children care for religious reasons. In twenty-first century America, how could this be happening? In *Bad Faith*, acclaimed physician and author Dr. Paul Offit gives readers a never-before-seen look into the minds of those who choose to medically martyr themselves, or their children, in the name of religion. Offit chronicles the stories of these faithful and their children, whose devastating experiences highlight the tangled relationship between religion and medicine in America. Religious or not, this issue reaches everyone -- whether you are seeking treatment at a Catholic hospital or trying to keep your kids safe from diseases spread by their unvaccinated peers. Replete with vivid storytelling and complex, compelling characters, *Bad Faith* makes a strenuous case that denying medicine to children in the name of religion isn't just unwise and immoral, but a rejection of the very best aspects of what belief itself has to offer.

An accessible introduction to ethics through engaging dialogues *Talking About Ethics* provides the reader with all of the tools necessary to develop a coherent approach to ethical decision making. Using the tools of ethical theory, the authors show how these theories play out in relation to a wide variety of ethical questions using an accessible dialogue format. The chapters follow three college students as they discuss today's most important ethical issues with their families and friends, including: • Immigration • Capital punishment • Legalization of narcotics • Abortion • Premarital sex • Reproductive technologies • Gender identity • The environment, and many more The engaging dialogue format illustrates how these topics often take shape in the real world, and model critical thinking and Christian ethical decision making. Study aids in each chapter include overviews, sidebars, reflection questions, glossaries, and recommended reading. Ideal as a textbook for undergraduate ethics courses, it is also accessible enough for high school classes and personal study.

As the world changes, so do people's expectations of their faith community and clergy. This book uses three case studies to speak to religious professionals about the challenges they face, to provide readers with specific, user-friendly techniques to become more aware of how they function, and to learn new ways to lead. Clergy will find real-life examples of how more effective leadership enhances the life of the community and promotes the deepening of members' faith.

Addressing issues such as gender identity, abortion, technology, and poverty, Dr. Myers challenges readers to ask: How can an authentic Christian worldview provide a compassionate, effective witness in culture today? Dr. Myers first shows readers what they can learn from Christian history—and why today's issues might not be as new as

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they seem. Then he takes them through the significant topics that affect them every day, offering biblical ideas for conversing with others in an increasingly hostile culture. This capstone book to a groundbreaking worldview trilogy equips readers to apply a bold Christian witness to their relationships with loved ones, neighbors, and colleagues. More than 500,000 of the abortions performed annual in the U.S. are performed on college-aged women. This book is specifically geared for use by young advocates in the pro-life cause. The authors help you educate other young people about the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual effects that abortion has on women. Unites some of today's most promising young evangelicals in a bold assertion of the stability, relevance, and necessity of Christian orthodoxy, and reasserts the theological nature of evangelicalism.

Patrick Lee surveys the main philosophical arguments in favor of the moral permissibility of abortion and refutes them point by point. In a calm and philosophically sophisticated manner, he presents a powerful case for the pro-life position and a serious challenge to all of the main philosophical arguments on behalf of the pro-choice position.

To help the upcoming student, Jonathan Morrow provides this engaging guide packed with advice on all manner of issues, from dating and friends, classes and homework, to avoiding the temptation to just "check out" spiritually while in school. Morrow gives personal advice and anecdotes, draws examples from Scripture, and offers additional resources for further insights. --from publisher description.

Think Christianly is about seizing the opportunities we have every day to speak the life Jesus offers into our culture. Tragically, many such opportunities pass us by unclaimed—either because we don't notice them or we have not prepared ourselves to enter into them. And those around us seem to grow increasingly unwilling to hear anything the church has to say. Jonathan Morrow helps church leaders envision and implement ways for their congregations to "think Christianly" about contemporary questions and to speak in informed, engaging ways. Morrow explores many of the important issues that Christians often hear raised with regard to faith—questions about who Jesus was, the good and bad of religion, pain and evil in the world, the reliability of the Bible, sexuality and intimate relationships, and hope for change, among others. The life and faith issues that Think Christianly addresses lead to cultural moments where Christianity and contemporary culture intersect. This book will help churches take vital steps toward cultivating compassion and competence in speaking faithfully to a questioning world.

What should we do or not do? This comprehensive text on biblical ethics is completely revised, focusing on how we fulfill the purposes of God for our lives. New content includes discussions of living virtuously, ethical alternatives, bioethical issues, technology, helping the poor, animal rights, sexual ethics, and the media.

What does the Bible teach about how to live in today's world? Best-selling author and professor Wayne Grudem distills over forty years of teaching experience into a single volume aimed at helping readers apply a biblical worldview to difficult

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ethical issues, including wealth and poverty, marriage and divorce, birth control, abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, business practices, environmental stewardship, telling the truth, knowing God's will, understanding Old Testament laws, and more.

Not a book on social issues per se, nor a book on missions, *Innocent Blood* integrates the two and calls us to courageously challenge the powers of death with the gospel of life. It does this by exploring the striking relationships between the scandal of the gospel and the tragedy of abortion.

More than 500,000 abortions are performed annually on college-aged women. Students for Life of America is a thriving network of 637 pro-life student groups on college campuses in 48 states. These groups educate people about the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual effects that abortion has on women. This helpful guide is geared for use by college-aged students for the pro-life cause.

A collection of essays, framed with original introductions, *Reproduction and Society: Interdisciplinary Readings* helps students to think critically about reproduction as a social phenomenon. Divided into six rich and varied sections, this book offers students and instructors a broad overview of the social meanings of reproduction and offers opportunities to explore significant questions of how resources are allocated, individuals are regulated, and how very much is at stake as people and communities aim to determine their own family size and reproductive experiences. This is an ideal core text for courses on reproduction, sexuality, gender, the family, and public health.

Outline of Christian Ethics is a Q&A book on moral questions of today. The book includes a large number of topics discussed in ethics, including personal ethics—birth, death, sex, work, wealth, the supernatural—and social ethics—politics, society, human rights, family, international issues. Moral questions are analyzed from an evangelical Christian viewpoint. The emphasis is on explaining ethical principles from the Bible, but arguments on both sides of the questions are examined. Because the author is a statistician, positions taken by the book are frequently supported by actual data from recent statistical surveys. “*Outline of Christian Ethics* is a valuable guide for Christians to live a moral life. The book is a rich source of information—better than most books on ethics that we can find in bookstores” (Rev. Dr. Jason Yeung, principal, Canadian Chinese School of Theology at Ambrose Seminary [Calgary]). “Dr. Hung humbly called his book an ‘outline’; yet the extent of the book is broad and deep. Dr. Hung does not use purely rational and argumentative methods; he employs the method of lighthearted conversation with the reader. Every chapter is introduced with some stories to stir up the interest of the reader. Furthermore, statistical facts are added to strengthen the persuasive power of the points made. The wealth of information contained in this book will help busy pastors and Christians find the necessary information quickly” Rev. Dr. Peter Au, principal, Canadian Chinese School of Theology at Tyndale Seminary [Toronto]).

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The author of *Abortion: The Ultimate Exploitation of Women* offers a blueprint for the American Church to handle abortion in our country. Consider that for the past forty years, a staggering fifty-six million Americans have been killed by abortion. It claims the lives of over 1.2 million children every year, or roughly one child every twenty-five seconds. So why isn't the American church doing something to stop this atrocity, which is the greatest holocaust in American history? The majority of American churches, God's institutions for spreading the gospel of peace and defending the weak and innocent, remain silent. Feeding the poor, stopping human trafficking, rescuing children from abuse, and protecting women from exploitation are all issues the church is addressing. Yet abortion remains eerily absent from the list of church priorities in America. Why isn't it the church's highest priority? Is the American church silent because abortion has become politicized and church leaders are afraid to discuss it or because we simply don't know what the Bible says about it? What will cause the church to wake up, rise up and take this issue to task to save our children? In his latest book, *Deliver Us From Abortion*, Brian Fisher, co-founder and president of *Online for Life*, breaks the veil of silence and uncovers the reality of abortion in the church, what the Bible really says about it, and how God has empowered His church to end this unspeakable tragedy. Praise for *Deliver Us from Abortion* "This book provides a powerful defense for the children who can't speak for themselves." —Josh McDowell, bestselling author of 138 books including *More Than a Carpenter* "Abortion is the greatest moral crisis of our generation, yet far too many churches have remained silent. In *Deliver Us From Abortion*, Brian Fisher offers a blueprint for the American church that is both instructive and encouraging. I pray that we can all hear and accept his challenge." —Dr. Tony Evans, president, *The Urban Alternative*, senior pastor, *Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship* "Growing up in the King family during the Civil Rights era, I know what the church can accomplish. I am so glad Brian has written this book. May it challenge and equip the church to end the abortion holocaust in America." —Dr. Alveda King, director of African-American outreach, *Priests for Life*

In *"Equipping for Life"*, Andreas and Margaret Kostenberger seed to re-inspire and enthuse parents in a culture which has greatly diminished the role of parenting. Written with biblical, practical, and realistic wisdom -- and covering all stages of parenting -- this book shows that nothing can compare to nurturing a young life, by God's grace into mature adulthood.

There is an increasing number of divisive issues in our world today, all of which require great discernment. Thankfully, God has given each of us a conscience to align our wills with his and help us make wise decisions. Examining all thirty New Testament passages that touch on the conscience, Andrew Naselli and J. D. Crowley help readers get to know their consciences—a largely neglected topic—and engage with other Christians who hold different convictions. Offering guiding principles and answering critical questions about how the conscience works and how to care for it, this book shows how the conscience impacts our approach to church unity, ministry, and more. Thirty years after its publication, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* was

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described by The New York Times as "perhaps the most influential single work in the history of town planning....[It] can also be seen in a much larger context. It is first of all a work of literature; the descriptions of street life as a kind of ballet and the bitingly satiric account of traditional planning theory can still be read for pleasure even by those who long ago absorbed and appropriated the book's arguments." Jane Jacobs, an editor and writer on architecture in New York City in the early sixties, argued that urban diversity and vitality were being destroyed by powerful architects and city planners. Rigorous, sane, and delightfully epigrammatic, Jacobs's small masterpiece is a blueprint for the humanistic management of cities. It is sensible, knowledgeable, readable, indispensable. The author has written a new foreword for this Modern Library edition.

Defending Life is arguably the most comprehensive defense of the pro-life position on abortion - morally, legally, and politically - that has ever been published in an academic monograph. It offers a detailed and critical analysis of Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey as well as arguments by those who defend a Rawlsian case for abortion-choice, such as J. J. Thomson. The author defends the substance view of persons as the view with the most explanatory power. The substance view entails that the unborn is a subject of moral rights from conception. While defending this view, the author responds to the arguments of thinkers such as Boonin, Dworkin, Stretton, Ford and Brody. He also critiques Thomson's famous violinist argument and its revisions by Boonin and McDonagh. Defending Life includes chapters critiquing arguments found in popular politics and the controversy over cloning and stem cell research.

The post-Christian world we inhabit today presents us with a mundane and disenchanting view of reality. Under the sway of materialism and science, we have been left with a way of seeing, thinking, and living that has no place for beauty and wonder. We now live in a world bereft of magic and mystery. Many--including many Christians--no longer perceive the world in its proper light. As a result, the Christian imagination is muted. Moreover, the church has grown anti-intellectual and sensate, out of touch with the relevancy of Jesus and how to relate the gospel to all aspects of contemporary life. As a result, the Christian voice is muted. In this age Christian wholeness remains elusive, blunting the church's ability to present a winsome and compelling witness for faith. As a result, the Christian conscience is muted. Cultural Apologetics addresses this malaise by setting forth a fresh model for cultural engagement, rooted in the biblical account of Paul's speech on Mars Hill, which details practical steps for reestablishing the Christian voice, conscience, and imagination. Readers will be equipped to see, and help others see, the world as it is--deeply beautiful, mysterious, and sacred. With creative insights, Cultural Apologetics prepares readers to share a vision of the Christian faith that is both plausible and desirable, offering clarity for those who have become disoriented in the haze of modern Western culture.

As politicians, citizens, and families continue the raging national debate on whether it's proper to end human life in the womb, resources like Randy Alcorn's Pro-life Answers to Prochoice Arguments have proven invaluable. With over 75,000 copies in print, this revised and updated guide offers timely information and inspiration from a "sanctity of life" perspective. Real answers to real questions about abortion appear in logical and concise form. The final chapter -- "Fifty Ways to Help Unborn Babies and Their

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Mothers"-- is worth the price of this book alone!

In *Equipping Christians for Kingdom Purpose in Their Work*, Tom Lutz and Heidi Unruh offer advice to those who seek to influence the faith of people outside the church. Pastors, Christian educators, life coaches, workplace mentors, college professors, and any Christian who considers their vocation to be one of discipleship will find nourishment in this book. Few resources are designed for personal disciplers--those who connect with other believers on a personal basis with a deep interest in their spiritual growth. This book fills the gap. This one-of-a-kind resource shows how to disciple others in and for their work. Most "faith and work" books focus on pastors and church programs, or they speak directly to workers. But this resource comes to the aid of those who offer spiritual guidance to working Christians. This guide makes faith-and-work discipleship accessible to anyone who influences the faith of another. With short, readable chapters filled with case studies, examples, and practical resources, readers will learn how to equip others to fulfill their kingdom purpose in their work. Sample topics include: Principles for Effectively Connecting with Adult Learners Structure for One-on-One Discipleship Meetings Research on Vocational Discipleship and Kingdom-Centered Spiritual Maturity Various Leadership Models Scripture Passages on Being an Image-Bearer Selected Scriptures for Faith and Work Principles About the Authors Tom Lutz brings decades of entrepreneurial experience to his work coaching marketplace leaders as a Convene CEO Roundtable Chair and through his consulting company, Vision Planners. Tom has a DMin from Covenant Theological Seminary, with a focus on discipling business leaders. In addition to teaching biblical studies at Metro Atlanta Seminary, Tom leads workshops helping Christians work with kingdom purpose. He is nearing his lifetime goal of personal discipling conversations with 2,000 business leaders. Heidi Unruh is a ministry consultant, presenter, and coach, walking with church leaders from ideas to action. Her passion is helping God's people love their neighbors well, and sharing their gifts so their communities can thrive. Her writings include coauthoring the books, *Churches That Make a Difference*, *Hope for Children in Poverty*, *Saving Souls*, *Serving Society*, *The Salt & Light Guidebook*, and *Real Connections*, along with numerous articles and training resources. She has a master's degree in theological studies from Palmer Seminary.

The purpose of this book is to articulate an aspirational vision for education, one that deeply engages students in complex and meaningful work and prepares students for the personal, social, and societal problems and opportunities facing them and our society. However, simply adopting an aspirational vision for a high quality learning environment isn't the real challenge. Most educators, students, and families don't need a lot of convincing that schools can and should do more. Accordingly, this book does not stop at simply articulating a vision of the possible; the book also helps individuals visualize what it can look like, and supports teachers, families, and other engaged community members as they work toward closing the gap between what is possible and what is currently realized.

"Wayne Grudem has faithfully offered a biblical-theological groundwork for making some of the most difficult decisions at the edges of life—its beginning and end." —C. Ben Mitchell, Graves Professor of Moral Philosophy, Union University From the beginning of life to the end, every human life is precious. In this accessible booklet, Wayne Grudem demonstrates that because humans were created in God's image, life should be

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treasured and preserved at all stages. Topics Include: The personhood of unborn children Abortion in the case of rape or to save the life of the mother Euthanasia and its legal implications Guidelines for difficult end-of-life decisions

A book to challenge the status quo, spark a debate, and get people talking about the issues and questions we face as a country!

This one of a kind resource provides pastors, church leaders, and non-professional counselors with everything they need to establish a program for lay counseling. This new edition has been thoroughly revised and updated in light of fresh research and outlines a practical training resource that can be used to train and equip lay counselors. Filled with useful forms and questionnaires, it also provides a helpful and comprehensive survey of the programs and resources that are currently available. Pro-life Christians, take heart: the pro-life message can compete in the marketplace of ideas-provided Christians properly understand and articulate that message. Too many Christians do not understand the essential truths of the pro-life position, making it difficult for them to articulate a biblical worldview on issues like abortion, cloning, and embryo research. The Case for Life provides intellectual grounding for the pro-life convictions that most evangelicals hold. Author Scott Klusendorf first simplifies the debate: the sanctity of life is not a morally complex issue. It's not about choice, privacy, or scientific progress. To the contrary, the debate turns on one key question: What is the unborn? From there readers learn how to engage the great bio-tech debate of the twenty-first century, how to answer objections persuasively, and what the role of the pro-life pastor should be.

A comprehensive introduction to Christian ethics addressing today's most challenging moral issues Invitation to Christian Ethics is an indispensable guide for helping pastors, counselors, and everyday Christians navigate today's difficult moral questions. Readers will benefit from Ken Magnuson's survey of ethics from a biblical perspective as well as contemporary theories of moral reasoning. This survey is followed by twelve chapters devoted to some of the thorniest issues Christians encounter today, such as: Sexuality, including homosexuality, sexual identity, and gender Marriage and divorce Infertility and assisted reproductive technologies Abortion Physician-assisted suicide Race relations Creation care Capital punishment Just war, pacifism, and the use of lethal force Magnuson provides biblical insight into each topic and presents key moral considerations. He also answers specific, practical questions that arise and concludes with a summary of his recommended approach to each issue. Readers will learn how to grapple with difficult moral questions and will receive guidance for some of life's most challenging ethical conundrums. "Ethics will continue to be a line in the sand that separates Christians. In this volume, Magnuson gives us a biblically-based, logically-sound, historically-rooted, and future-aware guide that the church so desperately needs in the face of sexual revolution, moral relativism, and advancing technology." --Brian Arnold, President of Phoenix Seminary

PRO-CHOICE OR PRO-LIFE? Imagine if the church united in their answers to this volatile question. Using scientific, moral, biblical, and experiential lenses, the authors carefully examine the varied claims about abortion. Each chapter is designed to better inform Christians straddling the pro-choice/pro-life fence. Thirty percent of the net profits from the sale of this book will support charitable organizations. "Excellent words for every Christian to consider, and a wonderful opportunity to be educated and

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prepared to share these truths with others." --Randy Alcorn, bestselling author of Heaven and Giving Is the Good Life "Christians, pro-choice or pro-life, will gain a renewed mindset about abortion." --Katha D. Blackwell, MSW, author of Not Another Victim "This thoughtful book answers the question, 'Is God pro-choice or pro-life?'" --Kim de Blecourt, author of the books Until We All Come Home and I Call You Mine

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Jesus never intended the church to become an institution; he intended it to be a people of power, transforming the world. Power is the capacity, ability, and the willingness to act. Most people and systems use power to dominate and control, but others have used it relationally to liberate, transform, and even save. Built around a biblical exploration of shalom, Building a People of Power explains how local churches can use power to transform their communities and their cities. Detailed power strategies are presented enabling churches to build productive relationships, to address the primary issues of people they serve, and to develop strong leaders, faithful organizations, and redeemed neighborhoods that live out shalom.

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