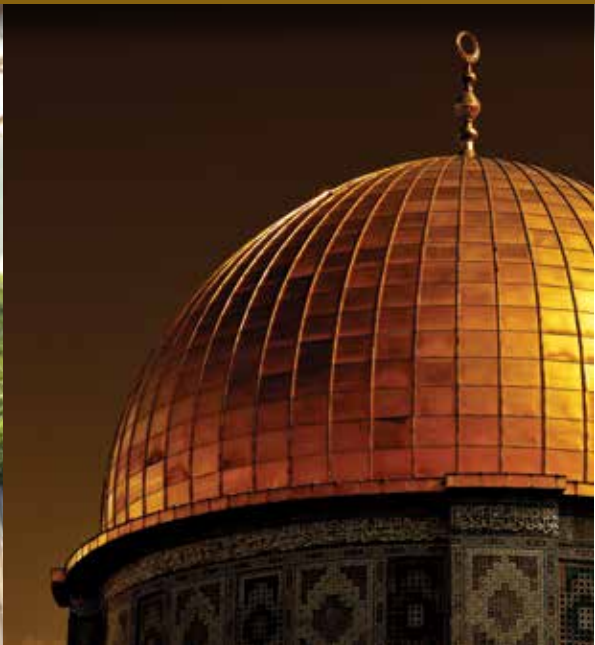


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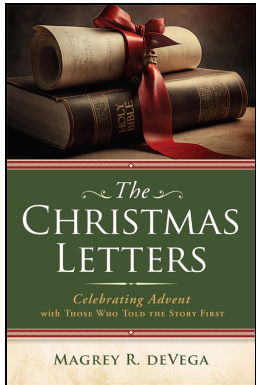
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Read the New Testament letters, Romans, 1 John, Philippians, and Colossians as your first Christmas letters of the season and find within them an invitation from God to deepen your understanding of the Incarnation and embrace a fuller commitment to Jesus Christ.

Components available to use this book in a small group study include a leader guide and video available on DVD.

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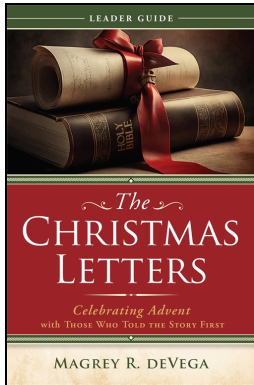
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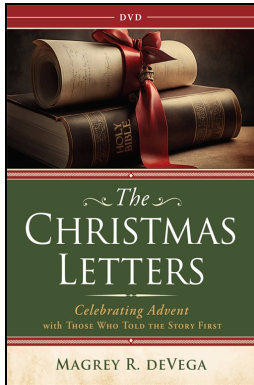
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The DVD features Magrey deVega teaching in four video sessions to spark conversation in your Advent study. Use it with the book and leader guide for a small group or Sunday school class this Advent. All sessions are closed captioned.

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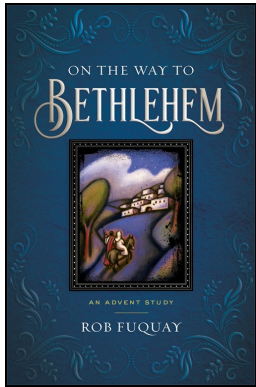
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## On the Way to Bethlehem An Advent Study

### Description

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*On the Way to Bethlehem* follows the long journey to Christmas. The story begins in Rome with a decree issued from the seat of worldly power for a census, setting into motion events leading to the birth of the Savior of the world in a town that represents the very opposite of worldly power, Bethlehem.

Author Rob Fuquay provides insight into the geographical and historical significance of Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, along with the important characters through whom the Christmas drama unfolds. You will be drawn into those places in a way that helps you experience the spiritual truths each location holds. The reflection we give in these places prepares the heart and soul to experience wonder, awe, mystery, and joy.

Chapters include:

- Rome – A Place of Longing
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- Nazareth – A Place of Simplicity
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Components available to use this book in a small group study include a leader guide and video available on DVD.

### Sales Points

- Explore how Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem each offer a unique contribution to the Christmas story
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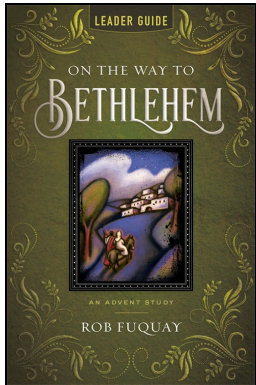
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## On the Way to Bethlehem Leader Guide An Advent Study

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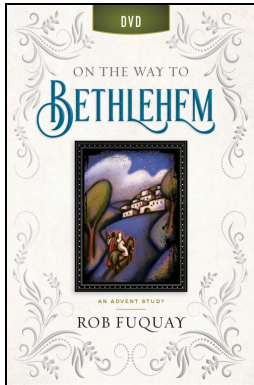
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## On the Way to Bethlehem DVD An Advent Study

### Description

#### The journey to Christmas begins in Rome.

The DVD features Rob Fuquay teaching *On the Way to Bethlehem* in four engaging video sessions focused on the first four chapters of the book. Use it with the book and leader guide for a four-week Bible study. All sessions are closed captioned.

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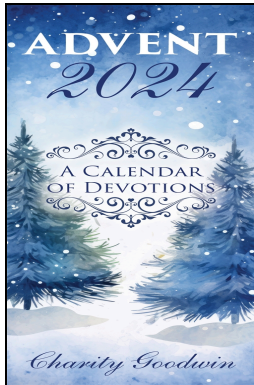
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## Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2024

### Description

**A convenient and affordable Advent devotional for the entire church.**

*Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2024* provides daily devotions to help you prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. This annual favorite is a wonderful resource for churches to give to each family to help them observe Advent. Each day's reading, from the first Sunday of Advent to Christmas Day, is based on the Revised Common Lectionary and includes the Scripture, a short devotion, and a brief prayer or practice. The devotional is printed with a larger font for ease of reading.

Sold in packs of 10 booklets, designed to fit in a #10 envelope, enabling churches to include them in Advent mailings and making it easy to share with visitors or others the church wishes to reach during the Advent season. Also available as an eBook.

### Sales Points

- Promote community and individual growth with this churchwide resource
- Connect daily with your congregation with ready-to-use Advent devotional emails
- Draw closer to God's loving gift of Jesus Christ through daily devotions and spiritual practices

### Author Biography

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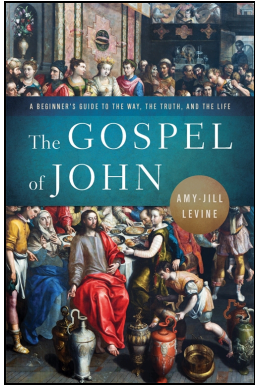
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# Ministry Resources



## The Gospel of John A Beginner's Guide to the Way, the Truth, and the Life

### Description

**Unlock the hidden depths of John's Gospel.**

John's Gospel offers readers a new language—of being born anew, of living water, of wind and spirit, of the "I am"—that enhances how we understand the divine, how we experience the world, and how we participate in the mystery of faith.

With her characteristic wit and charm, Amy-Jill Levine introduces readers to the world of the Gospel of John by unpacking the stories in their original context, along with examining how the text is read today. This book considers the Gospel of John in its entirety, moving through the Gospel and exploring the prologue, the wedding at Cana, the Samaritan woman at the well and the woman caught in adultery, the healing of the man at the pool and the man born blind, foot washing, Mary Magdalene and Doubting Thomas, and the Lamb of God.

Components available to use this book in a small group study include a leader guide and video available on DVD.

### Sales Points

- Looks at the Gospel of John through the lens of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, highlighting their similarities and differences
- Reveals the underlying magic of the Gospel of John through a focus on his unique characters and stories
- Offers readers opportunities to encounter the Gospel of John for their own spiritual growth and development
- DVD features lessons taught in A. J. Levine's trademark engaging and entertaining style

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Amy-Jill Levine ("AJ") is Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace and University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies Emerita, Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies Emerita, and Professor of New Testament Studies Emerita at Vanderbilt University. An internationally renowned scholar and teacher, she is the author of numerous books including *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings*, *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*, *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, and *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*. She is also the coeditor of the *Jewish Annotated New Testament*. AJ is the first Jew to teach New Testament at Rome's Pontifical Biblical Institute. In 2021 she was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. AJ describes herself as an unorthodox member of an Orthodox synagogue and a Yankee Jewish feminist who until 2021 taught New Testament in a Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt.

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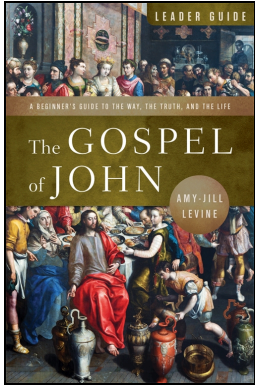
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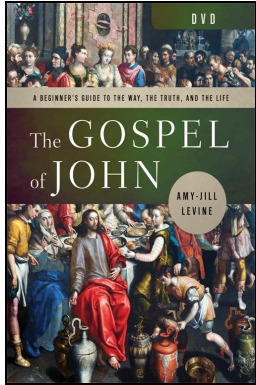
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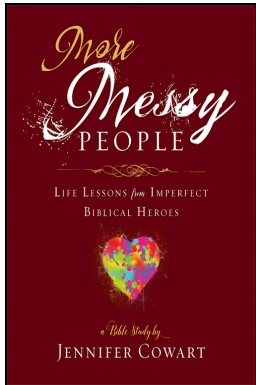
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## More Messy People Women's Bible Study Participant Workbook Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes

### Description

**God can use imperfect people to do incredible things.**

Jen Cowart continues her study of the very messy lives of biblical heroes—people who, like us, made mistakes but found God was able to use them in powerful ways. They all play a significant role in the biblical narrative, but their stories are far from perfect.

Through the lives of rival sisters like Leah and Rachel, or sisters with very different personalities like Martha and Mary, we see God chooses to use people who don't have it all together. Through the lives of great, but imperfect, biblical heroes like Moses, Elijah, Peter, and Paul, we see God meets us in our troubles and chooses us even if we seem unqualified.

The participant workbook includes five daily readings for each week, combining study of Scripture with personal reflection, application, and prayer and is designed to use with the leader guide and DVD.

### Sales Points

- Assures that God uses broken, messy people in powerful and beautiful ways and will help readers learn to open their hearts and minds to the divine and the practical
- Follow-up to best-selling *Messy People* by Jen Cowart has inspired thousands of women with her authentic and inspirational teaching style
- Jen loves to engage with small groups across the country through virtual meetings
- Engaging videos shot on locations from the farm to the salon
- Confidently guide your small group, regardless of your experience level, with a leader guide that facilitates all faith journeys

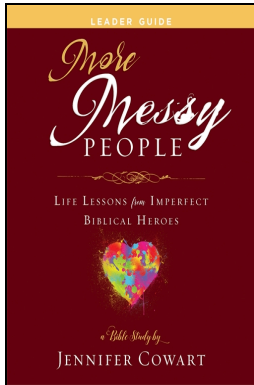
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## More Messy People Women's Bible Study Leader Guide Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes

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**God can use imperfect people to do incredible things.**

The *More Messy People* leader guide outlines six small group sessions, complete with prayers, summaries, discussion questions, and video viewer guides. It is designed to be used with the participant workbook and DVD and will support group leaders of all experience levels in creating strong learning communities.

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- Assures that God uses broken, messy people in powerful and beautiful ways and will help readers learn to open their hearts and minds to the divine and the practical
- Follow-up to best-selling *Messy People* by Jen Cowart has inspired thousands of women with her authentic and inspirational teaching style
- Jen loves to engage with small groups across the country through virtual meetings
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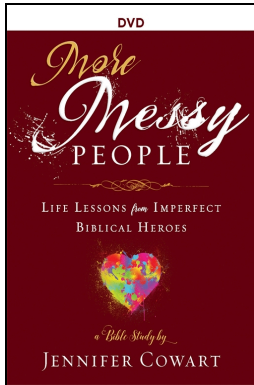
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## More Messy People Women's Bible Study Video Content Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes

### Description

**God can use imperfect people to do incredible things.**

Join Jen Cowart as she unpacks the story and life of each of the characters of *More Messy People* from a variety of unexpected locations. These 20-minute teaching sessions are available on the DVD and can be used with the participant workbook and leader guide. All sessions are closed captioned.

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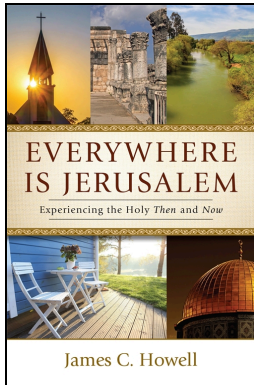
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## Everywhere Is Jerusalem Experiencing the Holy Then and Now

### Description

#### Location matters.

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Part travelogue, part Bible study, this book will take you on a spiritual journey to the places that are most important in our faith, and you'll discover that the most important place of all is the place where you are, right now.

Other study components include a Leader Guide and video available on DVD.

### Sales Points

- Explores the deep connection between the biblical stories and the places where they happened, from Christian history and modern day. Examples include Assisi; Montgomery, Alabama; Koinonia Farm in Georgia; and many more
- Howell shares his spiritual insights from his travels and when leading groups
- DVD features photos and video from Howell of the many places mentioned in the study
- Learn about central figures throughout Christian history and how their faith drove them to make a difference in their own homes and communities
- Invites readers to see their location and community as the most important of all, because it's where they can bring their faith to life

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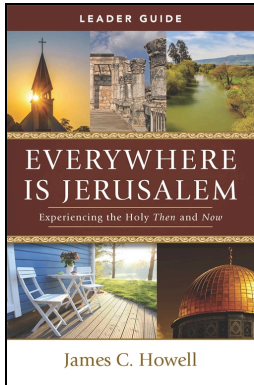
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## Everywhere Is Jerusalem Leader Guide Experiencing the Holy Then and Now

### Description

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The Leader Guide contains discussion questions and session plans for a six-week study of *Everywhere Is Jerusalem*, by James C. Howell. It includes opening and closing prayers, optional activities, and session goals for each week and is designed to be used with the book and DVD.

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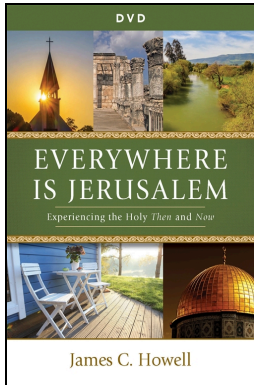
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## Everywhere Is Jerusalem DVD Experiencing the Holy Then and Now

### Description

#### Location matters.

The DVD features James Howell teaching *Everywhere Is Jerusalem* in six engaging video sessions. It includes images and videos from the Holy Land, Assisi, and other locations mentioned in the book, giving you a glimpse into significant places in the biblical stories and the Christian faith. Use it with the book and leader guide for a six-week Bible study. All sessions are closed captioned.

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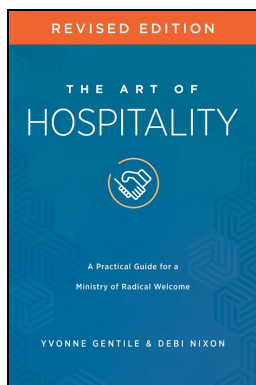
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## The Art of Hospitality Revised Edition A Practical Guide for a Ministry of Radical Welcome

### Description

**Create a culture of radical hospitality that surprises and delights guests beyond their expectations.**

Engaging worship and intentional follow-up processes are important, but what compels guests to return to our churches is the warmth of our welcome and hospitality that goes beyond their expectations. In *The Art of Hospitality*, Yvonne Gentile and Debi Nixon guide you and your church creating radical hospitality that infiltrates the heart and culture of the entire congregation. Complete with key principles and proven techniques and strategies, this compelling and practical program will transform the way you do church, leaving guests surprised, delighted, and eager to return.

This Revised Edition includes new insights and strategies for effective hospitality and welcome in all aspects of your digital and in-person ministry.

This book is for pastors and other leaders in the church. Choose the Companion Book for everyone else in the congregation.

### Sales Points

- Churches of all sizes will be equipped and empowered to surprise and delight guests, leaving them eager to return
- Developed by hospitality experts at Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, one of the largest and fastest-growing congregations in the United States, while continuing to consult with churches across the country
- Includes key principles, proven techniques and strategies
- Revised Edition contains two new chapters, one on the importance of digital ministry and one on safety and security
- Revised Edition includes changes to reflect post-pandemic practices

### Author Biography

#### Yvonne Gentile

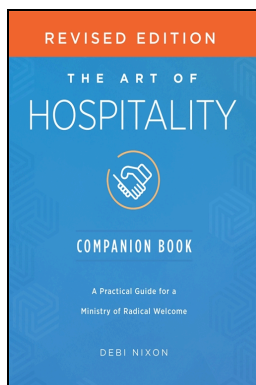
Yvonne Gentile is the Senior Director of Hospitality and Connections at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. Before joining church staff in 2011, Yvonne worked in an executive leadership capacity in retail, where she discovered the power of radical hospitality. She has been part of Resurrection since 1996 and served in numerous volunteer roles at Resurrection until 2011, when she joined the staff team, including leading the Spiritual Gifts Team, the Leadership Development team, and serving on the Committee on Nominations. She has led workshops and teaching events nationally on spiritual gifts, leadership development, building exceptional teams, volunteer management best practices, and radical hospitality. She is co-author of five books: *Serving from the Heart: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service*, *Leadership from the Heart: Learning to Lead with Love & Skill*, and *Leadership Essentials: Practica*

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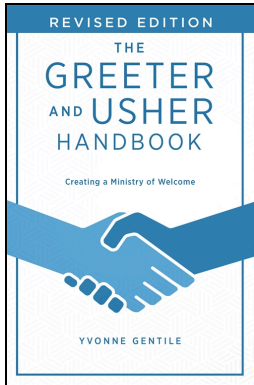
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## The Greeter and Usher Handbook - Revised Edition

### Creating a Ministry of Welcome

#### Description

**Equip your greeters and ushers for radical hospitality.**

*The Greeter and Usher Handbook* provides a guide to the responsibilities of those who are generally the first faces visitors encounter in church: the usher and the greeter. Intended for training use by church staff or volunteers, the text covers responsibilities related to all aspects of creating a welcoming atmosphere for visitors and new members.

This Revised Edition includes updated position descriptions and best practices reflecting a greater use of online resources and an emphasis on the greeter's and usher's role in safety and security.

#### Sales Points

- Greeters and Ushers will be equipped to serve with confidence, generosity, and a clear grasp of how to welcome all visitors and members alike
- Churches will be equipped and empowered to surprise and delight guests, leaving them eager to return.
- Based on key principles and best practices for Greeters and Ushers that have made Church of the Resurrection such a welcoming and fast-growing congregation
- Includes position descriptions and other useful tools for greeters and ushers.
- Revised Edition contains updates based on increased use of digital tools, as well as changed practices after the COVID pandemic.

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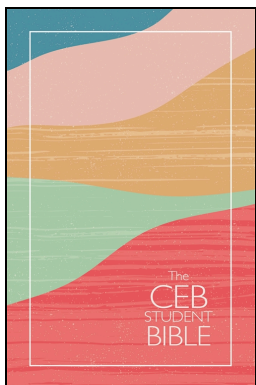
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**Bibles**



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## The CEB Student Bible

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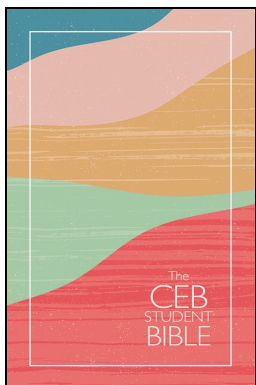
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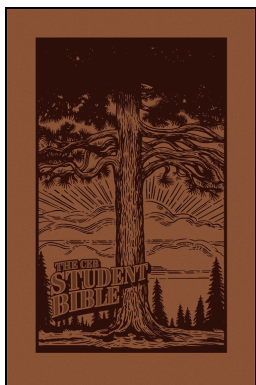
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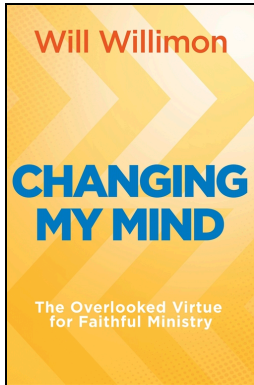
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Leadership



## Changing My Mind A Pastor's Guide for Flourishing in Ministry

### Description

**Yes, pastor, you can (and should) change your mind!**

The context of ministry continually changes, the surrounding culture changes and a living God demands constant movement and change. So, pastors and preachers must be prepared to change! Some of the current assumptions about how to persevere in ministry need to be questioned. What ideas and approaches do we need to change in ourselves and in our ministries? And how, exactly, do we change our minds and practices when we are called to be steady, stable, and sure?

Will Willimon narrates on some of the twists and turns in his own journey as a pastor. These stories and "change-of-mind-and-ministry" points can be helpful to new pastors who are negotiating their own way into future ministry. Novice pastors can receive guidance and encouragement from hearing how a prominent pastoral leader, bishop, author, seminary professor, and well-known preacher for five decades changed, grew, and adapted in Christian ministry. Also, longtime pastors will find assurance and encouragement as they continue to grow and change, as well.

The book consists of guidance from an experienced pastoral leader to other pastoral leaders, especially new pastors. Willimon frames the material around how he changed his mind and offers crucial ways he once thought about ministry compared to how he thinks about ministry now. He depicts the pastoral vocation as requiring adaptation and revision by its practitioners. Willimon includes the words of Paul from First and Second Timothy, with an older, experienced pastor (Paul) offering advice to a young, unseasoned pastor (Timothy).

### Sales Points

- Willimon encourages pastors to be flexible and open-minded in a ministry landscape that is constantly evolving
- With Willimon's extensive experience as a pastor and bishop, other pastors will discover how his approach and insights evolved, which will help them expand their mindset and enhance their ministry
- Pastors can cultivate a flourishing ministry as they learn to embrace growth by opening their minds to change
- Written in Will Willimon's lively, homiletical style, this book is engaging for pastors and church leaders at all levels

### Author Biography

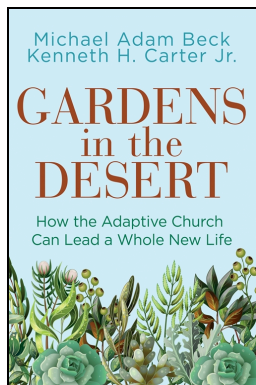
Will Willimon is a preacher and teacher of preachers. He is a United Methodist bishop (retired) and serves as Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry and Director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina. For twenty years he was Dean of the Chapel at Duke University. A 1996 Baylor University study named him among the Twelve Most Effective Preachers in the English speaking world. The Pew Research Center found that Will was one of the most widely read authors among Protestant clergy in 2005. His quarterly *Pulpit Resource* is used by thousands of pastors throughout North America, Canada, and Australia. In 2021 he gave the prestigious Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale Divinity School. Those lectures became the book, *Preachers Dare: Speaking for God* which is the inspiration for his ninetieth book, *Listeners Dare: Hearing God in the Sermon*.

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## Gardens in the Desert

### How the Adaptive Church Can Lead a Whole New Life

#### Description

**A vision for how we become God's church now for God's intended future.**

Picture a forest full of strong, old-growth trees with bright new saplings dotting the gaps between. This is one vision for the church we are becoming. Imagine a church ecosystem where established churches nurture new congregations, even congregations that look quite different. Ken Carter writes of this rich ecosystem with Michael Adam Beck, showing how the Methodist Church can be old, new, traditional, and unconventional. More importantly, they demonstrate why this mixed ecology is necessary and biblical.

*Gardens in the Desert* is practical and immediately useful. The chapters are short and pithy. The authors use frameworks, diagrams, metaphors, and lists throughout the book. This material provides the reader with 'handles' to grab onto so they can digest the ideas and see how they work.

Readers will begin to see their challenges in a new light. They will learn to shift their thinking away from disillusionment (the desert), towards innovation and hope (the gardens). Pastors and others will be equipped to do the work required to become adaptive leaders and to lead the UMC into a new life.

#### Sales Points

- Being grounded in Scripture helps make the case for this type of change in even the most traditional churches
- Gardens in the Desert offers wisdom and inspiration and will help pastors see a new and more hopeful way forward as they respond to God's call
- The book's short chapters are full of practical ideas and instruction on how to become an adaptive leader
- The style of writing is accessible for leaders at every level of experience
- Beck and Carter are two highly experienced, established UM authors and well-known leadership experts

#### Author Biography

##### Michael Adam Beck

Michael Adam Beck is senior pastor at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Ocala, FL. He led the process introduced in this book at Wildwood United Methodist Church in Wildwood, Florida. He directs Fresh Expressions Initiatives for Discipleship Ministries, speaks and teaches at seminaries, churches, and conferences, and is the author of several books from Abingdon Press.

##### Kenneth H. Carter, Jr.

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Bishop Carter is the immediate past-president of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, and he was one of three moderators of the Commission on A Way Forward, the commission authorized by the General Conference in matters of unity and human sexuality.

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He is author of a number of books, most recently *Fresh Expressions of People Over Property* and *Fresh Expressions: A New Kind of Methodist Church* (both with Audrey Warren) and *Embracing The Wideness: The Shared Convictions of United Methodists*.

He travels extensively across the state, preaching in local churches and encouraging lay and clergy leaders.

Bishop Carter and his wife, Pam have been married for thirty-seven years. Pam is also an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church, and was previously a regional team leader in disaster recovery for the Florida Conference. They are blessed with two adult daughters: Liz lives in Los Angeles, where she is a PhD. student at U.C.L.A., and Abby is on the staff of Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tennessee. Abby and her husband Allen are parents of Paige, the bishop's granddaughter.

The Carters consider it a great blessing to live and serve in Florida.

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## Church Culture

### How to Assess It, Shift It, and Shape It

#### Description

**Learn to understand culture and implement positive change.**

A church's culture is the launchpad for everything a church does, the starting point for every ministry. If the culture is "off," everything else will be out of kilter. Church Culture equips every pastor and leader with the tools necessary for culture change. Authors Ozier and Thibodeaux, both experienced experts in this area of church leadership, teach the basic concepts so readers can understand what culture is and why it's so crucial. Even more importantly, they provide a step-by-step process leaders can use to diagnose and gently shift the culture in their church. For some churches, wholesale change is in order, but most need only to make some crucial adjustments. The book provides tools for implementing the process in any setting. The pastor's top priority is creating and maintaining the church's culture; Ozier and Thibodeaux make the tasks easy to understand and show leaders how to proceed capably and carefully.

#### Sales Points

- Empowers pastors and congregations to align with God's call and experience peace as their church's culture resonates harmoniously with that divine purpose
- Jim Ozier's experience as a pastoral coach offers lessons and practical resources for transforming church culture
- Yvette Thibodeaux brings a wealth of experience leading strategic planning and change management in the realm of business and non-profits
- Easily accessible and filled with anecdotes and humor, Church Culture helps leaders deal with problems that are often perceived as overwhelming
- Tools, checklists, diagrams, and exercises for use with any church are available for download

#### Author Biography

Jim Ozier is an established motivational speaker and presenter for religious groups, civic organizations, and corporations. Based on techniques and ideas learned from his experiences with Southwest Airlines, he has conducted numerous seminars on culture and hospitality for thousands of pastors and laity in churches, districts, and annual conferences. He lives in Irving, Texas.

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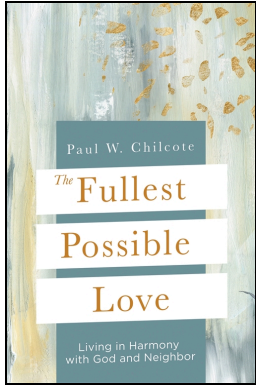
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## The Fullest Possible Love Living in Harmony with God and Neighbor

### Description

**A new and age-old way of practicing the Christian faith.**

What does Wesleyan theology and the Methodist way of life have to do with Benedictine ideas and practices? Renowned teacher Paul W. Chilcote reveals surprising and profound similarities and overlaps in the practices and theological convictions of these two Christian streams. Chilcote is a United Methodist scholar, elder, and serves as a Benedictine oblate. He writes from his own spiritual life, offering a gift to readers who are interested in Methodism and mysticism. Chilcote teaches a remarkable approach to spiritual practice; it is a new and age-old way of practicing our faith.

### Sales Points

- This way of practicing the faith could well be the most engaging approach for many people, and might help draw people to the faith who would otherwise be uninterested
- Fullest Possible Love helps the reader combine the contemplative focus of Benedictine practice with the outward and grace-filled theology of Wesleyanism
- Chilcote's unusual approach is remarkably well-suited for congregations that are interested in developing fresh expressions of discipleship in their communities
- Free Study & Implementation Guide, by Michael Adam Beck, provides step-by-step help for church leaders who want to teach/lead this innovative approach in their churches and communities

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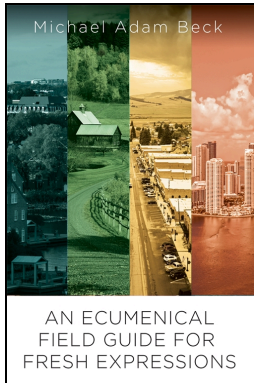
Paul W. Chilcote is a Research Fellow at Wesley House in Cambridge, England. Previously, as a third-generation ordained elder, he pastored United Methodist churches, helped launch Africa University in Zimbabwe and Asbury Theological Seminary in Florida, and taught historical theology and Wesleyan studies at the Methodist Theological School, Ashland Theological Seminary and Duke Divinity School. He is a Benedictine Oblate of Mount Angel Abbey in Saint Benedictine, Oregon, and the author of more than thirty books, including *Multiplying Love: A Vision of United Methodist Life Together*.

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## An Ecumenical Field Guide For Fresh Expressions

### Description

**Learn the essentials of fresh expressions for your church.**

This is a practical manual for understanding and implementing Fresh Expressions for a church in any denominational setting.

Fresh Expressions is a new way of thinking about the local church and a new way of doing church as a congregation. It refers to new (fresh) iterations or types (expressions) of ministry, usually outside the confines of the church building. These iterations or types of ministries are formed intentionally and organically wherever people are in the community. They are based on shared activities or interests, places where people are already gathering, and where people are open to and interested in learning about Jesus. Christians share their own stories of how Jesus is a part of their lives. Often, these gatherings become regularly attended and begin to increasingly adopt the practices of a church community in example of worship, service, study, and giving. Thus, they become fresh expressions of the church from which they originated.

### Sales Points

- A field-tested practical manual for understanding and implementing a fresh expression of church in any denominational setting
- A great tool for outreach leaders looking to target non-believers and former churchgoers
- The author uses his theological background and hands-on experience to refine communication and revitalize outreach efforts
- A novel addition to the Fresh Expressions library

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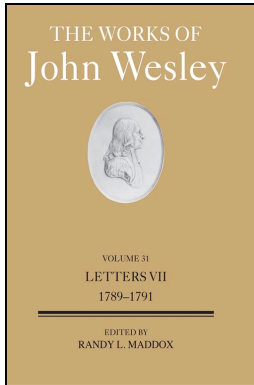
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## The Works of John Wesley Volume 31 Letters VII (1789–1791)

### Description

**Part of the most comprehensive collection of Wesley’s writings.**

The correspondence in this final volume of Wesley’s letters covers the closing years of his life. An addendum includes nearly seventy letters from earlier years that came to light after the appropriate volume in this collection had been published. This final volume also included a set of indexes for the full seven-volume collection.

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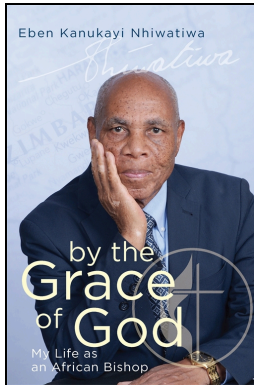
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## By the Grace of God My Life as an African Bishop

### Description

**An African bishop shares his story and ministry.**

Born in the small Zimbabwean village of Gandanzara, Bishop Eben Kanukayi Nhiwatiwa became an inspired and accomplished leader in the church and larger society. Elected as a bishop in The United Methodist Church in 2004, he has guided ministries in Zimbabwe and across Africa and beyond through periods of immense and rapid change.

In his book *By the Grace of God*, the bishop takes the reader through his educational odyssey, winding through Zimbabwe and the United States. He narrates with humor his introduction to the US and its unfamiliar customs. He inspires readers with the story of the remarkable series of events that shaped him as a Christian and bishop.

The book provides a succinct master class on the art and science of leadership. Drawing inspiration and insights from an array of literature and astute observation, Nhiwatiwa synthesizes what have been his most important gleanings about factors that contribute to visionary and effective leadership.

Nhiwatiwa became known as the “Chabadza Bishop,” advocating for vibrant mutual partnerships with churches and annual conferences in other parts of the world. Chabadza is a Shona word meaning “to give a helping hand to someone who is already working.” He urges people asking for help to be active workers in the project themselves. He has diligently advanced ideas for collaboration that eliminate approaches rooted in maintaining dependency.

Nhiwatiwa writes, “Life-changing events in my life took place, not because of my sustained goal to pursue a certain objective, but that by the grace of God.” His witness and leadership have helped transform The United Methodist Church for ministry in the twenty-first century.

### Sales Points

- Learn about Bishop Nhiwatiwa from his early childhood, his call to ministry, and the things he accomplished through his time as a pastor and bishop, along with his time teaching at Africa University
- He shares his thoughts on the future of The United Methodist Church in Africa

### Author Biography

Eben Kanukayi Nhiwatiwa was elected to the episcopacy in 2004. He is the Resident Bishop of the Zimbabwe Area, which includes the Zimbabwe East and Zimbabwe West conferences in the Africa Central Conference of The United Methodist Church. He currently serves as a board member and chair of the finance committee of the Africa University Board of Directors.

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