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Prepare for the Unexpected

*Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
1 Corinthians 11:1*

One day several years ago while working in my shop, I saw a police car pull into my driveway. Two policemen stepped out. They informed me that they had a warrant for my arrest.

Since I could not think of a legitimate reason why they would want to arrest me, I just casually responded, "Well, here I am." It turned out they really did not have a warrant but were there to ask me a few questions about repairing a motor in their car.

What if they would have been there to arrest me, or to question me about my faith? This scene is very real for many fellow Christians in recent times. Without time for farewells, they are taken from their families to be imprisoned for months or years, sometimes never to return. This they endure for the sake of their faith in Jesus Christ.

As I pondered this incident, I wondered if I would have been prepared to go with them? I wondered how my family would have been prepared physically; but even more, I wondered if I had provided for their spiritual needs. If I were to be taken away suddenly and without warning, would I have taken sufficient time to teach, instruct, and to live an example of faith so my family would desire to continue on, even in my absence? What if I would not have been allowed one more opportunity to speak to them?

May we not neglect today to provide for the spiritual welfare of our families, friends, and neighbors.

Hold them near while they're here. Don't wait for tomorrow.

*Willie Borntrager,
Monticello, KY*

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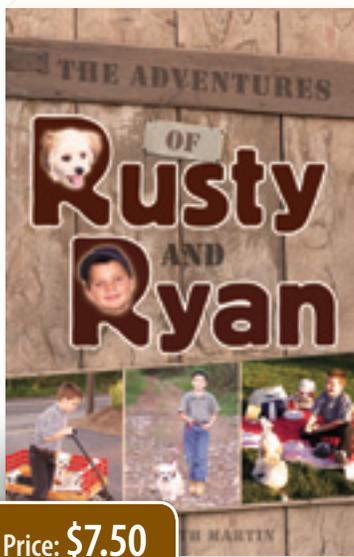
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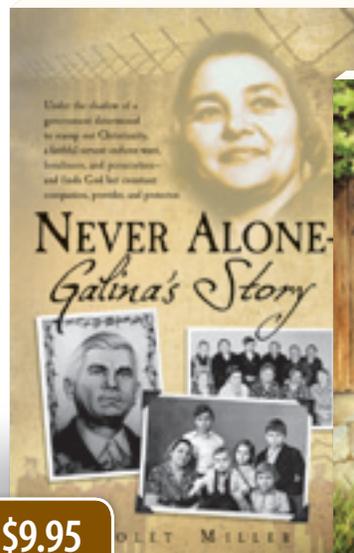
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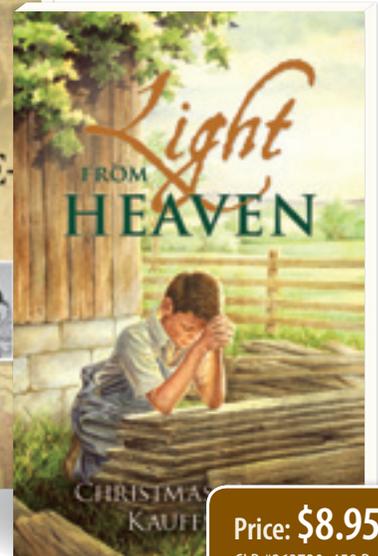
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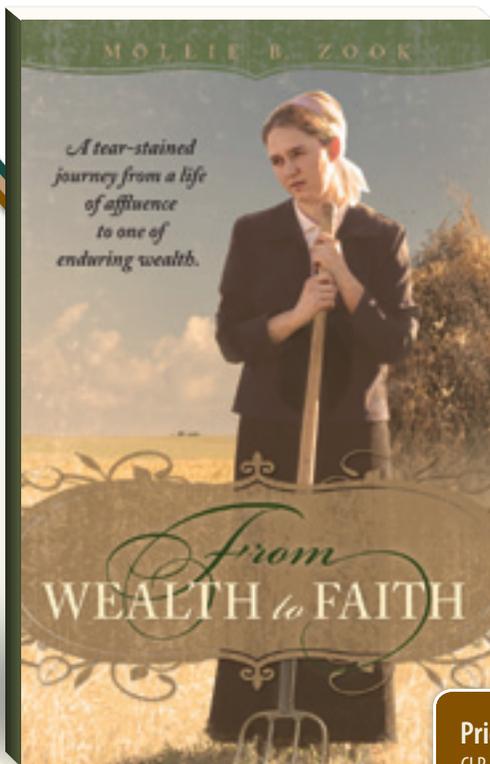
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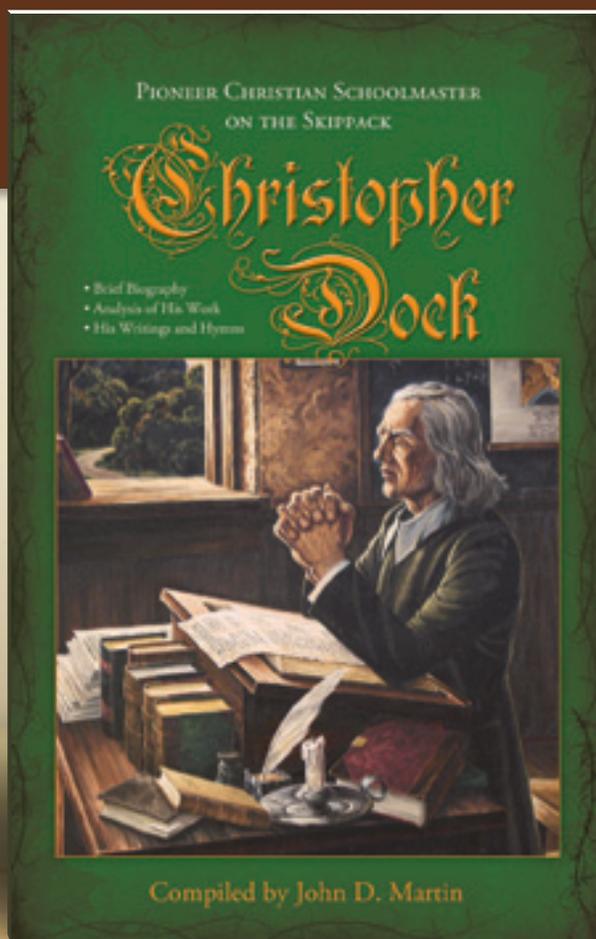
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