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# Jesus the Word

John Coblentz

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. – John 1:14

Jesus is God's clearest and most profound message to us, not simply of what God wants to say, but of who God is. We believe that God is infinite in knowledge, unlimited in power, and unconfined to space and time. We believe that God is absolutely right, and consequently, that everything He says and does is said and done in perfect righteousness.

We believe that God is love, that He is merciful and gracious, kindhearted toward humanity and willing to rescue those gone astray even at horrible cost to Himself. We believe that God is glorious in majesty and mysterious in beauty, and that He delights in all that is noble and true and good.

And we believe that as the powerful Word of God, Jesus revealed this God to us, expressing by His life and teachings that our Father in Heaven is all of the above. Jesus showed us that our good-hearted Father has planned a cosmic redemption focused on saving sinners.

This redemption includes the overturn of disease, decay, death, and all that has been marred by the curse of sin, as well as the absolute overthrow of all the forces of evil. This heavenly Father is so eager to save the lost, that like the father of the wasteful son in Luke 15, He takes shame upon

Himself and runs to embrace penitent sinners in their dirty rags, lavishing undeserved affection upon them. Jesus is this message to us from eternity.

The Word of God shines in the darkness, illuminating even the darkest places. He gives hope to the hopeless, sight to the blind, courage to the downcast, comfort to the brokenhearted, and life to those appointed to death. The Word of God causes those who are sick and broken and despairing to look up and cry out for divine help. He shows us that our prayers are not in vain, that the Father hears and is already at work on behalf of those who come to Him in faith.

The Word became flesh. God's Word in spoken and written form is precious beyond telling, but all that God is and does cannot be reduced to human language or contained on a page. We needed more than the written Word.

God's essence came among us in the Man from Nazareth to do God's works and to speak God's words. He walked our streets, breathed our air, ate our food, lived our life, felt our sorrows, and experienced our troubles. He called us to open our ears to hear the message of hope He embodied. He is the Word of Life in our world of sin and death.

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# Still the Storm

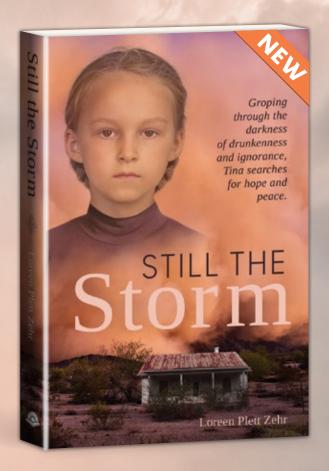
### Loreen Plett Zehr

"You ask about this picture all the time, Tina!"
Mom exclaimed as Tina pointed to the drawing of the Man on the cross. "I don't know why they did it to Him. His name is Jesus. Now stop asking!"
Mom turned back to rinsing the clothes. "Besides, you ought not to have the book outdoors."

Somberly Tina stared at the picture. The man had to be in a lot of pain! Those were huge nails. She counted again, "One, two, three, four, five." Five places dripped blood—from His outstretched hands, from His feet, and His side. He had died there on the cross. But why? For sin? What did that mean? And what did it have to do with her?

Raised in an Old Colony Mennonite setting in Mexico, Tina faced many adversities, storms that threatened her quest for truth. Illiteracy. Abuse. Mockery. Drunkenness. Doubt. Tragedy. Would she ever find the One who holds the answers and stills the storms? A true story.

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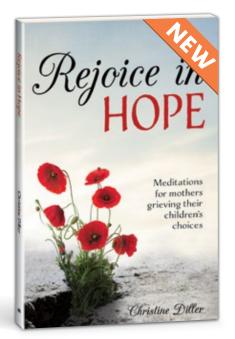
# Hope for the Mourning

#### Dorothy Swartzentruber

The loss of a child is a profound bereavement. Parents grieve not only the loss of a beloved baby, but also the loss of what that child represented. Losing a baby, whether through miscarriage or a later death, changes a mother and family forever. Though the journey to healing may be grueling, God's arms are underneath, and His grace is sufficient.

This book is written from a mother's perspective and includes experiences and quotes from many mothers. In addition, husbands and caring friends who read this book will better understand how to support those who grieve.

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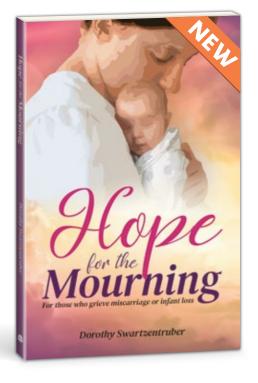
#### Rejoice in Hope

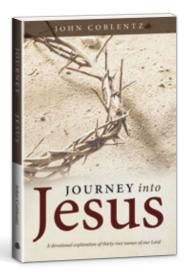
Christine Diller

To have a child die would be a horrifying experience, but an even greater fear would be losing them to spiritual death. The author prayed regularly for her growing children. Then she and her husband found themselves in a situation they had never expected. Devastated, she asked, "Why?" Hadn't she prayed for her children all their lives? What went wrong?

*Rejoice in Hope* shares what one mother learned about God's care and the power of prayer. It helps mothers find hope in spiritual struggles they may be facing with their grown children.

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Iohn Coblentz

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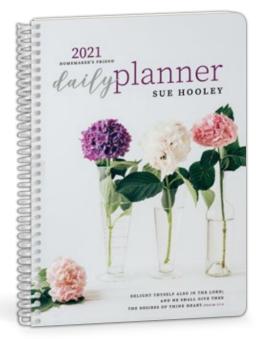


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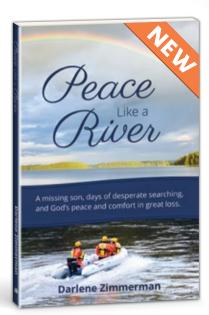


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Darlene Zimmerman

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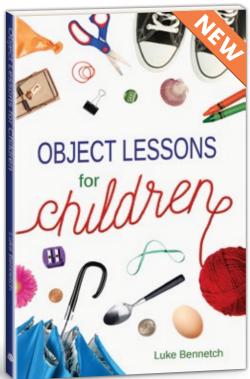
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Romaine Stauffer

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My Brother's Keeper discusses the history of race relations, looks at how Mennonites have responded to racial diversity in the past, and suggests Biblical responses to issues such as interracial marriage, transracial adoptions, race-based privilege, and political correctness.

Our homes and churches can be a foreshadowing of the fellowship of Heaven, where the Bible describes a multiethnic multitude praising God together.

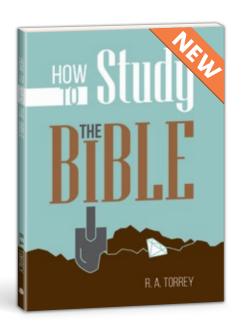
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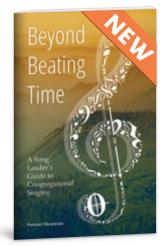
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R. A. Torrey

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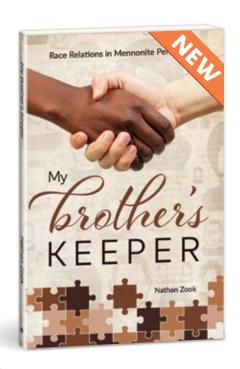
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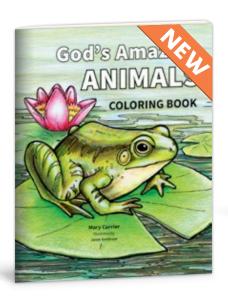
The song leader's role in a worship service goes much deeper than starting songs and beating time. The song leader's confidence, song selections, and level of preparation complement or detract from the service.

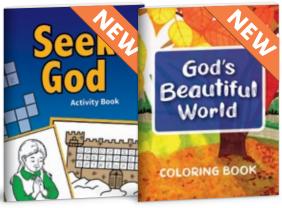
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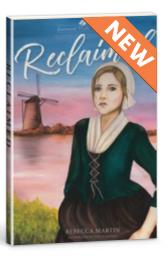
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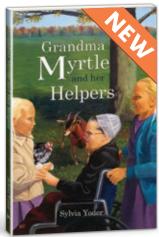
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## Grandma Myrtle and Her Helpers

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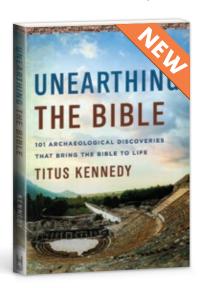


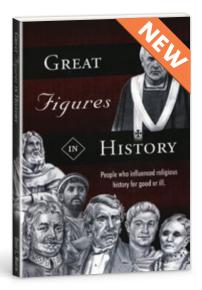
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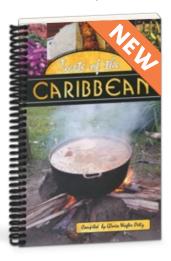


#### **Unearthing the Bible**

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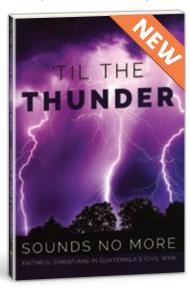
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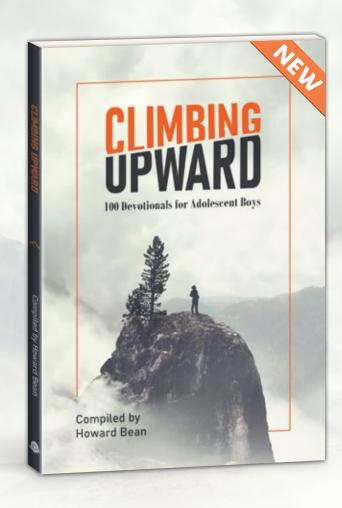
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