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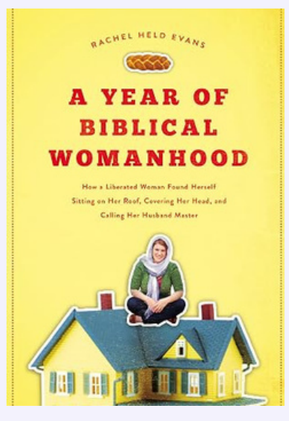
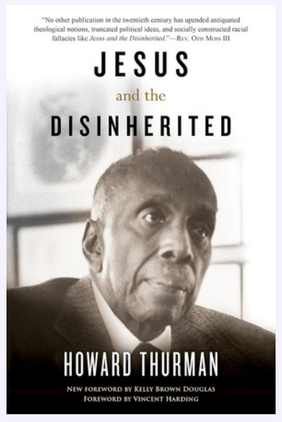


JAN 28: A YEAR OF BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD

FAITH & HUMOR

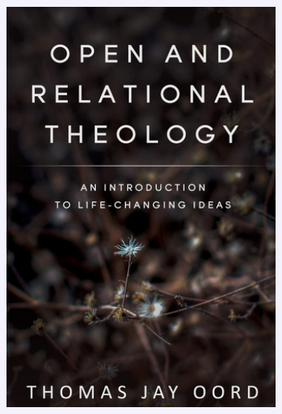
What happens when a woman tries to follow every biblical instruction about being a woman for an entire year? With humor, honesty, and a healthy dose of mischief, Rachel Held Evans challenges the ways Christians interpret Scripture and the expectations we place on women.



FEB 25: JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED

FAITH & JUSTICE

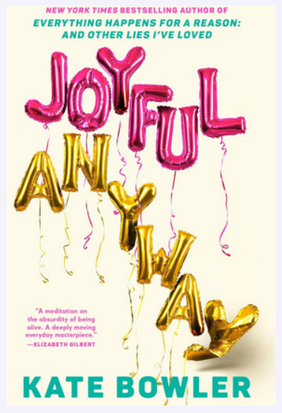
What does the message of Jesus mean to people who are oppressed, marginalized, or pushed aside? Howard Thurman's groundbreaking book, which influenced Martin Luther King Jr., reveals a gospel of courage, resistance, and radical love that remains urgently relevant today.



MAR 18: OPEN AND RELATIONAL THEOLOGY

RETHINKING GOD

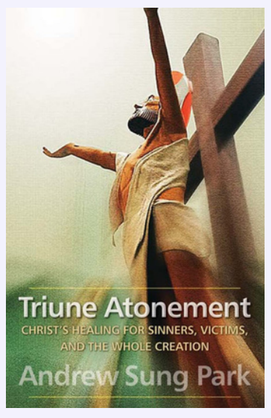
What if God doesn't control everything that happens, but instead works through love and relationship to shape the future? Thomas Jay Oord introduces a compelling way of understanding God's power, our freedom, and why love might be the most important thing about God.



APR 22: JOYFUL, ANYWAY

JOY & RESILIENCE

What if joy isn't something we have to earn by getting our lives together? With her signature humor and honesty, Kate Bowler explores how we can discover genuine joy even when life is messy, painful, and nothing like we planned.



MAY 13: TRIUNE ATONEMENT

RETHINKING WHY JESUS DIED

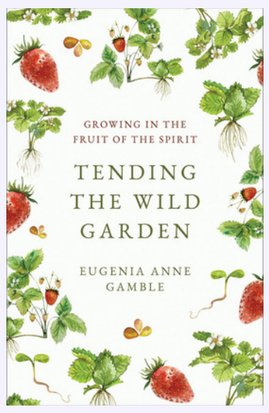
Did Jesus have to die to satisfy an angry God, or is there a bigger story behind the cross? Andrew Sung Park offers a fresh understanding of salvation that centers God's healing love, justice, and reconciliation rather than punishment.



JUN 24: THE BOOK OF LONGINGS

HISTORICAL FICTION

What if Jesus had been married? In this imaginative and beautifully written novel, Sue Monk Kidd tells the story of Ana, a bold and intelligent woman whose life intersects with Jesus of Nazareth, inviting us to see the ancient world through a woman's eyes.



JUL 22: TENDING THE WILD GARDEN

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Eugenia Anne Gamble invites us to imagine our spiritual lives as wild gardens, where love, joy, peace, and the other fruits of the Spirit can flourish. Discover how tending our relationship with God can transform the way we live, love, and grow.



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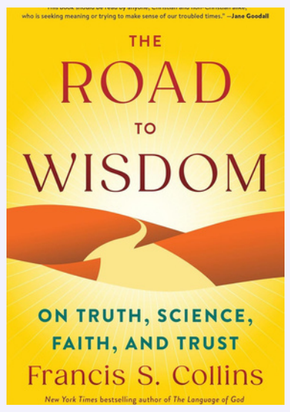


AUG 26: THE ROAD TO WISDOM

SCIENCE & FAITH

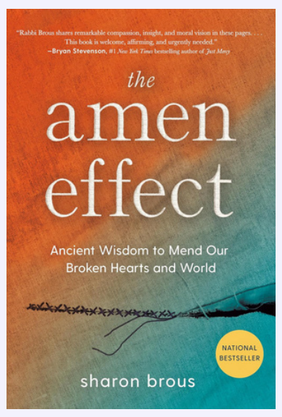
Can science and faith help us find common ground in an increasingly divided world? Renowned geneticist and Christian Francis Collins explores how truth, reason, and trust can help us navigate today's biggest challenges without abandoning either our faith or our intellect.



SEPT 23: HOPE IS HERE

HOPE & ACTION

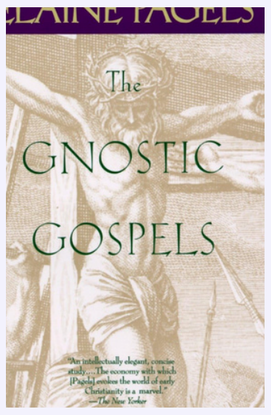
Hope isn't just wishful thinking; it's something we practice, nurture, and put into action. Luther E. Smith Jr. explores how hope can become a powerful force for personal transformation, stronger communities, and a more just world.



OCT 28: THE AMEN EFFECT

COMMUNITY & COMPASSION

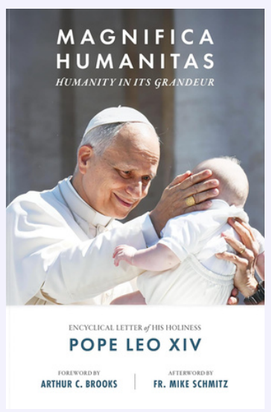
In a world struggling with loneliness and division, what if the most powerful thing we can do is simply show up for one another? Rabbi Sharon Brous draws on ancient Jewish wisdom to explore how meaningful relationships and shared vulnerability can heal our communities and ourselves.



NOV 18: THE GNOSTIC GOSPELS

HIDDEN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

What did some early Christians believe that never made it into the Bible? Elaine Pagels explores ancient writings that challenge our assumptions about Christianity's beginnings and reveal just how diverse the early church really was.



DEC 16: MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

FAITH & TECHNOLOGY

As artificial intelligence transforms our world, what does it really mean to be human? Pope Leo XIV challenges us to consider how faith, human dignity, and our responsibility to one another should guide the future of technology and society.



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR COREY

COME AS YOU ARE!

I did not read these books before choosing them, so we're discovering them together. This isn't a class where I'm the teacher, but a chance for us to explore ideas, share what we loved, question what we didn't, and even vehemently disagree from time to time.
Everyone is welcome, whether you love to talk or would rather just listen. And if you didn't finish the book (or even start it), come anyway! The conversation is often just as valuable as the book itself.