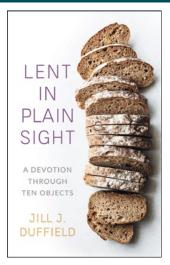
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A Devotion through Ten Objects

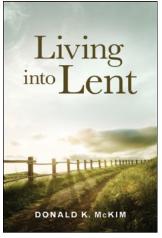
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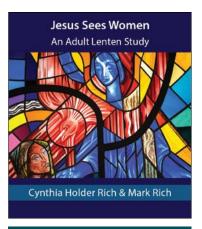
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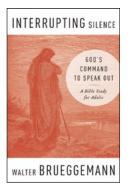
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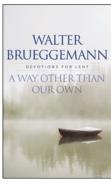
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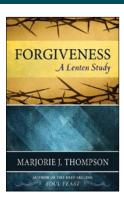
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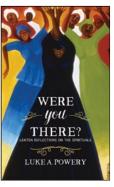


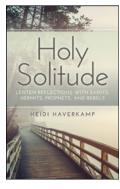
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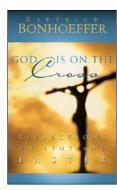






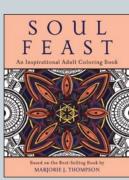






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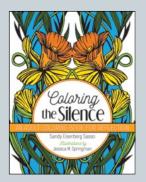
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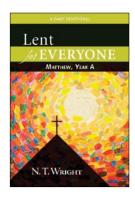
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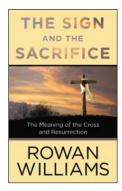
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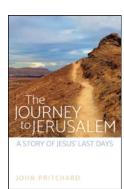
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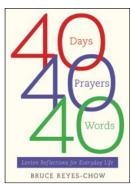


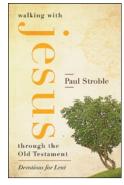
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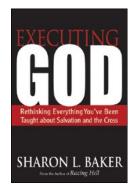




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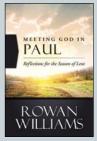
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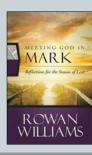
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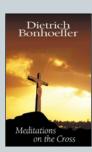
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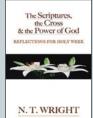
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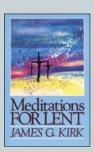






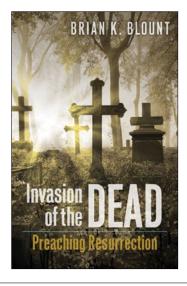


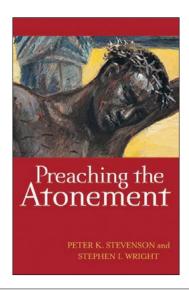


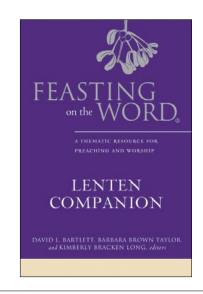




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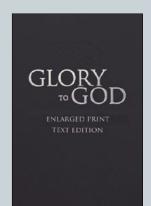


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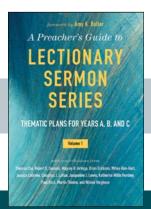
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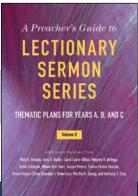
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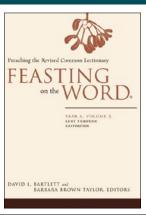
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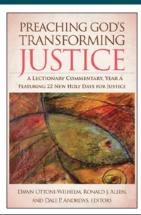
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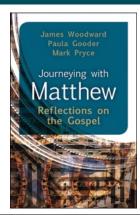
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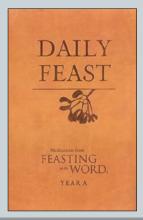


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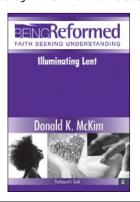
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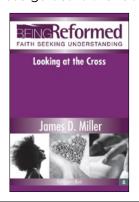


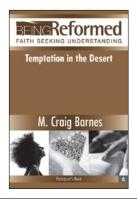
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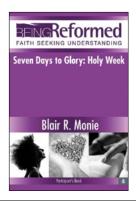
BEING REFORMED: FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

This series of biblically based, six-session courses provides adults with a foundational understanding of the Reformed faith. Written by well-known and respected scholars, each study features Scripture, prayer, in-depth commentary, and questions for reflection. The Leader's Guides offer helpful suggestions and direction for group study. The main structure for these guides is the rubric Head, Heart, and Hands.









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