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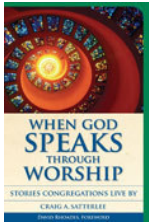
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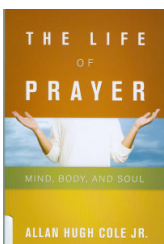
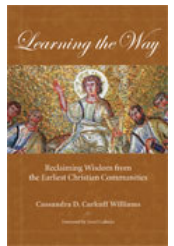
*All brand new:*



**264.041Sat When God Speaks Through Worship: Stories Congregations Live by by Craig A. Satterlee and The Alban Institute** This book is a collection of stories of congregational worship in which God's ongoing presence, speech, and activity are apparent. These stories of proclaiming the gospel, teaching the faith, praying, singing, baptizing, blessing, and sharing bread and wine in Jesus's name share the purpose of these activities in worship, yet still challenge the reader to explore the motives behind them. When we worship in church, are we worshipping God, or ourselves? Has worship become more people-centered than Christ-centered? We have our preferred styles, but is that getting in the way of the purpose of worship? Craig A. Satterlee uses eight stories to inspire other congregations to seek God through their worship. He discusses the joys and challenges of worship, as well as the supportive parts of it, such as specific vocations, planning, and communication. However your church chooses to express itself through worship, this book will make you think about how you're going about it, why, and what impact it is having on the people within your congregation and the community around it. 137 pages.

**253.22 Learning the Way: Reclaiming Wisdom from the Earliest Christian Communities by**

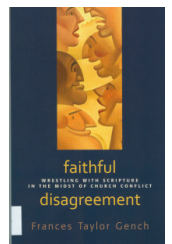
**Cassandra D. Carkuff Williams** How should the church respond to the cultural and societal changes going on around it? Should it reject the historic traditions that served the early Christian church or should it turn a blind eye to the changes happening in modern society? Neither, as Cassandra D. Carkuff Williams advocates—we should and must recover and reclaim our foundations and reinterpret them in light of present-day realities. In this book, Williams suggests that the biggest problems facing the church today are the victim mentality created out of its own presumptions and that we have allowed society to dictate how we lead our churches. Williams explores early Christian communities and their practices in order to identify principles for discipleship formation. She then offers expert advice on how to approach modern-day issues of Christian education and discipleship formation based on the examples set forth by our earliest forebears in the faith. As Williams states, "Discipleship is a way of being grounded in vocation, nurtured within community, and guided by tradition." This book provides an overview of the past in order that we might take the proven example of early Christians and apply it toward our present and our future. 160 pages.

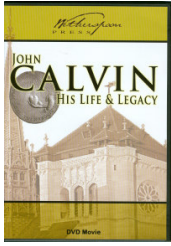


**248.3Col The Life of Prayer: Mind, Body, and Soul by Allan Hugh Cole, Jr.** This book is a wonderful guide to prayer both for beginners and for Christians hoping to deepen their prayer lives. Straightforward chapters explain what prayer is and describe its spiritual and physical effects. The author demonstrates different kinds of prayer and helps the reader find ways to pray in various situations. He also suggests practical ways of approaching scriptural prayers such as the Lord's Prayer and the Psalms, contemplative prayers such as open prayer and centering prayer, prayer within the traditions of the church, and prayer using the language of worship. Several exercises and sample prayers are provided as well. 139 pages.

**250.22 Faithful Disagreement: Wrestling with Scripture in the Midst of Church**

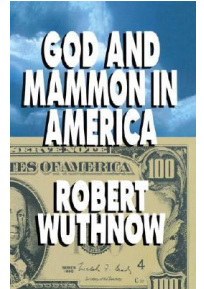
**Conflict** by **Frances Taylor Gench** Conflict is all too common in the church today. But as Frances Taylor Gench reminds us in this book, conflict over scriptural interpretation has been with the church since its earliest days. Gench reflects on those early experiences of conflict, presenting substantive studies of relevant biblical texts and drawing lessons from each about how it informs current conflicts in the church. In the Process, she provides a constructive resource to help Christians wrestle with Scripture in the midst of their disagreements. 135 pages.





**284Lea** *John Calvin, His Life & Legacy* by Witherspoon Press Director Vernon Leat and Producer Blake Richter bring together world-renowned scholars and Reformed church leaders to tell the powerful story of the sixteenth-century pastor John Calvin. Combining stunning high-definition photography from Dordrecht to Geneva with clear, insightful scholarship and analysis, this project is the first definitive documentary to dispel the myths of, and set the context and conditions for, Calvin's effect on the church and the whole course of Western civilization. Five-week, 20-page printable Study Guide and 51-page PowerPoint supplement included on the DVD. Running time is 1 hour.

**306.6Wut** *God and Mammon in America* by Robert Wuthnow Drawing on a national survey of more than 2,000 working Americans plus a set of in-depth interviews, the author explores how religious commitments connect -- or often fail to connect -- with people's work, money, and attitudes toward material possessions. He concludes that there is a stronger relationship between religious values and the pursuit of money than has been assumed, although this relationship does not necessarily curb American materialism. Indeed, the author argues that in many respects religious values support materialism both by increasing employees' satisfaction with their work and by helping to justify materially privileged lives. Wuthnow also found a strong ambivalence towards materialism, i.e., people simultaneously condemn materialism and manifest a desire for more money and goods. At the same time, Wuthnow uncovered a general desire for a more consistent and solid set of values, and he concludes by addressing both lay readers and religious leaders on ways to transcend the materialism that governs people's lives. 364 pages.



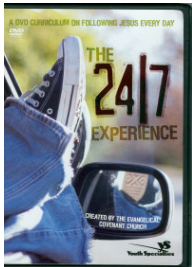
**AS268Ecu** *Questions of Faith* by Ecumenical Films Basic questions of belief and meaning come to us again and again in our lives. Sometimes we think that we have them answered. Other times we think we've gone beyond them or even lost interest. If you are searching, striving to grow in faith and to relate belief to life, you will find these contemporary thinkers helpful and stimulating. The Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic participants in this series range from priest to psychotherapists: Old Testament scholars to evangelists; and preachers to sociologists.

**Series 1** Session Titles are: Who is God? What good is prayer? What's God got to do with evil? What's being good for? Who needs organized religion? What matters anyway?

**Series 3** Session Titles are: What do you mean by faith? Why worship? What's religion go to do with sex? What are the moral dilemmas? Remember sin and salvation? What about grace and miracles?

**Series 4** Session Titles are: What is the nature of human nature? Whose life is sacred? Whose world is it? What's the Holy Spirit? What's religious? Why hope?

**(Series 2 and 5** are already a part of the Resource Center and are not new.)



**T268Eva** *The 24/7 Experience* by Youth Specialties In an episodic, reality-TV style, 24/7 brings your students on a journey to learn what it means to follow Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They'll watch interviews with those who're making a difference in the world: Shane Claiborne (The Simple Way, Philadelphia, PA), Gary Haugen (International Justice Mission), Damian Boyd (college minister and national speaker), Steve Gee and Candi Pearson (Passion recording artists), and Ralph Winter (producer of the *X-Men* movies). With seven episodes (16-20 minutes long each) and discussion questions for small groups, you can help your students learn about following, love, justice, unity, spiritual gifts, and the meaning of being "in the desert." The video curriculum also includes a leader's guide and other bonus materials.

**394.2663Wal** *Were They Wise Men or Kings?—The Book of Christmas Questions* by Joseph J. Walsh The author explains what's behind Christmas traditions and answers the season's most commonly asked questions, as well as some questions you might not have thought to ask—questions about the origin of Santa, the story of Rudolph, the reason we decorate with greenery, the story of the nativity and the Star of Bethlehem, and others about favorite Christmas tales, celebrations and rituals, and the beginnings of gift-giving and card-sending. He relates contemporary practices and historical tradition, explaining why, for instance, we kiss under the mistletoe, and he even describes a time when Christmas was responsible for a truce in World War I. 127 pages.

