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African American Christian Worship Crossway

Gospel unity creates racial harmony. However, Martin Luther King Jr. once said that the most segregated hour in America is eleven o'clock on Sunday morning. Equipped with the gospel, the church should be the catalyst for reconciliation, yet it continues to ignore immense pain and division. In an effort to bridge the canyon of misunderstanding, insensitivity, and hurt, Mark Vroegop writes about the practice of lament, which he defines as "the biblical language of empathy and exile, perseverance and protest." Encouraging you to "weep with those who weep" (Rom. 12:15), Vroegop invites you to mourn with

him over the brokenness that has caused division and to use lament to begin the journey toward a diverse and united church. Features Prayers of Lament From Thabiti Anyabwile Trillia Newbell Jarvis Williams John Onwuchekwa Collin Hansen Isaac Adams Danny Akin Mika Edmondson Jason Meyer Garrett Kell Prayers and Promises When Facing a Life-Threatening Illness New Growth

Rejoicing in LamentBrazos Press

Lament for a Son Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing The author describes the progress of his grief from the shock of learning of his son's accidental death to his final resignation a year later

The End of the Christian Life Good Book Company
This book fills a real need for pastors and students. Though there
is currently a large body of material on the theological
interpretation of Scripture, most of it is highly specific and
extremely technical. J. Todd Billings here provides a

straightforward entryway for students and pastors to understand why theological interpretation matters and how it can be done. / A solid, constructive theological work, The Word of God for the People of God presents a distinctive Trinitarian, participatory approach toward reading Scripture as the church. Billings's accessible yet substantial argument for a theological hermeneutic is rooted in a historic vision of the practice of scriptural interpretation even as it engages a wide range of contemporary issues and includes several exegetical examples that apply to concrete Christian ministry situations.

A Sacred Sorrow Crossway

Kelly M. Kapic meditates on how our suffering—particularly our physical suffering—relates to the Christian faith. This is not a theodicy or a book of easy answers. It is an invitation to reshape our understanding of suffering into the image of Jesus. What we discover is that in Christ and through his church, God displays his deep love and provision for his people.

God's Grace in Your Suffering Crossway

Everyone will die. Yet we rarely talk about death or what comes after death. One reason is that we don't know what the Scripture says about the coming glory. How do we get to that point of joyful anticipation? Knowing God's promises! In The Coming Glory: Hope Now for Life after Death, Dr. Swets clearly presents the promises in Scripture about life after death--promises that answer seven common concerns of those facing their own death or that of a loved one.

Darkness Is My Only Companion Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing This book deals with Christian lament in the late Reformation by exploring the efforts of a talented yet little-known layman to cope with the death of his beloved wife. A work of haunting candor and searching faith, The Pious Meditations furnishes insight into life in the past as well as resources for life in the present.

Union with Christ Baker Academic

Twenty years ago, Jerry Sittser lost his daughter, wife, and mother in a car accident. He chronicled that tragic experience in A Grace Disguised, a book that has become a classic on the topic of grief and loss. Now he asks: How do we live meaningfully, even fruitfully, in this world and at the same time long for heaven? How do we respond to the paradox of being a new creature in Christ even though we don 't always feel or act like one? How can we trust God is involved in our story when our circumstances seem to say he isn 't? While A Grace Disguised explored how the soul grows through loss, A Grace Revealed brings the story of Sittser's family full circle, revealing God's redeeming work in the midst of circumstances that could easily have destroyed them. As Sittser reminds us, our lives tell a good story after all. A Grace Revealed will helps us understand and trust that God is writing a beautiful story in our own lives.

A Widower's Lament Zondervan

An accomplished theologian recovers the biblical theme of union with Christ, showing how it affects current theological and ministry issues.

Losing Susan Crosslink Publishing

Representing two generations of counselor education and

practice, Megan Anna Neff and Mark McMinn provide practitioners with a fresh look at integration in a postmodern world. Modeling how to engage hard questions, they consider how different theological views, gendered perspectives, and cultures integrate with psychology and counseling.

Crossway

This is the moving story of Matt Chandler's battle with a potentially fatal brain tumor. But it's also the stories of those in his church family who taught him, and teach him, how to walk with joy in sorrow. Readers will find encouragement and strength to get through tough times, or to support others to do so. Infinite Hope in the Midst of Struggles Brazos Press Where is God in the suffering of a mentally ill person? What happens to the soul when the mind is ill? How are Christians to respond to mental illness? In this brave and compassionate book, theologian and priest Kathryn Greene-McCreight confronts these difficult questions raised by her own mental illness--bipolar disorder. With brutal honesty, she tackles often avoided topics such as suicide, mental hospitals, and electroconvulsive therapy. Greene-McCreight offers the reader everything from poignant and raw glimpses into the mind of a mentally ill person to practical and forthright advice for their friends, family, and clergy. The first edition has been recognized as one of the finest books on the subject. This thoroughly revised edition incorporates updated research and adds anecdotal and pastoral commentary. It also includes a new foreword by the current Archbishop of Canterbury and a new afterword by the author.

Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy OUP Oxford

We're all going to die. Yet in our medically advanced, technological age, many of us see death as a distant reality--something that happens only at the end of a long life or to other people. In The End of the Christian Life, Todd Billings urges Christians to resist that view. Instead, he calls us to embrace our mortality in our daily life and faith. This is the journey of genuine discipleship, Billings says, following the crucified and resurrected Lord in a world of distraction and false hopes. Drawing on his experience as a professor and father living with incurable cancer, Billings offers a personal yet deeply theological account of the gospel's expansive hope for small, mortal creatures. Artfully weaving rich theology with powerful narrative, Billings writes for church leaders and laypeople alike. Whether we are young or old, reeling from loss or clinging to our own prosperity, this book challenges us to walk a strange but wondrous path: in the midst of joy and lament, to receive mortal limits as a gift, an opportunity to give ourselves over to the Lord of life.

A Grace Revealed InterVarsity Press

In The Sacrifice of Africa Emmanuel Katongole confronts this painful legacy and shows how it continues to warp the imaginative landscape of African politics and society. He demonstrates the real potential of Christianity to interrupt and transform entrenched political imaginations and create a different story for Africa ù a story of self-sacrificing love that values human dignity and "dares to invent" a new and better future for all Africans. Compelling accounts of three African Christian leaders and their work ù Bishop Paride Taban in Sudan, Angelina Atyam in Uganda, and Maggy Barankitse in Burundi ù cap off Katongole's inspiring vision of hope for Africa.

The Myth of a Christian Nation Rejoicing in Lament Where Is God? There are never quick fixes or easy answers

when it comes to suffering. But even when we can 't immediately see God 's hand—when the struggle is hard and painful—he is working. Weaving together Scripture, personal stories, and the words of the classic hymn "How Firm a Foundation," David Powlison brings an experienced counselor touch to exploring how God enters into our sufferings, helping us see God working in our own particular struggles—and discover how God 's grace goes deeper than we could ever imagine.

Embodied Hope Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.
This commentary draws its content from the Concordia
Commentary series. This new lay-friendly edition
includes all of the original translation and commentary but
excludes technical notes, original biblical languages, and
terminology required of an academic edition. Today's
world holds similar challenges that were present in
Corinth during Paul's time. This commentary shows how
Paul witnesses to Christ as a clear beacon who guides us
through all of lives issues.

The Sacrifice of Africa P & R Publishing
Cancer & Theology is an anthology of sixteen essays
addressing the difficult questions of faith raised by
illness and death. The essays, penned by a diverse
collection of Christian thinkers, are often raw and
always honest. Cancer & Theology provides unique
insights about the presence of God and the
importance of community in the midst of grief and
uncertainty. List of contributors: Paul Amlin, Kester
Brewin, Adam Walker Cleaveland, Adam J. Copeland,
Abigail Rian Evans, David Fitch, Nate Frambach, Greg

Garrett, Tony Jones, Joshua Longbrake, Brian McLaren, Carol Howard Merritt, Brandon Lyman Mick, Andy Root, Mike Stavlund, and Greg Syler A portion of all proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. What Is the Meaning of Sex? Bible Study Steps Violence in Israel and Palestine has become the norm. Do we even understand this conflict? Do we know where it comes from? Why can't the two sides reach agreement? Can Jews and Palestinians find a way to coexist? An American Jew, Mark Braverman thought he understood the reasons for Israel's existence. But when he visited the region and began to understand the forces that are fueling and perpetuating the conflict, he realized just how far we are from achieving peace. From the bustling communities on either side of the Jerusalem barrier, to the historical lessons of the Nazi Holocaust and South African apartheid, to the foremost voices in theology and conflict resolution today, Braverman answers the questions above and offers a course of action both at home and abroad to realize peace.

A Wall in Jerusalem Westminster John Knox Press Sex. We live in a world that loves it without understanding it. This book clearly explains the truth about sex and winsomely responds to society 's evolving views on human sexuality and gender. From marriage to birth control, homosexuality to singleness, What is the Meaning of Sex? sets forth a distinctly Christian perspective, equipping you to engage our confused culture with a God-glorifying vision of human sexuality.

Cancer and Theology Baker Academic

At the age of thirty-nine, Christian theologian Todd Billings was diagnosed with a rare form of incurable cancer. In the wake of that diagnosis, he began grappling with the hard theological questions we face in the midst of crisis: Why me? Why now? Where is God in all of this? This eloquently written book shares Billings's journey, struggle, and reflections on providence, lament, and life in Christ in light of his illness, moving beyond pat answers toward hope in God's promises. Theologically robust yet eminently practical, it engages the open questions, areas of mystery, and times of disorientation in the Christian life. Billings offers concrete examples through autobiography, cultural commentary, and stories from others, showing how our human stories of joy and grief can be incorporated into the larger biblical story of God's saving work in Christ.