



Alumni Connection

Update from President Mark Young

I remember that morning back in March when Covid-19 infection rates were spiking, the financial markets were crashing, and I woke with a keen sense that I had no idea what to do in the face of such an uncertain future. I couldn't bear to think about laying off any of our staff or faculty. How could we protect our community from this scourge? What encouragement could I offer them?



"One step at a time, Mark. Take a deep breath, cry out to the Lord for wisdom and make one decision. Then repeat that process again and again." That's all I could do. By God's grace we were able to transition all classes to a Zoom or fully online format in the Spring semester. In April, we decided every course would be offered in virtual formats for the

Summer term. Like many of you we tried to make decisions early enough to take as much uncertainty out of folks' lives as we could. We were surprised and encouraged to see the highest summer enrollment in our school's history. We didn't have to lay anyone off. Our financial losses were less than we feared. Thanks be to God!

For the Fall semester we have resumed in-person classes on our Littleton campus while continuing to offer Zoom and fully online courses as well. Fall enrollment looks strong with the largest class of new students in our history. We're wearing masks and physically distancing while on campus but our faculty and students are making it work. Their commitment to do so is both humbling and inspiring.

If you haven't had an opportunity to participate in one of our panel webinars or listen to our podcast, let me encourage you to take advantage of both. We've been encouraged by the number of folks listening and participating. Next week, September 17, 11:00 a.m. MDT, we're hosting pastors from predominately white, Hispanic and African American churches to discuss leading a church in this politically divisive time. On Monday we released a podcast on gospel-centered engagement in politics. Let me encourage you to check that out as well.

Thank you for faithfully serving the Lord in these times. As a Lutheran pastor told me a few years back, "The world needs a pastor. They just don't know it." No matter what ministry or occupation we are pursuing, we have the privilege to be the world's pastor, telling the story of redemption in credible and compelling ways. May the Lord give your strength to keep on pursuing your calling.

ALUMNI PRAYER REQUESTS

Did you know that each week the Alumni Relations team prays for Denver Seminary alumni? Click the button above to share a prayer request.

Upcoming Events



Our next Women Engage event will be held online in just a few weeks! You won't want to miss this hour of spiritual refreshment led by our guest speakers Ally Ley, Denver Seminary Soul Care Initiative Director, and Debbie Swanson, Denver Seminary Christian Formation and Soul Care Adjunct Instructor, Praxis Leadership. More details and registration for the event will be available on the Denver Seminary website in the coming weeks.

Location: Online

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Mountain Time

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Presentation at the 72nd ETS Annual Meeting

The Evangelical Theological Society has moved their Annual Meeting to an online format in light of the pandemic. Three of our Seminary faculty, Dr. David Buschart, Dr. Don Payne, and Professor Dan Steiner, will be co-presenting a paper entitled "Finitude: Rethinking the Grand Narrative for the Theology of Work".

Location: Online

Date: November 17-19, 2020



Dr. David Buschart
Professor of Theology and
Historical Studies



Dr. Don Payne
Associate Professor of Theology
and Christian Formation



Dan Steiner
Assistant Professor of Training
and Mentoring

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Seminary News

Denver Seminary Launches PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision

Denver Seminary's new Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision will begin accepting applications September 10, 2020 for classes beginning in fall 2021. The doctoral degree program is designed to prepare students to serve as skilled counselors, educators, and supervisors, grounded in the Christian faith.

"Our graduates will be recognized as leaders in counseling, counselor education, supervision, and research. Our PhD program graduates will not only be extraordinary supervisors and educators in the counseling field, but will be prepared to engage in issues of advocacy and leadership on local, national, and international levels." - Dr. Ron Welch, administrative chair, Counseling Division.



EMAIL DR. WELCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

Meet Dr. Mark Harden, Executive Director of The Gospel Initiative



Denver Seminary has welcomed Dr. Mark Harden as the executive director of The Gospel Initiative, a program designed to help the Church engage the difficult questions of today in ways that commend the gospel with compassion and credibility. Dr. Harden, who started with the Seminary part-time in April, joined the staff full-time in June.

Through The Gospel Initiative, Denver Seminary will work to empower ministry and pastoral leaders, churches, and faith-based organizations to address difficult social issues; create opportunities for churches to improve capacity through education and innovation; and produce and disseminate information around promising models of mission and evangelism for church and ministry leaders.

**[READ MORE ABOUT DR. HARDEN
AND THE GOSPEL INITIATIVE HERE](#)**



Shepherd's Gate has officially changed its name to Denver Counseling Center. According to Bethany Adams, Clinical Training Director, this name change affords the clinic the opportunity to appeal to a larger subsection of the community, so that a diverse population of clients feels comfortable and welcome to seek services. They will continue to serve our community both in our Seminary offices and via Telehealth, which we hope will allow us to reach an even broader clientele.

Updates in our Training & Mentoring Department



This fall, Training and Mentoring (TM) has a new chair, new faces, and two new advances! Professor Laura Flanders ('04) served TM students for 15 years, providing excellent leadership and vision. Our new chair is Professor Debra Anderson, who has been a member of the TM Department for over four years. Denver Seminary also welcomed a new Assistant TM Professor this summer, Nathan Scherrer ('17).

The TM Department has worked to translate and deliver our curriculum to Korean speaking students this fall! Adjunct Professor Songmin Kim has been working diligently and creatively to prepare to lead these courses. In addition, TM now challenges all of our MDiv students to increase professional skill development to 100 hours of mentored, context-based learning during their degree. This is on top of the 150 hours of character development which is already standard in most of our degrees.

Ever Consider a Doctor of Ministry Degree?

If you have ever wondered if a DMin is the right degree for you, now is your chance to jump in and try a course for half price to see.

Contact Dr. Angie Ward, assistant director of the DMin Program, for more information.



Three courses will be offered this fall, with on-campus seminars January 4-8, 2021:

- Ministry in a Sexually Broken Culture*, Drs. Janelle Hallman and Michael Sytsma
- Revitalizing a Plateaued or Declining Ministry*, Dr. Jim Howard
- Leadership Reframed: Gospel-formed Leadership for the 21st Century*, Dr. Rick Dunn.

Deepen your theological reflection and expand your ministry connections and competence with a diverse community of ministry leaders from around the world. Credit for any course can be applied to the [DMin program](#) if or when you decide to enroll. And don't forget to tack on a couple of extra days in the mountains before or after!

Resources and Media

Stay up-to-date on Denver Seminary panel discussions and podcasts by regularly checking out our [Newsroom](#) on the Denver Seminary website. New podcasts are released on Mondays and our next panel is scheduled for September 17th.



Aaron Johnson, Associate Dean of Education Technology, provides tips for teachers and learners who are navigating the opportunities and challenges of online instruction. How can we minimize Zoom fatigue? How can we utilize technology in ways that allow users to be personable and present online? Aaron lends his passion and expertise to help answer these questions and more.

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How do we live out our primary identity as people of the gospel of Jesus Christ in our current political atmosphere? President Dr. Mark Young joins us to talk about politics in a polarized world and how the gospel should unify and anchor the Church despite these divisions.

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In a divisive political climate how can we help our faith communities think theologically about politics and faithfully engage the political process? How do we have meaningful conversations about politics, especially with those with whom we may disagree? How should we address politics from the pulpit in this climate? Our panel will reflect on ways we can be discerning, charitable, and Christlike when it comes to sensitive political issues.

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2020

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Mountain Time

Moderator: President Mark Young

Panelists: Dr. Leith Anderson, Rev. Gabriel Salguero, and Pastor Brandon Washington

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Emotional intelligence refers to the ability to identify, understand, and manage emotions. This practical ability applies to both our own emotions and the emotions of others and serves to inform our personal decisions as we manage our thoughts and actions. Our panelists will discuss the importance of emotional intelligence in various areas of our relational lives. How can we learn to become more emotionally intelligent leaders? What does emotional intelligence look like at home, in the workplace, at church, and in our communities?

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Mountain Time

Moderator: Dr. Angie Ward

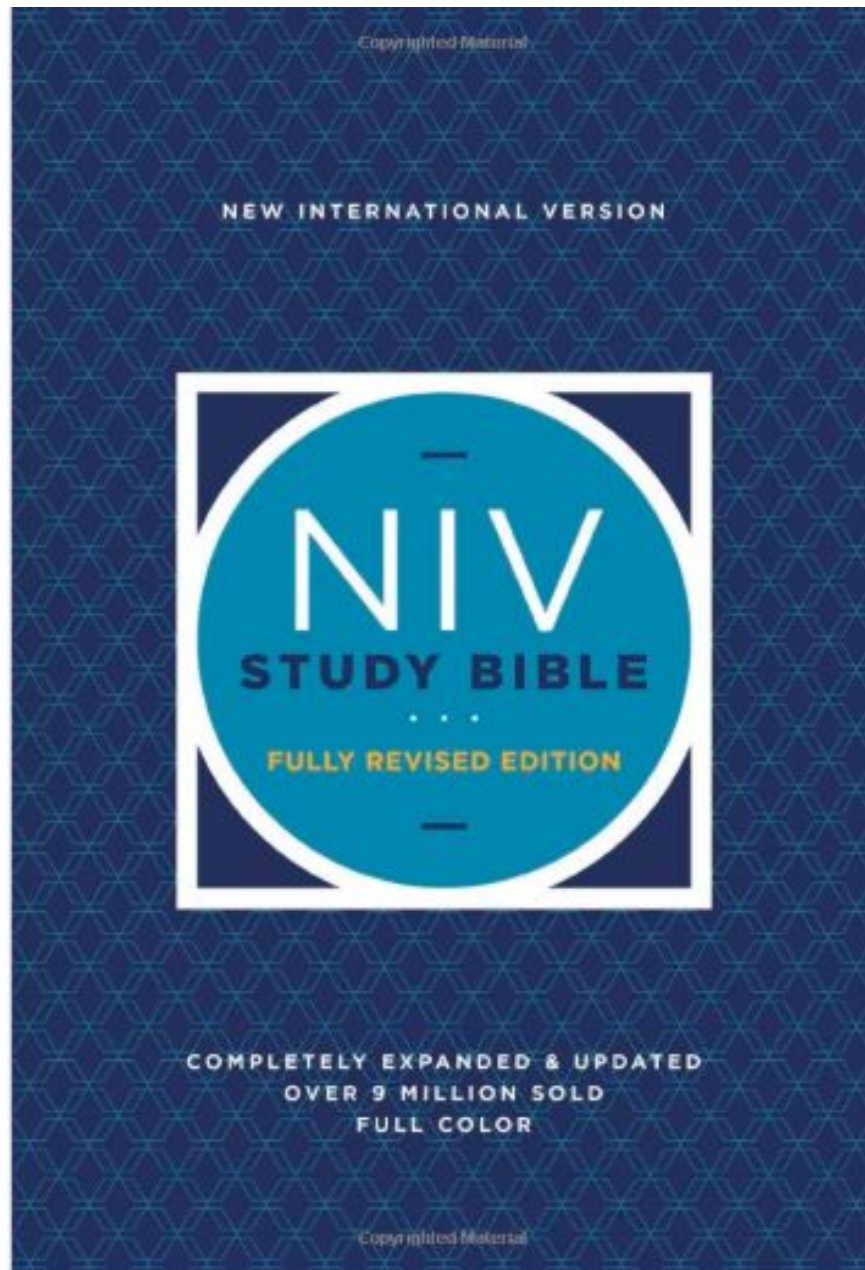
Panelists: Tim Koller, Dr. Johnny Parker, and Pastor Dan White, Jr.

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Stay connected to other alumni. [Click here](#) to join the Denver Seminary Alumni Facebook Group! Share updates, ask questions, and find resources, while receiving details about news and events from Denver Seminary.

Faculty and Alumni Publications

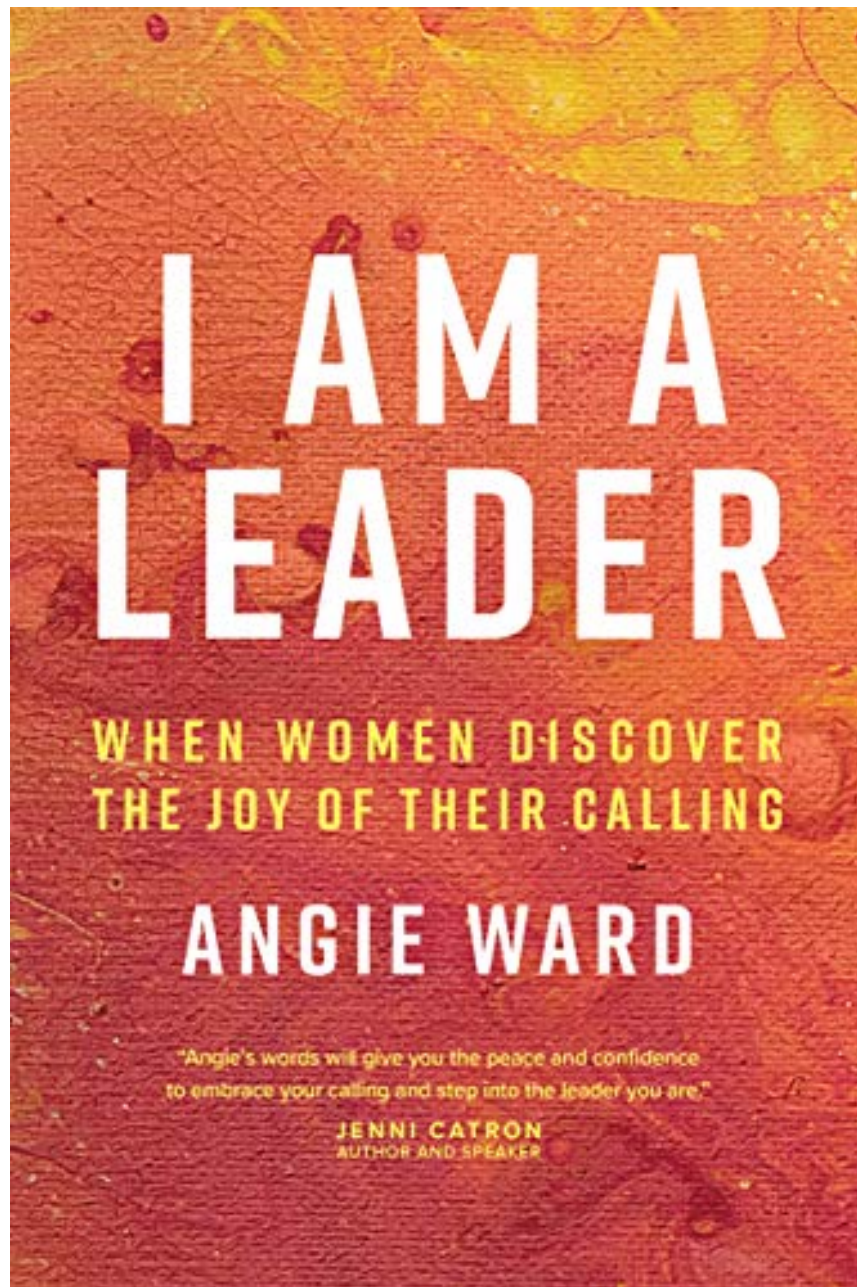
Check out recent publications from Denver Seminary faculty and alumni. If you have a publication you'd like us to consider sharing, please email Alumni Relations Specialist [Brian Gehr](#).



NIV Study Bible

Dr. Craig Blomberg (editor), *Professor of NT*

One of the top three all-time best selling study Bibles has now been thoroughly revised and updated with the most relevant notes, sidebars, charts, diagrams, and photos.



I Am A Leader

Dr. Angie Ward, Assistant Director, DMin Program

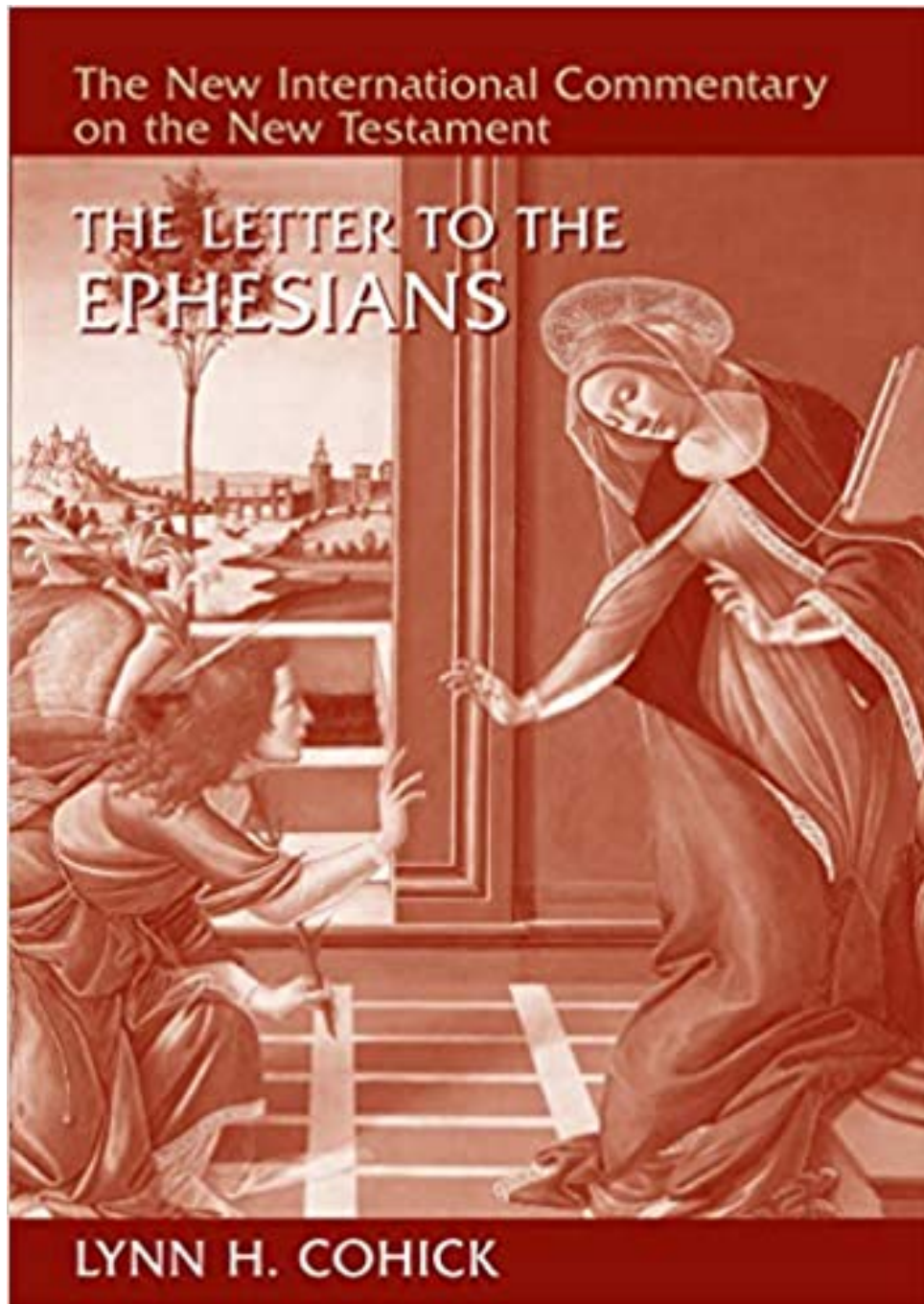
Dr. Angie Ward explores the concept of “calling” as it applies specifically to women leaders—those women of influence both in Christian ministry and the broader world: How do you discover your calling? What does it look like to live out that calling amid a multitude of challenges?



I Love You to the Stars

Crystal Bowman and Dr. Douglas Groothuis, *Professor of Philosophy*

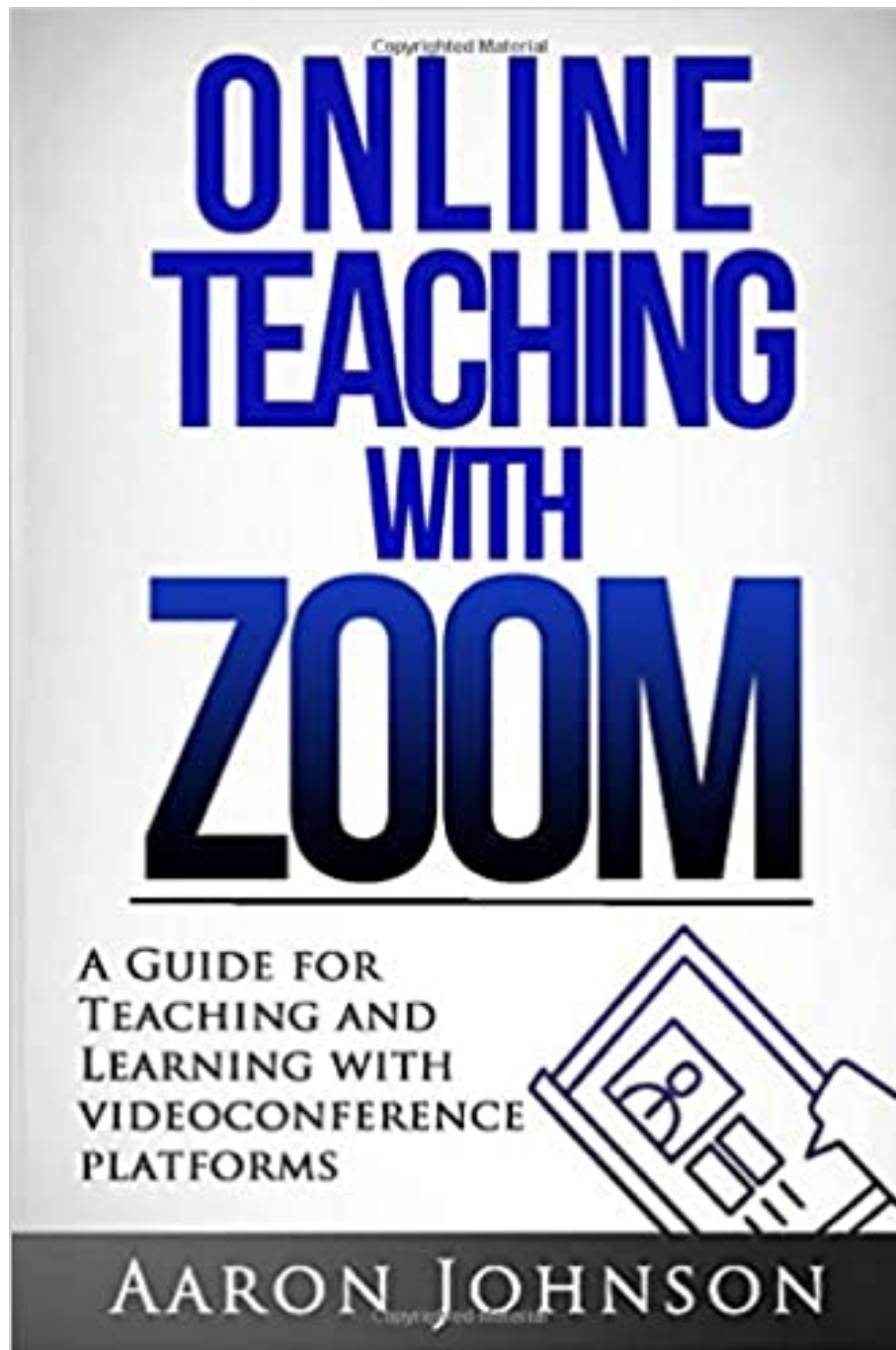
I Love You to the Stars helps children understand the often-scary reality of a grandparent or older friend experiencing dementia. It can be read with an adult or pulled from the shelf by little hands whenever they need a reminder that love is always there.



The Letter to the Ephesians (NICNT)

Dr. Lynn Cohick, *Provost/Dean & Professor of New Testament*

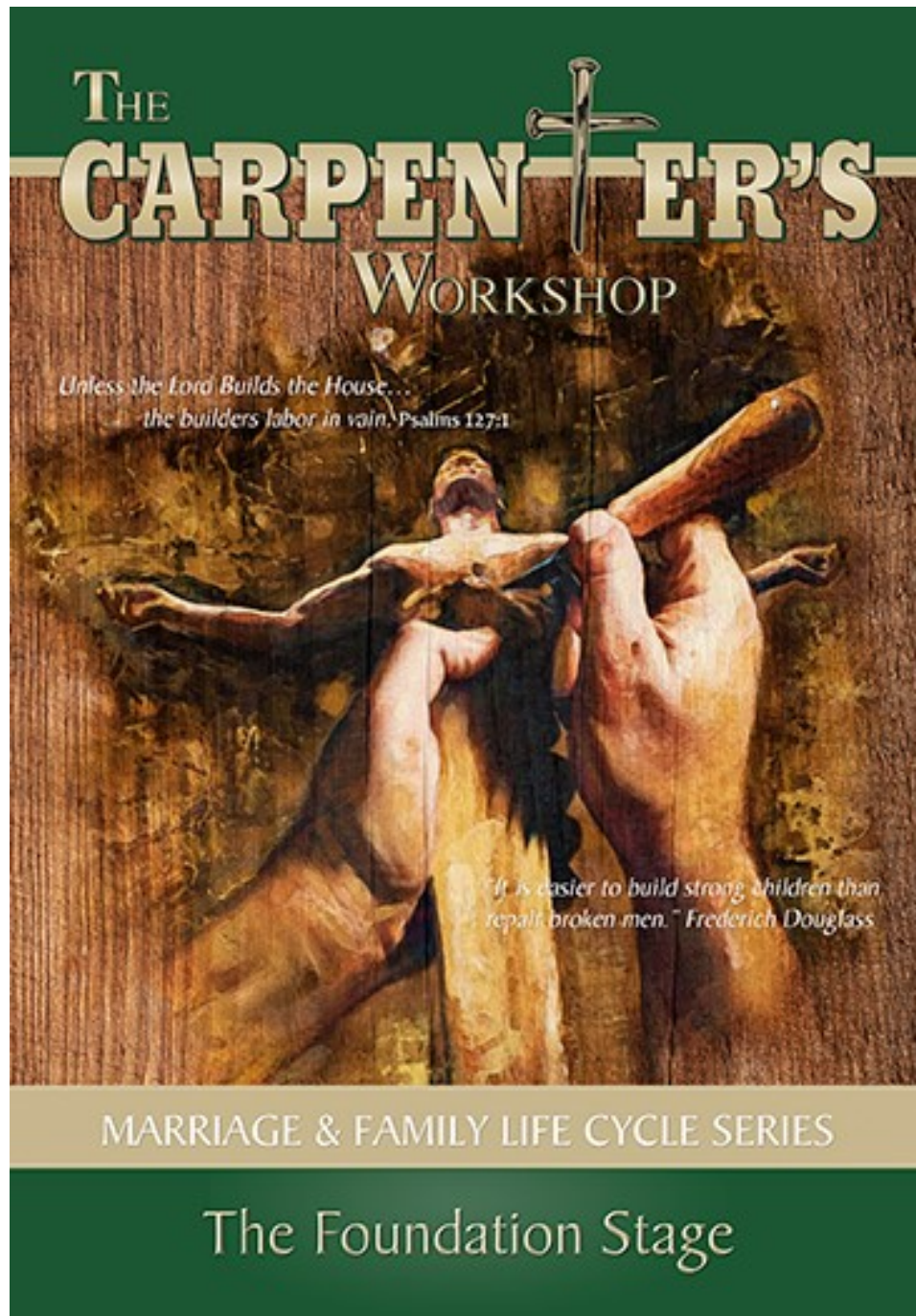
Ephesians provokes interpretive questions of authorship, audience, date, occasion, and purpose of writing. Interacting critically with this intense debate, Dr. Lynn Cohick provides an exegetically astute analysis of the six chapters of Ephesians.



Online Teaching with Zoom

Aaron Johnson, Associate Dean of Education Tech

Online Teaching with Zoom is a thoughtful and practical guide for gaining the technical, classroom management, and teaching skills needed to operate with confidence in the live online classroom.



The Carpenter's Workshop

Dr. Samuel Hollo, *alumni* (class of 2000)

The Carpenter's Workshop curriculum provides a comprehensive training program for each stage of the Single Adult, Marriage, Parenting and Grandparenting life-cycle. Care has been taken to include the most important lessons needed for each stage which, if practiced, will give you the essentials for success.

"An Excellent Fortress for His Armies, a Refuge for the People"

**Egyptological, Archaeological, and Biblical
Studies in Honor of James K. Hoffmeier**

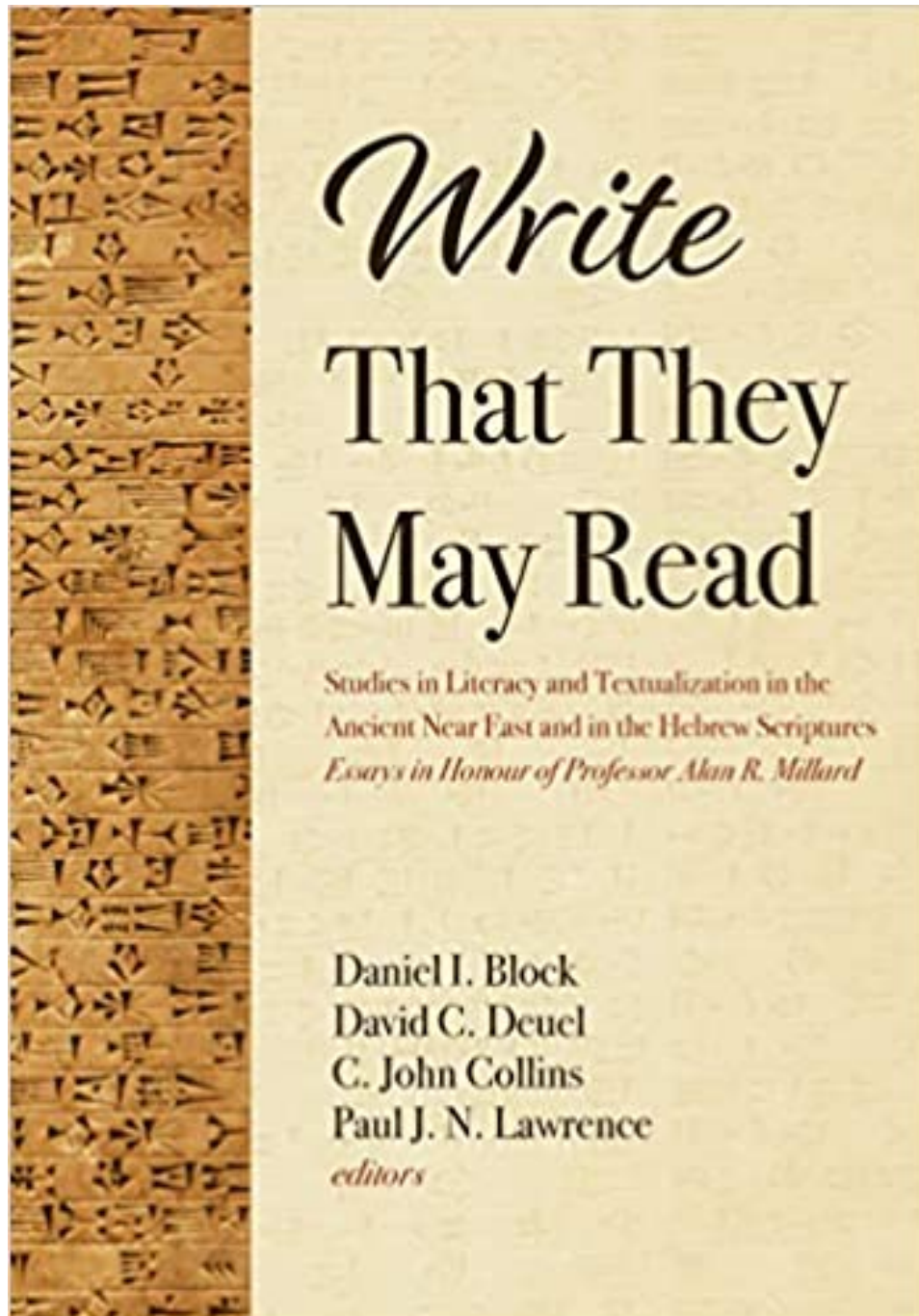
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Dr. Richard Hess (contributor), *Distinguished Professor of OT*

Dr. Hess' contribution is entitled "The Genealogies of Genesis 5 and 11 and Comparative Studies: Evidence for a Seam"



Write That They May Read

Dr. Richard Hess (contributor), *Distinguished Professor of OT*

Dr. Hess produced two contributions for this work: "Literacy and Postmodern Fallacies" and "Addendum by Richard S. Hess".

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Additional Publications



Autobiography as Apologetic

Podcast

An interview about Dr. Groothuis' testimony and intellectual development

Autobiography as Apologetic

Article

An autobiographical article about Dr. Groothuis' testimony and development.

Critical Thinking for Confused Times

Article

A short instruction on thinking critically about pressing social issues.

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