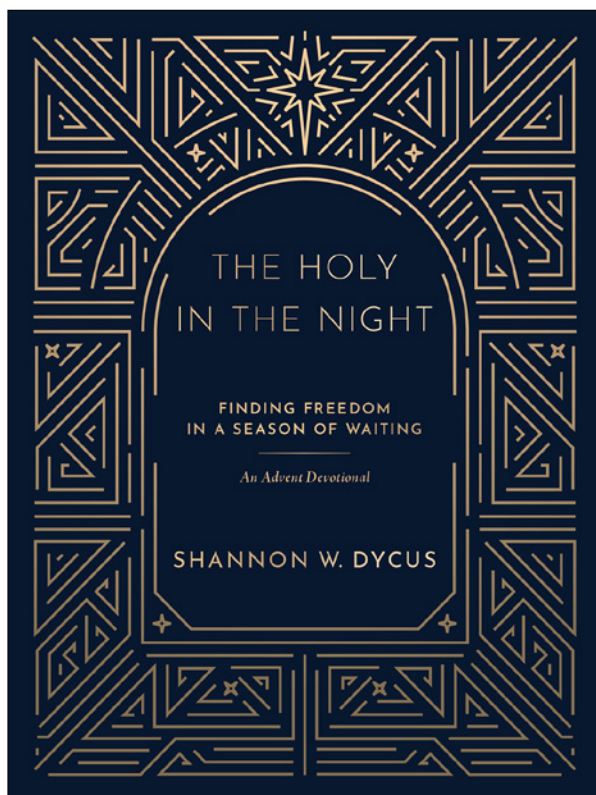


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WINTER 2023–24

## This Advent, listen for the voice of God.



### **The Holy in the Night** Finding Freedom in a Season of Waiting (An Advent Devotional)

by Shannon W. Dycus

**\$16.99 USD**

If you approach this Advent season waiting for something—in your life, family, community, or this fractured world—you are not alone. This season reminds us that our waiting is not wasted. Even in our longest nights, divine work endures.

These reflections for each day of the season open possibilities for faithfulness during times of silence, ambivalence, doubt, and unknowing. This Advent, accept the invitation to witness and know the presence of God amid waiting. Give voice to freedom, grace, struggle, and beauty—to see again the ways that God emerges in this inward season.

**INSIDE:** Sunday school  
that lights the way. What's  
coming in Winter 2023–24?

**SHINE**  
LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT

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JESUS

grow  
in faith

CHANGE  
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# SHINE

LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT

Winter 2023–24

## Jesus Brings Good News

The season of Advent and Christmas is a special time in the life of the church, and it is also a very special time for families. The stories from the prophet Isaiah and the gospels of Luke and Matthew provide a refreshing perspective amid the busyness and sometimes chaotic pressure of the season. These stories remind us to slow down, breathe, and reflect on God's wonderful gift of Jesus.

### FOLLOWING JESUS

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This comprehensive storybook includes biblically faithful retellings of 140 Bible stories. Stunning artwork from 30 illustrators makes this a feast for the eyes. Alongside each Bible story are prayer prompts, questions, and action ideas to guide reflection and conversation. Twelve "peace paths" encourage children to explore the ways that peace themes are woven throughout the Old and New Testaments. A resource section includes ideas for how to experience peace with God, self, others, and creation, as well as maps, Bible background information, interactive ways to pray, and prayers for many occasions.

*The Peace Table* is an excellent resource for families and faith communities who want their children to love Jesus, grow in faith, and become peacemakers who change the world!



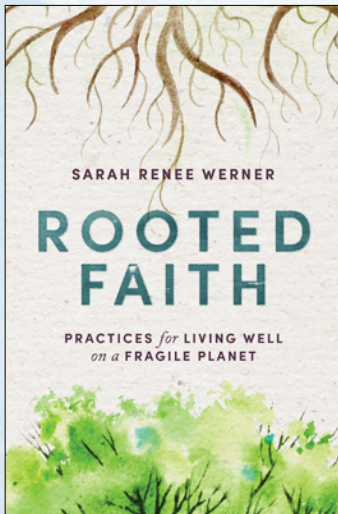
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Music communicates faith. Shine music is available in CD and downloadable MP3 formats and includes song lyrics and guitar chords. Shine's music collection is sold as a double album with songs for every purpose and season of the church year. To aid churches in purchasing music for their households, Shine also offers a 10-download bundle of Shine's music collection.



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Flourishing earth,  
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Practices for Living Well  
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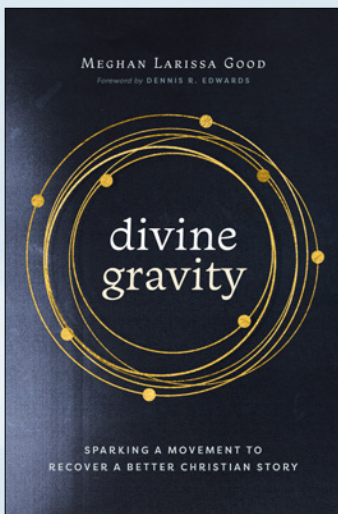
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As temperatures rise and natural disasters wreak devastation and precious species die off one by one, we know we must change how we live in the world. Drawing on Scripture, Sarah Werner guides us toward meaningful action to restore creation. There has never been a more crucial moment to reclaim this overlooked aspect of our faith

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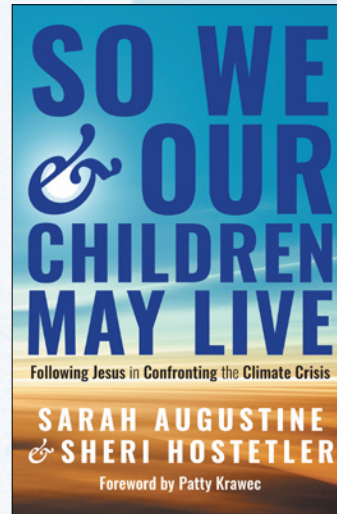
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Go beyond  
**creation care**



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Following Jesus in Con-  
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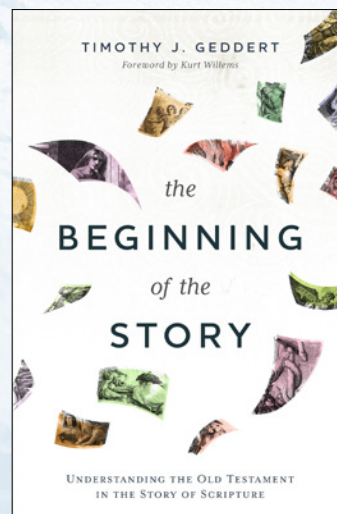
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Everywhere we look, we see signs that all is not right with our earth. If we want change, we must realize that the solutions can't come through the same systems that created those problems in the first place. This book offers hope for a better future and concrete actions to protect life

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Rediscover joy  
in reading the  
**Old Testament**



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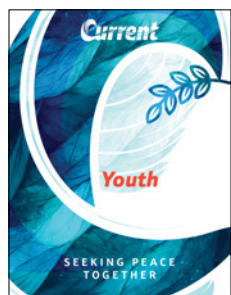
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