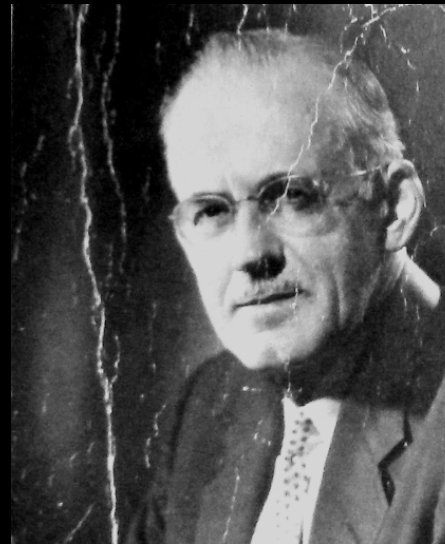


“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

A.W. Tozer





Belsnickel asks:

Impish or  
admirable?



...he's kind of like Santa.  
Except dirty. And worse.

# Romans

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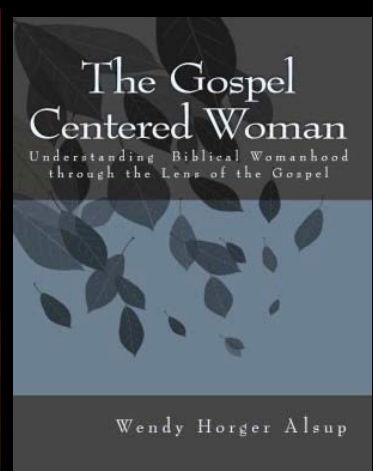
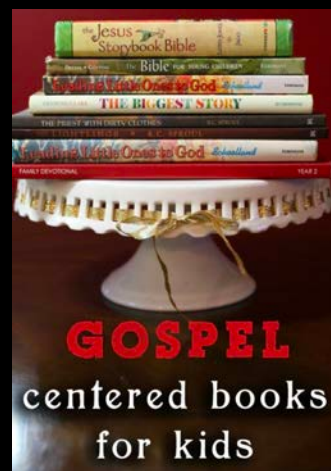
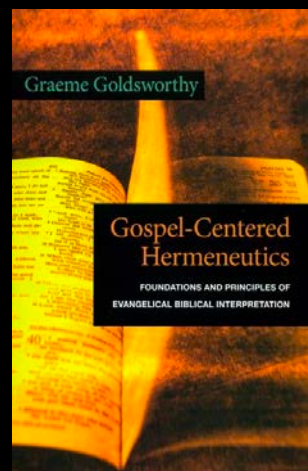
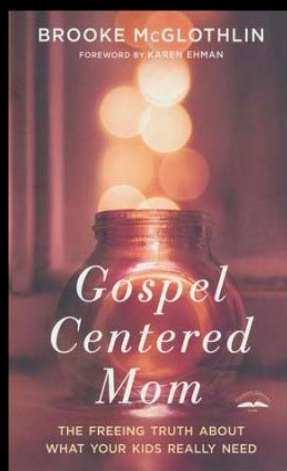
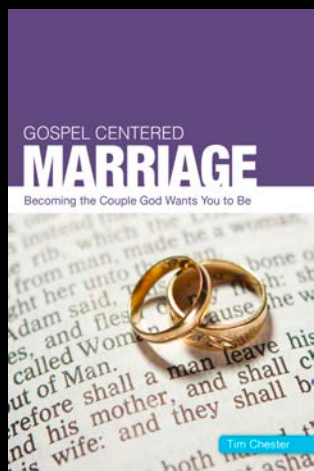
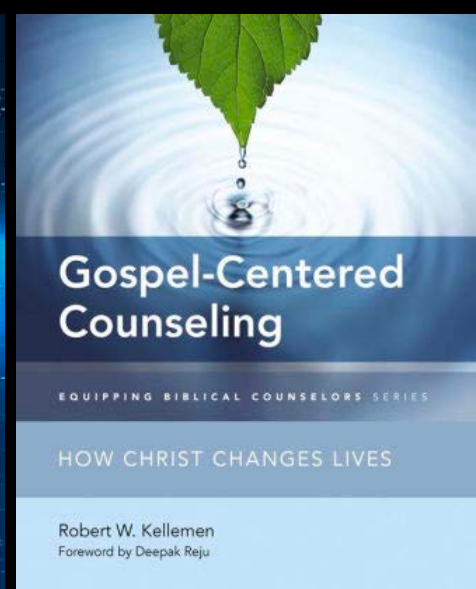
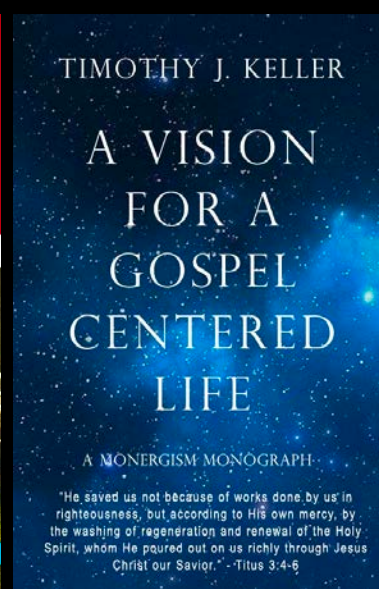
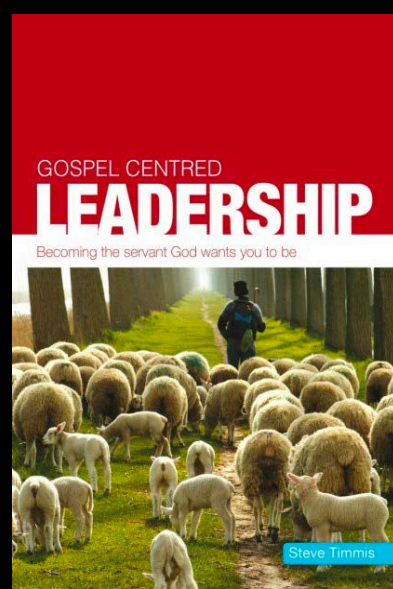
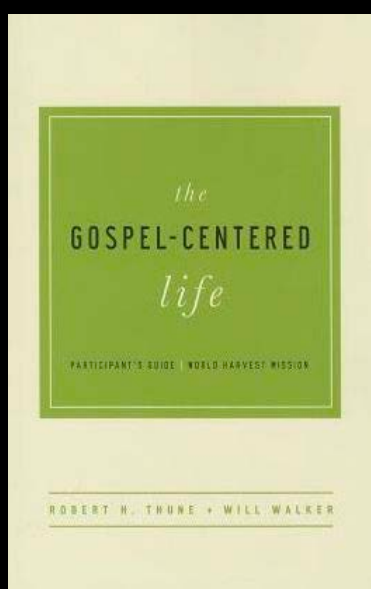
A man with thick, curly brown hair and a mustache is shown from the chest up. He is wearing a dark blue or black hoodie and has a serious, intense expression on his face, looking directly at the camera. The background is a dimly lit room with a window covered by patterned curtains. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting his features.

**LET'S GET DOWN  
TO THE NITTY GRITTY.**





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BUTTLOAD OF CRAP ABOUT THE  
GOSPEL**



**BUT I DOOOO!**

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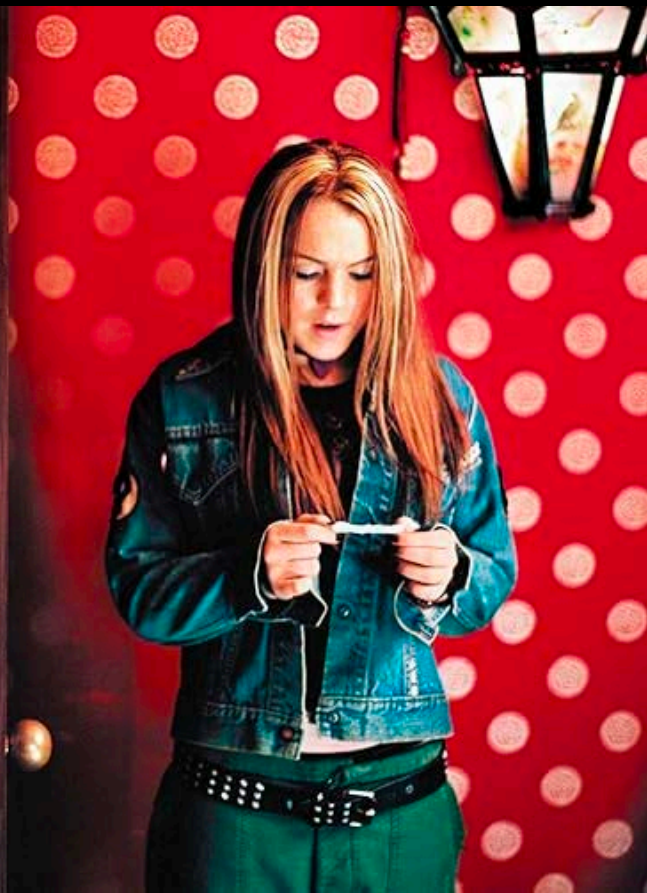
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What I mean by “gospel” is the outrageous news of what has been done for us by God in Jesus. The gospel is the front page of the newspaper, not the back-page advice column; news of what has happened, not advice on how to live...

The gospel is the message that Jesus Christ delights to switch places with guilty rebels. The one person who walked this earth who deserved heaven endured the wrath of hell so that those who deserve the wrath of hell can have heaven.

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# Mark 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup> They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup> When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. <sup>3</sup> This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. <sup>4</sup> For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones...





*"Jesus and the Demonic"- Woodcutting*

## Mark 5:19-20

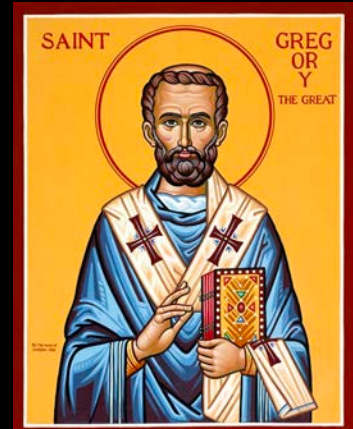
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A legion of demons has been, as I believed, cast out of me. I would prefer merely to forget all of this that I have known and simply to rest at the feet of the Savior. But lo it is said to me, so strongly as to compel me against my will, “Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

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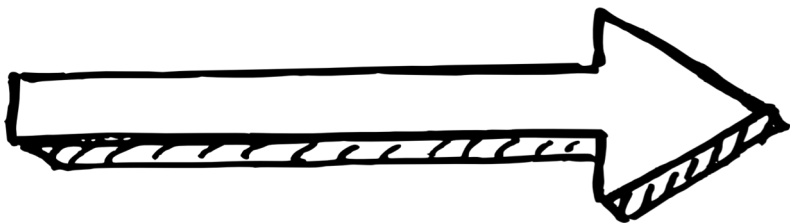
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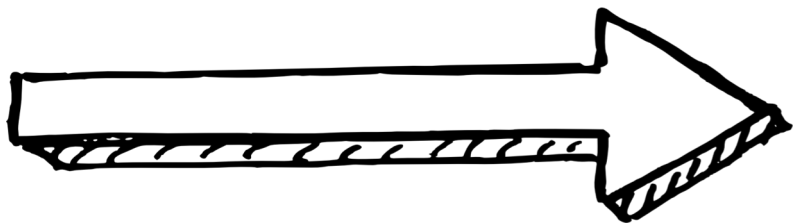


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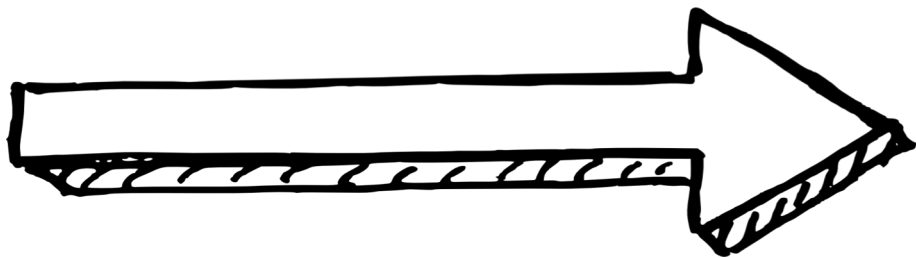
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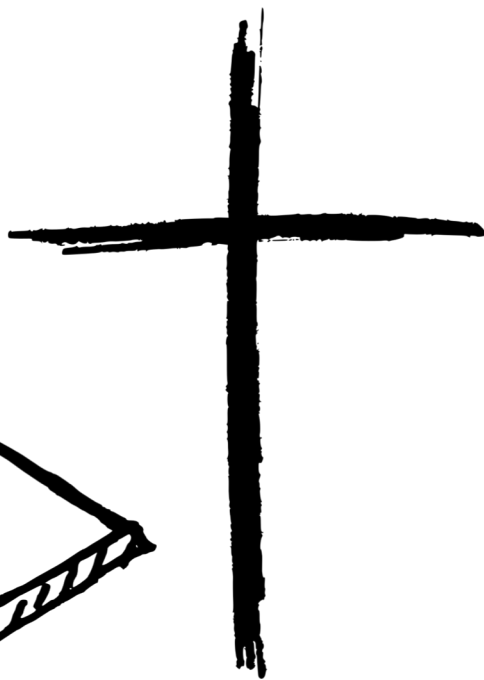
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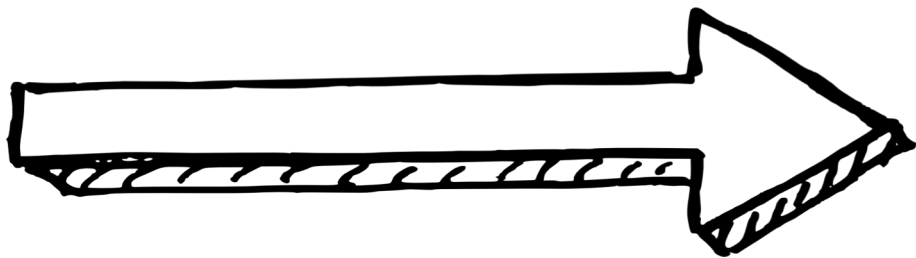
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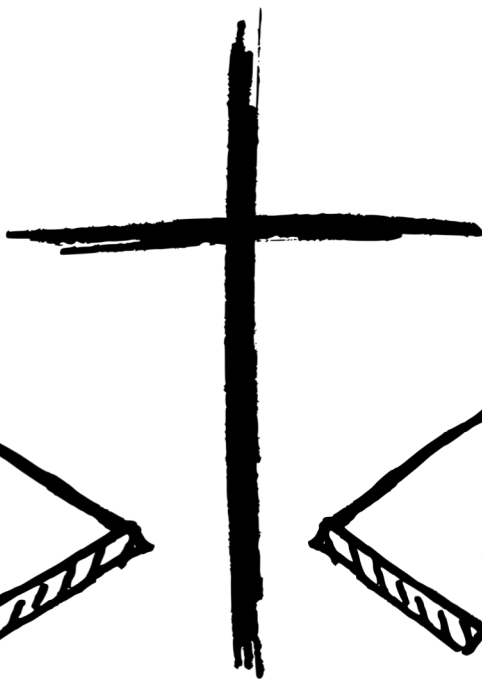
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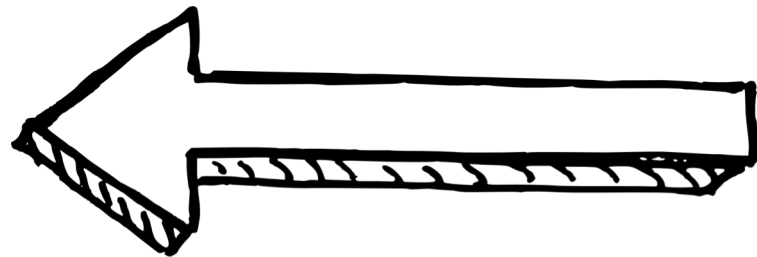
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The twisted fallenness of the human heart manifests itself in our constant self-atonement strategies. The natural, default mode of the human heart (including the Christian heart) is restless heart-wandering, looking for something to latch on to for significance, to know we matter, to feel okay about ourselves. This tendency is often profoundly subtle and extremely difficult to root out. We are sinners. We are sick. Gospel-centeredness, then ... acknowledges that the good news about God's grace in Christ is the supreme resource — for believers just as much for unbelievers.

In other words, the gospel is a home, not a hotel. It is not only the gateway into the Christian life, but the pathway of the Christian life. This is why Paul constantly reminds people – reminds Christian people – of the gospel. We move forward in discipleship not mainly through pep talks and stern warnings. We move forward when we hear afresh the strangeness of grace, relaxing our hearts and loosening our clenched hold on a litany of lesser things – financial security, the perfect spouse, career advancement, sexual pleasure, human approval, and so on.”

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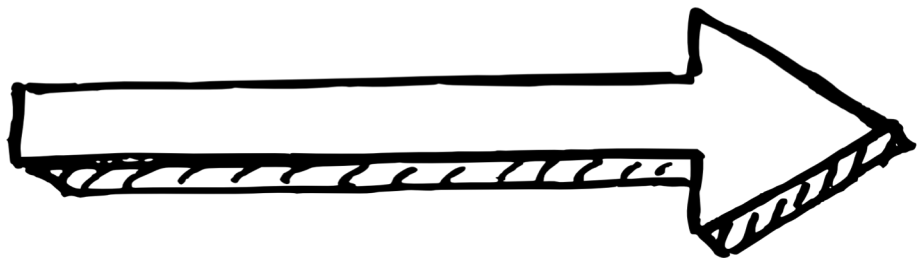
<sup>4</sup> But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

## Mark 1:14-15

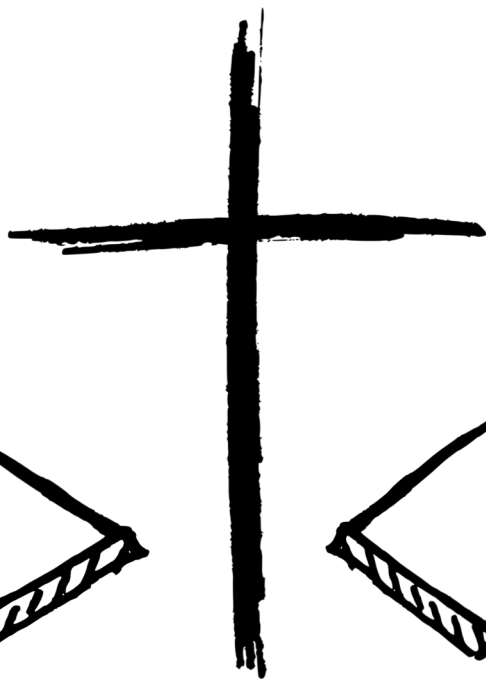
<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”



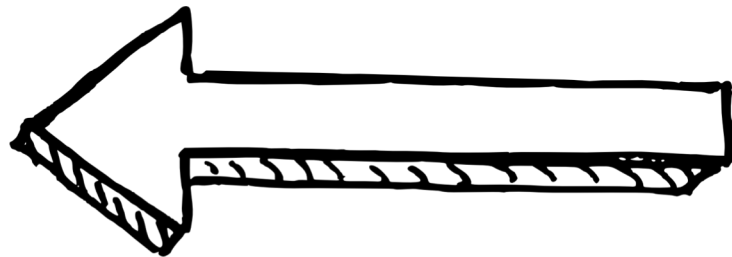
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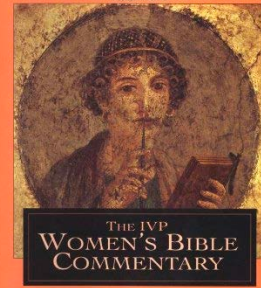
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God sent his Son to rescue humanity but also to save this world from destruction. Therefore Jesus is not only our Redeemer but also the cosmic Christ. We are to bring back everything to him; “through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross” (Col 1:20).

Lily Chong,, *The IVP Women’s Bible Commentary: An Indispensable Resource for All Who Want to View Scripture through Different Eyes* (InterVarsity Press, 2002), 636.



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A close-up, high-resolution shot of Aslan's face from the Disney movie 'The Lion King'. He is looking down with his eyes closed, surrounded by a heavy snowfall. The lighting is soft and focused on his face, with the background being a dark, snowy environment. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

*“Aslan  
is on  
the move”*

And now a very curious thing happened. None of the children knew who Aslan was any more than you do; but the moment the Beaver had spoken these words everyone felt quite different. Perhaps it has sometimes happened to you in a dream that someone says something which you don't understand but in the dream it feels as if it has some enormous meaning- either a terrifying one which turns the whole dream into a nightmare or else a lovely meaning too lovely to put into words, which makes the dream so beautiful that you remember it

all your life and are always wishing you could get into that dream again. It was like that now. At the name of Aslan each one of the children felt something jump in its inside. Edmund felt a sensation of mysterious horror. Peter felt suddenly brave and adventurous. Susan felt as if some delicious smell or some delightful strain of music had just floated by her. And Lucy got the feeling you have when you wake up in the morning and realize that it is the beginning of the holidays or the beginning of summer.”





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Is the **center** of the gospel  
(Christ died for the ungodly)  
becoming the **center** of your life?