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- [\*When Life and Beliefs Collide: How Knowing God Makes a Difference\*](#) (Zondervan, 2001)
- [\*Lost Women of The Bible: The Women We Thought We Knew\*](#) (Zondervan, 2005)
- [\*Understanding Purpose\*](#) (Nelson, 2006).
- [\*The Gospel of Ruth: Loving God Enough to Break the Rules\*](#) (Zondervan, 2008)



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