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“...because we wanted to come to you – I, Paul, again and again – but Satan hindered us.”

~1 Thessalonians 2:18 ESV



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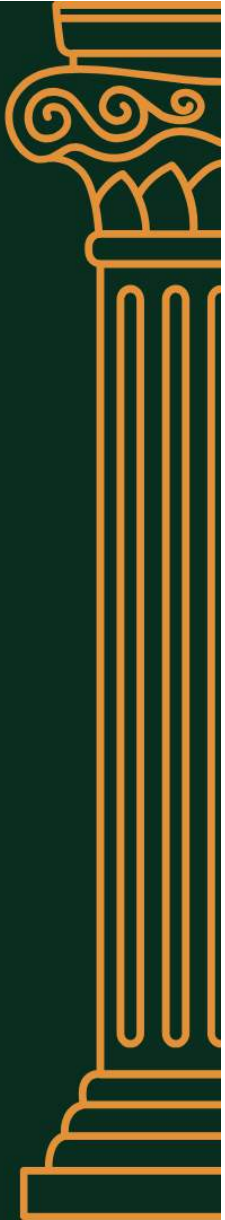
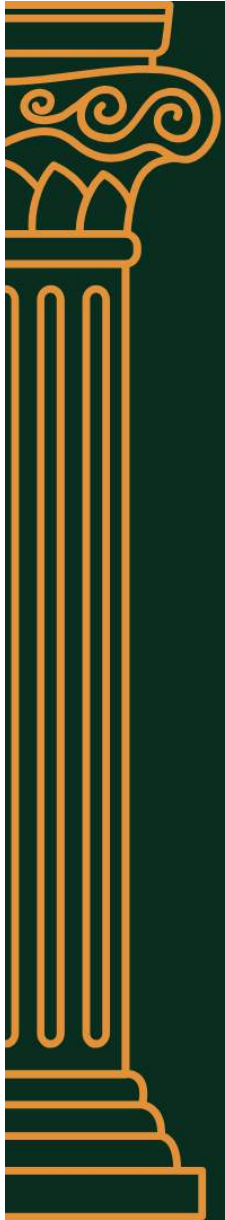
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Adding to the gospel whatever
takes your focus off the
finished work of Jesus

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God is not *enough*

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If you drift from Christ, you will
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Remedy:
Linger at the feet of Christ



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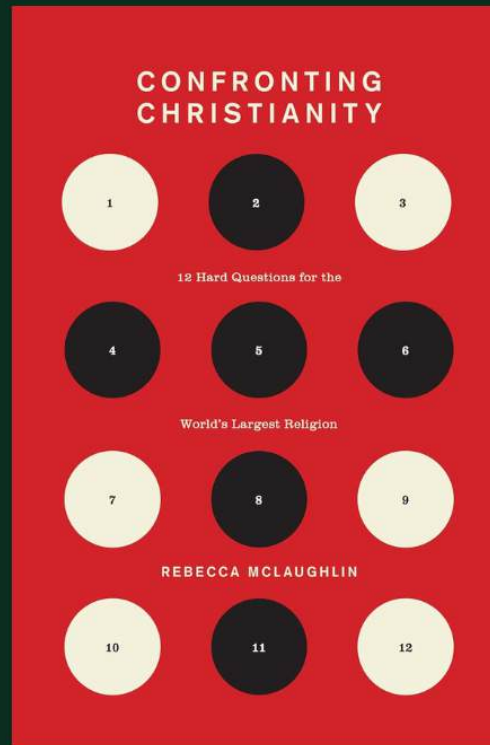
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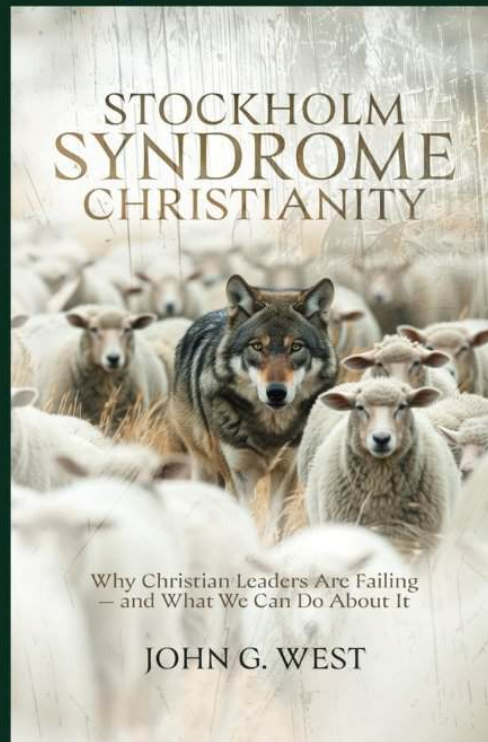
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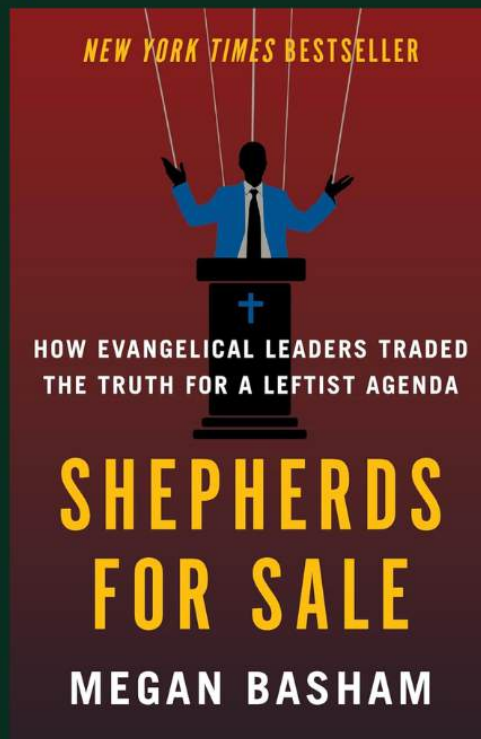
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3. "Shepherds For Sale"





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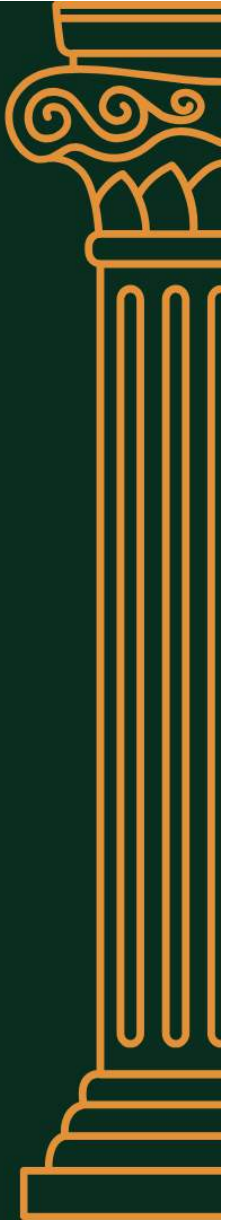
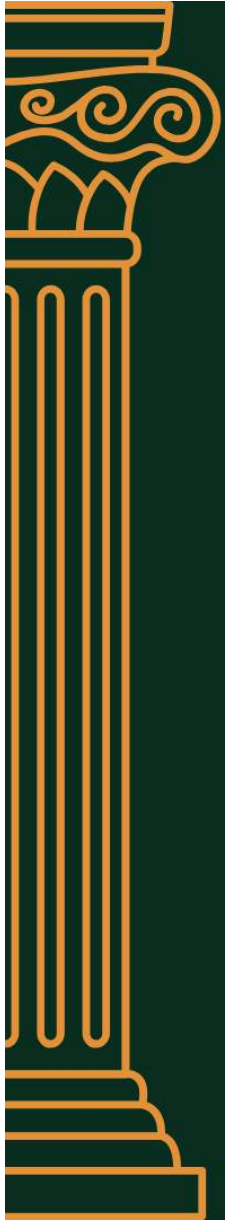
Remedy:

You will find your greatest
freedom in *surrender* to Jesus



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Love as I have loved you



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“Progress is made
only in *resisting*
material.”

~Os Guinness