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Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation (InterVarsity Press)

Invitation to Solitude and Silence: Experiencing God's Transforming Presence
(InterVarsity Press)

Longing for More (InterVarsity Press)

An Ordinary Day with Jesus: Experiencing the Reality of God in Your Everyday Life
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