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As we come into a new year and new decade, we do not know what lies around the corner, but can trust in the one who holds the future. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before us, we can be more than conquerors through Christ, as he guides our path and takes our hand, one step at a time.

Tying in with this theme, in this issue of *Take Note*, we feature the latest movie from the Kendrick Brothers - Overcomer, their first film since War Room. Be sure to pick up a copy!

With Easter on the horizon, we feature a wide selection of new Lent and Easter reading on pages 4-6, to help us focus on the Cross and all that Jesus achieved on our behalf, in the weeks leading up to our celebration of this pivotal event. With Valentine's Day upon us imminently, we also include some new and classic books on love and marriage on page 7, to better help us love those closest to us.

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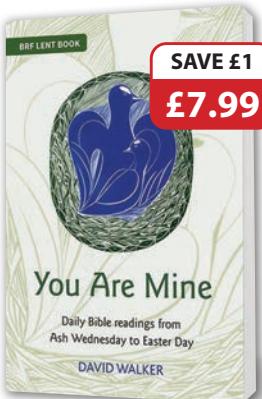
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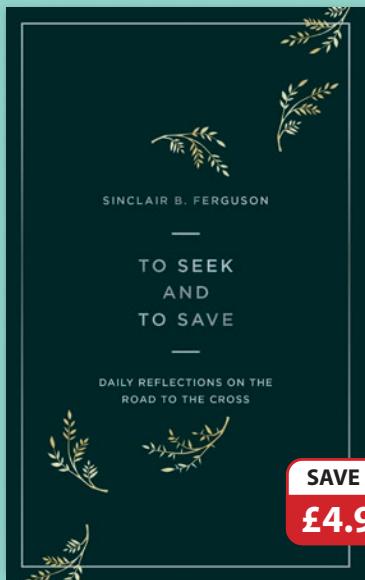
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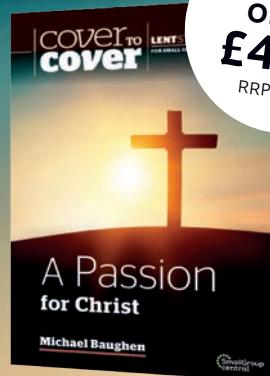
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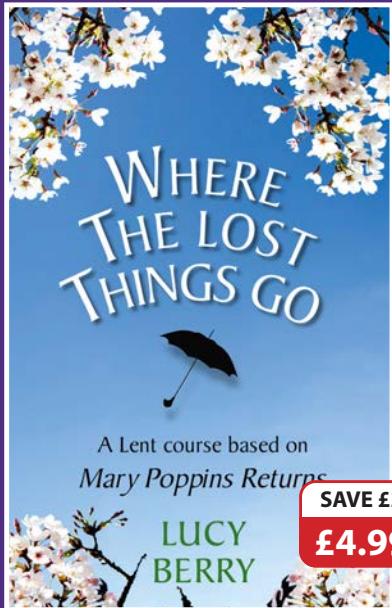
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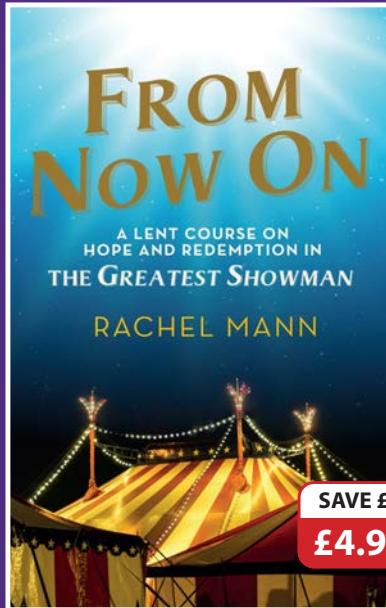
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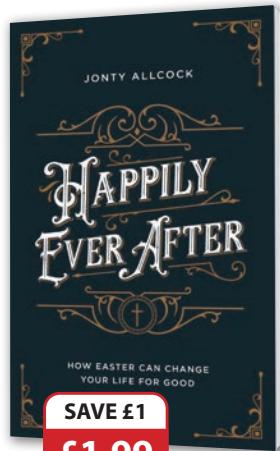
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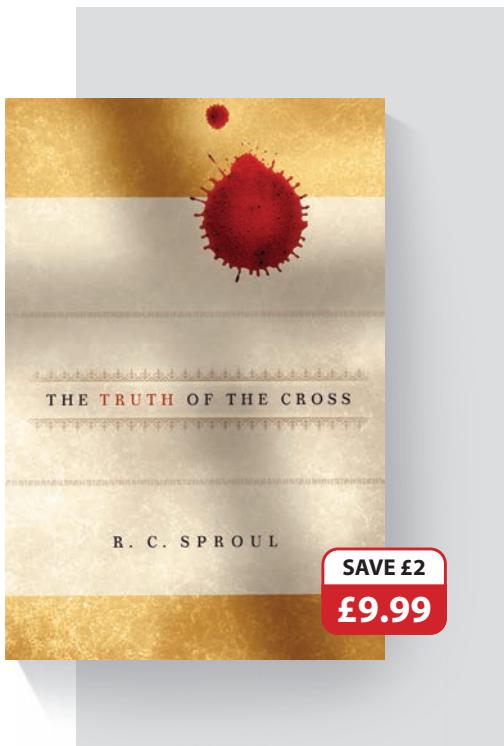
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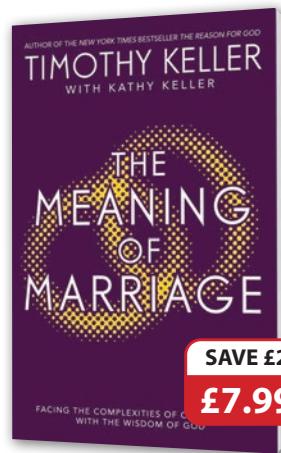
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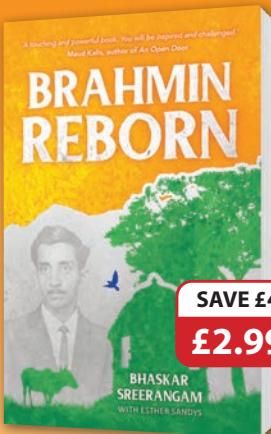


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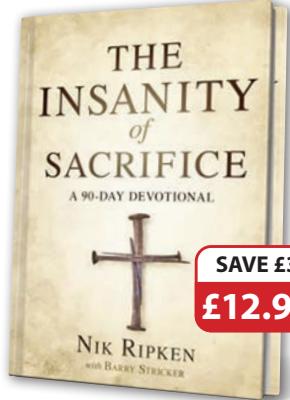
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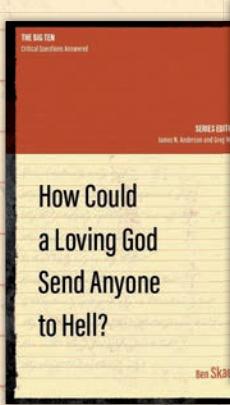
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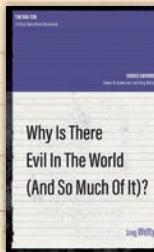
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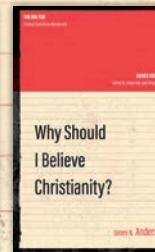
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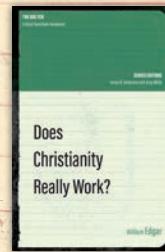
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