

Who Am I? The Teen Crisis Today

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IMAGINE . . .









Teen Problems Today

- Totally overwhelmed
- Breakdown of the family
- Pressure
- Social media
- Anxiety, sadness, depression
- Decline in Christianity

**Those are symptoms but
the real sickness is . . .**

An Identity Crisis

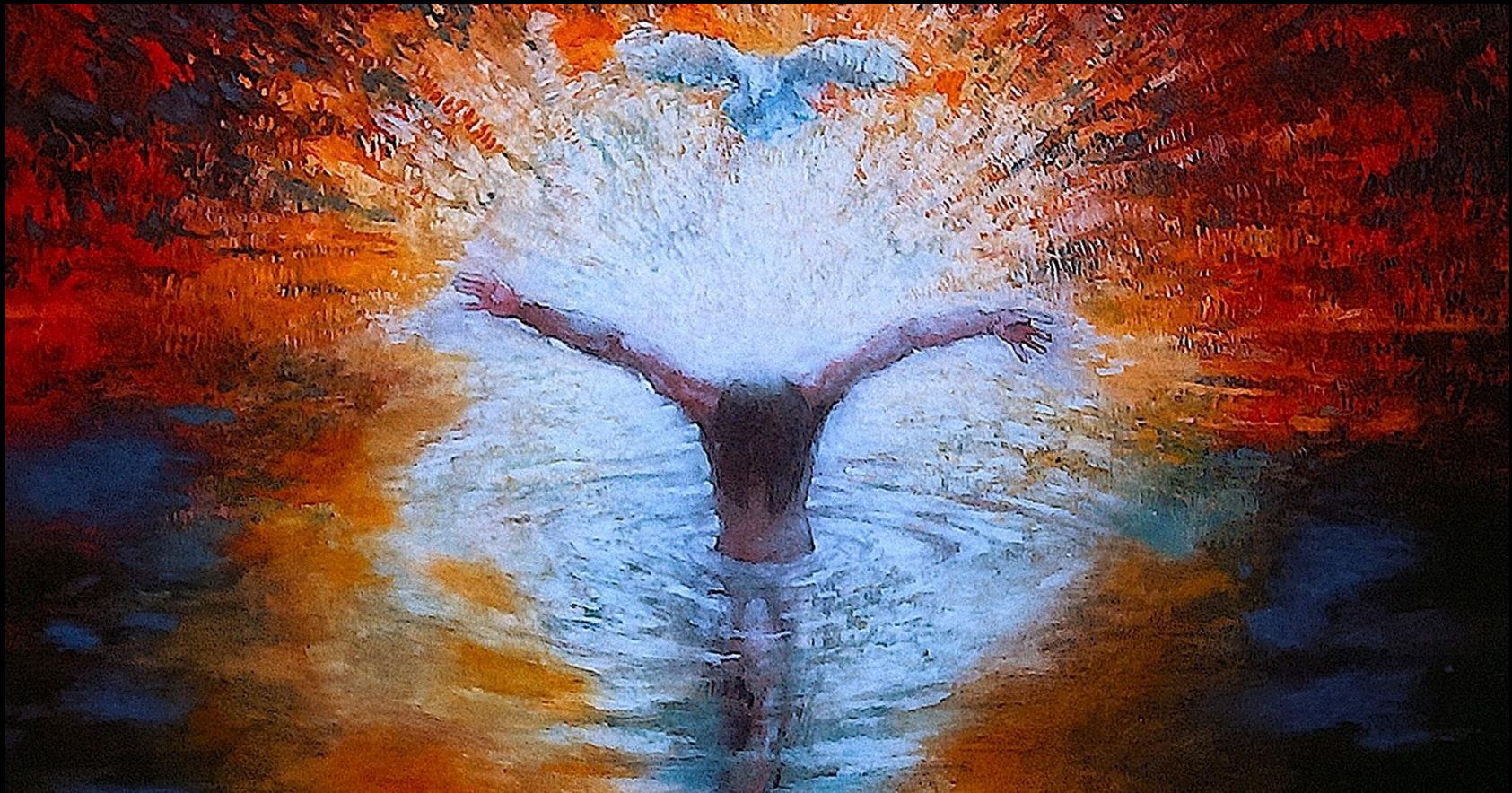


The Danger of Feelings

- I feel ...
 - guilty
 - ashamed
 - worthless
 - unloved
 - weak
 - ugly
 - lost

Bible Examples?

A New Identity



Galatians 3:26-27

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, **27** for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Romans 6:3-4

3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! **18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20** We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

WHO AM I??

Simul Justus et Peccator



At once Justified and Sinner

Colossians 3:1-4

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

For you have died,
and your life is

hidden with Christ in God

COLOSSIANS 3:3



Bible Examples?

Feelings vs. Facts

- I feel ...

- unloved
- guilty
- worthless
- weak
- alone
- anxious
- afraid

- I am ...

- loved
- innocent
- priceless
- strong
- connected
- reassured
- at peace

A Key Truth

Focus on the facts first,
and the feelings will follow.



Part 2: An Identity in Action

*When Jesus landed and saw
a large crowd, he had
compassion on them,
because they were like
sheep without a shepherd.
So he began teaching
them many things.*

MARK 6:34



What Teens Want

- To be loved
- To be respected
- To be valued
- To communicate
- To be active with their faith
- To make a difference in the world & spiritually

What We Need to Work On

- The home, parents, FATHERS
- Catechism
- Early intervention in middle school
- Youth/Teen Group
- Treating like adults
- Opportunities to serve
- Giving a sense of purpose and mission
- Preparation for life























JESUS CALMS THE STORM

JESUS

RAIN

PEACE

SLEEP

BOAT

TRUST

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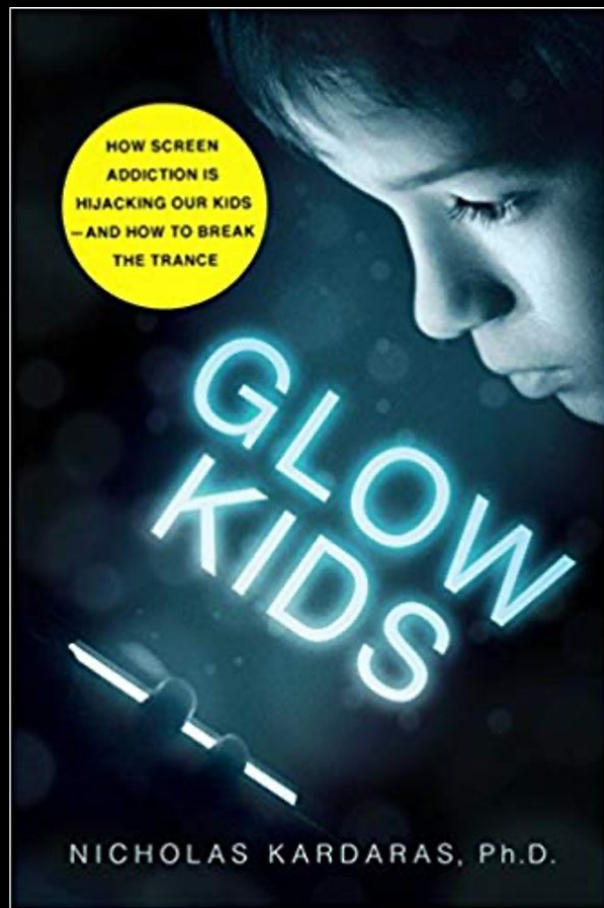
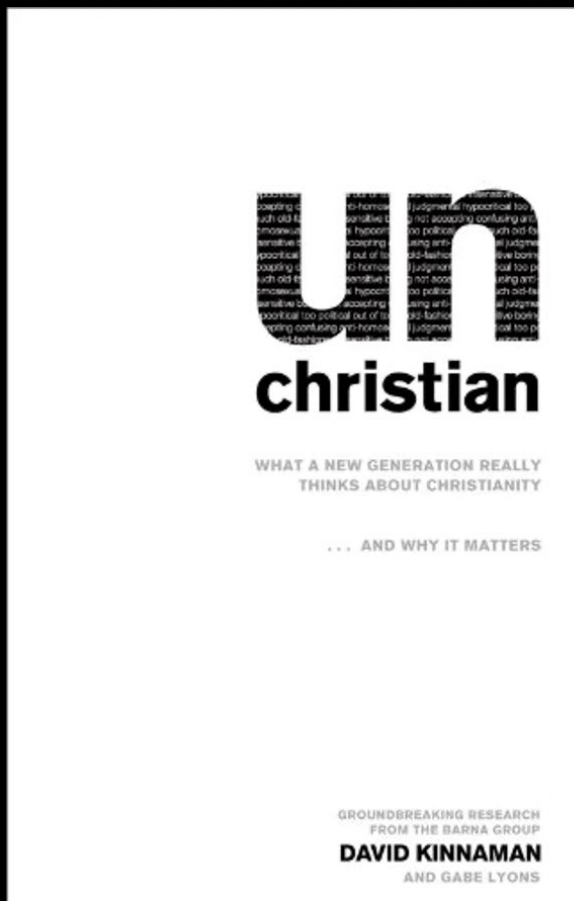
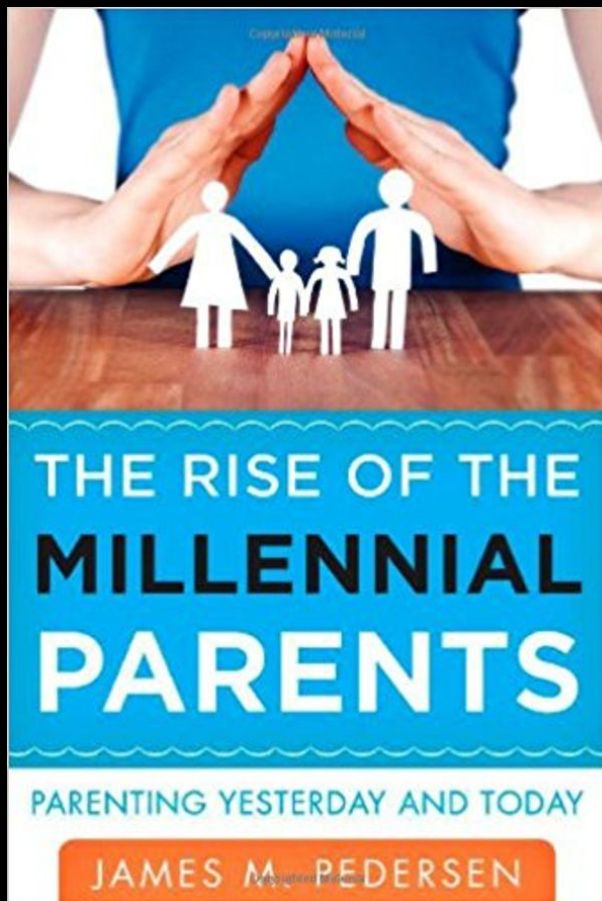
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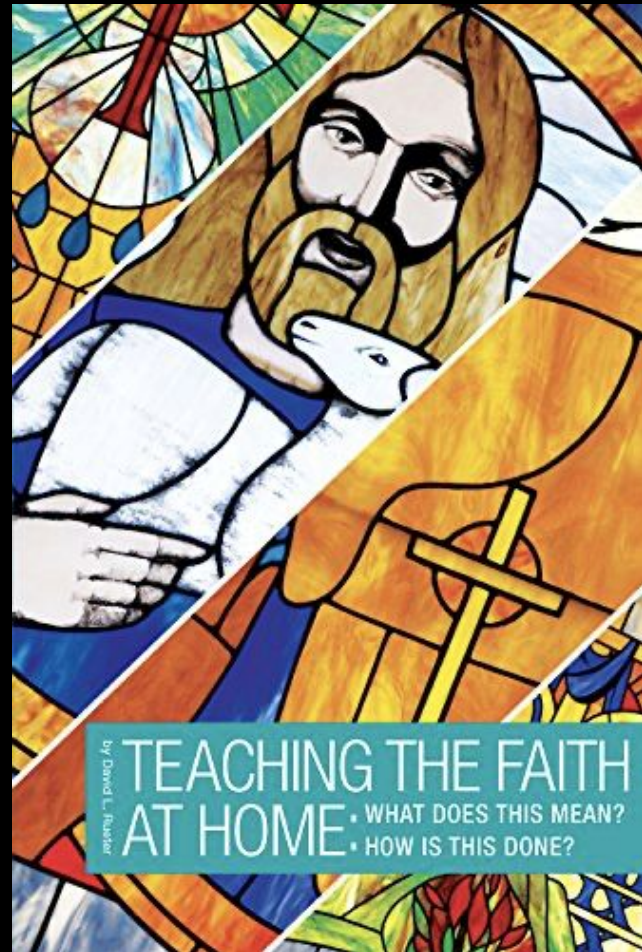
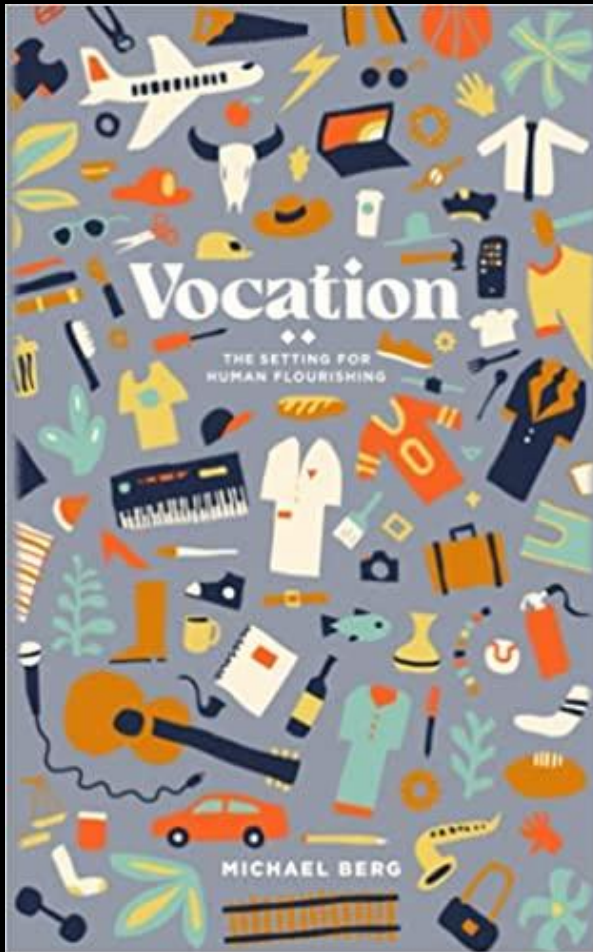
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