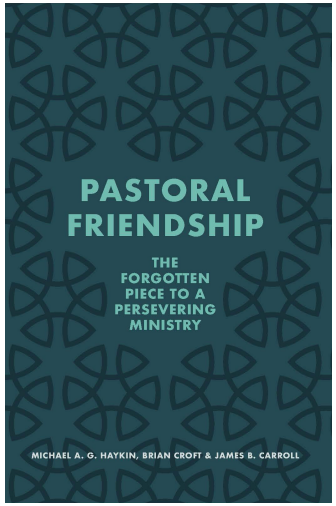
Pastoral Friendship

The Forgotten Piece in a Persevering Ministry

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DESCRIPTION

Friendship is a need that touches the deepest parts of the human soul. This is especially true in ministry. This book seeks to persuade every modern pastor of the essential need of friendship. And not just any friendship, but a close, personal, intimate, and sacrificial pastor–to–pastor friendship that regularly turns each other's gaze to Jesus.

MARKETING POINTS

The importance of friendship between pastors

Historical pastoral friendships

Biblical basis for friendship

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ENDORSEMENTS

Dear pastors, for the good of your soul, do not merely take up and read this excellent work; develop intimate friendships as a result!

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... convincingly demonstrates from scripture and from history how loyal, supportive companionship (not just 'excessive acquaintanceship') can build resilience through the rigors of battle, and perseverance amidst the storms and isolating pressures of ministry.

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We have too readily absorbed the radical individualism of our culture, and then wonder why we are lonely and overburdened. This book is a biblical, historical, and practical study of friendship for Christian leaders that I hope will be widely read and deeply.

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The authors recognise the challenges in cultivating such friendship but, at the same time, convincingly promote its blessings as reflecting what it means to be truly human and authentically Christian.

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