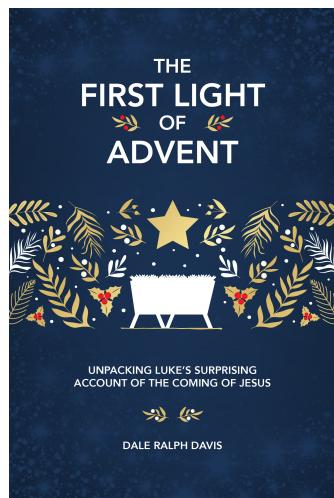


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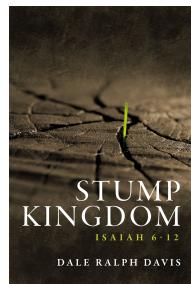
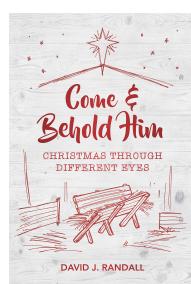
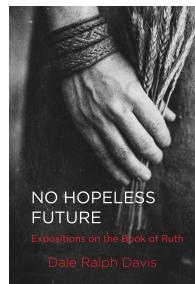


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The First Light of Advent invites readers to encounter the familiar story of Luke 1-2 with fresh wonder. In this warm, insightful, and often delightfully humorous exposition, Dale Ralph Davis guides us through the lives of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, and the shepherds in the fields—reminding us that God delights to work through the overlooked and the ordinary. With pastoral care and crystal-clear teaching, Davis highlights the surprising providence that moved an emperor, the ancient promises that converged in Bethlehem, and the joy that echoed through Judea as redemption drew near.

Readers will discover:

- How God quietly weaves His purposes through unlikely people
- Why the songs of Mary, Zechariah, and the angels still matter today
- What the manger reveals about God's humility, power, and faithfulness
- How Christmas anchors our faith in promises fulfilled

More than a seasonal reflection, this book invites believers to slow down, look closely, and rediscover the breathtaking hope at the heart of Christ's birth. Perfect for Advent reading, personal study, and meaningful gift-giving.

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