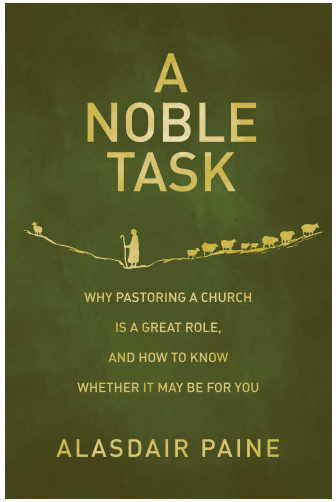
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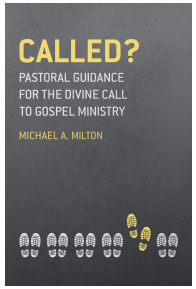
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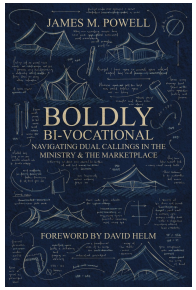


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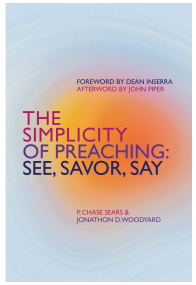
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Drawing from 30 years in ministry, Alasdair Paine tackles the big questions head–on: What makes pastoring such a worthwhile calling? How do you know if you're cut out for it? What about those nagging practical worries about money, family, and work–life balance?

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- **Clear, biblical guidance every step of the way**

Whether you're actively exploring the call to ministry, being nudged by others to consider it, or just want to understand what your pastor actually does all week, "A Noble Task" is your roadmap for the journey ahead.

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