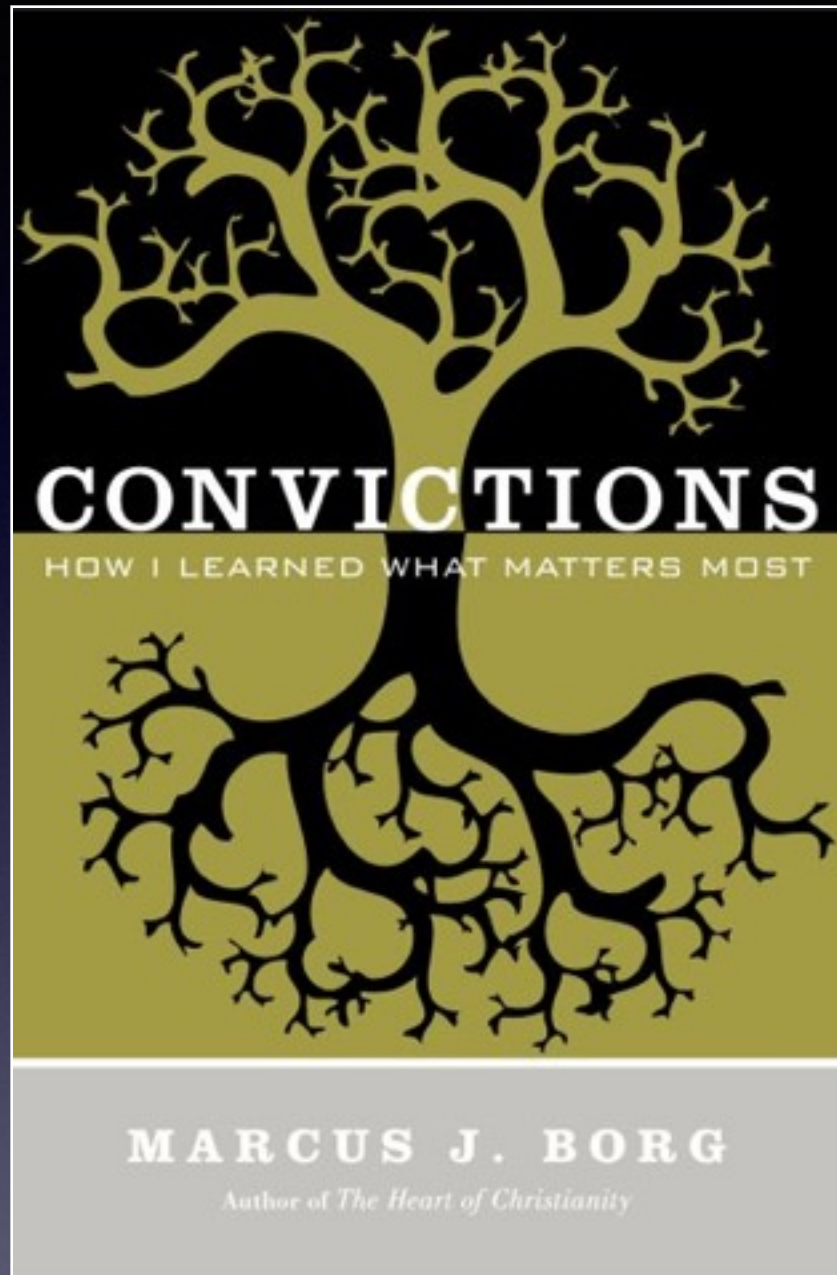


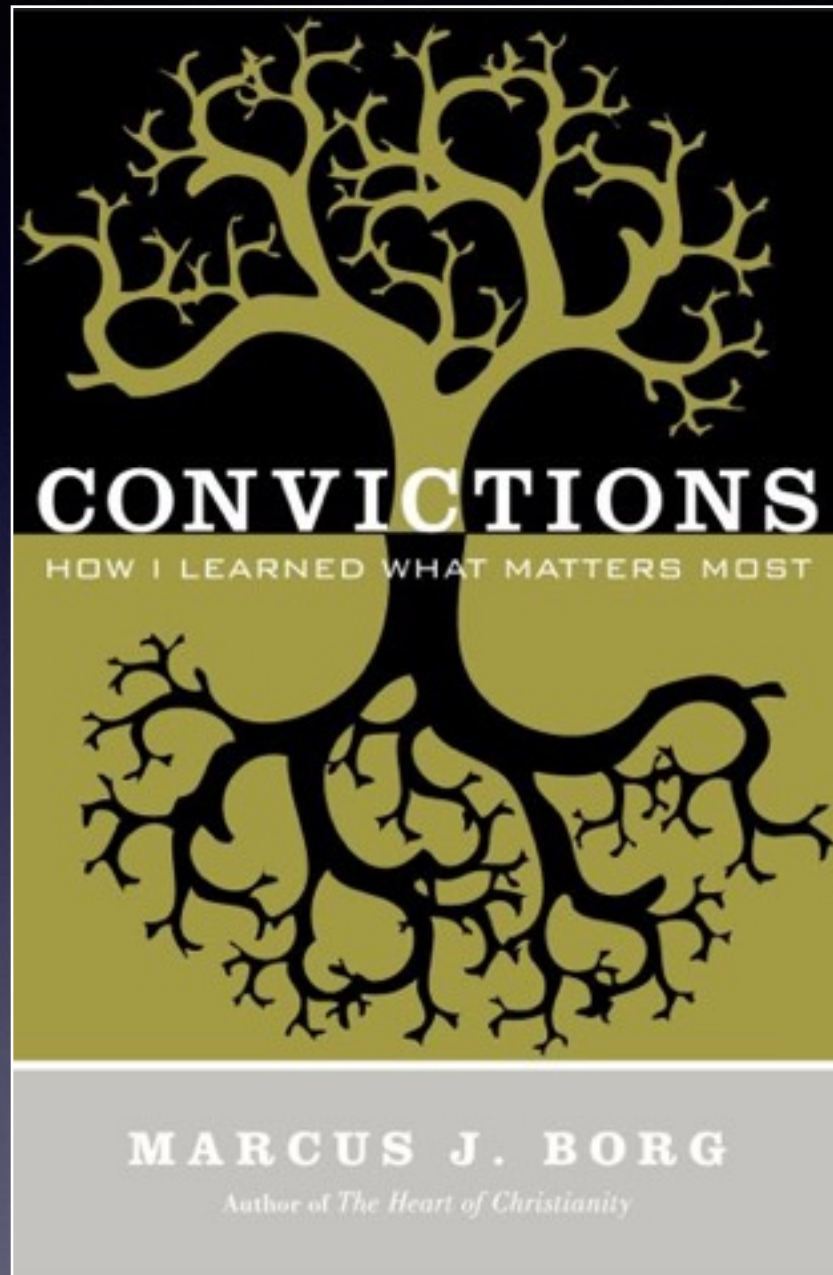
Convictions - how I learned what matters most.



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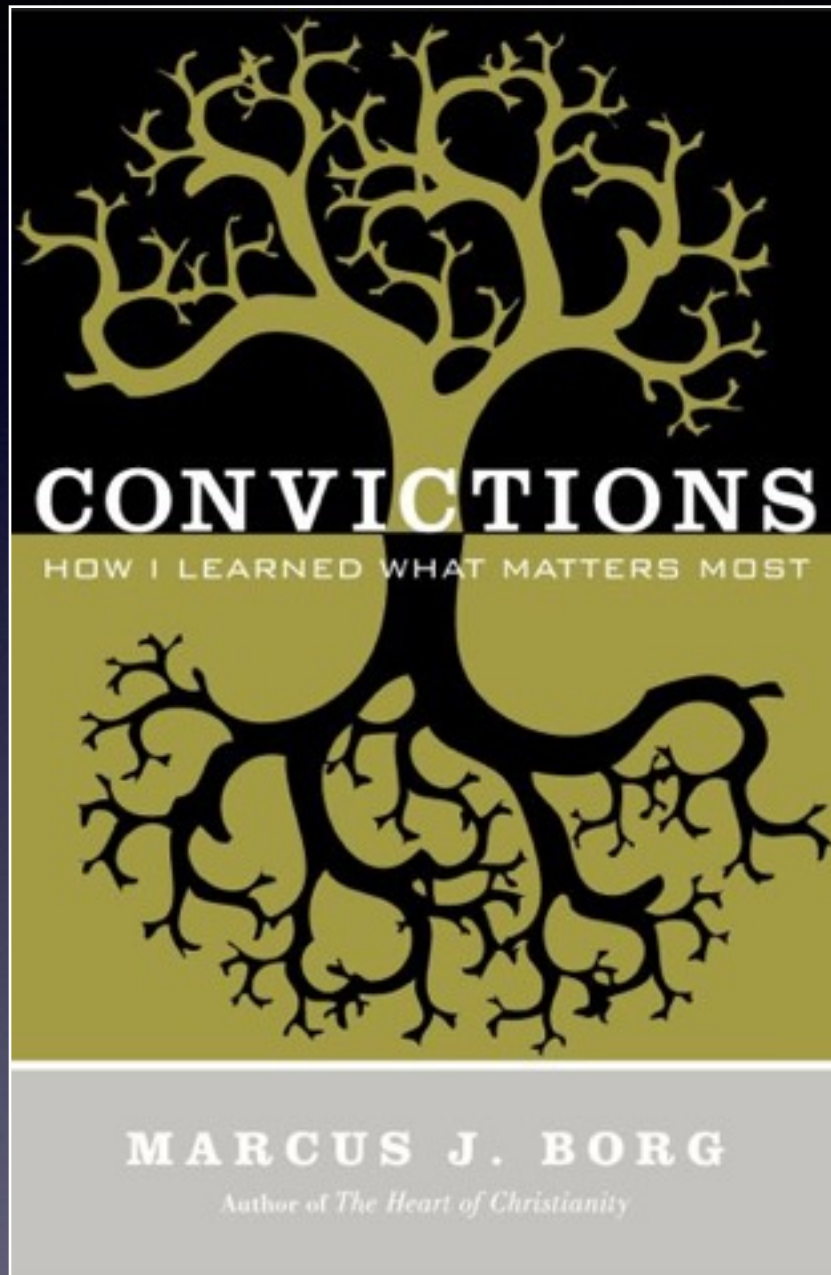
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Opening

HEATHER M.

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Chapter 7



JESUS'S DEATH ON THE
CROSS MATTERS -
BUT NOT BECAUSE
HE PAID FOR OUR
SINS

JESUS MATTERS

1. Jesus' death on the cross
- why?
2. Why are so many
“popular explanations”
inadequate?

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**The Focus on Atonement
obscures and renders invisible
the historical reasons for his
crucifixion and the theological
significance of why it happened.**

Theological Explanation --

A. Jesus dies upon the cross to save me from my sins.

B. God needed me to atone for my sins but Jesus took my place. (Fundamentalist belief)

C. Because Jesus died in my place I am now put right with God and I can go to heaven.

CONSIDER:

- a. Is Jesus the Sacrificial Lamb who substitutes for us before God.
- b. Is Jesus a heroic example for us to follow and to pattern our lives after?

Did he die as a rebel or as a
model for us as a model of
transformed living?

The “Kingdom of God” was not about an afterlife, about how to get to heaven, but about the transformation of life here on earth.

- Religious (about God) and Political (about “Kingdom”)

Genesis 22: 1-15



Crucifixion was a
punishment for sedition/
disobedience of authority
and inciting a crowd.

Summary

1, The gospel was an anti-imperial vision of what the world could be like. Early Christianity was anti-imperial: that's why Jesus was sacrificed and why Christians were persecuted.

2. Jesus' death was about personal transformation: dying to the old and arising to the new way of being.

The Cross Matters

The Cross is the Heart of Christianity
(central symbol) - an image of personal
and political transformation.

Mother Theresa said: “To look at someone in the eye is maybe the closest we come to seeing God.

BORG’S CONVICTIONS:

1. The good news was about the transformation of life on earth.
2. To follow the Jesus Way means to live a transformed life, personally and politically.

Closing

Deb C.