

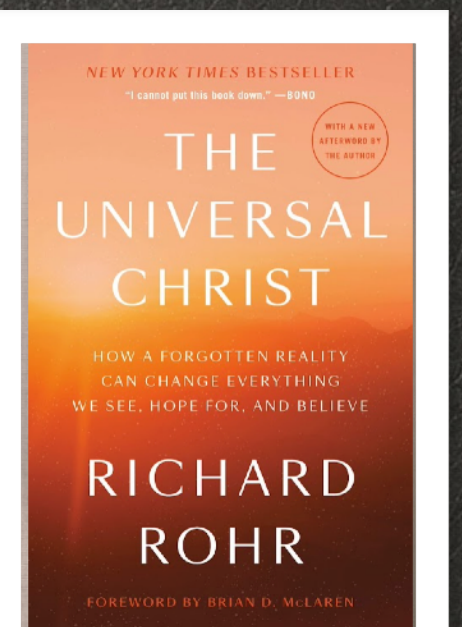
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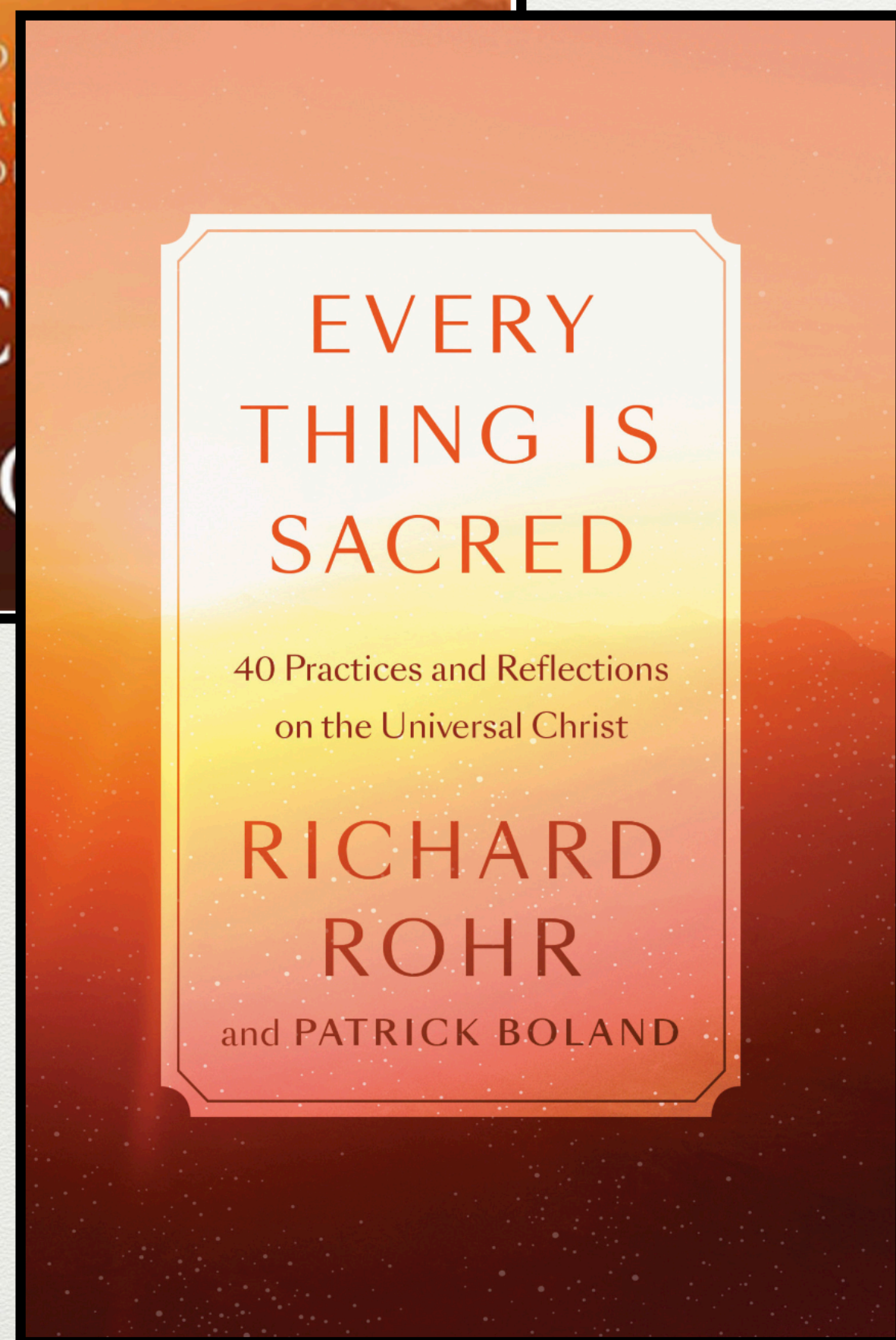
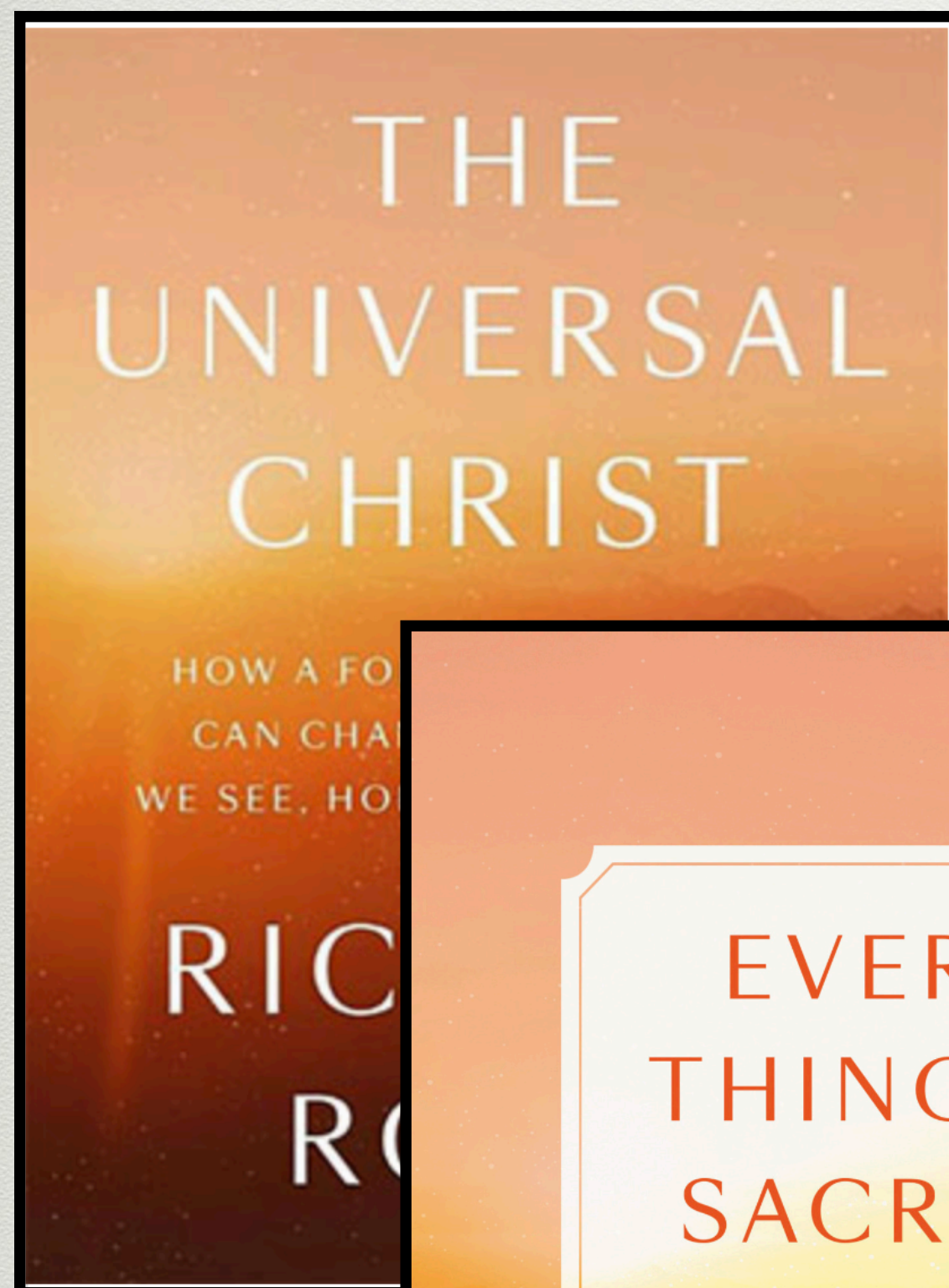
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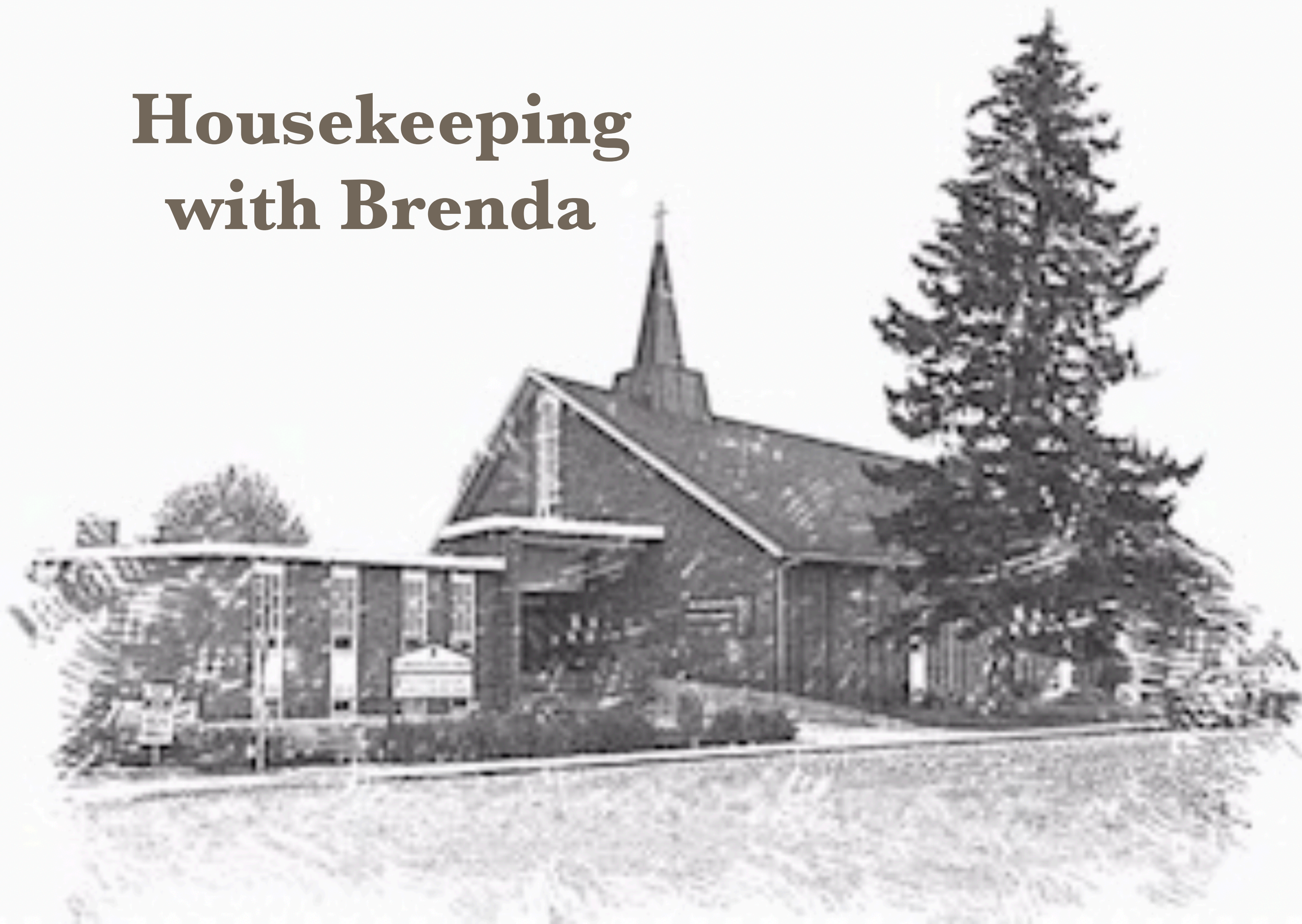
“From the particular to
the universal.”



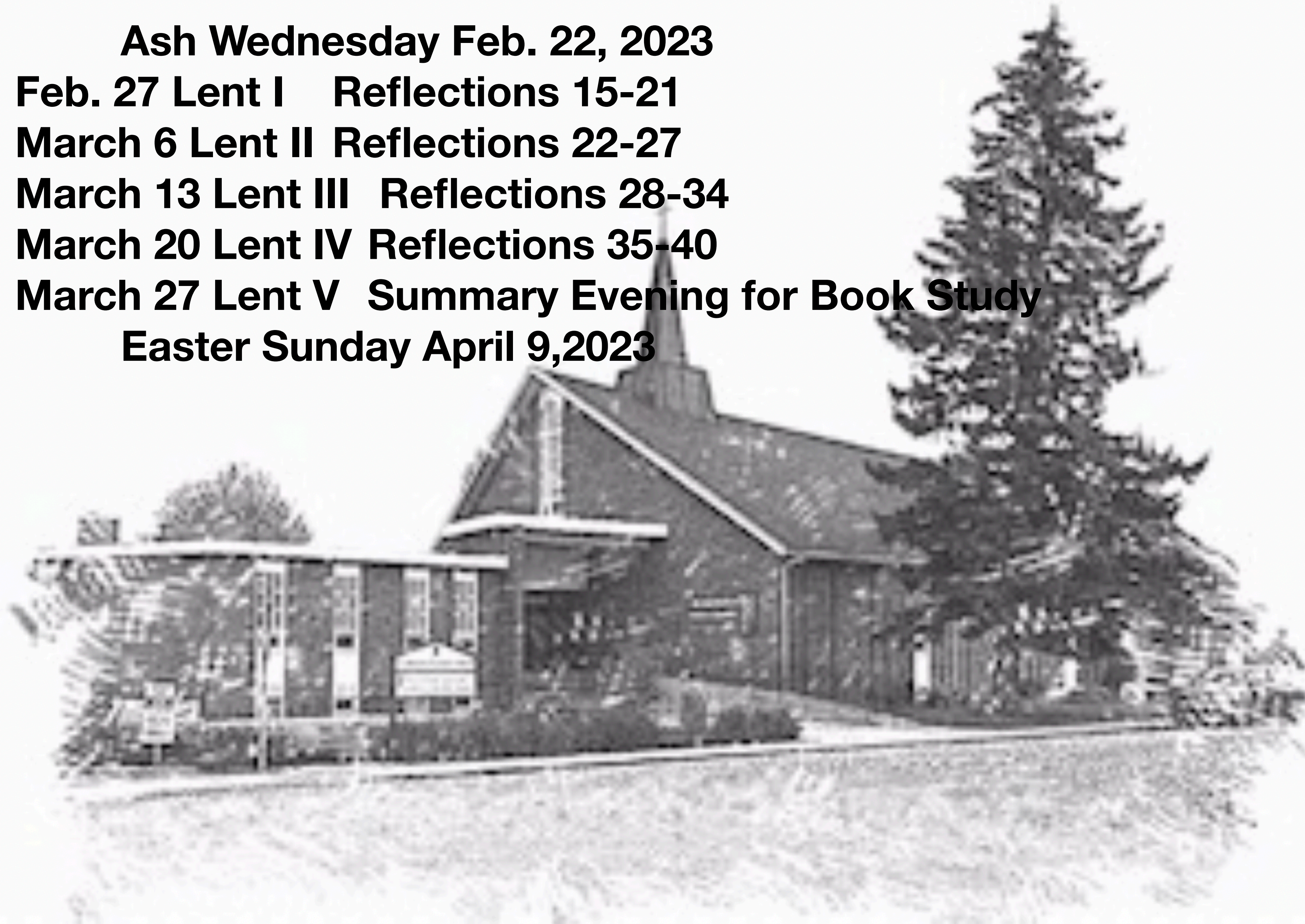
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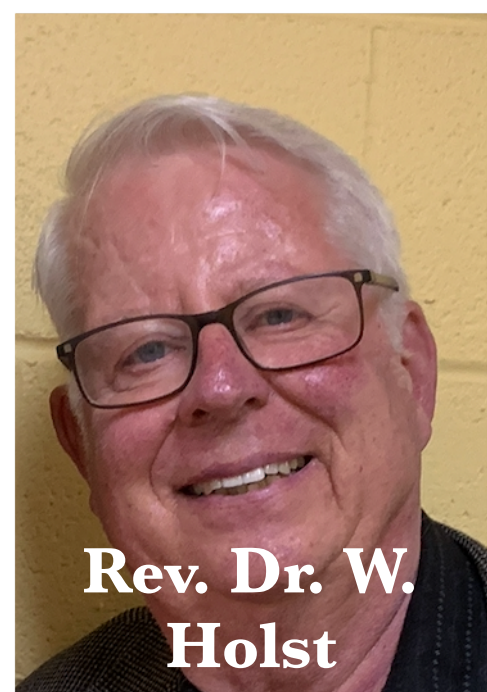
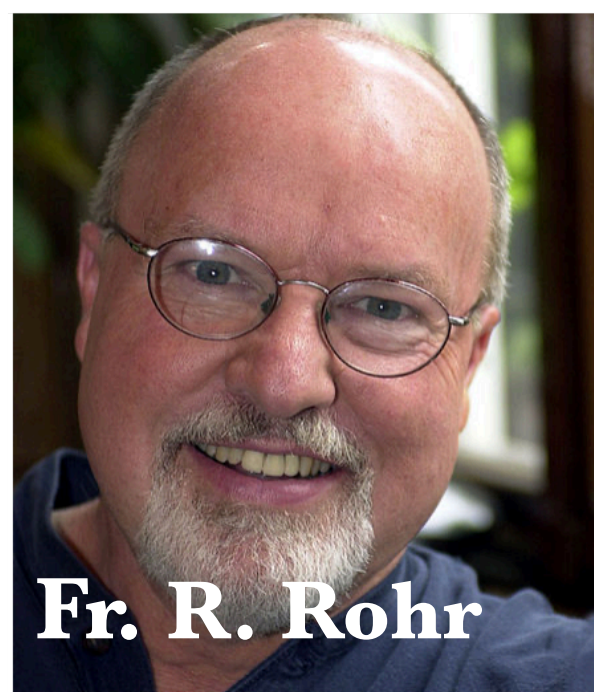


Housekeeping with Brenda



Ash Wednesday Feb. 22, 2023
Feb. 27 Lent I Reflections 15-21
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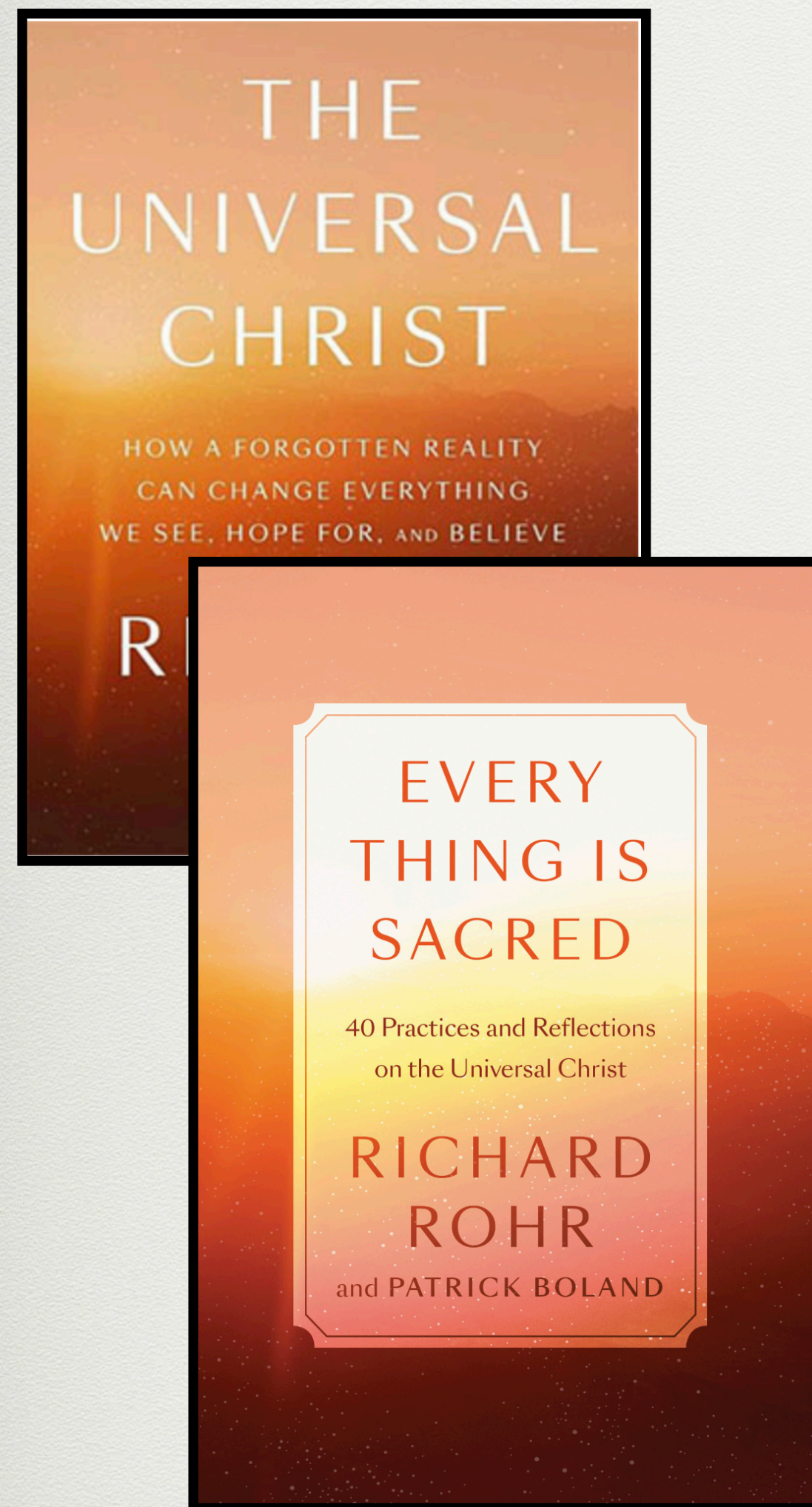
REFLECTION # Eight BECOMING

**“To become is to be able to present one’s true self to the world.”
(49)**

**This true self is the person God created us to be. We need to
include both the good and the bad self in the process.”**

What aspects of my life do I tend to exclude/ ignore?

DISCUSS



Reflection #9: THE PATH TOWARDS INNER ALIVENESS

The folly of allowing other people's goals for my life... we are so focused on inner affirmation that we end up hiding the light of our true self.” (53,54)

- discuss

What do I want to
BE?

What do I want to
DO?



Reflection #10: INCLUDING

“Maturity leads to the inclusion of others into our sense of being.” (56)

“Projection is often the negative in ourselves we see in others.” (57)



“So embrace, don’t reject, the negative you see in others.” page 19

...recognizing this helps us to be part of others (not separate from them.)”

REFLECTION #11: OUR OWN HUMAN EXPERIENCE

To know Christ is to observe
and honour our own human
experience.



What does the word “repent” mean? First of all, it doesn’t mean to beat ourselves up or to feel bad about ourselves. “Repent” (or *metanoia* in Greek) means to turn around, to change. The first word that comes out of Jesus’ mouth is *change*—be willing to change.



To be “in Christ” is a Pauline code word for the experience of salvation. Change at its best takes place in an environment where we feel safe and secure. (61)

DISCUSS

Reflection #12: Image, Love and Suffering

Experiences of **loss and suffering** are two of the major pathways that God uses to draw us toward deeper intimacy and maturity. (66)

Only great love and great suffering are strong enough to take away our imperial ego's protections and open us to authentic experiences of transcendence... Jesus Christ models this for us.
(66)

REFLECTION #13: PRIMAL GOODNESS

Original sin vs. Original Blessing.
(37)

Genesis 1 and Genesis 3:
differences and distinctions
- discuss

**Theology is important, but spirituality
is far more important. (69)**

Intellectual vs wholistic approaches.

Reflection #14: The Great Chain of Being

- Focus on experience (music, art, literature, etc.) rather than reason.
- “Experience can draw us out of ourselves to a larger world.” (76)

DISCUSS... WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Return of the Prodigal Son



Artist

[Rembrandt](#)

Year

1661–1669

“To work up to loving God, start by loving the very humblest and simplest things. Don’t start by trying to love God or even people; love rocks and elements first. Move to trees, then animals, then humans... it might be the only way to love because *how you do anything is how you do everything*.



“There is a deep relationship between the inner revolution of prayer and the transformation of social structures and social consciousness. Our hope lies in the fact that meditation is going to change the society that we live in, just as it has changed us.”

– FATHER RICHARD ROHR

- A way to use this book: Trust your personal experience
- Focusing on our individual and particular situation can open doors to a much broader, universal, set of spiritual discoveries.
- What do you think?

Every Thing is Sacred: Conversation with Kristin, Richard and Patrick



Fr. Richard Rohr— third of three videos on origins of “Universal Christ.”



Break out Rooms:
So what do you think so far?



Sharing Time

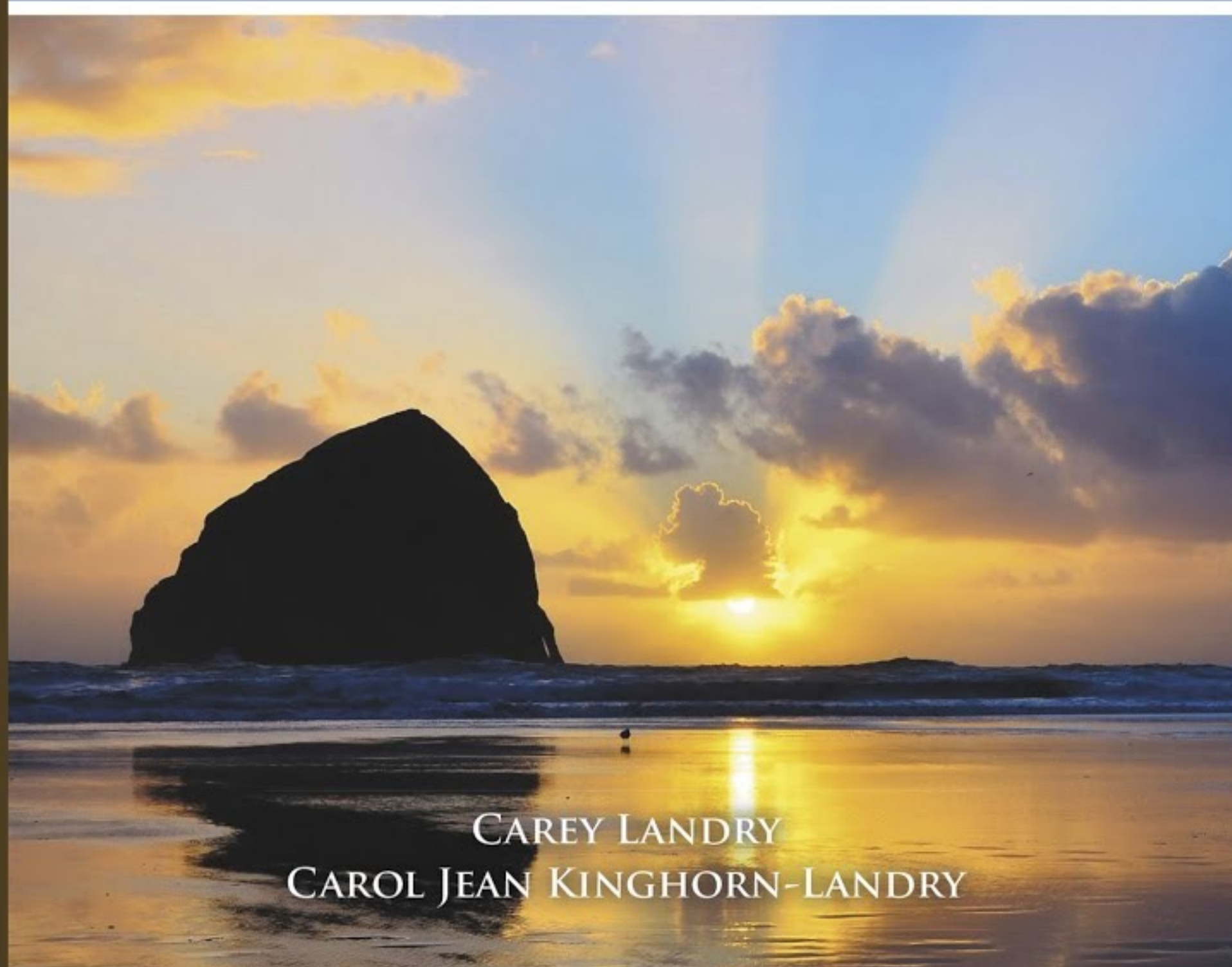




Readings for Session 50-04: Reflections 15 to 21



Gentle Sounds MEDITATIONS Spoken Prayers and Meditations with Music



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