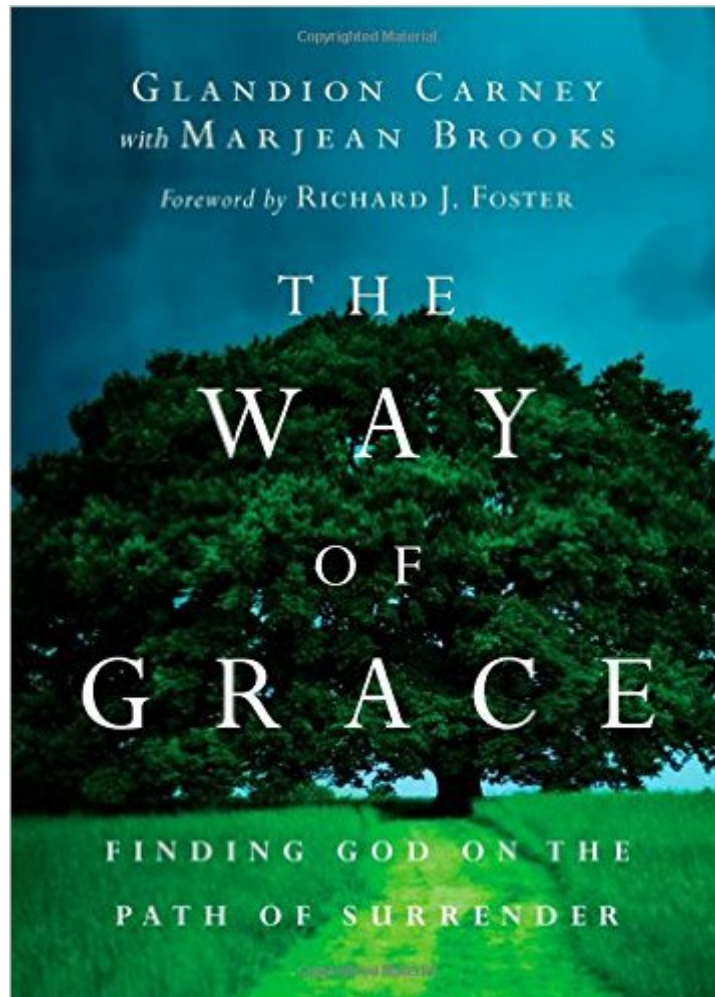


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THE WAY OF GRACE is a book of poignant loss, resounding resilience and abiding hope. There, maybe I've said it all, but of course I haven't. What's the real story? Glandion Carney is an Anglican priest in Alabama, recently retired from a pastoral care church appointment. This seems a long way from his roots in Berkeley, California, and as a church planter in the Christian Reformed

Church. It shouldn't matter, but it seems to: that he's African American, and the Alabama parish has been largely white. Maybe reflective of Carney's varied ministry and experience, including international speaking, the book's prose includes allusions to and quotations from a refreshingly wide array of authors: Hannah Hurnard, Teresa of Avila and Fenelon, Tullian Tchividjian and Twila Paris. This slim book covers so much ground, always within the framework of Carney's 2008 diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, which gradually but too quickly stole his energy, physical balance and dexterity, stamina, and clarity of thought and speech. For a season he wallowed in self-pity. "It also dulled my pain and soothed my sorrow by drinking too much alcohol." On one level, Carney's journey is downward, toward debilitation and inevitable mortality. You can visualize the scenes: a priest stumbling at the altar; a once-hearty, self-sufficient man being humbled but grateful in an airport, realizing he's at the mercy of strangers who offer physical assistance; a husband fumbling to button a starched shirt and ultimately relying on his wife for such basics. Here's a strong, independent adult being broken down, back to a childlike dependence. On another level, Carney's journey leads the reader upward, to a dependence on the everlasting arms of God.

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