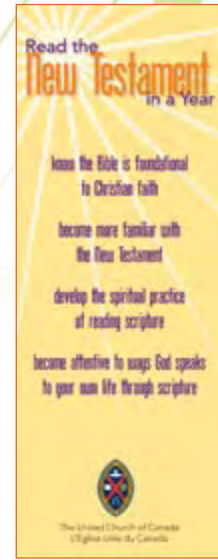


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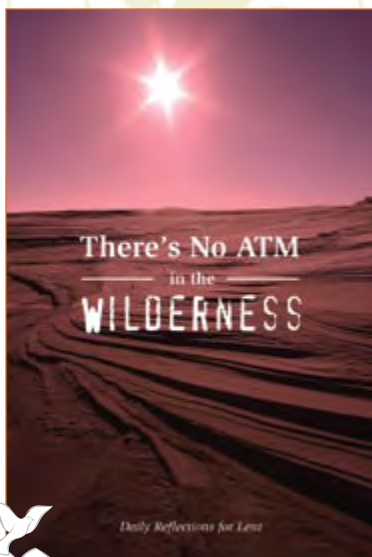
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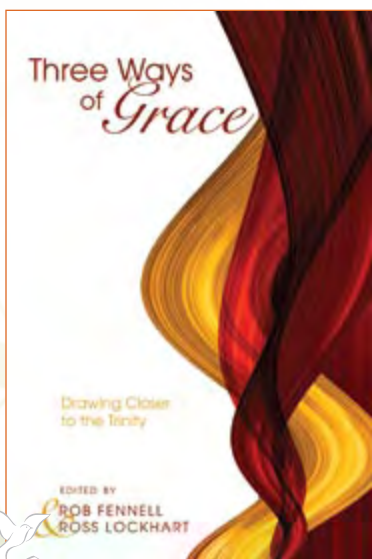
## Rusty Coins

"Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days." (James 5:3)

I can't help but wonder what metaphor James would use if he were writing today...

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—*Excerpt from There's No ATM in the Wilderness*



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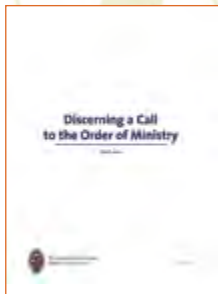
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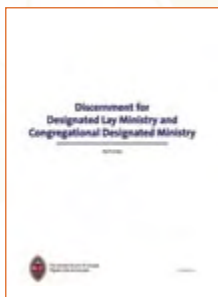


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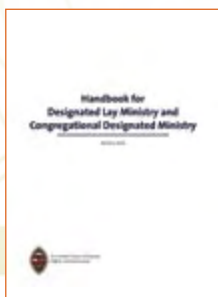


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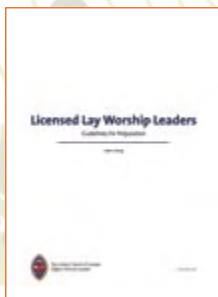


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