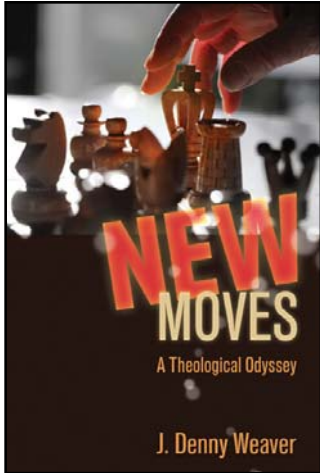


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"Weaver invites readers to journey with him through his theo-biography, introducing them to the people and events that both reinforced and expanded his understanding of God's nonviolent mission in the world, most fully embodied in Jesus. Weaver's engaging, storytelling approach draws readers to reflect on their own faith-shaping experiences. This memoir is a gift to anyone who has ever wondered, 'Why do I believe what I believe?'"

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—*Drew G. I. Hart, Associate Professor, Messiah University, Author, Who Will Be A Witness? Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance*

Market: Anyone interested in a theological memoir in which Weaver tells how his career as a theologian developed and led to his shaping a nonviolent understanding of Jesus' Atonement.

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