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**Your Life Still Counts:
How God Uses Your Past to Create a Beautiful Future,**
by Tracie Miles. Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 2014.
272 pp. \$14.99. ISBN 9780764211997

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Tracie Miles is a national conference, retreat, and keynote speaker for Proverbs 31 Ministries. The author tells her story and that of other women who have discovered great purpose in spite of adverse experiences. The book helps readers find forgiveness and healing and provides inspiration for the future God has for them. Each chapter focuses on a life experience the author has gone through that caused her to trust in the Lord. Emphasis is made in trusting in God's Word and leaning upon Him at all times. The chapter ends with a testimony from another woman and group discussion questions.

I recommend this book. The variety of topics covered within the book will surely be helpful to many women today. Mrs. Miles' emphasis on the Scripture and dependence upon God no matter what the situation is a positive message for the twenty-first century.

**Youth Ministry in a Multifaith Society: Forming Christian Identity
Among Skeptics, Syncretists and Sincere Believers of Other Faiths,**
by Len Kageler. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2014.

220 pp. \$16.00. ISBN 9780830841127

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Youth Ministry in a Multifaith Society serves as an introduction to the challenges of engaging in youth ministry in a multifaith world. This book surveys youth ministry among youth of non-Christian faiths, syncretists, and youth who profess no faith at all (religious nones). Kageler is a professor of youth and family studies and Associate Dean of Faculty Development at Nyack College in New York. He asserts that Christian youth can benefit from contact with youth from other faiths and that such exposure can help Christian youth know and appreciate their own faith. Awareness of other religions may prompt Christian young people to question their assumptions and examine their beliefs, but that is an important step in their spiritual formation. Ultimately Christians can develop relationships with people of different faiths and deepen their own faith in the process.