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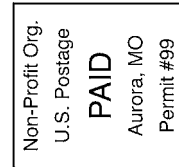
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- Start 40-day personal prayer journals after discussing chapter 3

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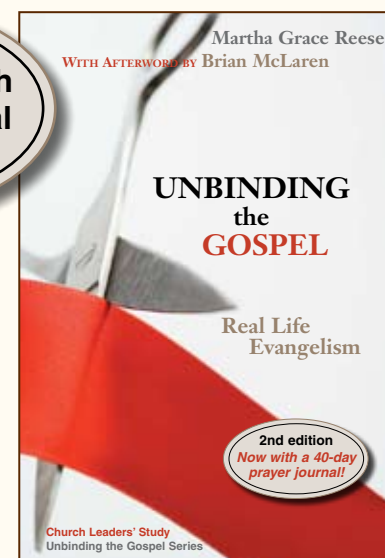
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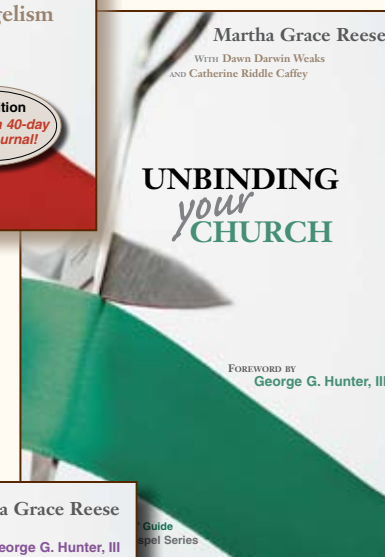
- **Pray** each day's scripture and prayer exercise
- **Study** a chapter with their small group
- **Worship** together with sermon, music & prayers centered on the week's chapter

Your whole church will start to pray, to talk about their faith, and to risk sharing their faith beyond church walls *if* you prepare well and give the Spirit room to maneuver.

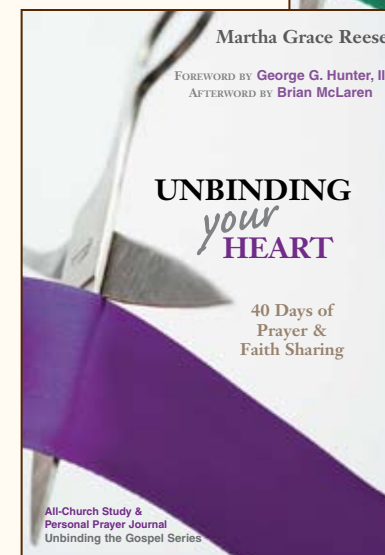
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