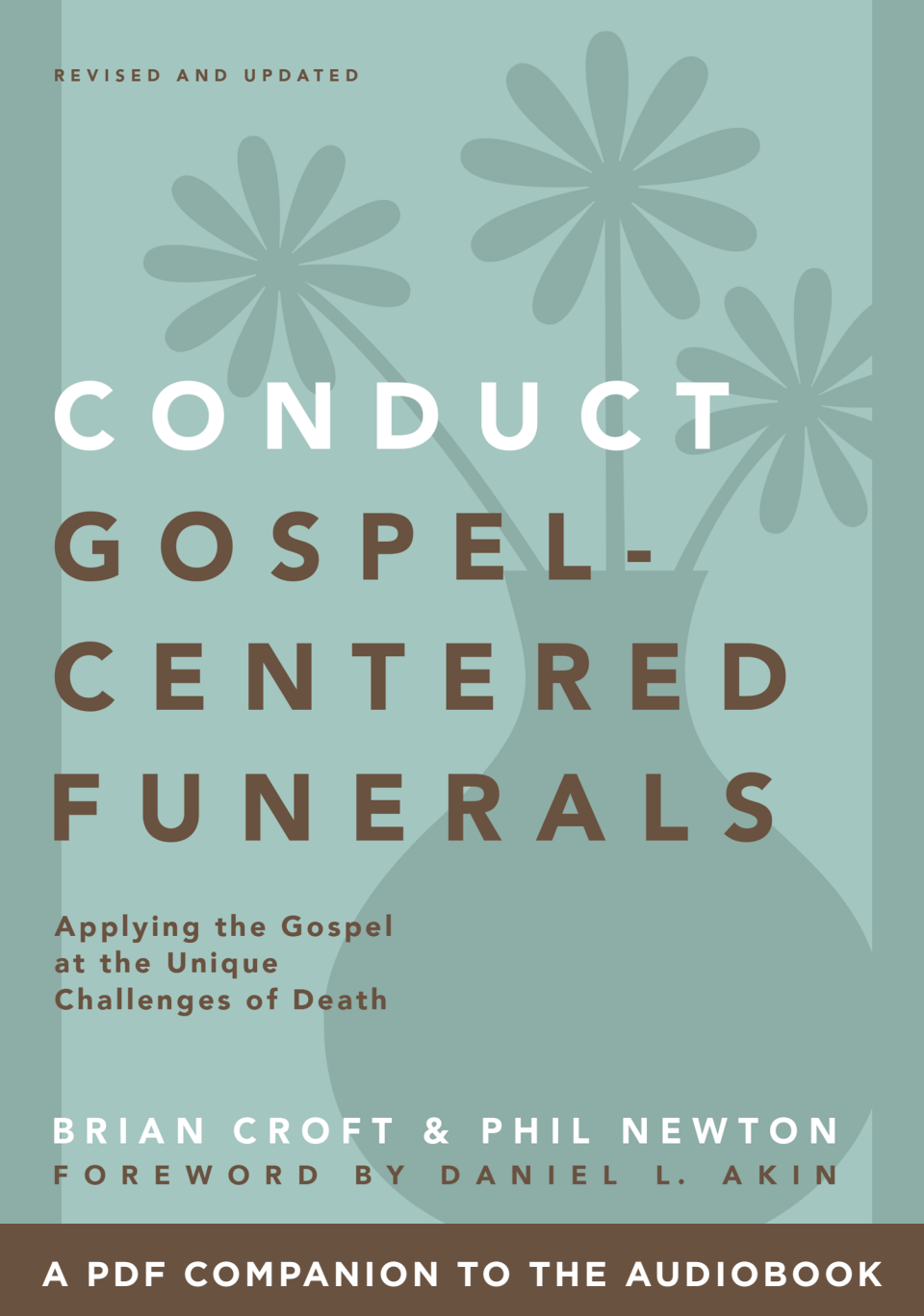


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APPENDIX 3

EXAMPLES OF APPROPRIATE MUSIC

Phil Newton with Jim Carnes

- “A Debtor to Mercy Alone” (Augustus Montague Toplady)
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Martin Luther)
“Abide with Me” (Henry Francis Lyte)
“All I Have Is Christ” (Jordan Kauflin)
“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!” (William Chatterton Dix)
“Amazing Grace” (John Newton)
“Be Still, My Soul” (Katharina A. von Schlegel)
“Be Thou My Vision” (Ancient Irish Hymn)
“Before the Throne of God Above” (Charitie Lees Bancroft)
“Children of the Heavenly Father” (Karolina Wilhelmina Sandell-Berg)
“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (Martin Luther)
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again” (Michael Weisse; trans. Catherine Winkworth)
“Fairest Lord Jesus” (Münster Gesangbuch; trans. Joseph August Seiss)
“For All the Saints” (William Walsham How)
“Glory Is Certain” (Henry Francis Lyte and David Ward)
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (William Williams)
“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” (Reginald Heber)

“How Firm a Foundation” (“K” in John Rippon’s *Selection of Hymns*)

“How Great Thou Art” (Stuart K. Hine)

“How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place” (Isaac Watts)

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” (John Newton)

“I Need Thee Every Hour” (Annie S. Hawks)

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer” (Steve and Vikki Cook)

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee” (Georg Neumark;
trans. Catherine Winkworth)

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (Walter Chalmers
Smith)

“In Christ Alone” (Keith and Kristyn Getty)

“It Is Well with My Soul” (Horatio G. Spafford)

“Lift High the Cross” (George William Kitchin and Michael
Robert Newbolt)

“Like a River Glorious” (Frances Ridley Havergal)

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me” (Synesius of Cyrene)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Charles Wesley)

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (Ray Palmer)

“Not What My Hands Have Done” (Horatius Bonar)

“Now Thank We All Our God” (Martin Rinkart; trans.
Catherine Winkworth)

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Charles Wesley)

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (Isaac Watts)

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above” (Robert Grant)

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (Henry Francis Lyte)

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Joachim Neander; trans.
Catherine Winkworth)

“Rock of Ages” (Augustus Montague Toplady)

- “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (Henry W. Baker)
- “The Lord Is My Shepherd” (James Montgomery)
- “The Old Rugged Cross” (George Bennard)
- “The Sands of Time Are Sinking” (Anne Ross Cousin based
on the letters of Samuel Rutherford)
- “The Solid Rock” (Edward Mote)
- “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” (*Symphonia Sirenum
Selectarum*; trans. Francis Pott)
- “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (Joseph Scriven)
- “Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right” (Samuel Rodigast;
trans. Catherine Winkworth)
- “What Wondrous Love Is This” (American Folk Hymn)

APPENDIX 4

EXAMPLES OF ORDER OF FUNERAL SERVICES

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Example #1

Scripture Reading Psalm 145:17–21

Song “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Welcome

Eulogy

Prayer Prayer for family

Song “Abide with Me”

Sermon John 11

Prayer Prayer of hope in Christ

Song “Amazing Grace”

Closing Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:50–58

Example #2

Scripture Reading Psalm 99

Song “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Welcome

Prayer Prayer of hope in Christ

Scripture Reading Romans 5:1–11

Song “The Solid Rock”

Testimony Family member or friend

Eulogy

Prayer Prayer of comfort for family

Song “I Need Thee Every Hour”

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18

Prayer Prayer of hope of resurrection

Sermon John 14:1 – 6

Closing Prayer

Example #3

Song “Amazing Grace”

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:1 – 10

Welcome

Prayer Prayer of hope in Christ

Song “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Testimony Family member

Eulogy

Prayer Prayer of comfort for family

Scripture Reading Psalm 23

Song “It Is Well with My Soul”

Sermon Hebrews 12:1 – 3

Closing Prayer

Example of Graveside Service Only

Scripture Psalm 46

Welcome

Prayer Prayer for family

Brief Eulogy

Short Homily John 11

Prayer Prayer of hope in Christ