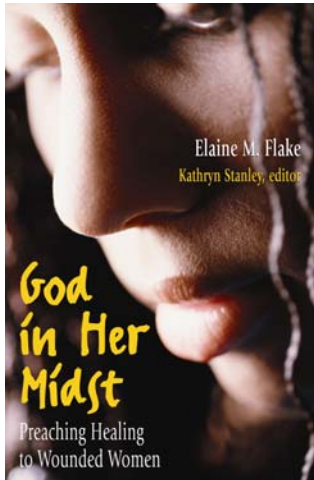


God in Her Midst: Preaching Healing to Wounded Women



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Preachers are under a divine imperative to provide words of comfort, encouragement, empowerment, and liberation to all people, and especially to the least of these. That's the premise behind this powerful new resource from respected pastor and author Dr. Elaine M. Flake.

In *God in Her Midst*, Flake crafts a womanist theology and praxis of preaching to the population most overlooked and overwhelmed in our pews: wounded women—those wounded by virtue of their gender and more particularly black women who are also wounded by virtue of their race. She offers a theological paradigm to help preachers understand and fulfill their responsibility to preach liberation and empowerment to the marginalized and hurting. She provides concrete strategies for redeeming Scripture from traditional sexism and insensitivity, and she gives direction on how to unfold in every sermon the good news that brings healing instead of more hurt. Finally, Flake offers examples from her own ministry, including sample sermons that explore the lives of misunderstood women from the Bible.

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