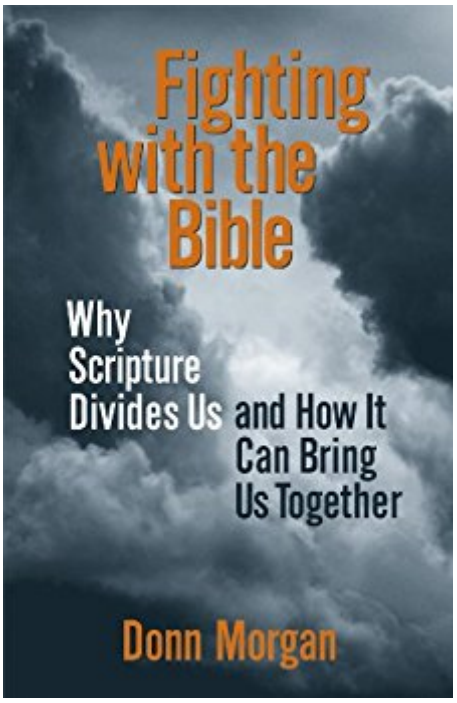
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Professor Morgan writes this book with clarity and compassion. He is very respectful of Holy Scripture; yet he carefully considers how controversial passages can be contradictory and confusing to readers. I recommend it.

The bible can be one of the most dividing things in all of the Christian faith - which is ironic since it's meant to bring people together. "Fighting with the Bible: Why Scriptures Divide Us and How It Can Bring Us Together" seeks to examine this strange practice among Christians to battle each other over the word of God examining the issue piece by piece and seeking out solutions to bring Christians closer together using the book that is meant to do so instead of driving them apart. The scholarly credentials of Donn Morgan, the president and dean of Old Testament at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, lend his words power and wisdom. Any biblical study group needs "Fighting with the Bible: Why Scriptures Divide Us and How It Can Bring Us Together" and it also heartily recommended to Christian studies community library shelves.

This book appreciates the pluralism of the Bile and the church as well as the need to allow the mystery of God's holiness to dwell in that diversity. Our failure to acknowledge diversity leads to division and competing absolutes; to embrace it lets us live faithfully together. The author's wisdom, clarity, and thoughtful passion offer a great service to the church.

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