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"A thoroughly researched review of socioeconomic conflicts in the Bible and its contemporary world in continuity with present conflicts, featuring corruption, addiction, and our ongoing (debt-) slavery, prompted by the breakdown of the family economic unit (divorce) and catastrophic medical bills. Drawing upon familiar Biblical stories and motifs--including the emphasis on sharing and the rejection of sheer acquisitiveness--Moore challenges present-day readers and leads them to change their perceptions and actions."

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