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How can we live wisely in the twenty-first century, alert to God and to other people amid the ups and downs of modern life? We find ourselves in the middle of complex situations, relationships, responsibilities, ongoing dramas, and challenges. Our response to these circumstances requires us to draw on many sources and to exercise imagination, discernment, and judgment. In this sequel to *The Shape of Living*, renowned theologian David Ford offers insights into living wisely in the Spirit in a culture of distraction. Discussion questions are included.

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