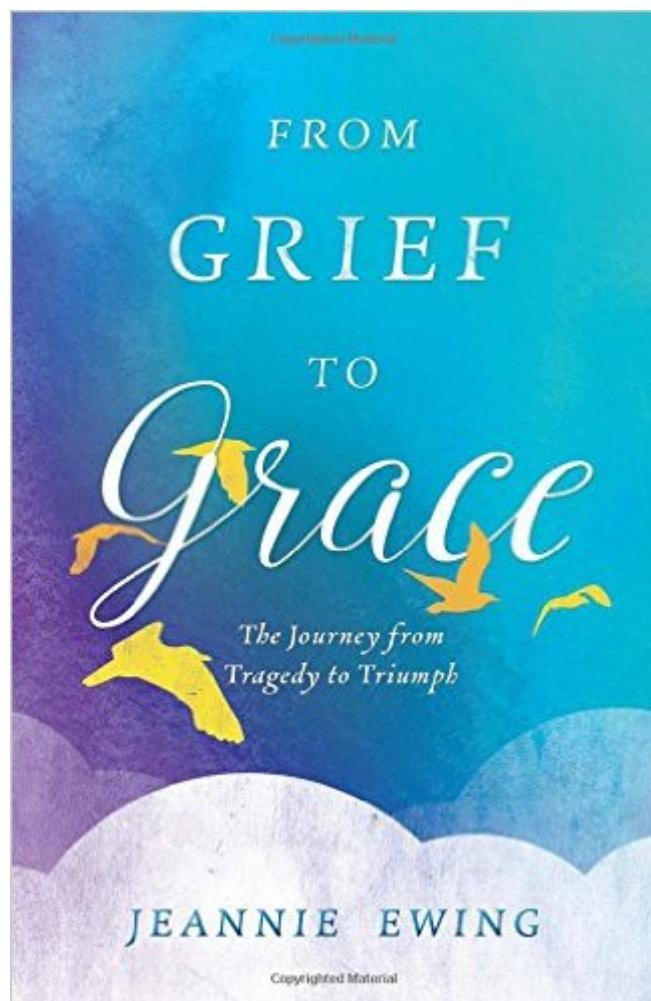


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# From Grief To Grace



## Synopsis

Grief touches all of our lives, but it does not have to paralyze us with fear or inaction. God allows suffering because He knows how powerful it can be to our spiritual lives and to helping us fully embrace His love and mercy. In this insightful and practical book, you'll learn how to live a life of redemptive suffering that will draw you through grief into a state of tenacity, meaning, holiness, and joy. Author Jeannie Ewing is no stranger to suffering. Her family has long struggled with bipolar disorder and depression, and her baby daughter was born with a rare genetic disorder that caused her bones to prematurely fuse together. Despite the many layers of sadness, loss, confusion, and anger, Jeannie responded to God's calling and transformed her life into one with profound purpose and joy. Combining her training in psychology and counseling with real-life examples, Jeannie will show you that there is much life to be lived in the midst of loss, and that all things even the most painful life experiences are working together for a greater good. You'll also learn: The all-too-often misunderstood difference between grief and depression. The spiritual benefits to uniting your crosses with Jesus's Passion and Death. The counterintuitive notion that grief and joy can coexist. The spiritual danger of internalizing our pain and hiding it from others. How great saints like St. John of the Cross and St. Therese of Lisieux struggled to make sense out of suffering. The six spiritual principles that will assist you on the journey of navigating grief. How to know when you should seek professional help. Ways in which God is calling you to bring hope and joy to those dwelling in darkness. How to confidently confront the nothingness and emptiness you feel in your interior life. And Meditations on the Stations of the Cross, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Seven Sorrows of Mary that will help you reflect on how redemptive suffering can help you embrace God's love and mercy.

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Many authors are compelled to write on grief, sorrow and the meaning of suffering but without a firm foundation in the Catholic faith, they are bound to go astray. Jeannie Ewing stamps her new book with the authenticity of the collective wisdom of the Church, the visions of the mystics, countless encounters with the suffering of others and the witness of her personal experience as a mother. "From Grief to Grace, The Journey from Tragedy to Triumph" • (Sophia Press, \$13.69) reminds us that secular psychology is unable to correctly deal with the tremendous and universal experience of grief. Only the conviction that grief and suffering are part of each one's encounter with the cross of Jesus can it be explained (and understood) in all its fullness. Ewing does this faithfully and convincingly with chapters on the redemptive value of suffering and the message of Divine Mercy. Any family caught in the clutches of incomprehensible difficulties would do well to read this book which delivers profound supernatural truths in a comforting style. We do well to remember, though, that not only intense grief but every day difficulties "challenges in our family obligations, the effort to concentrate when tired or distracted, our own foibles and the foibles of others" are an invitation to encounter the cross of Jesus. Referring to the painting that He had asked of St. Faustina, Jesus told her, "My gaze from this image is like My gaze from the cross" • (Diary, #326). Jesus grimacing in pain on the cross is easy to imagine. Jesus overcoming his physical and moral suffering with such control over his body and emotions that He serenely and joyfully embraces His Father's will is so far out of our comprehension that He has to tell us Himself, multiple times in the Twentieth Century.

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