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Sufficient Grace



Synopsis

Sufficient Grace chronicles not only one family's painful journey through the stormy sea of grief after the loss of three of their five children, but also shares the lessons learned about the true faith and grace God gives to His people, even in the midst of life's storms. It also tells about the birth of Sufficient Grace Ministries, and includes helpful information for families walking through grief after the loss of a child.

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Customer Reviews

For anyone who has experienced loss of a baby, or for those who have a loved one who has experienced loss, I highly recommend reading this book. For anyone who has experienced loss of any kind, I highly recommend reading this book. This author shares her personal journey of loss and grief. She addresses how loss can impact siblings, couples, the grieving mother, and offers insight and wisdom for supporting those who have suffered loss. This book contains Scripture, and it never comes across as "preachy" because she is so open and raw in sharing her journey. Grief is almost a societal taboo. At best, it's acknowledged, and after an "acceptable" amount of time, we're expected to move on. Yet we've been forever changed. What freedom to experience grief, to share our experiences, and to comfort and be comforted by the sharing. There is indeed lasting hope, restoration, and healing through God who values and loves us beyond our comprehension. Every life matters.

This book is a must read for anyone who has experienced pregnancy or infant loss. If you are fresh in grief or years have passed you can still relate to this and be touched by Kelly's story. It is beautifully written, real and unscripted.

Expressing myself with words is not my thing...that is Kelly's gift, which is very apparent in this book. "As we go through our lives we are given many precious gifts, some we are allowed to enjoy for a long time, others only briefly." Having walked a similar road this book pretty much hit the nail on the head. It was books like this that I searched for after our loss, stories from those who have walked in our shoes, those who knew our pain, those who helped us know we were not alone. Kelly put into words what so many of us were feeling, but were unable to express. She opened her heart and shared her great pain to help others see there is hope after loss and that there is no right or wrong way to grieve. It has many ups and downs. But, ultimately it was her Faith and our God that saw her through her darkness. Filled with scripture and Bible verses, this book brought me to tears and then joy. I would highly recommend this book to any mother or father who has lost a baby, parents and grandparents of those moms and dads, and friends who are just trying to understand the pain their friends are going through. Through this great pain Sufficient Grace Ministries was born, Kelly was called to do this work, to bring comfort to those grieving, to offer hope, to give them items to hold in their empty aching arms, to be there, to listen, to love these baby's as they enter and leave this earth so quickly and quietly. Thank you Kelly for sharing your story, you truly are a blessing. I'm honored to call you a friend.

I just finished this book, through tears, because of the myriad ways it touched me. Yes, this book is a beautiful story of grace and faith in the midst of unthinkable circumstances, but it is also full of "everyday" truths. It doesn't diminish grief into trite sayings and "feel better" words, instead, Kelly lets the reader into the deep waters of unspeakable pain, while still showing us that our God is right there with us, through every part of our lives. She also gives sound advice on sibling grief, dealing with loss as a couple, and how to respond to someone else who is in the depths of pain. All this is rounded out by Kelly sharing how her Sufficient Grace Ministries was birthed and sharing the work that she continues to do. This is a book for anyone who desires to see God's hand at work through any kind of suffering and not only those touched by the loss of a child.

Kelly takes you there, where she was. Her words make you feel like you are right there in that room, right there with her. She opens her heart to share with all of us about the true nitty gritty details

about loss and love. This book is for everyone, not just ones that have had a loss. Its for the people lost in in their lives. And most important she points us all back to God and through Him he has turned her story into hope. Isaiah 61:3: "To give them beauty for ashes"

The Gerken family story has touched so many in our small town. Many of us who never knew how to help someone with the loss of a child now have a wonderful resource! Faith, Grace, and Thomas are remembered by so many of us - even people like me who had never even heard of this little town while they were dealing with the loss. I think of a Thomas sky when I see big puffy clouds, and Faith and Grace snowflakes when those big flakes fall from the sky. Kelly's story mirrors so many lives of people I know. This is about finding hope after a loss of an infant and I feel as though any parent who experiences the loss of a child at any age will find comfort in her words, her scripture references, and her ministry. Kelly's journey of losing her mother and like-a-mother also gives the reader another avenue of hope - we will all meet again someday. I believe that anyone who has lost a child or a mother will find comfort in her words. Kelly's words made me feel like I knew her mother and her children. I feel like I too have the hope of meeting them all one day in heaven because God's grace is sufficient, even for me.

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