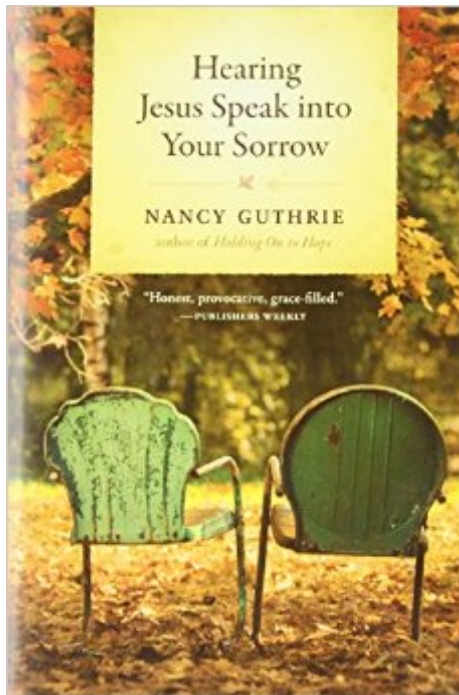


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# Hearing Jesus Speak Into Your Sorrow



## Synopsis

In this paradigm-shifting book, Nancy Guthrie gently invites readers to lean in along with her to hear Jesus speak understanding and insight into the lingering questions we all have about the hurts of life: What was God's involvement in this, and why did he let it happen? Why hasn't God answered my prayers for a miracle? Can I expect God to protect me? Does God even care? According to Nancy, this questioning is not a bad thing at all but instead an opportunity. It's a chance to hear with fresh ears the truth in the promises of the gospel we may have misapplied. It lets us retune our souls to the purposes of God we may have misunderstood.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a very profound, heart-touching, convicting, deep, compassionate, yet easy to read book I cannot rate high enough. The author, Nancy Guthrie is one who has known deep sorrow from the deaths of her two children as babies. She does not just say the old cliches of just trust Jesus and you will get through it. "Our faith keeps us from being swallowed by despair. But I don't think it makes our loss hurt any less." The author, Nancy Guthrie shares very personally about the Man of Sorrow and how her sorrow led to a depth of knowing Jesus so much deeper. She realized how He also had a broken heart for her and how Jesus understood how it was to be overwhelmed with sorrow. This greatly touched me in a whole new way. I appreciate the raw honesty Nancy shares, questioning His love and sovereignty in hardships, as she again relates what He did for us, going through the greatest suffering and injustice . . . then how could He not understand. "If He can use

something as evil as the Cross of Christ for such amazing good, I can believe he can use what I would label as evil in my life for good."So, it's not just the death of children as this author has experienced, but through our walks of life - betrayal, abandonment, abuse, etc. - we can look and find a purpose for suffering and sorrow. Nancy goes on to warn about watching for bitterness and resentment and not allowing it to embed in ourselves. I loved her response also, when people have said to her, they do not know how she can make it going through what she has gone through. I never know how to respond to this, when others have said that to me or our family. I've got a new response: "You're right. You couldn't do it . . .

Nancy Guthrie and her husband lost two of their children--two babies--to the same genetic disease. This book, she says, is "the culmination of my search for deeper understanding that has come with the perspective of years and further study of the Scriptures since writing my earlier book *Holding On to Hope*."Guthrie has built her book around eleven statements of Jesus that speak to the experience of sorrow and grief. What that give us is a thorough biblical answer to the questions raised when we suffer, and when we're experiencing the worst things in life, we need the full answer. It's a wonderful thing to trust that there will be a glorious resurrection when all that hurts us is made right and whole in a way it never could be in this life, but it's even better when we can understand that there is meaning in our sufferings themselves. We draw comfort, too, in knowing that our Saviour understands our sorrow because he experienced deep suffering. And there's more, for those are the main points of just three of the chapters in *Hearing Jesus Speak into Your Sorrow*. And still, this is a small book. Each chapter is short and the style is conversational. The format is perfect, I'd think, for someone who is struggling through difficulties, when circumstance and attention span can make studied reading difficult. From first to last, Guthrie's little book is gossamer. It includes a clear presentation of the good news, and is suffused with the message of what Christ has done and how it "speaks into" our experience of grief. It doesn't gloss over the hard truths, like the need for self-denial and the reality of God's wrath, either.

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