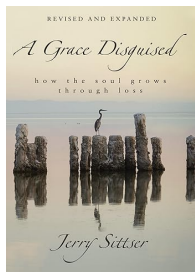


Desert Book Resource

Reading Guide

Companions for Seasons of Doubt, Grief, and Dryness

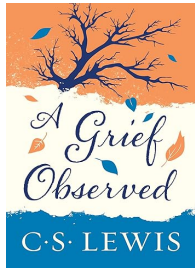


A Grace Disguised

by Jerry Sittser

A modern classic on how catastrophic loss can shape the soul for deeper trust and transformation.

Tags: Grief, Loss, Spiritual Growth

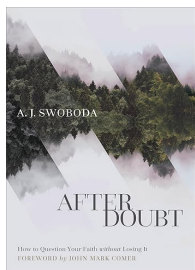


A Grief Observed

by C.S. Lewis

Lewis's raw, journal-like reflection on grief after losing his wife-one of the most honest spiritual texts ever written.

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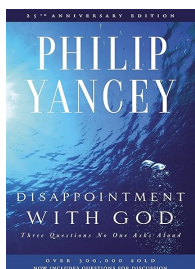


After Doubt

by A.J. Swoboda

A thoughtful, pastoral guide to those deconstructing their faith-but not ready to walk away from it.

Tags: Doubt, Deconstruction, Reconstruction



Disappointment with God

by Philip Yancey

Explores three haunting questions: Is God unfair? Is He silent? Is He hidden?

Tags: Suffering, God's Silence, Spiritual Questions

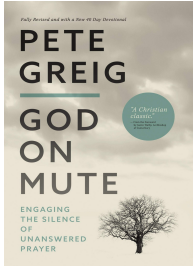


Everything Happens for a Reason

by Kate Bowler

Witty, painful memoir of a young Christian theologian diagnosed with stage IV cancer-and her rejection of cheap clichés.

Tags: Grief, Loss, Cultural Critique

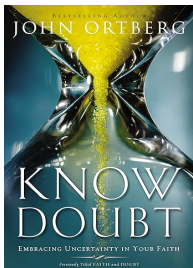


God on Mute

by Pete Greig

A deeply encouraging book about unanswered prayer, written from personal experience and spiritual depth.

Tags: Prayer, Silence, Suffering

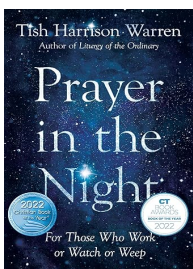


Know Doubt

by John Ortberg

Ortberg makes the case that faith and doubt are not enemies. Great entry point for those unsure what they believe.

Tags: Doubt, Honest Faith, Rebuilding

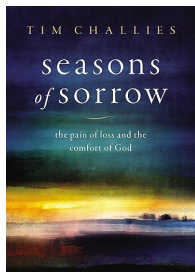


Prayer in the Night

by Tish Harrison Warren

Uses the Anglican nighttime prayer as a framework for trusting God in suffering, silence, and the unseen hours of life.

Tags: Silence, Grief, Spiritual Practice

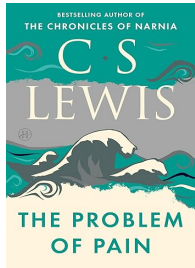


Seasons of Sorrow

by Tim Challies

A father's honest reflections on the death of his son-and how Christian hope can hold even the deepest pain.

Tags: Grief, Loss, Gospel Hope

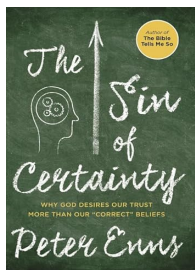


The Problem of Pain

by C.S. Lewis

Lewis's intellectual attempt to answer why a loving God allows suffering.

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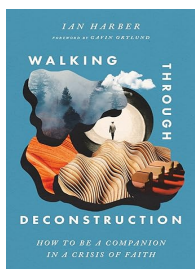


The Sin of Certainty

by Peter Enns

Challenges the idol of being right and invites readers to find God in trust-not certainty.

Tags: Deconstruction, Doubt, Trust

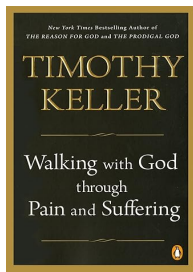


Walking Through Deconstruction

by Ian Harber

Written to companions of those walking through faith crisis, with wisdom and clarity for the road ahead.

Tags: Deconstruction, Faith Crisis, Discipleship

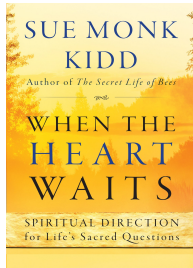


Walking with God through Pain and Suffering

by Timothy Keller

Keller's definitive guide to faith in the midst of suffering. Part theology, part pastoral comfort.

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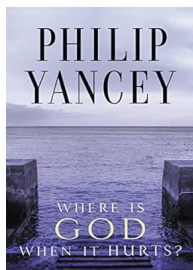


When the Heart Waits

by Sue Monk Kidd

A poetic and soulful reflection on seasons of delay, disorientation, and sacred silence.

Tags: Waiting, Spiritual Formation, Dark Night

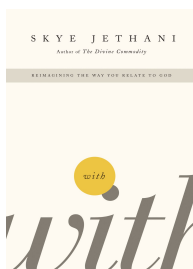


Where is God When It Hurts?

by Philip Yancey

Classic Yancey-naming pain honestly, and affirming God's nearness even when it feels absent.

Tags: Pain, Grief, God's Presence



With

by Skye Jethani

A foundational reframing of Christian life-from performing *for* God to abiding *with* Him.

Tags: Spiritual Relationship, Trust, Reimagining Faith