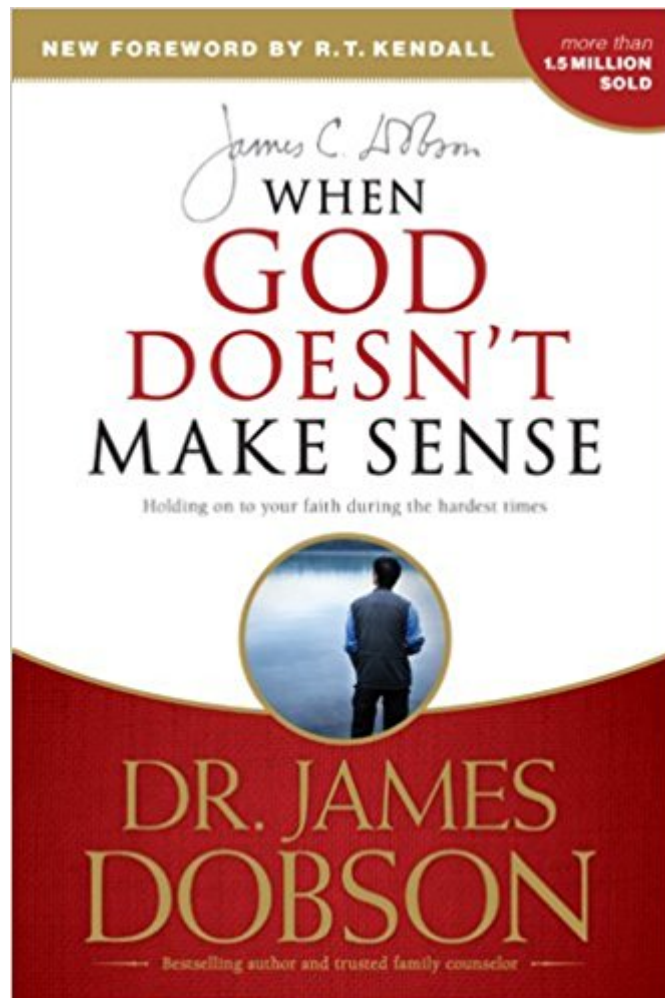




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From Dr. James Dobson ...An immensely practical book for those who are struggling with trials and heartaches they can't understand. Why does disease, natural disaster, divorce, rejection, death, or some other sorrow seep into our lives when we are trying to serve the Lord? It just doesn't seem fair! This book deals unflinchingly with life's most troubling

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If you have had a tragedy in your life you will never be the same...you will either be worse off than before (angry, bitter, resentful, and feeling like you have been betrayed), or you can be stronger than before (growing from the lessons learned, learning how to help others avoid your tragedy (or recover from a similar tragedy, etc). When I suddenly lost my son I can look back at that time & confidently say that this book was one of the biggest things that helped me get through that tragedy. It’s important that we try our best to understand the nature of God, from the truth of his word, rather than to be fooled by misinformation & misunderstanding.

The problem of evil and pain in light of a sovereign and loving God is one of the hardest topics to address in Christianity, and so many, even strong Christians, come up against painful circumstances in their lives and have their faith greatly shaken, if not lost altogether. James Dobson takes the difficulties head on and answers them with great compassion, a wealth of biblical knowledge, and an abundance of personal experience, as he has been counseling for many years. I appreciated the answers he gives on this subject: that everyone is subject to the tragedies and pain in a fallen world, that we don’t always know what God is doing, that God is seeking to draw us to Himself and strengthen our faith, and that ultimately everything is meaningful and is used by God for the greater good, though it may be impossible for us to perceive and comprehend this in our lifetime. Overall this was an incredibly encouraging book for me personally, and I highly recommend anyone who has interest to read it for some clear answers that are powerfully uplifting and encouraging.

Everyone should read this book and watch Andy Stanley’s 3 part series "When God?" It’s time God’s people understand the tough realities of faith and hardship. Christians suffer & it has nothing to do with how much God loves them. Seriously, read this book & buy several to give away. This is the common man’s version of CS Lewis’s "The Problem of Pain". And you ought to read that too!

helped me get through my fathers passing. Passed it on to a friend who miscarried. She couldn’t stop thanking me

Great book that explains much about the age old question "why do bad things happen to good people" as well as common sense explanations of other Christian doctrines that many Christians struggle with.

Very needful tools to be used during the grieving process are presented to the reader. A must read for those experiencing this very hard situation.

I have had serious infrequent depression and anxiety attacks for the past several years and was hoping this book would provide biblical answers to some of my deepest questions. What it did provide was plenty of sympathy and compassion by Dr. Dobson. One gets the feeling however that he thinks this is enough. Well, it's not. Yes there are plenty of bible illustrations and scripture references throughout but something is missing. Depression can be dark, deep, and yes , even for the Christian, hopeless and suicidal. May I recommend the book "To the Golden Shore" by Courtney Anderson? "The hiding place" by Corrie Ten Boom? And the bible book of Job?

The classic, excellent book which helps one put into perspective why things happen to us. The first thought that comes to mind for many people is "if God is such a loving God, why did this happen." When it comes right down to it, God is loving period. Circumstances, choices, the natural progression of things change outcomes. So, this book helps one sort through all those "voices in one's head" to come to a healthy conclusion.

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