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To family and friends who helped me during my illness with cancer. To all of you who ministered to my family while Mark and I took care of Grant. Thank you.

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PREFACE

Do you feel forgotten by God? Maybe you feel abandoned by Him. As I sat alone in my backyard in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, on a beautiful sunny day in March 1999, I wondered if God had forgotten me.

I had just been through radioactive iodine treatment for metastatic thyroid cancer. My husband Mark was at work and my three young children were staying with friends and relatives for two weeks, because the radiation I received could harm them. I also suffered from chronic vertigo.

Over the years my strength and health had disappeared. I was thirty-six and needed comfort from God in my suffering. I found that comfort in His Word.

It began with a simple greeting card that ladies from my church sent me. On it was this verse from Psalm 56: “You number my wanderings; put my tears into Your bottle; are they not in Your book?” Wow! If God collected my tears in a bottle, maybe He did really care about me.

Occasionally I would come across a verse that encouraged me. One particular verse helped me through days when I was physically exhausted. Isaiah 33:2 reads, “Oh Lord, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in times of distress.” So many days I would pray, “Lord, be my strength today.”

In October 2003 I decided to read through the Bible and find scripture verses that would bring God’s comfort to people who suffer from chronic illness. I recorded the verses in notebooks and organized them by keywords, with the intent to publish them in a book.

The same season my eldest son, Andrew, went off to college, another son named Grant came into our lives. Grant was born by emergency cesarean section on October 30, 2007. Within a few days doctors discovered that his multiple physical problems were due to a genetic condition called trisomy 18 (Edwards Syndrome).

Nearly all babies with Edwards Syndrome die before their first birthday. We were blessed to have Grant with us for almost nine months. During those months Grant and I used to listen to beautiful hymns and children's praise songs together. I told him that one day he wouldn't need a feeding tube or an oxygen tank, and we would be able to run and walk together. Isaiah 40:31 says, "But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

This collection of Bible verses helped me during those difficult times. My prayer for you is that as you read this book, God will speak to you through His Word. May He answer your questions and bring you comfort and healing physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

PART ONE

QUESTIONS



CHAPTER 1

IS GOD GOOD?

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us—yes, the many good things he has done for the house of Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses.

—*Isaiah 63:7 NIV*

The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.

—*Lamentations 3:25 NKJV*

The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

—*Nahum 1:7 KJV*

For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; no evil dwells with You.

—*Psalms 5:4 NASB*

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

—*Psalms 100:5 NIV*

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

—*Psalms 118:29 KJV*

Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

—*Psalms 119:68 KJV*

Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

—*Psalm 135:3 KJV*

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

—*Psalm 145:9 KJV*

For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

—*Psalm 86:5 NKJV*

As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.”

—*Mark 10:17, 18 NASB*

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

—*John 10:11–16 NIV*