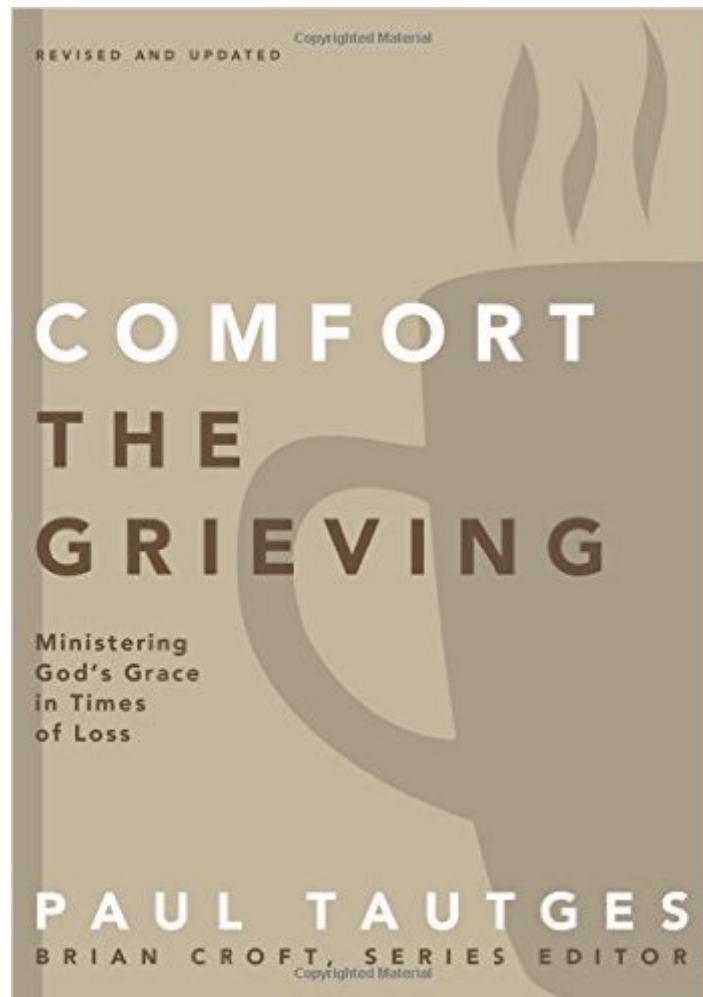


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# Comfort The Grieving: Ministering God's Grace In Times Of Loss (Practical Shepherding Series)



## Synopsis

Until the end of time, when the curse of sin is finally removed, suffering will be a large part of the human experience and a large part of that suffering will be walking through the painful reality of death. 'Death,' writes Paul Tautges, 'provides a natural opportunity not only for ministry to others, but also for personal growth in ministers.' Those who shepherd others through the pain and loss that accompanies death should seek to offer wise and biblical counsel on these precious and painful occasions. This book is a treasure chest of pastoral theology that will equip you to reach out to those who grieve with the Christ-centered comfort of God rooted in the gospel. The theological foundation espoused here, as well as the numerous practical helps that are included, will help any servant of the Lord to point the hearts and minds of the bereaved to the 'man of sorrows' who is 'acquainted with grief' (Isaiah 53:3). The Practical Shepherding series of booklets provides pastors and ministry leaders with advice and practical help to do the work of pastoral ministry in a local church. In *Comfort Those Who Grieve*, experienced pastor Paul Tautges offers readers a guide to comforting those dealing with death through the hope of the gospel.

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There is much to mourn for in this world and much grief to be endured. This creates ample opportunities for children of God to love, help, comfort, and hurt with those who are suffering. Being able to minister properly through these situations will benefit all involved. *Comfort the Grieving by*

Paul Tautges is a wonderful resource. It is focused on the word of God and immensely practical. While it is designed for pastors, this is a volume that will equip and encourage all believers as we fulfill our Christian obligation to "mourn with those who mourn." This short volume is divided into sections covering pastoral care and preaching. Tautges encourages the reader that care for the grieving does not conclude at the memorial service and offers a helpful guide on how to make sure that those needing continued care will receive it. He also encourages pastors, and all Christians, to take up the art of letter writing as a means of offering care and then proceeds with some practical, "how-to" advice. While Tautges is clear those grieving need personal, one-on-one care, he does not minimize the need of care from the pulpit. He offers a few sample sermons from funerals to offer examples of Christ-centered, sensitive, evangelistic messages to share in corporate times of grieving. This is a volume that will help many to love and care for those around them who are hurting. It is short and accessible and I see no reason that it should not be read by many. I received a review copy of this book from the publisher.

Paul has developed much needed thought and help in meeting the real needs of those grieving for a host of situations such as accidents, cancer, still born, miscarriages, death etc. Many, even in ministry, are at a loss of just what to say and not say. Paul brings a great help to ministers and family in meeting the spiritual needs of those who are grieving a loss. I would highly recommend this volume and the companion volumes as a great help to your practical library. By Pastor Darrell of Grace Covenant Church and Director of Biblical Counseling Training Center of Az. Gilbert, Az.

As a Pastor this book has been very helpful personally to me. One of the most difficult challenges of pastoral ministry is coming alongside those who are grieving and attempting to give them comfort. I think this book should be read by everyone in ministry and anyone who is thinking entering into pastoral ministry. Tautges book is one I will refer to again and again in my ministry. I received a digital review copy from the publisher.

Comfort the Grieving: Ministering God's Grace in Times of Loss (Practical Shepherding Series) I love the way in which the author so sensitively and gently writes on the topic of grief; the heart of a pastor pulsates in the text of this short book as he directs us and carers with clear, wise, practical and biblical counsel with respect to those who have lost a loved one. People in pastoral ministry, as well as hospital chaplains, people working as nursing home caregivers, and hospice workers would do well to pay attention to the points made in this small book. The case studies given earth the book

in reality. As I read this, I was struck by just how wide the application of the gospel of God's love and care is in the damaged world in which we live. Divided into clear sections, the book is very easy to navigate, and there is something to help in most ministry situations, whether the death of an infant, appropriate use of music, finding comfort in the thought of eternal life, and many other elements. I warmly commend this book to a readership that will benefit considerably from its use.

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