

Review of *Prayerful Passages: Asking God's Help in Reconciliation, Separation and Divorce* (Outskirts Press, 2016) by Jack H. Emmott

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I love how the author gives his own testimony which draws readers to him. If you have been in a relationship that is going through tough times, it is easier to understand what another person is dealing with. I often hear people say " Oh I understand. I know exactly how you feel." But let's be honest , if you haven't experienced what they are going through you don't really understand their pain, hurt or senses of loss.

This book is filled with examples of how to pray specifically for your spouse and marriage among other topics. It is designed by chapter to target specific areas that are specific to your needs. I appreciate that the author writes with grace and doesn't sound like he is forcing his beliefs on you. The prayers are powerful because they come from the heart.

It is easy to get discouraged when you feel that your prayers are not working, but God does hear us and He is working on our behalf. When we have been hurt by someone, it may be difficult to pray for them. Emmott does a great job in helping readers push past their hurt and pray for things like "Praying together as Parents," or "Prayer for God to Transform the Bad into Good." Using this book can be a tool to heal your brokenness and draw closer to God. God wants us to talk to Him and prayer is a way to communicate with Him. I find myself sometimes having trouble focusing when I pray. This book has specific prayers that for me help me stay focused without struggling on finding the words to say.

"In prayer, we get clarity from God's lips as to what we need to do or not do in relation to Him, ourselves, and to those around us, including our spouses and children."

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