



We Shall all Be Changed *How Facing Death with Loved Ones* *Transforms Us*

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Death teaches us how to live.

When Whitney K. Pipkin's mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer, she wasn't ready. How could she be? She searched for resources that could help her walk through this heavy yet sacred time in her life. But she struggled to find the guidance she longed for in a season of anticipatory grief.

We Shall All Be Changed is a companion for those experiencing the lonely season of suffering and death. In this book, Whitney reaches across the pages to hold the hand of the caregiver. Walking through death with a loved one can be incredibly

isolating and unsettling. This book reminds us that we can experience God's very presence in life's dark and deep valleys. As Whitney draws from her own experience, she sheds light and hope. She shows that we are not alone. And she reveals the mysterious way that God ministers to and transforms us through death and suffering.

Beautifully honest and theologically rich, Whitney invites us to consider death so that we might understand life and how to live it.

Rather than wanting to run from discussions of death—as I did for so long—I now want to press into them, to wring from one of the hardest trials life has to offer every drop of sanctification and glory. I see now that having a front seat to my mom's final days has forever changed the ones I have left to live. —Whitney Pipkin

A book for those who are caring for the sick and dying . . . for those who will care for parents, family, or friends in their last days . . . and for those who have already walked this journey. This book is for us.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



WHITNEY K. PIPKIN lives with her husband, three children, and a dog named Honeybun in Northern Virginia, where she works as a journalist. She has worked as a journalist for over 13 years, with articles appearing in *The Washington Post*, *National Geographic* and *NPR* alongside her regular work at the *Chesapeake Bay Journal*. She also has written for Christian publications such as *The Gospel Coalition*, *The ERLC* and *Gospel-Centered Discipleship* and serves as the Written Content Coordinator for the ministry Women & Work. She loves studying the Bible with her local church and reading on Sunday afternoons while her kids play (quietly?) nearby.

ENDORSEMENTS

"No resource has provided more comfort and clearer insight into my own battle with grief than *We Shall All Be Changed*. As Whitney recounts the slow and at times agonizing journey of losing her mother, she brings clarity to both the pain and the process of watching a loved one suffer, and throughout she guides her readers directly to the God of all comfort, who enters into our grief and prepares our hearts for heaven."

—**LYDIA BROWNBACK**, Bible teacher with a Master of Arts in Religion from Westminster Theological Seminary, and author of several books, including the Flourish Bible Study series

"I've known Whitney for as long as her mother battled cancer. And what she offers us in *We Shall All Be Changed* is the insight and wisdom gained through suffering well for a long time. With honesty, transparency, and a deep love of God, Whitney invites us to lift our eyes and see the comfort of the Lord in the midst of deep grief, the goodness of the Lord in the midst of great sorrow, and the presence of the Lord in the moments of profound pain. I have no doubt that the Lord will use Whitney's story to comfort and strengthen you in yours."

—**COURTNEY DOCTOR**, Director of Women's Initiatives for The Gospel Coalition, Bible teacher, and author of *From Garden to Glory*, *In View of God's Mercies*, and others

"In a broken world, still riddled with the effects of sin, we all walk through seasons of suffering and pain. In my own seasons of suffering, I wish I would've had Whitney Pipkin's *We Shall All Be Changed*. This is a resource that is theologically rich, biblically serious, and deeply human. I am praying this book gets a wide reading as it will help all of us on our journeys of suffering by pointing us to the God who is making all things new."

—**JT ENGLISH**, lead pastor of Storyline Church, author of *Deep Discipleship*, coauthor with Jen Wilkin of *You Are a Theologian*, and cohost of the Knowing Faith podcast

- Tell us what inspired this book and why you felt a sense of urgency about writing it.
- What's the main idea of the book and what do you hope people will take away from it?
- What was going on in your life when you started writing the book, and how did you find time to write it?
- You make a case in the book that our culture, and even our Christian culture, doesn't do a good job with facing death. Why do you think that is?
- You talk some in the book about the difficulty of being honest about a loved one, especially a parent, who has died. How do you navigate the need to honor your mom's memory while also acknowledging the ways your relationship was hard?
- What surprised you most about death? What are some of the things you tell people who are about to walk through this with a loved one?
- Who do you think would benefit most from this book? Who did you really write it for?
- You write that "the sweetest communion we will know in [the] shadowy vale [of death] is that of a suffering Savior." How did God meet you in your suffering?
- Your kids are young, ages 9, 6 and 3. How did you navigate this season of grief and writing a book about it while parenting?
- For those listening who will soon be facing the loss of a loved one, what should they know?