

Life After Your Child's Death

If God is good then why does He allow terrible things to happen? It's a universal question asked by believers and skeptics alike. Some decide no answer exists, but not Sherri Burgess, the author of *Bronner: A Journey to Understand*. When Burgess and her husband, Rick (host of the nationally syndicated "The Rick and Bubba Show"), lost their two-year-old son in a tragic drowning at home, she turned to God with the same question, and in her grief, learned there *are* answers. What she discovered about the Lord and herself she now brings to the world in this special book, which Grammy Award-winning recording artist Chris Tomlin said left him "speechless."

Bronner is an honest and personal narrative that took Burgess five years to write. It brings readers along on her journey of seeking to understand the purpose behind her family's pain. While admitting we can never truly grasp all aspects of God's nature, Burgess says she found there were many things she *could* ascertain about Him, His purposes, and His intentions for herself and her family. "God wants us to ask hard questions," she reveals. "He wants us to seek Him, and if we do, He promises we will find Him. God's way is perfect. He wastes nothing but uses everything to teach us, grow us, and mold us into something fit for heaven. We praise Him as Job did when he said, 'The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.'"

Scripture says Christians do not mourn like those who have no hope, and that is certainly the case for Burgess and her family. While they are separated from little Bronner for now, Burgess knows that won't always be the case. She points out with incredible hope that no matter what horror or loss we face, if Christ is our Savior, we are assured He will redeem everything in time, whether in this life or the next.

Much more than a retelling of one family's story, *Bronner*

includes a readers' guide that will be an empowering and in-depth resource for grief support groups, book-club discussions, or small-group Bible studies. Readers will learn how the author believes the Lord has used suffering for good in her life: teaching her, refining her, and even helping her overcome sins such as worldliness, self-reliance, and pride. "There are but two ways to go in a situation like this," Burgess writes. "We can either run away from God and be destroyed by the pain, or run to Him and be transformed by it into the person He really desires for us to be. God has taught-and is still teaching-me so much through my pain."

Regardless of what hardship readers have experienced, *Bronner* will be a call to action, beckoning them to know God like never before. Burgess's personal hope is that *Bronner* will help others understand God doesn't do anything to hurt them, but He allows suffering to occur in life to form them into the people He meant for them to be: people who love and trust Him with a devotion that can withstand any trial.

Learn more about more about Bronner and Sherri Burgess at .