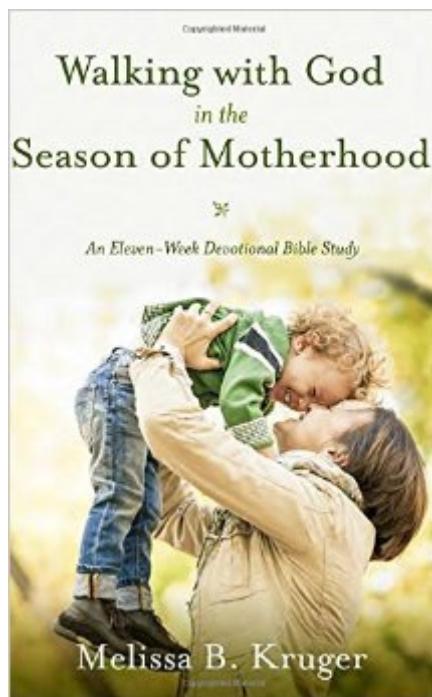


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Customer Reviews

While there are tons of books on the market about the topic of motherhood, most of them focus on either the mother or the child. This book rightly focuses on the Lord, encouraging women that the

best thing they can do for themselves and their children is to walk closely with God. This study is firmly grounded in Scriptural truth and engages the reader with manageable portions of the Word and thoughtful questions that help the reader to meet with the Lord in the midst of a challenging season of life.

Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood could not have come at a better time in this season in my life. It is a very well sound theological sound workbook that any mothers would benefit from on a daily basis. This 11 week Bible study has the scriptures in the book and you can take it with you and do anytime. The verses that she referenced in the book are so foundation and on point that I've had to write them down and reference them over and over. On the days that life seems to spiral down and we don't seem to see the purpose of it all with little ones or older children, the foundation in this book will help you to make it through.

Week 1: Understanding Your Purpose
Week 2: Knowing God's Word
Week 3: Entrusting Your Child to the Lord
Week 4: Ordering Your Home
Week 5: Reflecting the Heart of God
Week 6: Encouraging a Thankful Spirit
Week 7: Fighting Against Anxiety and Worry
Week 8: Letting Go of Harshness and Anger
Week 9: Training Hearts Through Discipline
Week 10: Guiding in Godliness by Example
Week 11: Recovering from Perfect Mom Syndrome (PMS)

From the first day and week of this book, I was sold. Understanding Your Purpose, Week 1, if we grasp this reason, the very purpose for which God created us then our worldview is seen through God's lens and life is approached from a total different viewpoint and life is approached differently. I've been whispering this to myself over and over: Lord, help me to glorify you and bring glory to your great Name. Needless to say that I would recommend this devotional book to any mothers and especially new moms that are in the trenches of raising the little ones entrusted to our care. If you have children, know someone with children, this will make a great gift. I received this book free from the publisher. I was not required to write a positive review and the opinions I have expressed are my own.

I have done a lot of Bible studies and read multiple devotional books in my 30+ year walk with the Lord, and I can truly say that this is one of the most impactful and meaningful of all. As a mother of four, I found this book to be extremely helpful and encouraging as I relate to all of my children in different stages. The author points her readers to the Lord and appropriately relies on Scripture to explain and validate God's design for us as mothers. I have done this study in a group setting with other mothers and am now reading it again on my own to reinforce the truths I learned the first time. Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood is well worth your time and money. Share a copy

with every mother you love- no mom should be without this book!

I am not a huge devotional fan. I couldn't even count how many I have picked up, read samples from, and set aside. I have even gone so far as to purchase some and discontinue their use (despite my best efforts) a short way into the text. I usually don't get "hooked" by these books. There is something about having a designated amount and topic to read set to a structured schedule that just doesn't appeal to me. Far too many devotionals try to fill a single page by condensing a sermon or expanding a hallmark card encouraging quote. Melissa B. Kruger wrote "Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood: An Eleven-Week Devotional Bible Study" differently. I find myself going back to this book, even when a bit of the writing has pricked my conscience and made me aware of an area of my life that needs sanctification. Even when I am off schedule because I completely forgot to pick up my devotional for a few days (or weeks). This devotional feels like a gentle conversation with a wise friend who has traveled a road similar to mine. I find it strangely comforting. Strange, because as I stated before, I don't really like devotional books. This eleven-week devotional is set up with 5 daily readings per weekly section. Did you catch that? You can either take weekends off, or you can give yourself 2 days of grace wherever you need them during the week. Or, like me, you can toss the schedule out the window and progress at your own pace. It's all good. I appreciate that the passages of Scripture for suggested reading are printed in the book, because I like to do my devotionals late at night in bed and don't want the additional juggling and jostling of flipping between my Bible and my devotional book. Daily readings are about 4 pages long, leaving spaces for you to write in answers to questions if you wish. It takes me under 10 minutes to do the reading and a brief answer to the questions, more if I counted in time of reflection and prayer when the reading hits close to home. I would recommend this devotional for mothers of all ages and seasons, it is not written toward new moms any more than to moms of teens. The author discusses Scripture with a graceful, casual teaching approach, not assuming the reader is either Bible-illiterate or using elaborate theological terms. She explains some concepts, yet leaves plenty of room for thoughtfulness with decisive questions about our choices, actions, and priorities in light of God's Word. I particularly appreciate that this author's objective is to lead us closer to God by allowing us to reason through our own choices and aspirations. She isn't telling us in detail how she grew closer to the Lord and expecting us to mimic her and achieve the same results. On page 76, she writes, "Ordering our homes [This section has been discussing priorities as much as, or more so, than physical order such as structure and cleanliness.] requires particular care because everyone's life and circumstances are different. What works for one family might not be an

option for another. Each of us has different resources of time, money, and abilities that either limit us or free us up in certain ways.... Consider what is reasonable, but try to avoid comparing your household to another family's."The quote I shared above may seem overly simple and basic to you, but I assure you that if you take the time to read a full section, you will find this book contains more than meets the eye. She speaks the truth in love, from a nonjudgmental position, and points us to God's Word and Christ's righteousness. It's a keeper. The second devotional I've ever kept. I guess one of these days I'll have to write a review on my favorite devotional that is meaty and intense.**In the interest of full-disclosure, I received a complimentary copy of this book from Blogging for Books for the purpose of reviewing. I was not required to write a positive review; my opinions are my own.

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