



***Where Is God in This?
Looking for God's Goodness in
Our Struggles***

by Landra Young Hughes

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How to Make Peace When Life Doesn't Make Sense

Rarely do we look at hard situations in life and think *this makes sense*. But the reality is, not all dreams come true. Bad things happen to good people. People die unexpectedly. So how do we reconcile these facts with a loving heavenly Father?

In ***Where Is God in This?: Looking for God's Goodness in Our Struggles*** (Baker Books, October 2022), Landra Young Hughes vulnerably shares her own stories of loss, loneliness, and lament as she gently reaches out to readers in the midst of their own struggles with the unfailing love of God. This is not a book about how to “get over” hard times. It’s a book about digging into the hard and asking God, “How can I learn from this? How can I grow? How can I use this to bring You glory?”

“This book isn't written with theories, nice sentiments, or cute ideas.

Landra wrote this book from a tear-soaked place of pain and loss and heartache—the same place you might be in right now.”

Jennie Lusko, cofounder of Fresh Life Church and bestselling author

Landra is available for interviews and can discuss:

- 10 common struggles we all face (including isolation, fear, rejection, and more)
- What to ask God when life doesn't make sense
- Why we should approach life with the question, “What does love require of me?”
- Dealing with perceived failure
- Overcoming the mentality of *I shouldn't feel this way. I'm a Christian*

After facing the unexpected death of her sister, Landra knows that what matters most in times of suffering is seeking out the goodness of God. Her hope in *Where Is God in This?* is to remind fellow sinners and strugglers that our God is always with us—He is God Emmanuel.



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About the Author

Landra Young Hughes is the daughter of prominent pastor Ed Young Jr. and Lisa Young of Fellowship Church. Because of her upbringing, Landra has developed a passion for seeing people maximize their God-given potential and embrace their God-defined self-worth. She and her husband, Brad, live in Dallas, Texas, where they serve on staff at Fellowship Church and raise their three children. Landra is coauthor with Holly Crawshaw of *A Different Kind of Love Story*.

PRAISE for *Where Is God in This?*

"This book is raw and personal as Landra shares her honest pursuit of the truth that heals. Get ready to receive a big dose of hope through her grace-infused insights."

Craig Groeschel, pastor of Life.Church and *New York Times* bestselling author

Amy Groeschel, cofounder of Life.Church and founder of Branch15

"If you've ever wondered where God is during the dark moments of life, this book is for you. Landra begins her story with the devastating loss of her sister LeeBeth. We have had the honor of knowing both Landra and LeeBeth personally, so watching their family process LeeBeth's death was heartbreakingly beautiful. It was a true testament to their faith and inspired our own faith in such a profound way. Landra invites you on that journey—one that is still in progress—and she offers hope in knowing that God leverages our pain for good, if we allow him to. *Where Is God in This?* is a timely reminder that no matter our circumstances, no matter what's going on in the world around us, we are still held by the Creator of the universe. And he will never leave us or forsake us. Walking side by side both gratitude and grief is something God has modeled for us and something Landra and her family continue to model through this journey of faith."

Sean and Catherine Lowe, television personalities

"People like stories with happy endings. We want to hear about how good life is after the battle, but that's not what Landra Young Hughes does in *Where Is God in This?* She is right in the middle of one of the most painful experiences of her life--grieving the death of her sister. She writes with the authority of someone standing in the center of the firefight. The pain is fresh, but so is the faith."

Jimmy Evans, founder and president of XO Marriage

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

WHERE IS GOD IN THIS?

- Thanks for joining us, Landra. So much has happened in your life since your previous book, *A Different Kind of Love Story*, was released. Talk to us about why you wrote *Where Is God in This?*
 - You are so vulnerable in the book, talking both about losing your sister to alcoholism and dealing with your own eating disorder prior to that. Why did you choose to open up about these hardships you've faced?
 - What was it like for you to seek out God when LeeBeth passed? How did you begin healing?
 - Talk to us about isolation. We all face loneliness, and we know it has adverse effects on our mental health. How do we lean into it? Why should we lean into it?
 - At one point in the book, you mention a thought that a lot of people have but never talk about: *I shouldn't be feeling this way. I'm a Christian*. When have you felt this way? Why do we need to be honest about those feelings despite the shame we think comes with them?
 - Another common struggle we all deal with is letting go of our expectations and dealing with disappointment. Where have you seen God show up in your life during disappointing times?
 - After going through something as hard as losing a sibling or facing a massive failure, we run the risk of burnout in our relationships, ministry, jobs, and even in our faith walk. What does the bible teach us about our feelings of burnout?
 - When we are dealing with pain or loss or loneliness etc., how do we find peace in the Holy Spirit?
 - What is your hope for the men and women who will read *Where Is God in This?*
 - Where can our audience go to connect with you and purchase a copy of *Where Is God in This?*
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QUOTES FROM *WHERE IS GOD IN THIS?*

“[Let] me ask you this: Is *our* questioning of God any different from Adam and Eve’s? Is our desire to have things go the way we want any different from their desires to be godlike, to be in control? How are our actions any different from the very actions that opened the doors to sin in our world?”

“God doesn’t always want something *from* you—often, he wants something *for* you. When you find yourself at an ‘isolation station,’ ask yourself, *What could God’s good purpose be for me here?* Remember, you are not alone. Regardless of how desolate the landscape around you looks, God is with you.”

“All that’s required to enjoy a mountain-throwing level of belief is *faith*. Let’s start speaking God’s Word into our struggles. Instead of blaming him or withdrawing from him, let’s *partner* with him by believing what his Word says.”

“The competing voices are a reality we all have to confront. We have to work, and it has to be creative and invigorating and meaningful. But we also have to parent, and it has to be all-natural, organic, and wholesome. Oh, and you have to hold an iced latte in front of a beautifully painted brick background while you do all of this. We’re not going to get away from the expectations around us. The people in the Bible couldn’t, and we’re not any better than John the Baptist. So let’s just all accept that we can’t either.”

“When we lay down our own wants, desires, dreams, wishes, work, kids, lives, and crosses, and simply and completely submit to Jesus, we actively demonstrate where our faith is. It is in him—the only one with the power to protect us and heal us from the struggle of burnout.”

“No, God does not want you to fail. He wants what’s on the other side of that failure. He wants you to turn to him. To repent, if that’s what’s needed. He wants you to be honest. He wants to restore you to a position of capable influence. God wants to be the God of your victories. But he especially wants to be the God of your failures.”

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