

PURPOSE in Pain



7 Days of Life-giving
Love Letters from God



Beloved Child,

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of grief. My princess. I hear your cry
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Fence: What to Do when
Life is Dismantled*

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Dear Sister in Christ,

I know how hard it is, when you're right in the middle of a devastating dismantling season of life, to even believe you can come up for air, let alone find the strength to build. In part, this book is meant to get you healed so that you can become even stronger in your faith, your emotions, and your reactions. My purpose in writing this book is to show you your God-given right to rise up from the ashes and become a beautiful representation of His glorious grace and prove our wounds can work for us as God's power and promise best displayed in devastation.

With that said, would you consider taking a step of faith by putting purpose to your pain by using the broken pieces of your past—or present—to lay a new faith foundation for our future generations to stand on long after you're gone?

Love,

Sheri Rose



Day 1

Beyond Betrayal

Beloved Child,

I see you when you are in the garden of grief, My princess. I hear your cry for help in the dark hours of the night. I Myself cried out in the garden the night I was betrayed. In My suffering, I asked My Father for another way—a less painful way. Yet I trusted His will and purpose for My life. I knew the ultimate victory was at the cross. Just as olives must be crushed to make oil, I poured out My life as a love offering for you. Don't ever doubt that I am with you and that I long to take you to a place of comfort, peace, and victory. Even when you cannot see Me from where you are, I am working on your behalf. Give to Me the crushing weight of your circumstances, and come to Me in prayer. When it is time to leave the garden, I will walk with you across the valley and straight to the cross—where your trials will be transformed into triumph.

Love,

Your Savior who loves you with His life!

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. [2 Corinthians 1:3-4](#)



Day 2

Beyond Forgiveness

My Beloved Daughter,

My heart breaks whenever someone hurts or harms you. I want to reassure you that no unrighteous act is unseen by Me, My love. You never need to give in to the temptation to conquer evil by responding with evil. The enemy of your soul wants you to give in to retaliation. You will lose your integrity anytime you attempt to triumph over evil with evil.

The only way to protect yourself in the heat of battle is to guard your heart and pray for your enemies so you don't become like them. Revenge only brings pain; My way brings healing to a world filled with heartache and hate. I will deal with the evil that's been done, but I want you to let Me, your Heavenly Father, take care of it for you.

Love,
Your Heavenly Father

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always hopes, always perseveres. [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#)



Day 3

Beyond Shattered

My Beloved Daughter,

I never expect you to handle the heartache of this life by yourself. Tears are a gift from Me. I want you to cry out to Me whenever you're hurting, knowing that I hear your heart and I catch every tear. The things you see that break your heart break My heart also, so be careful not to allow the enemy to convince you it's Me causing the pain. I sent My Son to bind up the wounds of the brokenhearted, but the enemy of your soul comes to break your heart. That's why I tell you to guard your heart. I want you to be careful who you give your heart to and who you share your heart with. Let Me be your safe place when you cry. Give Me a chance to heal your broken heart. I promise if you come to Me, you will feel My presence and experience My miraculous peace and joy that always comes in the morning after a good cry to your Heavenly Daddy. I am here, wanting and willing to walk you out of this grief and into a great new beginning

Love,
Your Heavenly Father

He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds
[Psalm 147:3.](#)





Day 4

Beyond Shame

My Beloved Daughter,

The greatest battle you may ever fight is the fight to forgive yourself. Remember, My beloved, all My chosen ones had to get up and receive My gift of grace to finish living out their faith. I gave My disciple Peter the strength to get up from guilt. I gave My anointed King David the grace to get up from the shame of committing adultery. I gave My apostle Paul the mercy to get up from pride and arrogance. I gave My warrior Gideon the courage to get up from his fears. The time is now to accept My forgiveness and finish what I have called you to do. Nothing can keep you down, because My power to rise again is in you.

Love,
Your Heavenly Father

The righteous keep moving forward, and those with clean hands become stronger and stronger - [Job 17:9](#).



Day 5

Beyond The Trials Of Motherhood

My Beloved Daughter,

I want to set you free from holding on to anyone but Me. I know your heart, and I know how much you love those close to you. But you, My child, must remember that those you love ultimately belong to Me—not to you. I didn't give you those relationships to tear you apart or to control you through fear of the future. Because I love you, I am asking you today to trust Me with those you love by laying them down at My altar. If you will obey Me, I will bless you as I blessed Abraham for laying down his much-loved son on the altar. I know what is best because I created each of you. This test of your faith is not for Me, My beloved warrior ... it is for you. I want you to walk the rest of your days in complete freedom and not fear for those you love!

Love,
Your Heavenly Father

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding - [Proverbs 3:5](#).





Day 6

Beyond A Diagnosis

My Beloved Princess,

You begin and end with Me. You need not worry when your life will end, My precious child. All you need to know is that your first breath began with Me, and your last breath will lead you to My presence. Don't ever let fear of death or eternity frighten you. Your todays and tomorrows are secure with Me—I have held them in My hand since the beginning of time. When you finish your brief time on Earth and I call you into My presence, your forever life in Heaven will begin. But for now, My chosen one, you must live free from fear. Instead, trust Me to take you through every trial that comes your way. Remember that nothing in the universe can separate us. I am with you always ... even until the end of time. So live well and finish strong—fixing your hope on the day that we will meet face-to-face on the other side of eternity.

Love,

Your Eternal King

I am the beginning and the end - [Revelation 22:13](#)



Day 7

Beyond Temptation

My Beloved Daughter,

I want to do more for you than keep you from evil. I want to free your heart from the desire to sin. When you are tempted, take authority over evil and speak My words of deliverance out loud—you will discover that My power is greater than the enemies of your soul. I am your power, your safety. I can keep you on the road to everlasting life and let nothing destroy My perfect will for you. I have set you apart for a purpose far greater than any pleasure this world has to offer. So call to Me before you stumble into a trap, and I will make a way of escape. Seek Me, and I will give you the power to prevail. The more you taste My goodness, the less you will crave any temporary temptation. I am strong in your every weakness, and I will give you strength to walk through or away from any situation. Now get up and go in My name, and let Me help you live a balanced life!

Love,

Your King and your Keeper

God is faithful and he will not give you more than you can handle.

When you are tempted he will always make away escape .

[1 Corinthians 10:13.](#)



You did it!

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