On The Other Side Of Fear: How I Found Peace

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Summary

What happened to that girl? What happened to the girl who was not afraid to climb to the top of the waterfall and jump. Who backpacked across Europe? Who took on any feat of bravery without batting an eyelash? You wouldn’t recognize her, she’s become paralyzed by fear, scared to death to trust God, and trying to manage her family’s hectic life, financial crises (yes, plural), and family issues on her own steam. Asking always, “Does God truly love me?”

Relatable, touching, and yet hopeful, On the Other Side of Fear is the beautiful story of how one young woman learned to live in God’s will, without fear.

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Customer Reviews

OK, first disclosure: I’ve met, and adore, Hallie. :) I attended the second Edel conference and was fortunate enough to be interviewed by her and Jen F., and Hallie is the sweetest woman ever. That being said, this is a great book. Trusting in God is one of those things that sounds easy, but is, actually, quite hard, as Hallie writes so vividly about. Her struggle to trust in God even when there’s no money in the checking account, when they need to find a place for their family of 9 to live, when she’s terrified that her art isn’t good enough....basically, everything (minus the family) that I know well. Hallie’s soulful writing tells us how she began to let go and REALLY trust in God, and how it’s a work in progress. It was so helpful to me to hear that Hallie’s STILL working on this. I underlined a lot of passages, and I think you will too.

4.5 stars. It is so much to read this in Hallie’s voice. Hallie shares different experiences throughout
her life that forced her confront her fears and make some very tough decisions. She also shares the
struggles and moments of love that have helped to shape her.- In one chapter, she describes some
letters her husband, Dan, has given to her over the years. They are beautiful.- She reiterates that
the problems we face mainly occur when we don't question our fears and/or not follow those fears to
their logical conclusions.- I love that she wrote to Mother Angelica when she was struggling with
infertility!- We learn of how she let go of perfection and let God.- Spiritual growth takes time, like
training for a marathon or creating a fine piece of art.- Hallie brings in moments that show how we
can see God’s presence, even if we don't feel it. There is a difference, and Hallie explains the
nuances well.- We have to work at finding gratitude for what you have at any given moment, but it's
something that is possible.- I didn't realize that Hallie’s most recent child was posterior and she
gave birth completely solo. Hallie is a trooper!

A brave, beautiful, moving, inspiring story of one woman's journey through fear to peace. Her writing
is flawless, and her advice is simple yet powerful. In this book, Hallie gently takes you by the hand
and guides you to the "peace that surpasses all understanding" - the peace God promises to those
who place their hope in him. If you feel lost or afraid, let Hallie give you the sweet encouragement
you need to live boldly.

Throughout my life, I've discovered that women are very good at "cultivating" fear and worry and
anxiety in their lives. It's almost as if we were made to do it! But Hallie’s book, "On the Other Side of
Fear..!", debunks that theory and puts it in its place. Her very descriptive story-telling quality makes
this book a fast read, but she weaves throughout her tales of self this understanding of what God
has for us in place of fear: and it's LOVE and gratitude. She gives practical advice on combatting
anxiety, putting fear in its place, and seeing God’s plans with perspective. Her advice is so welcome
and well timed in this busy, chaotic world that we live in. I’m so excited to buy more copies and pass
them around to my girlfriends and family- it's one of those that just begs to be shared.

Hallie Lord is like that hidden friend you didn't know you had - or even need - until you stumble upon
this book, "On the Other Side of Fear - How I Found Peace." Lord doesn't speak to her readers in
an authoritative manner. Instead, she is journeying alongside them as a companion who
understands the very real, raw, and nitty gritty ugliness of fear. What's beautiful is that she also
reveals how she's gotten to a place of recognizing how walking with God in the present moment
shatters those fears. It's the "what ifs" that paralyze us, which Lord understands well. She peppers
her memoir with anecdotes of miraculous ways God responded to her desperate prayers when things seemed so impossible to manage or change. What the reader ultimately gleans is that all of us are God’s beloved sons and daughters. God calls each of us by name. And His mercies are new each day. That is what Lord reminds us. Even more, she gently invites and challenges us to become more than our fears. We were not created to be enslaved by the darkness and suffocation of our fears and worries. We were created to enter into the darkness, into the unknown with God so that we can become who He created us to be. This book is fantastic and a very smooth read. I was captivated at every turn and appreciated Hallie Lord’s ability and willingness to witness in such beautiful language. Her thoughts are certainly heartfelt, and those who are struggling with anxiety and fear will absolutely benefit from her words of encouragement.

It is beautifully written and a book that you’ll keep by your bedside, wearing out the pages, going back time and again to soak in the gentle wisdom. Hallie embraces her vulnerability and serves it up on a silver platter. She speaks to the imperfections, self-doubt, and fear in all of us, and shows us how to move steadily onward, through her own tender story.

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