

Lost in the Middle: Midlife and the Grace of God

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The Bible never discusses midlife, just like it never discusses teenagers. Yet the Bible is able to address any of life's experiences because it was written by the One who made them all. You will face things in midlife that beat at the borders of your faith, but you do not have to be lost in the middle of your story. You do not have to be paralyzed by regret, defeated by aging, and discouraged by the passing of your dreams. This middle period of life, which can seem like the end of many things, can actually welcome you to a brand new way of living. As is so often the case in your walk with the Lord, this moment of pain is also a moment of grace.

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Regardless of your age or perceived level of personal crisis, you'll read your story in the pages of this book and be encouraged by the relevance of these timeless truths. --Don Whitney, author, Professor of Biblical Spirituality, Southern Seminary

If you are "lost in the middle" of life and need more than a band-aid, this is your book. I'm an old guy far beyond the "middle" and this book spoke healing and refreshing truth to me. --Steve Brown, Key Life radio broadcaster, seminary professor, author

Other Books

Sanctuary in the Wilderness. The effort to create a serious Hebrew literature in the United States in the years around World War I is one of the best kept secrets of American Jewish history. Hebrew had been revived as a modern literary language in nineteenth-century Russia and then taken to Palestine as part of the Zionist revolution. But the overwhelming majority of Jewish emigrants from Eastern Europe settled in America, and a passionate kernel among them believed that Hebrew provided the vehicle for modernizing the Jewish people while maintaining their connection to Zion. These American Hebraists created schools, journals, newspapers, and, most of all, a high literary culture focused on producing poetry. Sanctuary in the Wilderness is a critical introduction to American Hebrew poetry, focusing on a dozen key poets. This secular poetry began with a preoccupation with the situation of the individual in a disenchanted world and then moved outward to engage American vistas and Jewish fate and hope in midcentury. American Hebrew poets hoped to be read in both Palestine and America, but were disappointed on both scores. Several moved to Israel and connected with the vital literary scene there, but most stayed and persisted in the cause of American Hebraism.

Like Dante, the poem's speaker has lost his way in the wood in midlife; but unlike his poetic predecessor, he has no guide or plan. Having once considered himself God's

eye and God's chosen, he now finds himself abashed and depleted and ..."