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Women's Ministry

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Please, Show Me How to Help!

by CB Campano

I imagine most of you have had this thought at some point. A friend suffers betrayal, loss, depression, illness, guilt, or the like and, though you are eager to help, you just don't know how.

For the last ten years, I have had the privilege of helping women who experience all manner of suffering. Below I share five insights gained through both failed and blessed attempts of coming alongside sisters in Christ.



Be present: Let your friend know you are with her in

your thoughts, prayers, and actions. Prayerfully fight against feelings of inadequacy and help in practical ways. Be sensitive to what is most helpful and respond accordingly. Endeavor to hang in for the long haul.

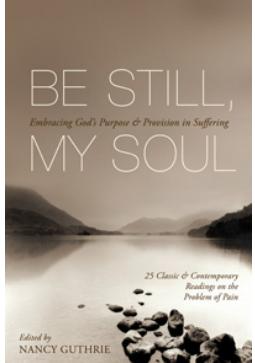
Limit expectations: A person in crisis may not respond to suggestions, invitations, or help in the way you hope. This doesn't mean she isn't benefiting or grateful. Most often it means she is expending all her emotional and physical energy putting one foot in front of another and is left with no bandwidth for much else.

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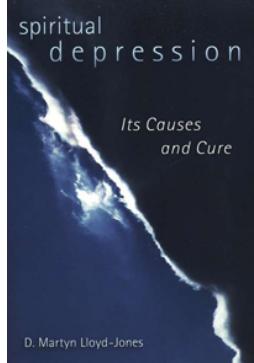
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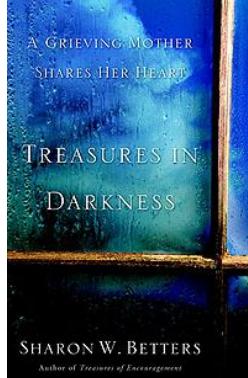
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