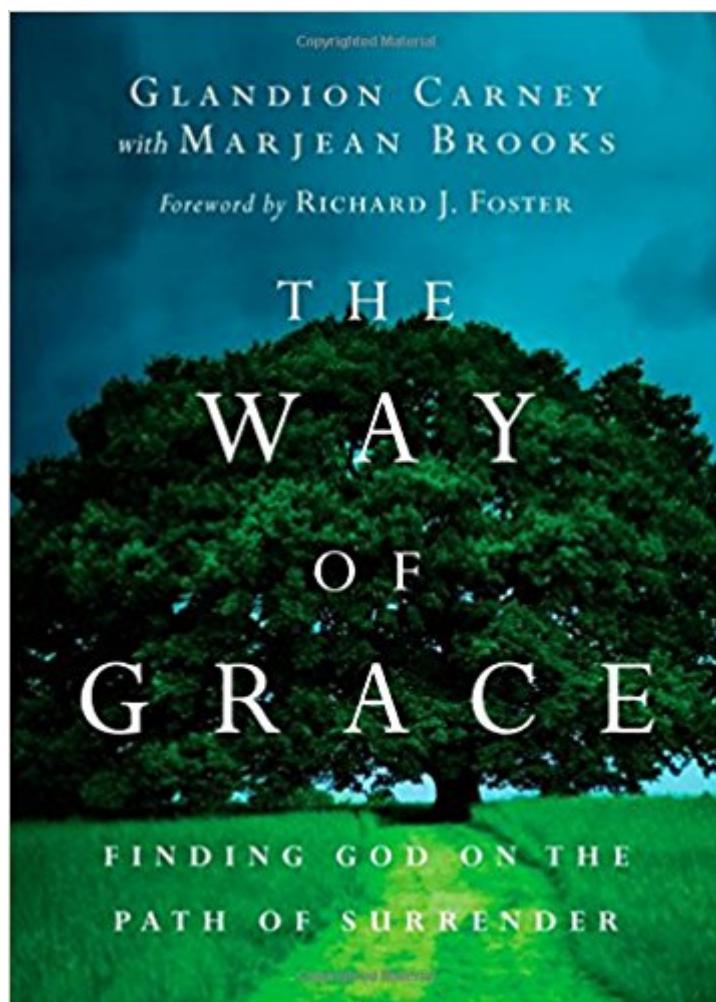


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# The Way Of Grace: Finding God On The Path Of Surrender (Renovare Resources)



## **Synopsis**

2014 Readers' Choice Awards Honorable Mention Distinguished Honorable Mention, from Byron Borger, Hearts and Minds Bookstore "No matter how old you are or how many degrees you have or don't haveâ •when grace takes you to school, you start in kindergarten." This was the experience of Reverend Glandion Carney when he was given the life-altering news that he has Parkinson's disease. He was plunged into denial and despair. This was not supposed to be his journey. How could he face it? With poignant vulnerability, *The Way of Grace* describes one man's journey into a new land of God's amazing grace. Both his honesty and his resilience will inspire and inform your own times of difficulty. In each chapter we are introduced to a spiritual practice that can carry us through difficult days: acceptance, relinquishment, community, simplicity and more. And a guide at the end of each chapter carries us into a brief and refreshing experience with each of the practices. God's unmerited grace saves us, strengthens us and sanctifies us. We too can experience lives full of grace and truth, courageously searching out God's wonders every day.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

"Glandion Carney's *The Way of Grace* is a gift from the heart of one of the very best spiritual directors I have ever known. For some, receiving the dreaded diagnosis of Parkinson's would be a death knell, but for my friend Glandion, it became the occasion to ring a different bell, and to mine his own soul for lessons of grace." (Gary W. Moon, executive director of the Dallas Willard Center,

Westmont College, and author of Apprenticeship with Jesus)"Glandion Carney walks the path that Jesus walked. He follows him with a cheerful heart, no matter how hard the way. Stones confront us: stern and rugged terrain. But God's grace empowers us. Glandion's charm and steadfast love of the Savior warm and enlighten us in these pages. He relates with simplicity a life lived in trust, in spite of suffering, weakness, aging or illness. Glandion's wisdom shows us a Lord who guards our every step on the toughest mountain path." (Emilie Griffin, author of Souls in Full Sail and Green Leaves for Later Years)"I love this book! It captures the prayerful and compassionate heart of Glandion Carney, a man I was privileged to work alongside in pastoral ministry. Beautifully written, it also reflects the heart of the coauthor, Marjean Brooks•a beautiful woman of deep faith and prayer, graced with the Spirit of God as a writer, teacher, mentor and friend. I highly recommend The Way of Grace to anyone who desires to see beyond the pain to the goodness, complexity and yet the simplicity of the grace of God. Every chapter points to Jesus, full of grace and truth." (Karen Mahler, assistant pastor of pastoral care, St. Peter's Anglican Church, Birmingham, Alabama)"Glandion Carney and Marjean Brooks have written a riveting and soul-piercing book describing his experiences in learning to live with Parkinson's. His inspiring understanding about the amazing grace of God within the deserts of life is applicable to everyone on the journey of faith. We can all learn from reading his story, and will come away knowing how to recognize and receive God's grace in our own hard places." (Foley Beach, bishop, Anglican Diocese of the South)"Like Glandion in person, Glandion in book form is always the 'real deal.' Anyone facing a seeming debilitating transition or walking alongside that person needs Glandion at their side, telling them both the truths and stories contained in this marvelous book." (Jan Johnson, author of Abundant Simplicity and Renovation of the Heart in Daily Practice)"Glandion Carney (with Marjean Brooks) tells of God's amazing grace following Carney's diagnosis of Parkinson's disease in The Way of Grace. With transparency about his own difficulties, Carney, an Anglican priest and speaker with Renovare, discusses the benefits of spiritual practices and the abundance of God's grace." (Leslie Santamaria, Christian Retailing, November 2014)"The Way of Grace shatters the . . . belief that God's grace appears in forms of prosperity, good fortune, acclaim, the job we wanted or the perfect children. But it reassembles the reality of a grace experienced in unexpected, unsought afflictions and circumstances. . . . A remarkable book of a remarkable God and a man humbled and gifted by brokenness." (Jane Rubietta, speaker and author of Finding Life: From Eden to Gethsemane)"In each chapter we are introduced to a spiritual practice that can carry us through difficult days: acceptance, relinquishment, community, simplicity and more. God's unmerited grace saves, strengthens and sanctifies us. Experience lives full of grace and truth." (Light Magazine Canada,

November 2014)"This is a book that deserves our honor, and . . . should be considered a very important book." (Byron Borger, Hearts & Minds Bookstore's "Booknotes Blog," January 2015)

The Reverend Glandion Carney was associate pastor of pastoral care at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Birmingham, Alabama, until his recent retirement from active ministry. He was involved in Renovar® for fifteen years in the capacity of spiritual director and board member. He was also chaplain of the Christian Legal Society for twelve years and has published works in periodicals such as Christianity Today in addition to numerous books. Glandion and his wife Marion life in Birmingham where he enjoys volunteering with the Parkinson's Foundation. Marjean Brooks is a writer based in Birmingham, Alabama. She is a member of St. Peter's Anglican Church, where she met and connected with reverend Glandion Carney and his wife, Marion, eventually being asked to partner with him in writing *The Way of Grace*, his spiritual story of walking through the devastation of Parkinson's disease. She was honored for her work on this book as Writer of the Year at the Write-to-Publish Conference in 2015. Writing poetry, stories and articles on faith have been a lifelong interest and pursuit for Brooks, who has published poems, devotionals and articles in many ministry publications including Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Trinity Counseling and Wales Goebel Ministry. She has written personal memoir pieces in a monthly column in Senior Living newspaper and she serves on the board of InSpero, an organization that seeks to inspire the creative community in Birmingham. For twenty-five years Brooks has been leading hundreds of women in in-depth Bible study (mostly through Precept Ministries) and uses her writings to supplement the courses. Her hope is to combine her teaching/writing skills and her life experiences with divorce, being a single mom while pursuing a teaching career, re-marrying and gaining three step-children and caring for elderly parents in a way that can impact a greater audience and illuminate spiritual truth. Richard J. Foster (D.Th.P., Fuller Theological Seminary) is founder of Renovar® in Denver, Colorado. He is the author of many books, including *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*, which has sold over two million copies worldwide, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*, *Freedom of Simplicity: Finding Harmony in a Complex World*, and coauthor (with Gayle Beebe) of *Longing for God: Seven Paths of Christian Devotion*.

The author's struggle with Parkinson's disease provides a compelling narrative about discovering the grace of God. Although we may be recipients of God's grace, and like Noah find grace in the eyes of the Lord, the truth is that grace finds us. Because grace begins and ends with the love of God as John 3:16 illustrates.

A good book to read when going thru tough times in life. God is in control!

Glandion is passionate and articulate, giving us a window into the journey of a deeply committed and prayerful Christian who must face the struggle of debilitating illness. A "must read" for anyone seeking God's grace in the midst of chronic illness, whether contemplative or not.

Great book on God's amazing grace. Grace in community is something I see in my own church. Praying for you Glandion, though I don't know you I feel as though you opened all parts of your life to help grow our our faith.

I loved this book. I felt like I really felt I knew the author. It made me see grace in new ways and gave me many things to ponder.

A well written and extremely encouraging and inspiring book. Life is filled with suffering and tribulations and this book is a welcome addition to the library of books that help all Christians work through their struggles in God's grace.

This is a great book. Would definitely recommend to anyone :)

Having been diagnosed with Parkinson's about four years ago, I find this little book to be a superb instrument of God's amazing grace. Thank you Glandion for ministering to me!

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