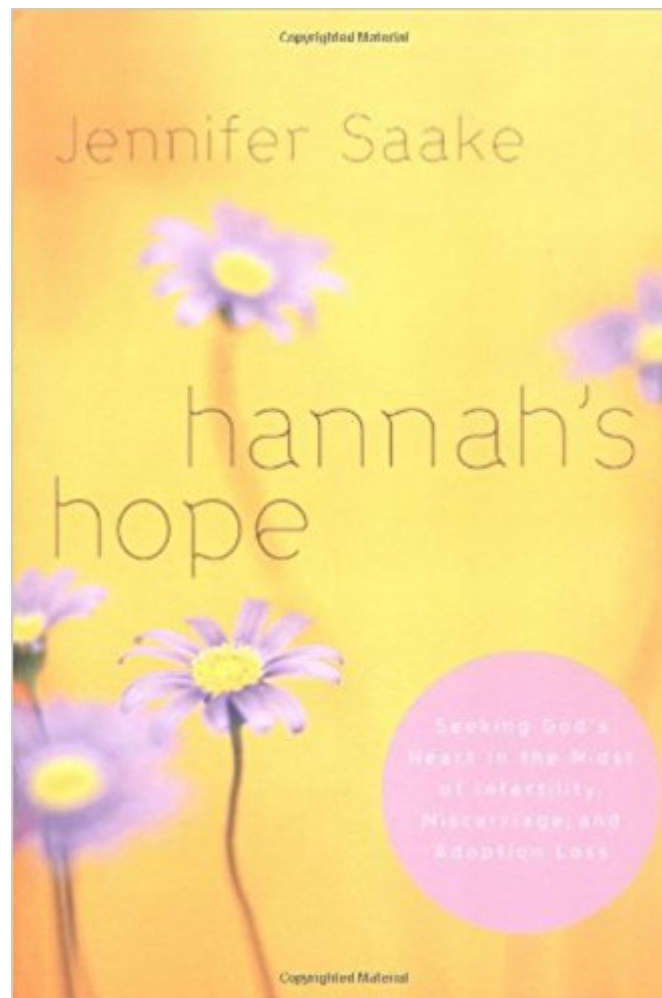




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Hannah's Hope: Seeking God's Heart In The Midst Of Infertility, Miscarriage, And Adoption Loss



Synopsis

Hannah's Hope is intended as a guide to assist you in making wise decisions as you struggle through your grief of not yet conceiving, losing a child, or struggling through the adoption process.

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Customer Reviews

Hannah's heart beat with a mother's love long before she was blessed with a child. Through the years of waiting and longing, her gentle heart was nearly crushed under the weight of grief. You can meet Hannah in the pages of 1 Samuel, chapters 1 and 2. The Bible says she was "barren," and we know she suffered heartache, anguish, and grief because of her empty arms. Perhaps you do too. Hannah's Hope is for all who long for a child yet to be conceived, grieve for a baby too soon passed from the womb, or have lived through the no-man's-land of failed adoption. It is intended as a guide to assist you in making wise decisions as you struggle through your grief. And by the end of the journey, God may surprise you by the ways He uses to answer your heart's cry. Compassionately written by a woman who knows well these painful struggles, Hannah's Hope will direct you to the Source of strength, whose name is "the God of all comfort."

Jennifer Saake and her husband, Rick, are the founders of Hannah's Prayer Ministries (www.hannah.org), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help women who are infertile or have suffered miscarriage or adoption loss. Since their infertility battle began in 1992, the Saakes have lost ten children via miscarriages and failed adoption attempts and have been blessed with two living miracles.

I have struggled with infertility for over 10 years. This book was a huge blessing to me. As I struggled with all my negative emotions, I found a lot of encouragement through this book. I love that Jennifer Saake not only addresses the person facing infertility but also gives amazing insight to those who are trying to support a friend or family member through their struggle. This is something I haven't seen another book do effectively. She addresses the "burden bearers" in each chapter.

If you or someone you love is struggling with infertility, miscarriage, or adoption loss, this book is a must-have. The author has experienced all three, and weaves the story of Hannah in with her own journey. I have never read a book that I could relate to so much. And if you are the "burden bearer" for someone who is suffering, each chapter has a special section for those who are supporting someone in these trials. It has brought me so much comfort, I can't recommend this book enough.

My husband and I endured a period of failed fertility treatments before we decided to adopt internationally (Kazakhstan). After loving and losing two baby boys we bonded with our third baby boy and our adoption was granted in court! It was joyous! But we were blindsided when the birthmother appealed the adoption on the last day of the fifteen day waiting/appeal period. We are still fighting this out in court. This book was just what I need while enduring this fight. I struggle to remain faithful in God's plan. There are so many questions unanswered - "Why is God allowing this to happen to us???" Saake's book is the only one I have found that addresses the questions so many of us struggling to grow our families have regarding our faith. This book does not just address fertility, but miscarriage and adoption struggles as well. I HIGHLY recommend this book! It is also ideal for family and friends of those struggling with fertility or loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or failed adoption. Every chapter has a section titled "Burden Bearer" designed just for those people looking in from the outside and wanting to support their friends and loved ones without putting their foot in their mouth! You will not regret buying this book! Thank you Jennifer Saake for writing this book for all of us walking this "road less traveled." [...]

I started searching for any guidance on infertility in the bible and first read the story of Hannah. Shortly after that I went into the local Christian Bookstore to purchase completely unrelated study materials for another project I was working on. As I made my way out the door, on a rack of seemingly random placed miscellaneous books there was one with a beautiful cover that caught my eye. Hannah's Hope. I had already paid for my other purchases but having just recently read about

Hannah, I stopped to pick up the book, curious. It was the lone copy. I read the tag line: Seeking God's Heart in the Midst of Infertility, Miscarriage and Adoption Loss. I started crying. I bought the book. I felt like God had placed that book right in my path, at that time, on that day for me to pick up and read. He knew what I needed before I did. I never dreamed going into that bookstore that I would leave with a book on infertility and God's provision during it. The book helped me so much during the height of my infertility years. I've been sharing it with others ever since. If you or anyone you know is struggling with infertility, miscarriage, infant loss or a failed adoption attempt I recommend it. Jennifer Saake discusses many of the emotions, sins, questions and issues we face as women trying to grow our families in the midst of infertility and loss. Chapters include discussions on Envy, Jealousy, Bitterness, Anger, Fertility Treatments, Marital Strains, Faith, Waiting and Worshiping among others. Also included at the end of each chapter are relevant scriptures and a section directed to the support givers for those with infertility, offering practical advice for helping loved ones through various emotional struggles and real world situations which can trigger pain and sadness.

Haven't finished it yet but what a great book. She really knows how to put into words how I feel and has some great, godly insight. I'm normally in tears once in every chapter.

While struggling with infertility this book really helped me through the daily struggles. I HIGHLY recommend to anyone that is struggling with infertility.

I found this book on when searching for help dealing with infertility. I wasn't initially interested based on the title because I didn't know what more I could learn from Hannah. Her story seemed so straightforward. She wanted a baby, prayed, and God answered her prayer. But I read the first chapter via the Look Inside feature, and was absolutely hooked. Jennifer Saake did an amazing job of pinpointing every feeling associated with infertility and most importantly, normalizing them. I think the hardest issue for women dealing with infertility, miscarriage, and adoption loss is the inability to have their feelings and emotions understood by their family and friends. So, they not only do not have an outlet for their emotions, but they begin to feel guilty for having the emotions in the first place because no one will validate them. And even worse, most times others invalidate their feelings altogether. Infertility is very isolating because the general public just does not understand the heartache and heartbreak of infertility. This book encouraged me and enabled me to take the bold steps I needed in my spiritual life in order to have a closer relationship with God. It also brought

Hannah's story alive in a way I've never experienced before and made me feel understood for the first time. I've given several copies out to friends suffering with infertility as well, and was glad that they, too, could benefit from the wisdom within its pages. I can't recommend this book highly enough. I think anyone in counseling or in ministry should read this book, as well as anyone seeking to understand and minister to those suffering with infertility.

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