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Peacemaking Women: Biblical Hope For Resolving Conflict



Synopsis

Women have a strong desire for relational connections. Relationships between women can be especially enriching, but when conflict arises, they also can be especially damaging. Too many women approach conflict as if they were unbelievers with gossip, spiteful actions, bitterness, and even hatred. In *Peacemaking Women*, Tara Klena Barthel and Judy Dabler offer a meaningful, lasting message to lead women out of conflict to a state of peace where they can live as representatives of Christ to one another and well as unbelievers. With advice that is firmly rooted in Scripture, the authors bring sound, practical help for women who want to know what the Bible says about conflict resolution and how to achieve peace in their relationships with God, self, and others.

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Customer Reviews

As professional Christian conciliators, Barthel and Dabler have seen individuals struggle with addiction, friendship and sexual sin; they've seen churches on the verge of schism, looming lawsuits and businesses gone awry. Now they apply principles of reconciliation and peace specifically to women because "many Christian women today are not at peace." They urge women to become "true peacemakers through repentance, faith, and rightful worship of God alone." Readers will find information on resolving conflicts with God first, then others, then themselves. The authors address the areas of marriage, family and the church, as well as conflicts arising from idolatry, suffering, shame, depression and fear. They use the Bible as the authority on resolving conflict, offering broad biblical concepts in place of how-to lists and step-by-step instruction. Each chapter includes questions for reflection and a resource list, and real-life examples appear

throughout, including the authors' own conflicts in writing the book. It is, however, a long-winded, back-door approach to the subject that seems to struggle with what it really is: a book about conflict resolution or a book about taking that resolution one step further to become proactive, peace-making women. There is plenty of good information about conflict, and a sound biblical foundation, but not enough specifics on how women can live in peace day by day. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

"If I could put one book in the hands of every Christian woman, with the Bible, it would be this." -- Dr. Laura Mae Gardner, Past Vice-President, Wycliffe International
"Peacemaking Women isn't just another book on communication or conflict resolution. I strongly recommend it!" -- Elyse Fitzpatrick, Author and Speaker
"This book tells the truth. The authors offer hope rooted in God's Word to transform conflict into grace." -- Charles W. Colson, Prison Fellowship
"This compelling book by two wise Christian mediators is a tour de force in offering a pathway for rebuilding relationships." -- Dan B. Allender, President, Mars Hill Graduate School
Author, *The Wounded Heart* and *To Be Told*
"This powerfully honest book applies the truths of the Gospel to past wounds and present brokenness." -- Bryan Chapell, Covenant Seminary

This is an essential for living within -- and maintaining healthy relationships. Too many people want revenge and carry painful wounds for years - when it is so unnecessary -- as a psychologist -- I see those people -- they can and do heal, but an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

As a book-loving Christian for all of my adult life, I have sought wisdom from the Bible as my main resource. I've also looked for wisdom from Christian writers. With a few notable exceptions (Elisabeth Elliot, Joni Tada, Margaret Clarkson, Edith Schaeffer), it seems that the majority of books written for Christian women is like cotton candy -- cute to look at, fun, but no real nourishment. Then I was told about "Peacemaking Women". What a smorgasbord of insight, wisdom and life-changing truths I've encountered in this book! The authors (Tara Barthel and Judy Dabler) have caused me to examine the depth and reality of my Christian faith...am I just playing games or do I really want to promote the Gospel through my changed life? The book is divided into three sections: Conflicts with God, Conflicts with Others and Conflicts Within. The chapter on idolatry (Chap. 2) is worth the price of the book alone. I am challenged through this book to unflinchingly test my attitudes, my words and my actions against the truth of the Word of God. It has been a humbling and yet encouraging process to go through this book and shine the light of truth onto my much-loved besetting sins. Real

growth is possible for the serious Christian and this book offers plenty of food for thought. Highly recommended.

This is an amazing book for women who struggle in relationships. Tara and Judy do an amazing job of bringing the gospel hope to women who are struggling. I love that they spend so much time reminding us of God's love and grace for us rather than just giving us a checklist of things to do. Tara and Judy truly understand how women struggle with relationships because they themselves have struggled and they are upfront and honest about their own weaknesses. An amazing read!!

Peacemaking Women by Tara Barthel and Judy Dabler is a gem of a book. I've read it three times now, and it's marked up and tabbed so that I can refer to it again and again. It lives up to its subtitle -- Biblical Hope for Resolving Conflict. While teaching us that conflict is an opportunity to grow in Christ, the authors constantly point the reader to the Gospel. The chapter on Idolatry is worth the price of the book! Peacemaking Women is divided into helpful sections (Conflicts with God, Conflicts with Others, Conflict Within) and meaty chapters. The authors include helpful resources and questions for further thought at the end of each chapter. I've used this book in a small group study, and it works well that way. It offers helpful information and encouragement for married women, single women, older women, young women, mature believers, and new believers.

I read this book and liked it so much that I told my friend about it. She read it and bought about 25 copies to give to all the women in her life who needed to hear the message in this book. Then we started an online book club to share what we were learning. We had about 45 women from Nicaragua to California to Connecticut and everywhere in between sharing how this book taught us, encouraged us, and convicted us to live out the gospel - in both grace and truth - in our daily lives. I especially love the discussion of shalom (three parts: peace with God, peace with others, and peace within - and you can't have one without the others). What a great book. Can't recommend it highly enough!

Have read and given this book to so many people. Highly recommend the tapes as well. Did this for a group study and it is the one that keeps coming up in discussion to do again.

excellent, speaks to many of the emotional conflicts Christian women face which we are too embarrassed to speak to others about. I believe I am wiser for having read this insightful and honest

book.

Was very well pleased with the condition of this book and since this was my second time ordering off line with . . . It has saved me a lot of money using this site for my purchases. I will always look here first prior to going else where for what I need. Thank you! Blessings God DrivenPeacemaking Women: Biblical Hope for Resolving Conflict

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