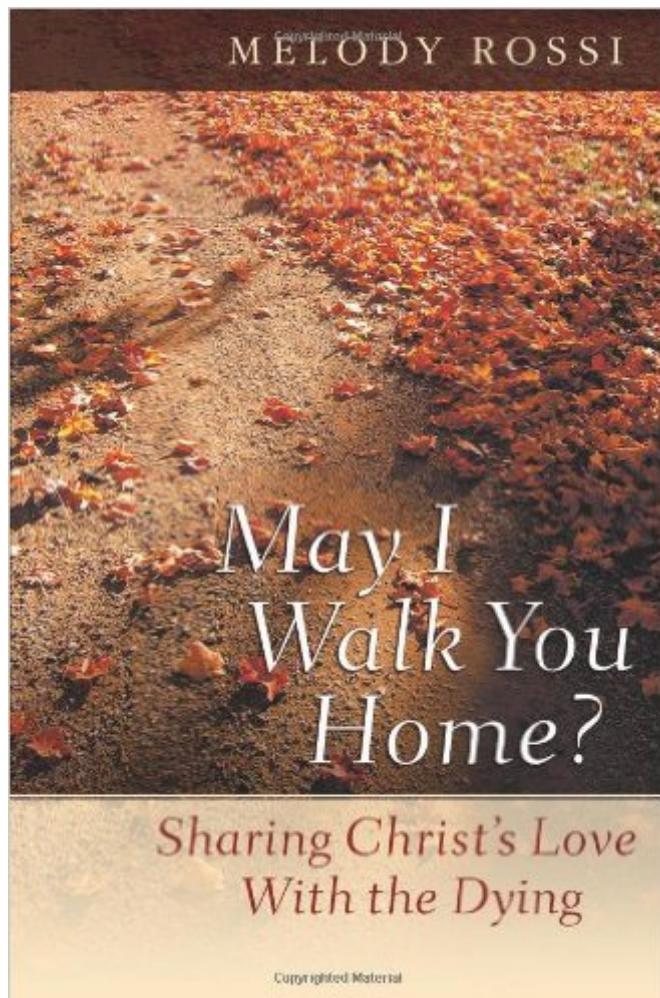


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May I Walk You Home?: Sharing Christ's Love With The Dying



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Reach the Terminally Ill With the Good NewsMelody Rossi saw God work in the hearts of three close family members who died within a span of twenty-eight months. When she had nearly given up hope that they might believe, she was amazed to find their hearts softened to the gospel message. Melody learned that illness has a way of making a person hungry for the truth about spiritual matters. If your unsaved friend or family member is facing death, this encouraging book can help you share Christ in loving, natural ways. She shows how to:
Serve in ways that speak louder than words
Respond to signs of spiritual openness
Discuss matters of eternal importance
Cope with the ups and downs of this difficult time
Filled with hope, joy, and practical wisdom, *May I Walk You Home?* will lovingly prepare you to talk to family and friends about Jesus.

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Death isn't exactly something we enjoy talking about, and we tend to put off the discussion until circumstances force us to face its reality. All too often, by then it's too late, or very nearly so. That's why, as soon as a loved one has been diagnosed with a terminal illness, we need to get the conversation started --- and that's when a book like Melody Rossi's *MAY I WALK YOU HOME?* becomes an indispensable and invaluable resource. Divided into four sections that parallel the journey from the initial diagnosis to the grief that lives on long after the patient has died, the book wastes little time and few words. Rossi chooses to plunge right in and offer immediate support and guidance to those who are reeling from the impending loss of a loved one. And she's wise in doing so. When a loved one --- or anyone in your sphere of influence --- is dying, you need help, and you

need it now. Rossi packs a great deal of information and encouragement into this well-organized, 100-page volume. Caregivers should have no problem finding the help they need at the moment they need it. The first section describes Rossi's experiences with the deaths of her parents, her stepmother and a close friend, all within a short time span, and how life came to be defined in two segments: before and after each diagnosis. That, she says, is to be expected, and trying to live from any other perspective is a form of denial. But she believes the post-diagnosis segment also can be a time of tremendous spiritual opportunity, a time when the dying --- even those who had been hostile toward faith --- are frequently open to God's activity in their lives.

Melody Rossi is an opera singer who has performed at the Vatican, but she shares the trials of her life to illustrate the unrealized possibilities in our own. If we feel inadequate to walk someone through death, we can know that our tools will appear in our hands before our first footstep tracks in the dust. God equips the ones He chooses, and while His ways are not our ways, they work. A relative, friend, or acquaintance near death may be anxious about what's on the other side, but a Christian can crack that doorway and open the windows of Heaven with a small kindness. Professionals help us into the world and somebody should help us out. At the final transition, professionals tend to watch the life monitors and leave us alone, but shouldn't there be a guide to help us find the way if we are not sure where we are going? The poet writes, "Do not go gentle into that good night!" -- If it's so good, what's the fight about? Melody writes that as we serve the dying, our own lives enlarge. Walking with them may be difficult, but uplifting. Survival is natural, but there is peace in going prepared. Opera performs the truths of the centuries in music, and "passing over" is inherent in its stories. Bringing the traveler home to God by the music of Christ's love that is Joy is a blessing for both the sojourner and the guide. What better name than Melody to teach this vocation? I liked this book, because the author uses real-life experiences with her parents and a stepparent through their dying months. She gives a candid portrayal of herself, accepting the tools of the journey after she has walked into it feeling unequipped.

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