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When Death Does You Part: A Biblically Informed Guide through Widowhood and Remarriage

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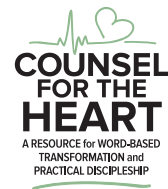
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Short Description: A sensitively written and practical book for widows and widowers

You are likely struggling to process the reality that your life is about to change, or has changed, forever. You may be frantically rehearsing Scripture verses about how God works all things together for good and about how we are supposed to give thanks in everything because it is God's will, while feeling guilty that these promises aren't doing much to ease your trepidation, sorrow, and loneliness. If this describes your situation, take heart. You are not alone. We have been where you are now. God has shepherded us through that dark valley of the shadow of death and brought us out the other side. He will do the same for you. . . . Keep rehearsing His promises in Scripture. Keep putting one foot in front of the other each day, obeying His precepts and serving Him as best you can. Keep surrounding yourself with Christian brothers and sisters—they will help you bear your burden. And keep reading this book. God might just use the story of our widowhood journey to strengthen you as you navigate your own.



Authors Richard and Debra (Shattuck) Burton married in November 2017 after losing their spouses to pancreatic cancer the previous year. From the

beginning of their marriage, they felt God's leading to minister to other believers who had lost their spouses to death. Richard is a retired mathematics professor and former computer software engineer. He currently serves as a teaching elder at Grace Church of the Black Hills in Rapid City, South Dakota. Deb is a retired Air Force Colonel and professor of history. She leads the Women's Bible Study program at Grace Church. The couple has eight grown children, sixteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren between them.

Reading Audience

- Widows and widowers
- Biblical counselors
- Pastors and Christian leaders
- Families of bereaved couples

Features and Benefits

- Addresses the reality of death and how to practically navigate the loss of a spouse
- Bite-sized chapters and sections
- Combination of biblical guidelines and practical application
- Gives practical guidance on matters like blending families, use of appropriate names, closing old bank accounts, choosing where to live, what to do with family photographs, etc.
- Counsel for the Heart imprint

Endorsements at a Glance

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Richard and Debra are all too familiar with the deep grief and loneliness that accompany the death of a spouse. They are also intimately acquainted with the comfort God extends. Through their stories, you'll learn how to lean on Christ, navigate the practical aspects of widowhood, and open your heart to the possibility of remarriage.

Jim Daly: President—Focus on the Family

Endorsements in Full

In recent years, Christian publishers have become a little more alert to the needs of those who have lost a spouse. Some of the books are very good. This book by Richard and Debra Burton is now among them, but it is different. First, you go on their own painful journeys, and then you learn lessons with them. This book has the power of story and truth woven together, with practical and experiential applications. When Death Does You Part is a book that reminds us that life is short; it is a gift from God. And when grief comes, He may have other gifts in store.

Pastor Brian Borgman

Author of Feelings and Faith (Crossway, 2009) and Don't Waste Your Breath: Ecclesiastes and the Joy of a Fleeing Life (Free Grace Press, 2024); Pastor of Grace Community Church, Minden, NV

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This book provides an emotional but compelling glimpse into the lives of two believers who have walked the shadowy valleys of death in bereavement but who have also traversed the prized mountaintops of joy in remarriage.

Dr. Elias Diaz

Pastor-Teacher; Grace Church of the Black Hills

As a pastor, I am always on the lookout for biblically sound resources for my congregation. The Burtons' new book on widowhood and remarriage is a truly invaluable discovery, addressing a topic rarely tackled with such depth. This heartwarming work offers exceptional insight, encouragement, and deeply practical, godly wisdom. It masterfully navigates the grief of widowhood while gracefully preparing readers for remarriage, should God will it. Rooted in God's absolute sovereignty, this essential read comes with my warmest commendation. I am delighted to see it in print.

Pastor Rob Ventura

One of the pastors of Grace Community Baptist Church, North Providence, Rhode Island; Author of Expository Outlines and Observations on Romans and Equipped to Evangelize; Coauthor of A Portrait of Paul and Spiritual Warfare

Rare indeed is the book that combines thorough practicality with genuinely biblical authority. Rarer still such a book by authors who have walked the walk. But Richard Burton and Deb Shattuck Burton have done just that. As their pastor, I watched them grieve like Christians, and rejoiced to see how, in Christ, God gave them "the oil of joy for mourning" (Isaiah 61:3). Richard and Deb are both bona fide scholars; but, like Jesus, they write as "having authority, and not as the scribes" (Matthew 7:29). Having just lost the beloved wife of my youth, I will look to this book for biblical counsel.

C. Richard Wells

Former President, Criswell College; Author of Solomon Day by Day

When your spouse takes her final breath, your world pivots. In a moment. You're stepping into the unknown. What you need are trusted friends who have been there. Friends who know exactly what to do. Richard and Deb are these friends and this book proves it.

It's a long conversation with folks who know exactly what you're thinking. And feeling. And wondering. They know the paralyzing grief and the hope that comes from the Savior. Their Savior. . . Jesus Christ. Their words are sound. And true.

I commend this wonderful book to you. It's filled with helpful information. News you can use.

In October 2014, when my wife stepped into heaven, spending those days with Richard and Deb would have been a treasured experience. This book is that conversation with these wise friends.

Robert Wolgemuth

Best-selling Author