

Siege of the Soul

A companion for the families you are still thinking about
PASTORS · CARE DIRECTORS · THOSE WALKING
ALONGSIDE FAMILIES IN THE LONG HAUL



Honest companionship when faith
and parenthood collide with
suffering

WHAT THE FAMILIES IN YOUR CARE ARE CARRYING

THE GAP YOU ALREADY KNOW EXISTS

When a family in your care receives a life-altering diagnosis for their child, the church shows up. Meals are delivered. Prayers are prayed. People rally. Then life moves on — except for that family. Months and years later, those parents are still in the siege. Spiritually exhausted. Quietly isolated. Carrying questions they can't name and doubts they're afraid to voice. Your care ministry encounters them, but may lack specific language for what's happening in their interior life.

WHAT THEY'RE ACTUALLY BATTLING

These are the lies that quietly take root in the long haul:

- "Did I cause this?"
- "If I were truly faithful, I'd feel more peace"
- "God is punishing me"
- "I'm too broken to be beloved"
- "No one understands — and I should stop trying"
- "I have to hold everything together"
- "Hope is dangerous — it only leads to disappointment"
- "I should be over this by now"

These aren't random struggles. They follow predictable patterns — and they have specific biblical truth that speaks into each one.

"These aren't parenting struggles. They're wrestling matches. Parents in the siege need more than casseroles. They need truth-speakers who can name the lies and stand in the gap."

- from the Field Guide

A TOOL FOR YOUR MINISTRY

Siege of the Soul is written in the style of C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters*, alternating between demonic correspondence (revealing the enemy's strategies) and a mother's journal entries (showing interior transformation). It is companionship, not curriculum. Lament, not formula.

HOW IT SERVES YOUR CARE WORK

- Diagnostic language — helps supporters name what a suffering parent/caregiver is experiencing, even when the parent can't
- Conversation starter — give a specific chapter to open a pastoral visit that might otherwise stay surface-level
- Small group resource — the field guide at siegeofthesoul.com/lies-parents-believe includes discussion prompts for each struggle
- "I see you" gift — place into the hands of the family you're still thinking about two years after the diagnosis

GROUNDED IN

- Biblical lament tradition (Psalms, Job, Lamentations)
- Biblical counseling principles
- Honest theology of suffering — no toxic positivity, no empty promises
- Belovedness. Lies cannot stand, when belovedness is deeply understood.

Free Field Guide



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