



Book Notes

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Where was God on 9/11? We listened on radios, or watched on TV's. Millions of Americans gazed in disbelief as the huge World Trade Center buildings collapsed into piles of rubble on that date. After the shock and horror wore off, the questions began. How could this have happened? Why did God allow such evil? And then, the daunting thought—Where will God be when I need him?

Father Benedict Groeschel, CFR, reassures us that the steel cross found in the ruins of the World Trade Center leads to the cross of Jesus, which stands at the center of all pain, all suffering, indeed, all history. He did not come to take away all suffering. He came to sanctify suffering by His presence.

He was at ground zero at the World Trade Center. He will be with us in our own personal ground zeros, whether it is the death of a child, a cancer diagnosis, or the loss of a job. Father Benedict also believes that there is a special challenge for our country to be faced in all of this. We may not understand the "Why?" but we can answer the question "What are we to do?"