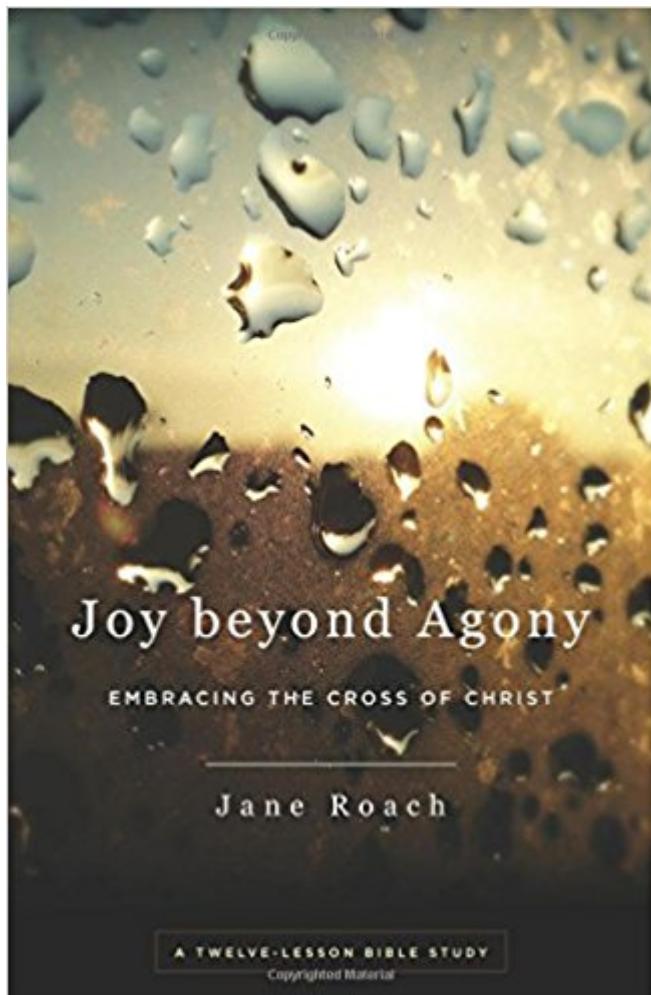


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# Joy Beyond Agony: Embracing The Cross Of Christ, A Twelve-Week Study



## **Synopsis**

Jesus endured the cross in anticipation of the joy set before him: victory over Satan, sin, and death, and union with his glorified redeemed. Now he calls us to follow him with crosses of our own. What does this mean? Each of the twelve lessons in this volume explores one aspect of Jesus' cross through Bible study, application questions, commentary, testimonies, and hymns. Our familiarity with the crucifixion narrative can cause us to miss its deep teaching. Learn what the cross shows us about our Savior and the paradoxes of Christian living, and discover the hope and joy it gives us as we face life's struggles and uncertainties. A devotional commentary ideal for small group discussion and study.

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Except for the Bible, this book has had the greatest impact on my life than any other. I completed this study as part of a small group Bible study before it was published. It presented me with truths that I had learned before, and it tied them all together in a way that brought clarity and helped me see Jesus in greater depth. His sacrifice became intense and personal; God's love became sweeter; and I was convicted and compelled to live in light of this. One thing I really like about this book is that each chapter includes a hymn which beautifully complements the lesson. "Joy Beyond Agony" works great as a study for small groups, larger groups, or individuals. There will be eye-opening moments for seasoned believers, as well as for those new to Bible study. Using the

Bible to answer the questions, meditating on or singing the hymns, discussing the lesson, and then reading the commentary afterwards, allows you to engage in God's word and discover for yourself truths that help to see how the Cross is central to every aspect of life. Completing this study helps enrich subsequent Bible studies, hymn singing, and participation in Communion. Easter will no longer be about bunnies and chicks! Personally, this book filled my mind and heart with Bible truths that re-shaped my life.

The first few lessons are basic but after that, it gets really good and really deep as the study leads you to consider the cross of Christ from all different points of view. The things I learned will stay with me for a long time.

There are more than 20 ladies using this book as text for study. We meet each week and cover one lesson. The questions are thought provoking and many of us feel that we are thinking of the cross of Christ in a fresh way. This is an excellent study guide with commentary to provoke an even deeper understand of the chapter topics. I highly recommend this book, for individual as well as group study!

Love this book. It goes deep, takes the reader deep. Makes you stop and think, think hard. I have not completed the study yet and am looking forward to seeing what else I am going to learn. Heart lessons!

Beautiful, in-depth study you can do on your own or in a group. Jane Roach has given us the gift of a closer look at Jesus and the cross. It's a life-changer!

This is a wonderful uplifting book. I started it this morning and am amazed at Jane's insights from and about our Lord Jesus.

Very in depth. Wonderful personal study. I look forward to studying each day.

Theologically sound. Spiritually motivating. Love for Jesus deepened.

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