

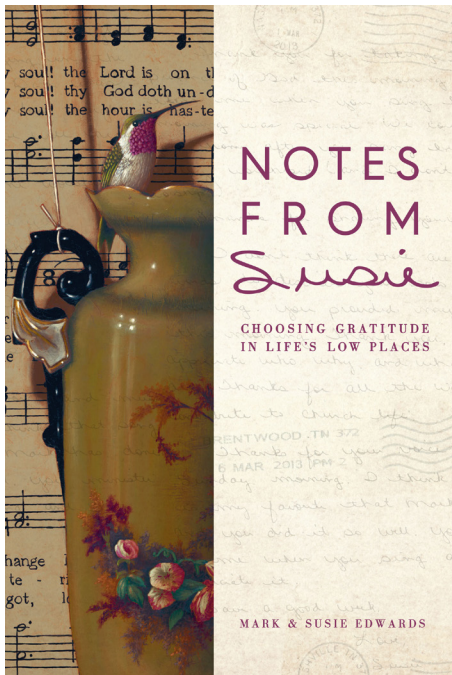


# NOTES FROM *Susie*

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### Overview of *Notes from Susie*



Susie Edwards – a prolific writer of personal notes – demonstrated to literally hundreds of people how to live and die at the hands of ovarian, colon, and liver cancer. Her profound gratitude and abiding sense of peace were evident in the frequent Facebook updates that she and Mark – her caregiver husband – posted during their two-year battle. Devotional books typically tie a scripture passage to daily entries, but in *Notes from Susie* they chose recent and timeless hymns to capture and express their gratitude, pain, joy, lament, peace, sadness, and worship. They fought the battle together, but Susie set the tone and led the way.

The largest section of the book consists of a condensed version of the more than three hundred updates. Ahead of that body of material, Mark sets the context by introducing Susie from the time they met in 1968 until her diagnosis March 1, 2013. Behind the updates, the Epilogue offers a, “this is what I make of it all,” “this is what we’re learning,” and, “where we go from here,” chapter. Daughter,

Weslee, and son, Nathan, share how they navigated their own pain and loss to help their young children through their first major life tragedy.

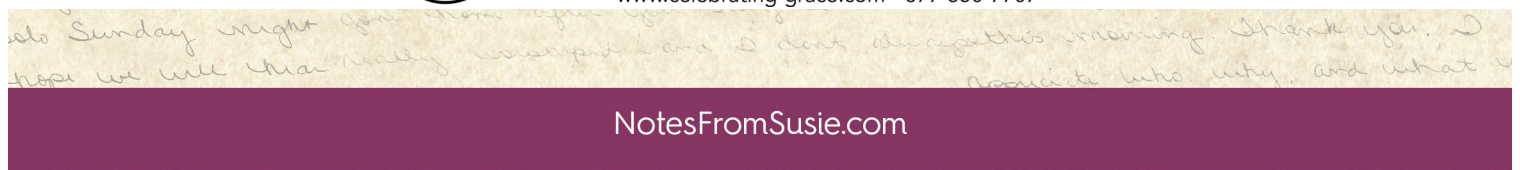
*Notes from Susie* is an honest look into how one couple, completely devoted to each other and joyful together, meet head-on one of life’s low places, drawing on the support and power of the large cloud of witnesses surrounding them.

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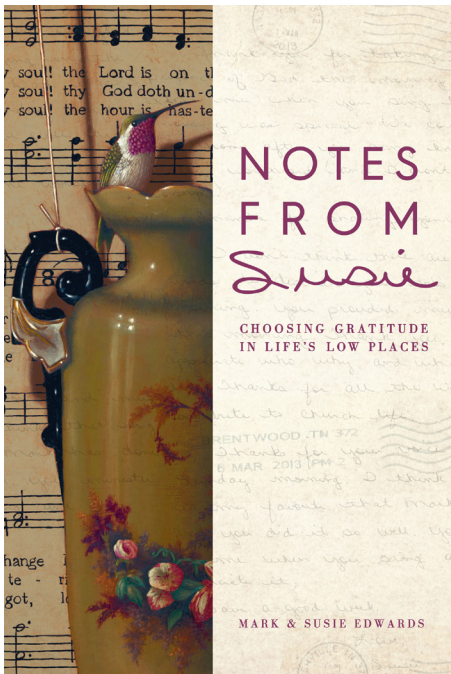


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*Notes from Susie: Choosing Gratitude in Life's Low Places* follows the journey of cancer patient, Susie Edwards, by way of posts on her group Facebook page of the same name, Notes from Susie. A prolific writer of personal notes, Susie wrote hundreds of uplifting and encouraging notes to people throughout her life. When first diagnosed with ovarian cancer, a Facebook page was created to keep her friends and family informed of her progress. The regular posts of Susie, her husband Mark, and other family members soon turned a page originally meant for information into a page of inspiration using hymn texts as devotionals. The Facebook group grew, and there was an overwhelming call for the posts to be compiled into a book for caregivers, friends, and family of terminally ill patients. Following Susie's death, Celebrating Grace, Inc., approached Mark to publish. Mark took on the task of compiling over 300 Facebook posts into a devotional-type format, added a forward to help readers get to know Susie, and a "coda" to point to the future. *Notes from*

*Susie* is for anyone that is struggling, has faced, or will confront "one of life's low places." Discover hope and unexpected gratitude that God gives, even in the midst of despair, in the notes written and faith demonstrated by Susie and her family.

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