



Resources for Sustainability in Ministry

Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers **Dane C Ortlund**

I found this book to be very helpful to me. It is very biblically based and highlights God's heart toward us (and toward those we serve). I found it not only brings me peace to read, but it also brings me to amazement at how quick God is to embrace us in our weaknesses or failings. I highly recommend the chapter entitled *To the Uttermost*.

Suffering and the Heart of God: How Trauma Destroys and Christ Restores **Diane Langberg, Ph.D**

This book, by Diane Langberg, Ph.D, is written primarily about counseling people who have experienced sexual trauma, Langberg brings the gospel, and the heart of God into the picture for suffering in general. She also has a great chapter about sustainability for the counselor, which I have found is helpful for health care and others who care for those who have suffered and are experiencing vicarious trauma. Exceptional book. This book, and Diane Langberg and God's care for me are why I am still in ministry.

A Diary of Private Prayer **John Baillie (revised by Susanna Wright)**

This book is a classic book of prayers, originally published long ago but recently revised and republished. This book contains beautiful intimate prayers for each morning and evening of the month. I have found this book to revitalize my prayer life. Very beautiful book and a great help to engage in prayer.