

We're celebrating 177 straight weeks on the *New York Times*' best-seller list.

"Why Won't You Help Me?"

"What should I do? For at least twenty minutes my friend explained his problems. Marc's voice broke once and we sat in silence while he dried his tears. "But what should I do?" he asked.

I didn't answer him the first time, the second time, or even the third time he asked. He poured out his dilemma over his job situation and his lack of inner peace. "I can't sleep. Nothing feels right to me and I don't know what to do."

I said nothing.

"Why won't you help me? In frustration, he yelled, "Why won't you tell me what to do?"

I shook my head. "You know what to do."

"I have no idea!" Anger flashed in his brown eyes before he said, "I came to you for help!"

"My role isn't to give you answers. You need to ask God to help you listen to what's going on inside you."

"So now you give me psychobabble and religious talk—"

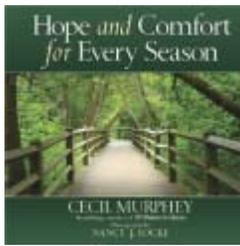
"That's not my intent." I leaned over and placed my hands on his shoulders. "As your friend, my role isn't to solve your problems. My role is to love you while *you* solve your problems."

"I thought you could give me an answer."

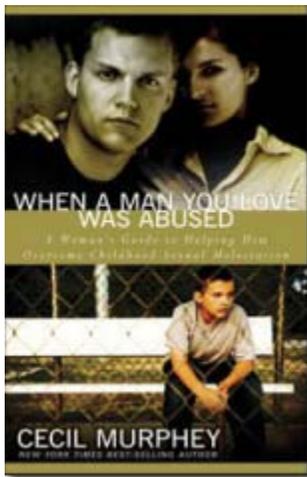
"I just gave it to you. And until you make your own decision, I'll pray for you to listen to God's soft, quiet voice." I smiled before I added, "God rarely shouts the answers."

Before he left, Marc gave me a perfunctory hug that let me know he wasn't any better.

Three nights later, Marc called. "Down deep, I knew the answer but I didn't want to accept it. My other friends told me what I wanted to hear, but I knew they weren't right."



Hope and Comfort for Every Season released June 1 and is already in its second printing.



There is a need for this book today. Please recommend it as a helpful resource for men who have been abused and the women who love them.



"I want men who have suffered silently to know that my blog is a safe place where they can share experiences, ask questions, or just come for information," Cec says. "I understand the feelings of pain and isolation. I've been there myself."

He made the correct decision on his own.
"Thanks for not telling me what to do."

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my role is to love them while they solve their problems.*

Personal News

[90 Minutes in Heaven](#) that I wrote for Don Piper is #16 on the *New York Times*' best-seller list. It has remained on that list for 177 weeks.

I have two back-to-back trips planned. June 23-24, I'll speak and teach at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

I'll rush home and leave on June 26 for St. Louis for the annual International Christian Retail Show (ICRS).

I'll preach Sunday at Tower Grove Baptist Church in St. Louis.

At ICRS, Tuesday morning, June 29, I'll sign copies of my new gift book, [Hope and Comfort for Every Season](#) (Harvest House). Barnes & Noble bought a large number and the first printing is already sold out.

Tuesday afternoon, I'll sign copies of [When a Man You Love Was Abused](#) (Kregel).

The Twila Zone—Words from my assistant, Twila Belk

I met a friend of my son over the weekend and learned that her mother died a few weeks ago. She said she was reading everything she could find to help her through her grief. I gave her a copy of Cec's book [Words of Comfort for Times of Loss](#).

Maybe Memorial Day has reminded you of a friend or family member who is grieving. Please consider Cec's beautiful, comforting book as a gift to that person.

We're grateful and excited for the release of Cec's important and timely book, [When a Man You Love Was Abused: A Woman's Guide to Helping Him Overcome Childhood Sexual Molestation](#). We've been amazed at the need for this book. If you know a man or woman who could benefit from reading it, please recommend it as a helpful resource.

Cec's new blog, *Shattering the Silence*, is another helpful resource for men who have been abused (and for the women who want to understand them). Visit



If you're a writer or aspiring writer who wants serious help, visit Cec Murphey's Writer to Writer blog.

www.menshatteringthesilence.blogspot.com and please recommend it to those in need of help and healing.

If you work in a counseling ministry or organization with male survivors of sexual abuse and would like a copy of [*When a Man You Love Was Abused*](#), I'm happy to send you one. Please contact me at twila@gottatellsomebody.com.

[View the video for *When a Man You Love Was Abused* here and share it with others.](#)

Cec is available for blog, radio, and TV interviews, and is happy to speak to groups about the topic of male sexual abuse.

Cec's 119th book, [*Hope and Comfort for Every Season*](#) has just released and is already in its second printing! It's a small gift book with beautiful photographs taken by Nancy Locke.

Are you a writer or aspiring writer who wants serious help? Visit www.cecmurpheyswritertowriter.blogspot.com.