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What does one do when [their] personal world caves in? Bereavement, devastating illness, crushing disappointment can invade life so suddenly. Here is the intimate story of how one woman began To Live Again; in this story there are answers for every man and every woman.

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Natalie says

Every time I read nonfiction books as heartfelt and inspiring as this one, I tell myself I need to read more nonfiction. :P (Seriously, this book is SO good. Please read it.)

Summisse says

I shared a portion of this treasure with a victim of 911 who had lost a husband in the towers. Her husband died a hero saving others. To Live Again is timeless, the wisdom in this books heals, and create a path for healthy grief.

Martha says

Wonderful story of a widow's journey to wholeness

Curtiss Matlock says

I remembered reading it years ago, when devouring Marshall's books, one right after another. I knew I needed it now, having lost my own husband. I am surprised by how personally it speaks to me. I had forgotten that it chronicles Catherine's writing journey. It speaks to me mostly about her determination to follow and trust God with her life.

Catherine Marshall's writing is honest and open and carries the reader along in her life. I love it.

Deborah says

I love Catherine Marshall's writing---I read this shortly after my dear Grandmother had died, and it was as though I was comforted and felt Grandma close by in Marshall's writing---I began to consume her books!

Gary B says

Overall an enjoyable and entertaining read. Catherine takes us through the days and years following Peter's death and how God led her to and through her writing.

I found the chapter on life after death to be somewhat weird. Catherine discusses all sorts of situations and proofs for life after death. Whilst many of these need to be taken on faith, the overall proof for a Christian must be Jesus' resurrection and what the Bible says about it.

Annette says

I read this while on holidays in Cairns ages ago. It rocked my world! Catherine Marshall is long gone, but I have always felt a real affiliation with her, her writing is so familiar, you feel like you are sitting down with her as she pours her heart out.

I am a fellow heart-pourer-outer, so Catherine Marshall, I love you.

So helpful for anyone who has suffered and struggles with the fallout, or even for those who just long for a deep and real encounter with God.

I have read so many other books by this woman, but this is a real standout. I am so glad I happened upon it in a dingy book store in Cairns all those years ago.

Dan Chance says

When Peter died he was a young man and though he had experienced an earlier brush with death, neither he nor his wife were prepared for his death. Catherine was numb for a while but her faith began to pull her through the bereavement. First she was drawn to publish his sermons, which she did as Mr Jones, Meet the Master and then the story of his life as A Man Called Peter: The Story of Peter Marshall. She was a talented writer but as she discovered her efforts were inadequate to bring the sermons or the man to life and she began to lean more and more on her Lord and to trust that Peter was still alive, though in a different form.

Later she got the opportunity to sell the movie rights to a studio and work with the script writer to make the movie just as touching and real as the book had been. This got her writing career off on a strong footing so she no longer had any fear of how she was going to support herself.

The story included snippets of her son growing up and of her parents retiring from the ministry and of the charming old home she helped them buy.

I loved it.

Karin Grice says

Published in 1957, it's amazing how well this book has kept its relevance. A heart-felt but not schmaltzy or churchy account of suddenly losing a husband and what to make of the new life that follows. Anyone who has experienced the death of their beloved spouse will find this helpful support and reassurance that this existence is not all there is and that life can go on in surprising ways.

Susan says

I found this book beautiful, and heartwarming and a joy to read.

Catherine describes unexplainable experiences stunningly, in such a way that you really understand and see what she experienced. Her life is amazing and I think that her life after her husband died was better than when he was alive (dare I say it).

This story raises questions for me about the role of women. Throughout this story Catherine aims to honour her husband's memory and her husband in everything she does and has done, she is willing to take a back seat to her husband and his wishes and desires to the extent of putting her dreams on hold for the sake of a family and his calling/ dream. The way she describes the dynamics of their relationship and the dominance (and I say this in a good way) of her husband and his choices for the direction of their life is something that nowadays is almost never seen following the feminist movement and women's rights etc. I've made several notes from this book and I would love to find the quote she makes about woman's place in society. For me I questioned what she had to say in a purely Defensive way, but then after thinking about it honestly as a woman, and a woman recently married and making decisions about her life I thought, you know what she says (what her husband says) has merits.

I found that apart from the first few pages where she describes the loss of her husband and her feelings around this I found that a lot of the most interesting areas of the book were where she talks about her husband's thinking. It is clear that her life revolved and continued after his death to revolve around her husband. But I tend to see some of what she has to say as (though ringing true to me) being an echo of what her husband thought, or taught and I question how much did Catherine really think for herself.

I think this book tells of Catherine's passion for her husband almost more than it has to do with her thoughts and her rise "to live again". It's like she died when her husband died because he was her life, and this story plots her life after his death to find new ways to live for HIM (her husband) even when he is not with her. A great reason to continue living I think.

After reading this book and indeed while reading this book I wanted to find out more about this woman. I wanted to meet her son and discuss her life with him. Read all of the books she has written about herself. But most of all I craved this story to speak about herself! Though it gives huge insights into her thoughts in an indirect way I just wished she would be more dominant. She talks about running away with her husband to marry him despite being told not to, and I long for this strength that she describes to ring throughout the rest of the story however she continues to quietly support her husband right through the book. And this is honourable.

A brilliant book, thought provoking, and great for a new look at life and to be refreshed back into living. It will make you want to find other books about her husband's and her life.

Tarissa says

I'm so impressed with Catherine Marshall's book *To Live Again*. There's way more to her and her husband's story than just what appears in the famous book *A Man Called Peter*. So much more.

There's another whole tale that follows Peter Marshall's death, one of Mrs. Marshall finding herself again after the tragic loss. His story isn't over yet, and neither is hers. She shares more stories of Peter, and their life together. She shares every emotion she went through after his untimely (or so it may seem) passing at the age of 46. Her memories of grief can be sad or even depressing to some readers who have experienced similar loss, I'm sure. But what Mrs. Marshall shares with us is that there's hope. And hope can grow into unimaginable and amazing things, if God is in it. I even liked how she told of stories of life after death, some supernatural occurrences, and how she connects with Peter, even though he is in heaven.

What I really loved about *To Live Again* is that she starts telling all about the entire publication process of *A Man Called Peter*. It's like behind the scenes bonus material on one of my favorite books. How lucky am I to have gotten to read more about the making of that wonderful book that touched the lives of so many? Even I could start to see how his death wasn't the end of his legacy, for his legacy had only just begun.

And then? We get to the part where Mrs. Marshall tells all in relation to the making of the 1955 film based on *A Man Called Peter*. Even MORE fun, I tell you. She shares all about her hesitancy at accepting the idea of a Hollywood movie... to the screenwriting process... to the final fanfare. For me, it was a lot of fun to read about. (And to that one lady who wrote to Mrs. Marshall saying that Clark Gable would be a good fit to play the titular character in the film, I say no. No, he would not have. Richard Todd filled the role perfectly.)

NOTE to the discerning reader & to parents: One chapter in particular deals with subject matter of the "mature" adult nature. It came out of the blue for me, but the topic was obviously one that bothered Mrs. Marshall during various stages of her grief. For this reason, I have to raise the age level of readers who could enjoy the book to at least high-school age or adult.

Overall? Catherine Marshall has a clear, simple voice in her writing. It's as if she is having a conversation with someone in the same room, instead of through the context of the printed page, decades after the ink has dried. And now I need to both re-read the book *A Man Called Peter*, and re-watch the movie again.

Highly recommended to read as a sequel to *A Man Called Peter*.

"...our God can handle even the worst that can happen to us as finite human beings. Since Christ is beside us, no troubles that life can bring need cast us adrift. This is knowledge that can release us from lifelong bondage to fear."

-Catherine Marshall, To Live Again (Chapter 1)

Gillian Marsberg says

I loved this book - I found it encouraged and drew me into a closer walk with God

Crystal says

This book is old and a little dated/ conservative. but if you're willing to look past that, it's a really good book. Catherine Marshall lets people into her life and walks them along the road she walked to "live again" after her husband died at a tragically young age. Her faithfulness to his memory, and spreading the work that he did, has enriched the lives of many people, and watching her bloom into the talented author she later became was helpful and encouraging. The book is a testament to the fact that God can walk us through anything, no matter how big or horrible or tragic, and even bring good out of it. I wept with her, laughed with her, and cheered for her. It was a good book.

Misti says

Would love to chat out chapter 11 Is There Life After Death with a good friend and confidant. This book was

about the loss of Catherine Marshall's husband, Peter, to earthly death and her healing and growing time in the Lord in its wake.

Danielle says

Another Catherine Marshall book; took me awhile to read this one. I started it long ago. As I was a bit emotional after Peter was born, it made me a bit teary eyed in some places when she was describing learning to "live again" after her Peter passed away.
