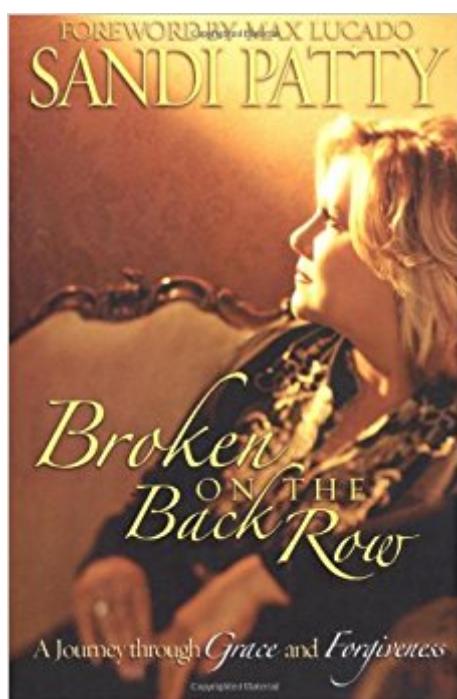


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# Broken On The Back Row: A Journey Through Grace And Forgiveness



## **Synopsis**

The heart of a mom is wrapped up in the people she loves -- her children, her husband, her co-workers, her friends. She wants to give them the very best of herself, but sometimes her busy schedule gets in the way of the most precious gift she can give them -- her prayers. With this unique tried-and-proven prayer system, even the busiest moms can have a rich prayer life that impacts the people she loves the most. Author Lisa Whelchel offers seven categories of prayer that can be used as they are or modified to fit each mom's special needs. By investing just ten minutes a day, in one month, a mom can bring nearly one hundred and fifty matters before her heavenly Father. From requests for her childrens' protection to wisdom in her personal life to praise for God's constant faithfulness, this simple plan brings order and purpose to prayer.

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## **Customer Reviews**

In this inspiring memoir, Grammy- and Dove Award-winning singer Patty recounts her rise in Christian music, her devastating fall from grace and the long road back to God. In the early 1990s, Patty separated from her husband and began an extramarital affair with a back-up singer who was also married. Patty repeatedly covered up the affair and lied about it before confessing to her pastor and other church members, and asking forgiveness from those she had wronged. She doesn't make excuses for her behavior; although she discusses some of the emotional "baggage" she carried (including childhood sexual abuse by a trusted babysitter), she knows that her actions weren't in keeping with Christian teachings or her family's trust. Refreshingly, she offers no titillating

details about the affair itself or about the pain in her marriage that led to the initial separation. Now married to the singer she fell in love with, Patty is the mother to eight children in a yours-mine-and-ours blended family and devotes a fair portion of the book to describing their new life. Although the writing style is a bit gushy and the account could have used better editing (the titular story about Patty crying in the back row of a church is repeated twice in full), this memoir is a powerful testimony to the joy of forgiveness. (Feb. 15) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Audio Cassette edition.

Sandi Patty is the most awarded female vocalist in contemporary Christian music history with thirty-nine Dove Awards, five Grammy Awards, and four Billboard Music Awards. Her twenty-four albums have sold more than eleven million units including three platinum and five gold recordings. In 2004 Sandi was inducted into the GMA Hall of Fame and in 2005 she penned her autobiography *Broken on the Back Row*. She has regularly appeared on network TV including *The Tonight Show*, *Live! with Regis and Kathie Lee*, CNN, and *Entertainment Tonight*.

If you have ever doubted God's ability to forgive, this is the book to read. Sandy Patty tells her story just as it happened. She does not gloss over anything she did to "fall from grace", but not in the gross details. Her story of forgiveness and renewing her commitment to Christ tells how we can all receive that same forgiveness and live life of peace and joy.

I appreciated the book and its honest look at the process of restoration after a sinful fall. Sandi clearly endured a great deal of public pain, and I am glad that she is healed and whole now. What troubled me was how this might come across to someone mired in an affair who would prefer to leave a marriage for his/her soulmate. Statistics indicate that 85% of marriages stemming from an affair end in divorce once real life sets in. However, Sandi's journey shows a different perspective making it seem that her very happy marriage was, in some way, worth the pain. I wonder what she might do differently if she had it to do over again. Nevertheless, I am happy for her forgiveness and restoration. God bless her.

I have been a fan of Sandi Patty for many years. Spent time praying for her when this story broke many years ago. Had seen her in concert a few times back in the 80s and 90s ago. The book is well written; truth without confrontation or defense. She has always seemed like such a sweet lady; the book confirms that assessment. God has done a mighty work in Sandi through all of her hurt and

pain. His glory is wonderfully revealed through her writing.

If you know the pain of consequences then you will relate. Sandy allows herself to be honest and vulnerable but I am not sure if it is to try and salvage a career, if any is left, or for sure what the motive is. I doubt the book would be written for any other reason.

This book had been on my wish list for a long time and I'm glad I finally read it. Sandy Patty has been singing inspiring music for years and faced a firestorm of criticism from the Christian community when she made a terrible decision that ruined her first marriage and damaged her career. In this book she fesses up to all the accusations and addresses the rumors (as if it were really anybody else's business). In a way it's a little creepy to see that much of someone's private life revealed in a book. However, the redeeming quality here is that the book seems to be written from a genuine desire to show the process of reconciliation, forgiveness, and redemption. In the book Sandy Patty was uncomfortably honest and open about her sin. She did not gloss over it or call it anything other than sin. She admitted a willful defiance as well as telling lies to cover it up. Then she sought forgiveness of the people she wronged and the God she disobeyed. The most interesting thing about the book was the process she went through with her pastor and her church to seek restoration. After reading the book, I won't defend the author or make excuses for her. I admire her for admitting her flaws and doing the hard work of restoration. There is true danger in putting ANYONE on a pedestal as if they are somehow "superchristian." Humans WILL fail and they WILL disappoint. But if anyone does this much work to seek forgiveness, then they will have to find someone else to criticize them because it won't be me.

Excellent book, hard subject to talk about. Very good condition!

It is so refreshing to read about someone who admits to the sin that so many others hide from. This book is a wonderful account of God's amazing and unlimited grace, love, and mercy. I can't help but compare this to the Bible stories of so many sinners that God transformed and used to show His own shining glory. Thank you Sandi for leading others to embrace the truth and endure the journey while learning about the true love of an everlasting Heavenly Father. Your humility and courage are an inspiration. May God bless you and your family.

Once you read this book, you will see how God can restore each one of us. Sandi is so transparent

and through her story you'll learn to love her even more. Her repentant spirit is heartfelt and truly shows us how the "truth will set us free."

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