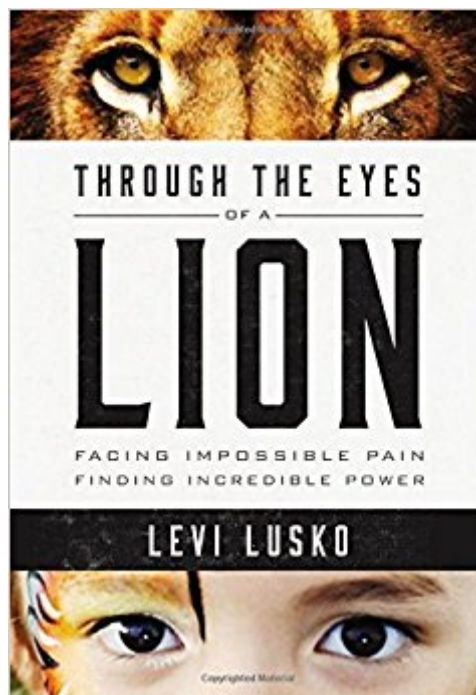




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# Through The Eyes Of A Lion: Facing Impossible Pain, Finding Incredible Power



## Synopsis

What will you do when the unthinkable happens in your life? Her parents called her Lenya Lion because of her ferocious personality and hair that had been wild and mane-like since birth. But they never expected that, five days before Christmas, their five-year-old daughter would suddenly go to heaven after an asthma attack. How do you walk out of an emergency room without your daughter? In *Through the Eyes of a Lion*, Pastor Levi Lusko shares the eye-opening truth of the power of hope in a world that is often filled with pain, suffering, and loss. He says, "This book isn't a manual for grieving, but a manifesto for high-octane living, and through it I want you to see that God made you for a purpose. There is a wild and wonderful calling on your life, a microphone in your hands. Jesus wants you to look at the adventure of your life through His eyes, the eyes of a Lion." Part memoir but all overtly instructive and deeply inspirational, *Through the Eyes of a Lion* gives readers the tools they need to face their fears and turn their journey into a roar story. Chapter themes include: Don't rely on the naked eye, Run towards the roar, There's no such thing as a wireless anchor, Let God use your pain, Cue the eagle, What we do in life really does echo in eternity. You are destined for impact, and there's not a moment to lose!

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\_'...he has this story. And he has told it well. With candor. With honesty. With hope.' -Max Lucado  
Pastor and New York Times bestselling author 'This is one of the most powerfully transparent books I have ever read.' -Sheila Walsh, Speaker, Bible teacher, and bestselling author 'This is a book that

will help everybody, in every walk of life.' -Carl Lentz, Pastor, Hillsong NYC 'Levi has framed up some practical thoughts and shares some experiences that can help us not only to cope with the pain of loss but to... thrive as a result.' - Bob Hurley, Chairman and founder, Hurley LLC

Levi Lusko is the pastor of Fresh Life Church, a multisite church in Montana, and the founder of Skull Church and the O2 Experience. He serves as host for Greg Laurie's Harvest Crusades and travels internationally to speak at churches and conferences. He takes pleasure in small things like: black coffee, new shoes, and fast internet. He and his wife, Jennie, have four daughters, Alivia, Daisy, Clover, and Lenya, who is in heaven.

In this book, Pastor Levi Lusko shows with heartbreaking honesty how to face impossible pain and find incredible power. *But Through the Eyes of a Lion* is more than just a manual for dealing with grief. In Levi's words, it's "a manifesto for high-octane living." Those words couldn't be more true. I've never experienced the level of pain that Levi and his wife Jennie did the day their daughter Lenya left this earth. But I have struggled with fear, anxiety, and defeat, and I walked away from this book encouraged and empowered to change the way I view the challenges in my life. Posing questions like "How do you live out an extraordinary calling while doing ordinary things and living in a world that is all screwed up?" Levi uses his real life experiences to teach you how to hurt with hope, look past what you can see, and let go of fear to become the you you were meant to be. And he does so with a mix of authenticity, brevity, gravity and humor that makes this not only a powerful read, but one you can easily engage with. From "cue the eagle" to "pain is a microphone" and "run toward the roar" the pages are full of tidbits of wisdom and key phrases that will stick with you long after you finish reading. Whether you're struggling under the weight of seemingly unbearable pain, or facing the everyday difficulties of life, this book offers renewed hope--for both your present and your future.

This book tells the very messy story of losing a daughter. It does not tell you how to get over it or move on - the two biggest lies of grief counseling. Levi strips away any preconceptions we might have about suffering, revealing the only substance that really matters: a transparent, raw, and very real relationship with God. Get to that point and maybe then we can begin to grieve our losses in a way that has lasting impact on a broken world. That impact, that calling - our grief now becomes a gateway, rather than a barrier. I'm thankful to Levi for writing this book and to the Luskos for their example in suffering through painful grief and sharing this story. *Through the Eyes of a Lion* reflects

Levi's strength of character with authenticity of his voice - if you read this book with an appreciation and understanding of the richness of his enthusiasm and care for you that exudes from his preaching pulpit, you'll spend less time thinking about a critical literary review or dreaming up book club questions and more energy running to a God that soothes and heals your pain. Reading the book through In a single sitting, I confess that it's a page turner of the best kind - words that provide a catalyst for healing and motivation to keep pursuing God with all of your heart. And at the end of the day, isn't that really the only litmus test for whether or not a book has done a five-star job?

This was a very heartfelt book about the loss of a child and learning to live above the loss and honor God. It moved me to tears a number of times and raised my heart to thank God for his loving mercies and enduring strength at other times. If we look through the eyes of the Lion, we can endure unspeakable pain with grace and longsuffering. I would highly recommend this book to anyone that has suffered loss of any sort.

This book was life changing! I started reading it while my mom was battling cancer, a short while after finishing my mom was called home to be with Jesus and when speaking at her memorial service I spoke about this book and the impact it had on me and shared a few quotes. This book really opened my eyes and helped me find purpose in the pain of losing my mom. I have recommended it to numerous people and even started a fund in which people donated to, in memory of my mom, and I purchased 150 copies of this book to hand out to people, to hopefully impact their lives the way this book impacted mine and also hope and pray people come to know Jesus through this. I'm so glad Levi took the time to share his story of hurt and headache and chose to make good out of such a terrible situation. This book changed me and I highly recommend it!

I lost my Dad just a little over 2 years ago. While that pain & grief cannot be compared to losing a child, I didn't know what to do with it. I saw this book on a Kindle ad and chose to read it to distract my thoughts at night. Little did I know how much your words would help me to begin to heal. I cried with you, laughed with you and cried some more. I found answers to questions I had and I found a peace in some of your words. God truly used your *Lenya Lion* and you to bring some comfort to my own heart. I am so sorry that you lost your *Lenya* & that you had to even write this book. But know it has brought comfort to at least one person. I have given several copies to people I know when they have lost a loved one or been in a similar situation. May God continue to bless you & your family as you grow His Kingdom.

This book was a much lighter read than I anticipated after hearing Levi speak. He has great insights into suffering that I have never heard discussed by other pastors. And he challenged me in a new way to look at my son's health issues in a different light. I'm still waiting for that Trojan Horse....

Reconsidering by a friend, I approached this book with skepticism. No stranger to death myself, I held my first wife's hand as she passed after taking care of her at home for over three years. At first I blamed God for forsaking us, and it took many, many months for me to learn how to forgive Him, my wife, and even myself for what had happened. I felt lost, alone and empty. I came close, on several occasions, to ending my own life. If this book had been there then for me to read, it wouldn't have been so hard to survive. Thank you, Levi, for sharing your story. It is truly inspirational.

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