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# But Not

Home Care

A POWERFUL GUIDE FOR CAREGIVERS WHO FEEL OVERWHELMED, EXHAUSTED, AND UNSEEN. DISCOVER PRACTICAL WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR PEACE, RENEW YOUR STRENGTH, AND KEEP SHOWING UP WITHOUT LOSING YOURSELF IN THE PROCESS.

## **Introduction: You're Not Alone**

Caregiving is one of the most selfless acts you can offer another human being. But when you give and give, day after day, you can begin to feel invisible, drained, or even broken. This book is your reminder that you are not alone. You are seen, valued, and supported. You are burned out-but not broken. This guide was born from both experience and empathy to walk you toward healing and balance.

# **Chapter 1: Understanding Burnout**

Burnout isn't just tiredness. It's a mental, physical, and emotional exhaustion caused by prolonged caregiving without adequate rest or support. In this chapter, we unpack the warning signs of burnout, how to identify its roots, and how to avoid guilt for needing rest.

# **Chapter 2: Warning Signs You're Carrying Too Much**

- Constant fatigue
- Lack of motivation
- Resentment toward loved ones
- Isolation
- Neglected health

These signs are not weaknesses-they're signals. God designed you to serve, but not to suffer alone.

# **Chapter 3: Giving Care While Managing Your Own Life**

Juggling care with work, family, ministry, and self-care is tough. Learn how to:

- Set healthy boundaries
- Create a weekly rhythm
- Delegate where possible
- Prioritize your needs without guilt

# **Chapter 4: The Power of Asking for Help**

Whether it's from siblings, professionals, or your church family-asking for help is not a weakness. It's wisdom. We walk you through how to:

- Start the conversation
- Explore home care or respite
- Recognize when it's time to reach out

## **Chapter 5: What Makes Giving Hearts Home Care Different**

At Giving Hearts, we go beyond care. We operate from compassion, faith, and excellence. As a private-pay, non-medical home care agency, we:

- Offer personalized care plans
- Hire mission-minded caregivers
- Provide flexible scheduling and support

# **Chapter 6: Balancing Your Calling and Your Capacity**

There's purpose in caregiving-but not at the cost of your peace. Discover how to:

- Redefine 'success' as a caregiver
- Say yes to God without saying no to yourself
- Give care without self-sacrifice

# **Chapter 7: The Importance of Rest & Recovery**

Jesus rested. You can too. Learn strategies for:

- Sabbath-style rest
- Soul care routines
- Emotional and physical recovery

# **Chapter 8: The Role of Faith in the Caregiver Journey**

Faith is your foundation. With guided scriptures, prayers, and declarations, this chapter will:

- Remind you of your strength
- Reignite your hope
- Reconnect you to God's promises

# **Chapter 9: Journaling Prompts & Gratitude Reflections**

Use these pages to:

- Reflect on today's blessings
- Record caregiving wins
- Talk to God through prayer journaling

# **Chapter 10: Caregiver Win Tracker**

Write down small victories:

- I made someone smile today
- I took 10 minutes for myself
- I stayed calm in a stressful moment

# **Chapter 11: Daily Self-Care Check-In**

## Today I...

- Ate a nourishing meal
- Got some fresh air
- Prayed or meditated
- Connected with a friend
- Gave myself grace

# **Chapter 12: Creating Your Care Plan for Yourself**

Download or print a blank weekly calendar and:

- Schedule rest blocks
- Add doctor or therapist visits
- Block quiet time

# **Chapter 13: Exploring Facility Support vs. Home Care**

## Know the difference:

- Facilities offer full-service support but may lack familiarity
- Home care allows aging-in-place with personalized support

# **Chapter 14: Choosing the Right Private Pay Provider**

## Key questions to ask:

- Is the agency licensed?
- How are caregivers vetted?
- Can they customize your care needs?

## Why choose Giving Hearts:

- Compassion-first care
- Flexible, private pay options
- Heart-led service

# **Chapter 15: Caregiver Resource List**

- AARP Caregiving Resources: www.aarp.org/caregiving
- Family Caregiver Alliance: www.caregiver.org
- Caregiver Action Network: www.caregiveraction.org
- Local churches and support groups
- Giving Hearts Home Care: www.givingheartshomecare.info

## Final Words: You Are Not Broken - You Are Crowned

This journey is sacred. You've carried a lot. You've endured. And you're still standing. May these pages bless you, heal you, and remind you: You are not alone, and you are not broken. You are crowned with purpose and loved beyond measure.