**New Resource for Your Congregation**

As nurses, we see death in all its manifestations every day--in our patients, in the faces and actions of grieving friends and family, and in the efforts of healthcare professionals across the spectrum responsible for patient care. More than just another part of our job, as Christians, we have a special opportunity to help our patients through this difficult time. We are not afraid to talk about death and dying. Unfortunately, some pastors and doctors avoid these discussions. We can champion this topic that most others want to avoid, and now we have a true, faith-based resource to help us help others.

*I’ll Have It God’s Way: A Christian’s Guide to End-of-Life Decisions*, is a six-session Bible study a Parish Nurse can lead in our own congregations. It is scripturally based, making it the only advance care planning tool I have seen that takes this approach. The big difference between other tools and *I’II Have It God’s Way* is this approach brings us face-to-face with our faith. Some people when faced with a bad prognosis realize that their faith is strong enough to face serious illness and frailty without fear. At the same time, as clinicians, we have seen the fear at the bedside, not only among patients afraid of death, but in family members so afraid that they cannot allow their loved one to leave in peace.

*I’ll Have It God’s Way* presents five central issues over the course of six weeks. Using a workbook, video and group discussion, participants grapple with the issues that have become stumbling blocks to a peaceful passing in today’s highly medicalized world:

1. Accept That We Are Not God, and We Will All Die.
2. Learn the Limits of Modern Medicine
3. Understand Our Healthcare Choices
4. Choose a Proxy and Provide Specific Instructions
5. Start Living in God’s Kingdom Now

In February I had the opportunity to participate in the class taught by the author Hattie Bryant and now I am planning to teach the course in my own congregation. Hattie’s call is to change the culture of death and dying in America one Christian family at a time. This study could change lives and has!! Seems like a call we can join.

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NOTE: You can pre-order the new edition that is coming August 1 from LifeWay or send your questions directly to author: hattie@authorhattiebryant.com or

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**September 2021 UPDATE from author Hattie Bryant:**

Dear Friends of *I'll Have It God's Way*,

I am hoping that this finds you well.

Good news! The 2nd Edition of *I'll Have It God's Way* is available here:

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B09FCFWLYG/ref=dbs\_a\_def\_rwt\_bibl\_vppi\_i1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B09FCFWLYG/ref%3Ddbs_a_def_rwt_bibl_vppi_i1)

This is now the only place to purchase as the first edition is sold out.

We have made many small edits and shifted some of the class discussion material to personal study so we can teach the classes in 60 minutes.

Please let me know 1) if you think the class can be offered at your church and 2) if you have friends who might want to take the class with me via Zoom.

With joy on this journey with you,

      Hattie

PS To those who want to teach this in your congregation...

You can order the books directly then let me know you are teaching and I'll send you my slides.

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