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words As a pastor and counselor Menz seeks to assist in making life meaningful and fulfilling to others and himself A Memoir of a Pastoral Counseling Practice takes us back to his service in Vietnam and his decision to join the ministry and brings us up to his recent travels with his wife Along the way we learn what he thinks about nice people anger snakes memory and stress during the holidays He offers us such nuggets as Sometimes one day at a time is 738 of a day too much I think that some come and go and have not been I think that you and I are words spoken by God in our own time An enjoyable and useful read for pastoral counselors chaplains and other clergy professionals as well as psychologists social workers professional counselors employee assistance professionals and educators A Memoir of a Pastoral Counseling Practice is perhaps most needed by the general reader who is searching for something meaningful in life Menz explains In a world of fast food and quick fixes shallow explanations for living and understanding have been offered socially psychologically relationally emotionally and spiritually This book attempts to flesh out simple solutions with limited yet mature and consistent thinking Even though the book is filled with meaningful humor the intent of this work is to provide a critical and serious approach to life s complexities Any accomplishment of this task I believe is strengthening to our local communities as well as to the community of God The Pastor's Family Harold G Koenig, Daniel L Langford, 2012-10-12 Describing the difficulties of balancing a career and family life The Pastor's Family The Challenges of Family Life and Pastoral Responsibilities is a personal narrative that discusses the all too familiar practice of neglecting your family for your job Pastors will learn the importance of balancing time and attention between their families and religious careers by exploring the problems caused by one pastor's prolonged absence from home Containing research and first hand experiences. The Pastor's Family calls for a change in ministry policies that will enable pastors to devote as much time to their families as they do to their congregations Containing stories and anecdotes from the author his wife and his two children this book offers suggestions on how to improve the physical emotional and spiritual health of a pastor s family The information and insight provided by The Pastor s Family will also help pastors wives realize that they are not alone in their demanding roles and will help church policymakers discover the need to improve relations between the congregation and the pastor s family With the hope that the universal problems of pastors families will be revealed the author shares with you methods that have helped bring him and his family closer together including understanding the expectations of the stereotypical superpastor and learning how to set boundaries between family life and career realizing that a pastor s family is subject to the same problems and challenges other families face and helping your family deal with this pressure learning the various definitions of codependency and how this can attribute to the neglect of your family discussing the history of abuse of pastors families through the Bible and famous religious figures recognizing the discrimination of a pastor s wife and her sufferings such as coping with her husband s various psychological challenges and being expected to always help her husband with his career discovering how conflicts can provoke communication release emotions identify and clarify problems and permit individualization understanding why

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