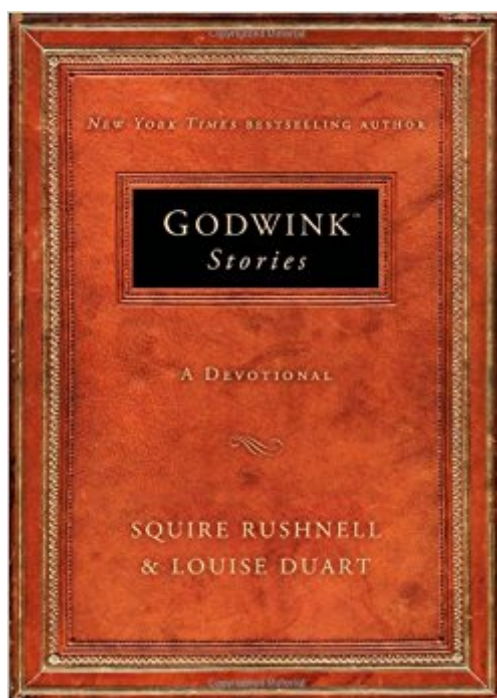


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# Godwink Stories: A Devotional (The Godwink Series)



## Synopsis

Building on the themes in his wildly popular book *GodWinks*, Squire Rushnell teaches how to seize certainty in uncertain times, enriching your career and relationships. Building on the themes in his popular book *When God Winks*, Squire Rushnell shares real-life stories that are certain to uplift and encourage you. The stories in this book reaffirm that godwinks happen to everyone. We just need to learn how to see them, allow them to unfold, and accept them as direct, person-to-person communications from God to each of us. As you'll see, those so-called coincidences that you'd been dismissing so easily really do mean something. And you need to pay attention. They are like unopened gifts that have been placed upon your doorstep. You will be amazed to read how every joy, every hurt, and every worry that happens to you has already been written about in the Bible. *Godwink Stories* simply draws upon the parallel between the stories of real people and God's wisdom in the scriptures. *Godwink Stories* can be read in various ways. You can read the book cover to cover. Or follow along each week for a year. It's also perfect to read for a pick-me-up story that fits your need of the day. Whether you're looking for encouragement in a time of need or a story that speaks of joy, there's a godwink story just for you. \*\*\* *Godwink Stories* offers weekly readings of godwinks and miracles to encourage and inspire you in every situation. These true stories "from ordinary people" provide Messages of "don't give up" • Heartfelt need for love and guidance Hope in the midst of medical crises • Just in time • moments Peace in times of sorrow Tender love stories Amazing answers to prayer

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## Customer Reviews

Squire Rushnell is a popular speaker and New York Times bestselling author whose books have coined the term "Godwink," now in mainstream usage. Within more than one million books in print, Squire's Godwink stories are a popular monthly feature on the NBC Today Show. He also appears frequently on several national television programs including Fox News Channel's Fox & Friends and recently was the cover story for CBS Sunday Morning. As a veteran ABC Television Network executive, he led Good Morning America to the number one spot and oversaw the acclaimed Schoolhouse Rock! series and the ABC Afterschool Specials. Programs under his direction have captured more than seventy-five Emmy Awards. For the 2017 season two Godwink movies are in pre-production for the Hallmark Channel.

ENCOURAGEMENT TIMES OF SORROW1 How Can I Shake My Unhappiness? Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. James 5:13 NIV Are you happy? Perhaps you'll say you have problems that prevent happiness such as: People are not treating you with respect. Or maybe you've been "unlucky"; born into a burdensome life. Does that sound like you? If so, you may ask, Why are those reasons for being unhappy justified for you, but not for others who are worse off than you? People in more lowly jobs than yours, with worse handicaps? Yet who greet each day whistling and smiling? Or how about those who are sitting in wheelchairs, unable to feed themselves, who nonetheless always have something cheerful to say and are never heard to blame their circumstances? If so, don't worry. These people have discovered a secret, but it's a secret that belongs to you as much as it belongs to them. It's this: happiness is not something you are bequeathed at birth, like wealth or poverty; it is not something you earn through hard work, like a college education; and it is not something given to you because of your dialect or skin color. Happiness is a state of mind that you choose for yourself. Being happy cannot be attributed to circumstances "though many try" and cannot be dependent on someone else "though many think it is. Happiness is something you can have, right now. Just by choosing. Your operator's manual "the Bible" says: When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. Ecclesiastes 7:14 NIV People who are happy have chosen to adopt an optimistic attitude and to approach every day in an intimate partnership with God. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24 NIV So ask yourself, "Am I happy?" If the answer is no, ask, "Do I want to be?" Janet Marie Withers wrote about a friend who was known for asking people that all-important question: \* \* \* Are Ya Happy? My dear friend Sebastian died in December. We worked together and

were best friends. Sebastian always used a personal greeting with me. Whenever he'd come by my desk, he would smile and say, "Are ya happy?" • The day I found out Sebastian had passed away, I was in shock. I left work and prayed for a sign from God that some essence of Sebastian would still survive, in spirit, and that somehow my grief could be heard. I had to mail a Christmas package. I didn't feel up to it but decided to go to the post office anyway. As I stood in line, a big man in front of me, about the size of Sebastian, turned and casually asked, "Are ya happy?" • I nearly fainted. I thought I hadn't heard him right. Fumbling for words, I finally spilled out: "I'm overwhelmed!" • He smiled gently, turned, and moved forward in line. I haven't heard that phrase used often, except with my dear Sebastian. It's not a typical greeting. I wanted to believe that, somehow, God and Sebastian were reaching out to me from beyond. I left the post office with a surreal feeling—still unconvinced, still holding on to my grief and pain; still shrugging it off as just a coincidence. Days later, my son and I were at McDonald's. An older woman chatted us up and then, suddenly, paused. She looked at me and said, "There's a book I sense you need." • She wrote the title and author's name on an envelope. I kept it until I got home. I was going to throw it away . . . not feeling like receiving any pep talks. But I kept it. On Christmas morning I opened a gift from my sister, Dorothy, and there it was—"that very book"—"When God Winks at You: How God Speaks Directly to You Through the Power of Coincidence, by Squire Rushnell. I excitedly showed my sister the note given to me by the woman I'd met at McDonald's. Now it all makes sense. It's a comfort to know that hearing Sebastian's phrase, "Are ya happy," was no coincidence: it was a godwink! Janet Marie Withers \* \* \* What a wonderful lesson from Janet. It makes us wish we all could have known Sebastian. He seems like the type of person who never wandered around telling everyone what a bad day he was having, what terrible things others were doing to him, or what a difficult hand he'd been dealt since birth. Instead, Sebastian chose to be happy. It was that simple. So can you. Sebastian was in sync with this teaching from the ancient Scriptures: I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. Ecclesiastes 3:12 NIV Today, decide for yourself whether you are going to look at the glass as half full or half empty. It's your choice. Yours and God's. And He wants your glass to be overflowing. Try being a Sebastian today. Are ya happy?

Last year, I purchased this book after reading a separate book my cousin sent me after my mom passed away. Over time, I started to get more of them. This book made such a big impact on me which although I lent it to someone & I didn't receive it back I obviously bought another one. The thing about buying it although you would think of it as out of impulse I never thought twice when I

did. There are truly moments from your life which causes you to reflect seriously on situations from your life.

This book explains in layman terms what has been happening most of my life. So glad to know so many others are just as fortunate!!

Haven't started it yet but it looks great!!

great book

You will not be able to put this book down. Very inspirational and you will feel better and notice things in your own life after reading it. There are other stories in a series of books by this author. After reading this book I purchased 2 others and liked them just as much.

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brilliant book shows the awesome power and love of God having had many of these Godwinks myself it was brilliant to see how God is at work in the lives of others. stay tuned and they will continue. we have a mind blowing God praise His glorious name God has shown me many times that nothing happens by chance. not even where we sit on a bus or in a cafe just stay tuned and watch God work in these situations which could seem like chance unless we are always tuned in

It was an interesting book and I am reading a chapter every day. Hope to get other Godwink books

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