

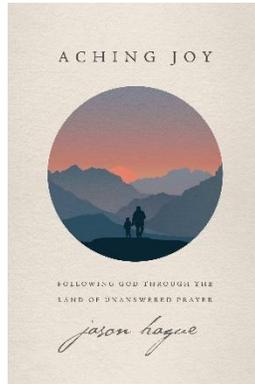
Interview Questions

Jason Hague, Author of *Aching Joy*



Jason Hague is an associate pastor at Christ's Center Church in western Oregon. He holds a bachelor's degree in Christian Ministry from Ecclesia College in Arkansas. He served with YWAM for eight years. He spent most of that time training international missionaries. He still occasionally travels to teach YWAM recruits. Jason blogs at JasonHague.com. He also blogs for the One Hope Network and for the foster care organization "Every Child of Lane County." He is a featured speaker for Restoration Ministries' flagship DVD and online course, "Rebuilding the Foundations of Life." Jason has been married to Sara for seventeen years. They have five children.

1. Can you tell us more about the irony of the title of your book, *Aching Joy*? What do you mean by that?
2. Writing a book that focuses on navigating pain and disappointment in the middle of life's trials and unanswered prayers comes from your own personal experience. Can you unpack your story a little bit for us, walking us through your journey and emotions and how your relationship and view of God has ebbed and flowed over that time?
3. You talk in your book about the biblical psalms of lament, and you encourage people to pray raw prayers, even if they are filled with anger. Why is that necessary?
4. Why should a Christian embrace pain? Shouldn't we choose joy instead?
5. In your book, you talk about how American Christians are often inept at dealing with pain. Why do you think that is?
6. What is the most important piece of encouragement you could offer someone who is parenting a child with severe autism?
7. How does someone find hope in God's goodness when they aren't able to find evidence of His goodness in their lives?
8. In your book, you talk about the freedom that is found in being transparent and real when we are disappointed by God's plan for our lives or when our prayers go unanswered. What does that look like? Why is it important to be transparent about how we feel in the midst of those times?
9. What is your hope for *Aching Joy*?
10. What do you hope readers take away as practical action steps after reading your book?



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