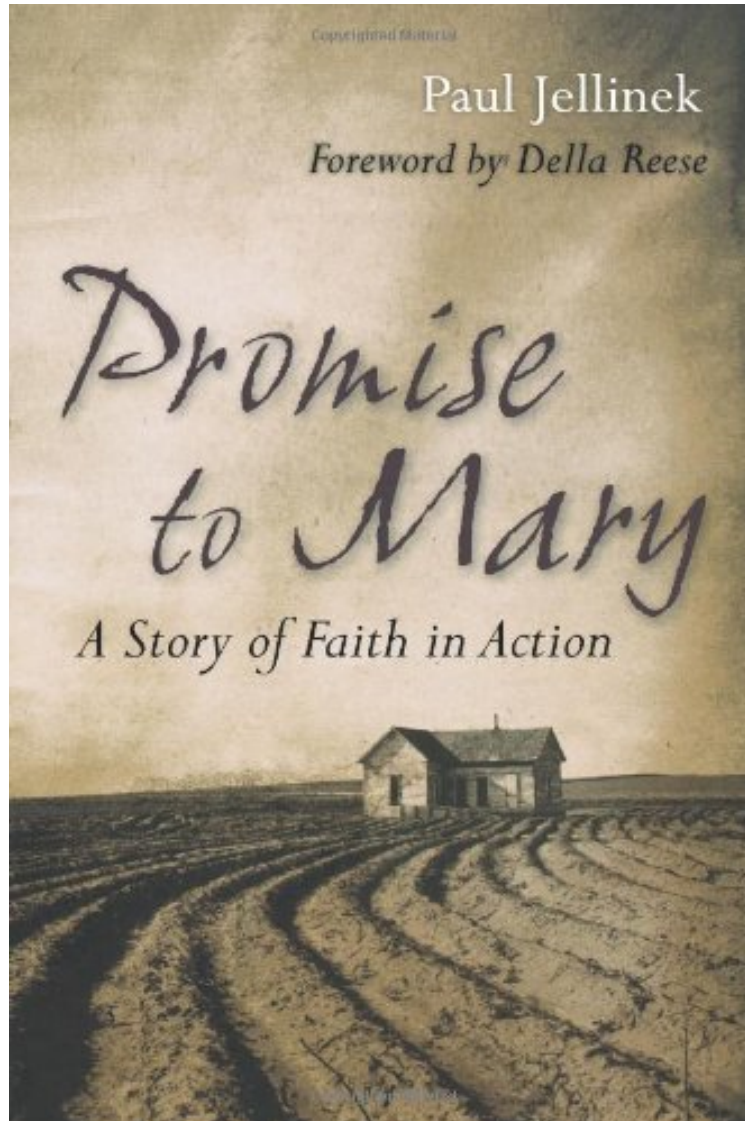


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Faith in Action By J Martin Jellinek First let me say that the author is my brother, so this is not a completely unbiased review. Promise to Mary the story of Faith in Action, a non-profit program that organizes communities to provide assistance to elderly or severely ill people throughout the country. The story of the program is told through the eyes of the care receivers, volunteers, local organizers, and finally the author (in his choice of which interviews to present). This book is a great resource for anyone who is involved in one-on-one

care, in either a pastoral or a lay situation. Faith is faith in the healing power of the individual to help others in need. This allows interdenominational participation within the program, which seems to be one of its greatest strengths. Faith in Action challenges us to put that faith into action - to become aware of those in need and to reach out with assistance in routine, daily tasks. The interviews in *Promise to Mary* are with a large range of people. Some of the most touching and meaningful are with a young ex-gang member in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and with the author's relative in Anchorage. Each of the interviews touches the soul and inspires the reader to reach out in ministry and faith to others.³ of 3 people found the following review helpful. "Promise to Mary" By Dave Lyke For an excellent and informative read on the organization "Faith In Action" this is a must. You will be taken on a tour of several programs that will warm your heart. I had a road atlas at hand as I read and I was his "shotgun" as I followed his trek for the sights, sounds, smells, anecdotes and conversations that were very moving. I was reminded of my own relationship with one who had MS and was bedridden for years. You will visit folks who are Care Givers to people that have no visits. You will meet the Directors who work many hours on the phone scheduling transportation to doctor appointments, shopping, and other needs for the homebound. I laughed, had some tears and identified with many of the situations he encountered. We have so many needy folks around the Country and this Book will challenge you to become a part of "people helping people". An army of volunteers that bring a ray of sunshine into lives that would otherwise remain forgotten. If you love people, you will love this book!² of 2 people found the following review helpful. To Be Read With Tissues By Bob Meister "Promise to Mary" is a collection of well written stories about people helping people. After I finished the book I immediately returned to re-read selected stories from all of Paul Jellinek's three journey's. The stories are touching and inspirational and are reminders that we can all be doing more for our neighbors, our parents and families. It amazes me that there are so many every day heroes found in places you would never expect to find them. It is also a strong testimony of the non-profit called Faith in Action as a valuable contributor to our society.

Here is the story of Faith in Action, the acclaimed nationwide grant program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that brings together Americans of all faiths to provide volunteer care and support to those in their communities who are confined to their homes because of a chronic health condition or disability. But this book is far more than simply an account of the Faith in Action program. Through a series of revealing in-depth interviews conducted in three very different parts of the country, *Promise to Mary* provides a unique and often profoundly moving glimpse into the lives of some of our most isolated and forgotten neighbors— as well as the remarkable volunteers, from all faiths and from all walks of life, who have come to their aid.

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