

## In the Face of Death

### Thielicke-Theologian, Preacher, Boundary Rider<CR>

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#### DESCRIPTION:

My theological work was always only a superstructure placed upon the experiences and sufferings of my life...

Helmut Thielicke

Thielicke's story is one of extraordinary circumstance. As a young man living through Germany's darkest hour, he was time and again put on the brink of death by sickness, Nazi oppression, and war, and these experiences left an indelible mark on his worldview.

Fabian F. Grassl's thoroughly researched study takes a fresh and original look at Thielicke's turbulent life through the lens of suffering and death, casting new light on one of the outstanding theologians, ethicists, and preachers of the twentieth century.

The reader is invited to explore a world of thought decidedly shaped by the 'eschatological existence' of an intriguing personality; a flawed human being like the rest of us, yet endowed with a fascinating theological prowess, taking his stand amongst Germany's major historical upheavals of the last century.

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