

Journey Through Grief

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Journey Through Grief: Surrender

Common Myths About Dealing with Grief:

- I) _____
- II) _____
- III) _____
- IV) Grief Just _____
- V) _____ For Others
- VI) _____

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled. Romans 15:4

¹⁶ David begged God to spare the child. He went without food and lay all night on the bare ground. ¹⁷ The elders of his household pleaded with him to get up and eat with them, but he refused. ¹⁸ Then on the seventh day the child died. David's advisers were afraid to tell him. "He wouldn't listen to reason while the child was ill," they said. "What drastic thing will he do when we tell him the child is dead?" ¹⁹ When David saw them whispering, he realized what had happened. "Is the child dead?" he asked. "Yes," they replied, "he is dead." ²⁰ Then David got up from the ground, washed himself, put on lotions, and changed his clothes. He went to the Tabernacle and worshiped the LORD. After that, he returned to the palace and was served food and ate. ²¹ His advisers were amazed. "We don't understand you," they told him. "While the child was still living, you wept and refused to eat. But now that the child is dead, you have stopped your mourning and are eating again." ²² David replied, "I fasted and wept while the child was alive, for I said, 'Perhaps the LORD will be gracious to me and let the child live.' ²³ But why should I fast when he is dead? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him one day, but he cannot return to me." ²⁴ Then David comforted Bathsheba, his wife, and slept with her. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The LORD loved the child ²⁵ and sent word through Nathan the prophet that they should name him Jedidiah (which means "beloved of the LORD"), as the LORD had commanded.

Steps of Surrender:

- I) _____ what cannot be changed.
 - A) 2 Samuel 12:22-23
 - B) Acceptance simply means I can't _____.
- II) _____ it's not the end of the story.
 - 2 Samuel 12:23b
- III) _____ of yourself.
 - 2 Samuel 12:20a
- IV) _____ on God through worship.
 - A) 2 Samuel 12:20b
 - B) I tried to understand all this, but it was too hard for me to see until I went to the Temple of God... Psalm 73:16-17a (NCV)
- V) _____ productive.
 - 2 Samuel 12:20c
- VI) _____ loving even in your pain.
 - A) 2 Samuel 12:24a
 - B) We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3:16