

Journey Through Grief

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Journey Through Grief: Sanctification

God's #1 purpose in your life is to
make you _____.

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. Romans 8:29

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. Ephesians 4:15

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, Colossians 1:15

We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. Colossians 1:15 (MSG)

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. Genesis 1:26

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22-23

Sanctification means to _____.

But I say, love your enemies!

Pray for those who persecute you! Matthew 5:44

To Make You Like Jesus, God Uses:

I) His _____.

A) It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

B) Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? 1

Corinthians 3:16

C) When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth... John 16:13a

II) His _____.

A) Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

B) Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. John 17:17

III) _____.

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)

IV) _____.

A) 2 Corinthians 4:8-18

B) Every problem has a _____.

C) I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33

D) Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. 1 Peter 4:12

E) The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. Psalm 34:18

F) And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. Romans 8:28-29

G) We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. Romans 5:3-4

H) And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him! Romans 8:17

How Should I Respond to the Problems of Life?

I) _____ that God's plan is good.

A) For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

B) You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. Genesis 50:20

C) When I am in pain, I don't focus on my _____, I focus on God's _____.

D) We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Hebrews 12:2

E) Remember that all pain is _____, but the reward is _____.

F) For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 2 Corinthians 4:17

II) _____ and give thanks.

A) Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

B) Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Philippians 4:4 (NIV)

C) "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. Luke 6:23 (NIV)

III) Third, _____ to give up.

For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. James 1:3-4