



Rooted in Scripture - Pointing to Jesus

CHRISTIAN LIVING

Grief, Loss, and Lament

Honest Sorrow Before the God Who Is Near

The Short Answer

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Psalm 13 • Psalm 34:18 • John 11:32-36 • Romans 8:18-25 • Revelation 21:1-5

Opening Memory Anchor

Grief is not faithlessness. God meets His people in sorrow and gives hope through the risen Christ.



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1. Start With the Truth

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2. What Scripture Reveals

God is near in sorrow, and tears are not wasted before Him.

Read the cited passages in context. Notice what they say about God's character, human need, and the hope offered through Jesus.

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3. Hold the Whole Story Together

The Bible gives neither shallow answers nor hopelessness. It tells the truth about a broken world while directing believers to God's presence, wisdom, mercy, and promised renewal.

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4. Jesus at the Center

Jesus meets people in their need. His death addresses sin; His resurrection establishes a hope stronger than suffering, failure, fear, and death. Christian response begins with belonging to Him.

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5. Avoid Common Distortions

A quick explanation, a forced smile, or “everything happens for a reason” can silence real grief.

A faithful reading refuses to use Scripture as a slogan, a weapon, or a shortcut around wise care.

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6. Walk Wisely With Others

God often provides care through the church, trusted friends, pastors, counseling, medical care, and practical support. Asking for help can be a faithful act of humility.

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Want to Go Deeper?

Read the key passages again and trace their context. Ask how the passage first speaks in its own setting before applying it personally.

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8. A Faithful Practice

Name one loss honestly before God; read a psalm of lament; let a trusted person know what you need.

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9. Prayer

Father, help me receive Your truth with honesty and hope. Give wisdom for the next faithful step, grace to receive help, and a deeper trust in Jesus. Amen.

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