

# Living in God's Blessing

Dealing with the Losses of Life

Inspired by "The Keys to a Blessed Life" by Rick Warren

Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the LORD in everything you do, and he will show you the right way. **Proverbs 3:5-6 (TEV)**

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **Matthew 5:1-4 (NIV)**

## Basics

- ☉ Grief is God's \_\_\_\_\_ Valve for your soul
- ☉ God doesn't expect you to \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_

When I kept things to myself, I felt weak deep inside me. I moaned all day long. **Psalm 32:3 (NCV)**

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven ... A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. **Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 (NLT2)**

**Blessed:** God's friendly approach to those who are open to receiving divine generosity. (The Complete Book of Everyday Christianity)

## Ways God comforts us

- ☉ God \_\_\_\_\_ to Himself
- ☉ God \_\_\_\_\_ with you
- ☉ God offers a \_\_\_\_\_ for support

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, and he saves those whose spirits have been crushed. **Psalm 34:18 (NCV)**

... God has said, "I will never abandon you or leave you."

**Hebrews 13:5 (GW)**

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted

**Luke 4:18 (TLB)**

But as they came closer to Jerusalem and Jesus saw the city ahead, he began to weep. **Luke 19:41 (NLT2)**

He [Jesus] was ... a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief... **Isaiah 53:3 (NLT2)**

Jesus started crying, and the people said, "See how much he loved Lazarus." **John 11:35-36 (CEV)**

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

**Romans 12:15 (NIV)**

So comfort each other and give each other strength **1**

**Thessalonians 5:11 (ICB)**

## Ways God comforts us

- God uses your \_\_\_\_\_ to help you \_\_\_\_\_
- God uses your pain to \_\_\_\_\_

God uses pain to get our \_\_\_\_\_ - Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways. **Proverbs 20:30 (TEV)**

God brings \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

Our pain \_\_\_\_\_ us for Eternity- These little troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing. Things that are seen don't last forever, but things that are not seen are eternal... **2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (CEV)**

He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. **2 Corinthians 1:4 (NLT2)**

Christ also suffered. He died once for the sins of all us guilty sinners although he himself was innocent of any sin at any time, that he might bring us safely home to God.  
**1 Peter 3:18 (TLB)**