

WHAT WE LEARN IN THE VALLEY

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I. Grief is Not the Absence of Faith; It is the Language of Faith

Psalm 13:1

Job 1:20

John 11:35

Lesson #1- You don't have to choose between faith and tears. Bringing your grief honestly to God is an act of faith, not a failure of it.

II. God Draws Nearest When We are Most Broken

Psalm 34:18

Psalm 23:4

Isaiah 49:16

Lesson #2- Grief is not evidence of God's absence; it can become the very place you discover His presence most vividly.

III. Grief is Not Meant to be Carried Alone

Matthew 5:4

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Job 2:13

Lesson #3: Although grief feels like the loneliest place in the world, it is designed by God to be carried in community.

IV.- Grief Reorders What We Value

Ecclesiastes 7:2

James 1:2-3

Lesson #4- Loss strips away the noise of life and clarifies what truly matters, teaching us to hold the temporary things loosely and the eternal things tightly.

V.- Grief Is Not the Final Word

1 Thessalonians 4:13

John 11:25

Revelation 21:4

Lesson #5: Grief is proof that we were made for a world without death; and the resurrection of Jesus guarantees that world for us is coming.