

Grief Will Turn to Joy – April 12, 2023

All have hard times. Don't understand them at the time, but we need them

- Discipline kids. "B/c I love you..." - Tim **Tebow** loss in 2008.
- Aspiring cartoonist – fired from Kansas City Star, Editor said he "lacked imagination and had no good ideas." **Walt Disney** went to Cal.
- Sec'y - fired for daydreaming too much. Severance pay supported her while finishing story about a teenage wizard named Harry Potter. **J.K. Rowlings**
- Loss of someone can lead to someone better.
 - **Psalm 119:71** – MSG – *"My troubles turned out all for the best - they forced me to learn from your textbook."*

Passover – Jn. 16 Jesus shares difficult news: He's going away, leaving them.

Jn 16:7 – "But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away."

- Good b/c the Holy Spirit will come. Voice of Truth
 - HS will convict of sin – sin is refusing to believe in Jesus.
 - HS will prove righteousness – available b/c Jesus goes Father.
 - HS will show judgment – b/c prince of this world now condemned
- **For Our Good** that Jesus is with the Father... He is our righteousness.
 - He is our High Priest. Pray in name of Jesus.
 - He is our intercessor.

Disciples take this news hard. Jesus can't tell them all He wants to say.

Jn 16:12 - *"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear."*

- Assures them: 1- the *H.S. will guide them into all truth.*
 - 2 -H.S. will speak only what He hears (words from God)
 - Just like Jesus. **John 14:24** – *"my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me."*
 - 3 -H.S. will tell you what is to come. (instinct)

In our difficult times, H.S. reminds us of truth - for our good.

- Losing that job... demotion... treated unfairly – be **for good.**
- Losing a relationship... that person you wanted... for **good.**
- Losing that house, property, vehicle... for **good.**
- All pain in our life has a purpose. All will be for good.

Rom. 8:28 – “we know that **in all things** God works for **the good** of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

- **John 16:20** – “Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.”
 - When does grief stop? When u know God’s truth & His promises.
 - Truth - stones still get rolled away. Healing happens.
 - Prince/World - already condemned; He’ll attack, try to hurt you, but he can’t hold you back.
 - **Psalm 68:6** – “God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.” God: restoration business
 - Some people may laugh now . . . but God gets final say.
 - Just ask Joseph. “You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good.” **Gen. 50:20.** Pit to Palace.

Too many are living in grief. Still sorrow. Neg attitude, no hope, hard heart. But when you know God’s truth, you can have hope for future.

- **Psalm 30:11** - “You turned my mourning into dancing; You peeled off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.”
- “Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.” (**Psalm 30:5**)
- Your condition right now is temporary, not permanent.
- God allows difficult things for us to learn lessons, become better.
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When you go thru difficult times, you need something to hold onto.

Verse for the hurting: “Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy.”

Psalm 126:5

- Keep looking to God, let hope in your heart. Don’t give up!
- God is using your situation for good. Good is coming. Don’t give up!
- Your morning is coming. Don’t give up.
- Let the Empty tomb of Easter reminds u - Joy comes in the morning.
- God turns things around. Jesus conquers all!

Song of the week – “Joy in the Morning” - Tauren Wells

5-3-23- “Restoration Reunion” – 21 days (3 weeks)