

Co-Suffering

God is emotional. And our emotions are a reflection of our heavenly Father’s.

Ecc. 3:4 - “a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,…”

Luke 6:21 – “Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.”

Luke 23:28 – At the Crucifixion-Jesus said “ **Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for your selves and for your children.**”

Psalms 137:1 – “By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.”

John 11:33 – “When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “**Where have you laid him?**” he asked. “Come and see, Lord” they replied. Jesus wept.

When have you experienced feelings that you knew were attributed to the Holy Spirit?

Empathize is to co-suffer. That’s how Jesus deals with our sin. He has been there.

Confession, Discovered

Confession is an invitation for God to come into our sinful life and show his unconditional love. The opposite is hiding from God as Adam and Eve did.

Do you find yourself sharing your struggles with God or hiding from him?

As we grow spiritually, we confess more to God, not less.

Naked Revival

The Moravian village Herrnhut, “The Lord’s Watch”, became a relief camp in 1722. It was filled with the Holy Spirit and experienced 100 years of prayer not due to prayer, but due to confession.

Have you stripped your fig leaf away before God?

Let the Bones You Have Crushed Rejoice - David

“The Voyage of the Dawn Treader” by C.S. Lewis – the dragon skin as our fig leaf

Psalms 51 – David after sinning - …”you do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”