# **I'm Grieving (Part 4) April 17, 2024**

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# I. Grief is...

1. Grief is sometimes caused by my own                               . Other times, it is simply a part of God’s             .

2. It is normally of the opposite of everything we thought we              and                         . David has been praying for healing, and has had his prayers answered prior.

3. Grief makes me do things that don’t                             .

4. Grief is also difficult for the                    around me. The servants did not know what was happening, as his actions seemed                            .

# II. Walking with Others through Grief

1. Understand that the person’s grief may be more                       than you understand.

2. Therefore, do not push grievers to get        too fast. David is not just grieving the death itself, but the fact that he knows its his own sin that caused it.

3. Recognize that the grief process has no                       or                       speed. It also denies a                    pace. (v. 20-21)

4. So do not create generalized                             for where someone should be in grief. People grieve differently, and they may              differently too.

# III. The Christian Griever’s Rationale

1. David comes to                 with the loss. We must all do this, though it will more than likely happen at different times.

2. David recognizes that he cannot              what God has willed.

3. David ends by saying that he may as well go on                    because what he lost won’t be coming back, but he will be going to where they are.

4. Verses 24-25 prove that God does not stop                    because we suffer loss. Grief is not the                       of God or His love. God blesses David and Bathsheba with a child that the LORD loves.

# IV. A Comforting Word

1. I am not                !

2. God loves me                    this traumatic experience.

3. God can and will still                 my life after this.