



Grief & Loss:
- a journey
of hope -

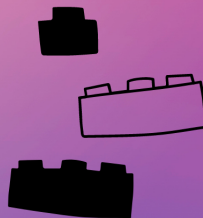
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12 'then'
stories for
your 'now'...



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WHAT DID JESUS HEAL

12 'THEN' STORIES FOR
MY 'NOW'...

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- #1 Oedema
- #2 Paralysis
- #3 Fever
- #4 Leprosy
- #5 Bleeding
- #6 Deafness
- #7 Dumbness
- #8 Seizures
- #9 Blindness
- #10 Deformity
- #11 Childhood illnesses
- #12 Damaged bodies



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Let's Talk

about when..



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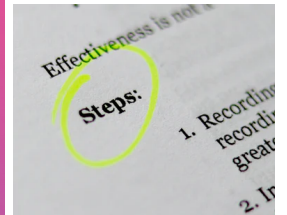
February 6th: The Authority of the believer Healing Processes in Luke

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Navigation:

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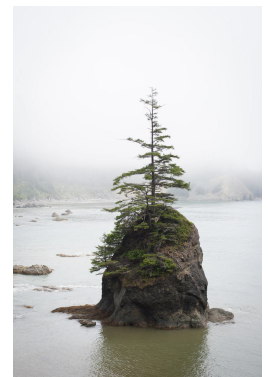
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Day One:

Programme:

- 10:00: Part 1 - **First things, first**
- 10:40: Break
- 10:50: Part 2 - **Assumptions and Losses**
- 11:20: Break
- 11:30: Part 3 - **There is a Difference**
- 12:00: Break
- 12:10: Part 4 - **Prayer Appointments / worship**
- 12:25: Part 5 - **A Disciple's Journey**
- 12:55: Close



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Day Two:

Programme:

- 10:00: Part 6 - **Theories of Grief and Loss**
- 10:40: Break
- 10:50: Part 7 - **Biblical Perspective**
- 11:20: Break
- 11:30: Part 8 - **Ministering in the place of Sorrow**
- 12:00: Break
- 12:10: Part 9 - **Prayer Appointments / worship**
- 12:25: Part 10 - **Holy Communion**
- 12:55: Close

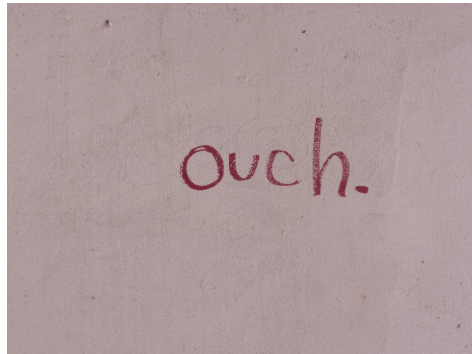


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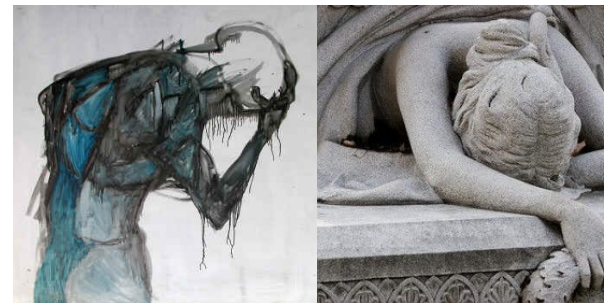
One: First things, first



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Grief and Loss – a human experience



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Meditation: Hebrews 4: 15-16

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet was without sin.

16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.



Meditation: John 11: 33-36

33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

34 “Where have you laid him?” He asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they answered.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”



Grief and Loss : a journey of hope

- Not exclusively about the process of bereavement but of all significant losses in life
- Not only THE process : but OUR process
- How we grieve our losses well
- How we journey with others
- How we live in the different seasons of life
- The things that shape our journey
- What else...?



A Biblical concepts

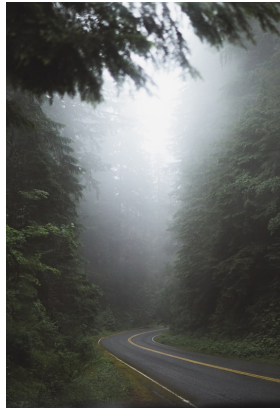
Death and Resurrection

The Eternal God

“Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”
- Ps 90:2



Grief and Loss – your journey



'Grief'

by John O'Donohue



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Two: Assumptions and Losses

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Assumptions



What assumptions do people make about those experiencing grief and loss?



Why do we make them?

What assumptions have you experienced or witnessed personally?



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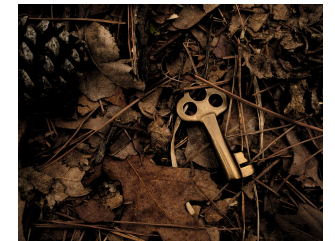
Our Losses...



•What may we 'lose' over the course of life?



•What have people lost specific to this COVID 'season'?



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Here and Now...

Heightened sense of anxiety and fear
Greater awareness of vulnerability
Deeper longing for security and peace
Stronger searching for meaning
Clearer understanding that life has changed
Acceptance that 'faith' is not irrelevant
Deep sorrowing
Profound loneliness
Erosion of hope



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Three:
There is a difference:
given up...taken away



Some 'things' we give up willingly

- Jesus – Jn 10:18 'I lay down my life...no one takes it from me' / 'greater love' / 15:13
- Paul - Phil 3:7 - I count everything as loss / for the sake of...



- Jim Elliot quote..."He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose!"



Some 'things' are taken from us

- Illness
- Death
- Redundancy
- Divorce
- Liberty
- Exile
- Other...



Some 'things' are taken from us

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. There on the poplars we hung our harps, for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign (strange) land?

(Ps 137:1-4)



Some 'things' are taken from us

Jeremiah 29

1 This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

4 This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:
5 "Build houses and settle down..."



Some 'things' are taken from us

Jeremiah 29

10 This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfil my good promise to bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,...



The Difference is...?

Knowing the difference between 'willing' and 'unwilling' losses, can help know how to respond appropriately

Otherwise we can create a false view of

- Life
- God
- Ourselves
- Others



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Part Four: Prayer and Ministry: 15 minutes of grace



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Five: A Disciple's Journey

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Luke 24:13 -17



A Disciple's Journey

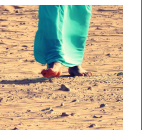


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Luke 24: 13 -17



¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast.



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Jesus draws alongside them

Pace – speed of travel

Pathway – directions of travel

Progress – lasting change

It is easy to make assumptions about other people's journey



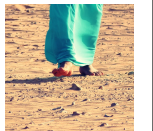
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Luke 24: 25-29

25 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.



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Luke 24: 30-35

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.



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A JOURNEY OF HOPE: Grief & Loss

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