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Man of Sorrows
Isaiah 53:3



Making Sense of Sorrow

Isaiah 53:3 (ASV), *He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and as one from whom men hide their face he was despised; and we esteemed him not.*

What is Sorrow?

Distress caused by loss, affliction, disappointment, grief or regret.

What Others Say About Sorrow

There is no university for a Christian like that of sorrow and trial.

– Charles Spurgeon

The true Christian reaction to suffering and sorrow is not the attitude of self-pity, fatalism, or resentment; it is the spirit which takes life's difficulties as a God-given opportunity and regards its troubles as a sacred trust and wears the thorns as a crown.

– James Stewart

While other world views lead us to sit in the midst of life's joys, foreseeing the coming sorrows, Christianity empowers its people to sit in the midst of this world's sorrows, tasting the coming joy.

– Timothy Keller

How to Make Sense of Sorrow

1. Sorrow is difficult to _____

Job 12:22, *He reveals the deep things of darkness and brings utter darkness into the light.*

2. Sorrow is _____

Job 5:7, *Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward.*

John 16:33, *I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*

3. Sorrow is _____ for believers

1 Peter 2:21, *To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

1 Peter 4:12-14, *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.*

4. Sorrow is _____

Psalms 119:71, *It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.*

2 Corinthians 1:9, *Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.*

5. Sorrow is _____

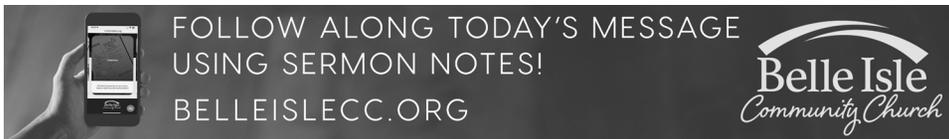
Romans 8:18, *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

2 Corinthians 4:8-10, *We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.*

6. Sorrow is not _____

Revelation 21:4, *“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death” or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.*

Psalms 30:5, *For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.*



In case you missed them...

Answers: 1. Understand 2. Unavoidable 3. Expected 4. Necessary
5. Life-Changing 6. Forever