



Christianity In Real Life

When Life Really Hurts
Luke 6:21b, 25b

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21b *Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.*

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25b *Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.*
(ESV)

1. Careful _____ (v.25b)

2. Cry _____ (v.21b)

3. Know _____ (v.21b)

4. Thank _____ (v.21b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **Isaiah 53:2-4**. What does this prophetic description of Christ do to help correct some of the distorted assumptions regarding Jesus as well as our expectations regarding the Christian life?
2. Read **Amos 6:4-8**. While Israel had sunk into extreme rebellion and debauchery the people described here didn't care or even begin to grieve the deplorable state of their society. What specific steps can you take to avoid this complacent detachment in your life?
3. Read **Ephesians 5:3-4**. What aspects of our society make this a challenging standard for Christians today?
4. Read **James 4:8-10**. Describe this process as you have experienced the conviction of sin in your own life.
5. Read **Isaiah 35:8-10**. How do these prophetic promises of God impact your current attitude as well as your fortitude?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

November 24th
Ezk.32-33 & 1Pt.1
November 25th
Ezk.34-35 & 1Pt.2
November 26th
Ezk.36-37 & 1Pt.3
November 27th
Ezk.38-39 & 1Pt.4
November 28th
Ezk.40 & 1Pt.5
November 29th
Ezk.41-42 & 2Pt.1
November 30th
Ezk.43-44 & 2Pt.2
December 1st
Ezk.45-46 & 2Pt.3

Audio and video recordings of today's sermon will be available on the Compass Bible Church website (CompassChurch.org). The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

- Msg. # 13-25 – **Sorrow & Profound Celebrations**
- Msg. # 10-15 – **Why Being Heavenly-Minded Does a World of Good**
- Msg. # 07-28 – **Recognizing & Responding to God's Correction**
- Msg. # 03-35 – **Avoiding the High Costs of Selfishness**
- Msg. # 10-07 – **Thinking Rightly About Sin & Holiness**
- Msg. # 11-02 – **A Radically Different Identity**
- Msg. # 02-22 – 02-23 **When Life Takes a Left Turn** (a two-part series on suffering)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Alcorn, Randy. **Heaven**. Tyndale House Publishers, 2004.
- Bonar, Horatius. **Night of Weeping: When God's Children Suffer**. Christian Focus Publications, 1999.
- Carson, D. A. **How Long O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.
- Elliot, Elisabeth. **A Path Through Suffering**. Servant Publications, 1990.
- Flavel, John. **Sinful Speech**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 2009.
- Johnson, Barbara. **Stick a Geranium in Your Hat and Be Happy**. Word Publishing, 1990.
- Lewis, C.S. **A Grief Observed**. HarperOne, 2001.
- Mahaney, C. J., et al. **Worldliness: Resisting the Seduction of a Fallen World**. Crossway, 2008.
- Robinson, Haddon. **Grief: Comfort for Those Who Grieve and Those Who Want to Help**. Discovery House, 2009.
- Swindoll, Charles. **For Those Who Hurt**. Zondervan, 1977.
- _____. **Laugh Again**. Word Publishing, 1991.
- Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Heaven: Your Real Home**. Zondervan, 1997.
- Venning, Ralph. **The Sinfulness of Sin**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1997.
- Wiersbe, Warren, ed. **Classic Sermons on Suffering**. Kregel Publishing, 1984.
- Wilson, Doug. **Joy at the End of the Tether: The Inscrutable Wisdom of Ecclesiastes**. Canon Press, 1999.