

# Romans 12:15

## Sympathy

KSN [rejoice, weep / rain, path, baby]

### 1) Sympathy's Full Range

### 2) The Sympathy of God

#### a) God is Sympathetic

- Exodus 2:24-25, 3:7
- Deuteronomy 4:31
- Luke 15:6-7, 9-10

#### b) Jesus is Sympathetic

- Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:15-16
- John 11:33-36
- Luke 10:17-24; Matt 16:15-17

### 3) What does Sympathy Require?

#### a) A New Identity

- 1 Cor 12:24-27
- Hebrews 13:3

#### b) Knowledge of Others

- Observation & Time
- Hard Work

#### c) Self Control

### Praxis

1. What is the connection between congregational singing and sympathy? How might remembering this connection impact your singing?
2. Beyond rejoicing & weeping, what other emotional responses might you enter into with others?
3. Often men struggle to relate emotionally with others... What are some of the causes of men being hesitant to share their "inner life"? What might help crack this nut?