



Revolutionary Grief
Matthew 5:4 (page 736)

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Grief is the way _____ people respond to a
_____.

1. Grieve your _____.

Significant Losses

- Move to a new community
- Transfer schools or job
- Having a child (less freedom)
- Getting married
- Children moving out
- Aging
- Close friend or child gets married
- Friends move away
- Small group multiplies or ends
- Change in church staff
- Change in cherished ministries
- Pet dies
- Retirement

Devastating Losses

- Death of a child, spouse, family member or friend
- Mental or physical disability
- Family disintegration
- Divorce
- Loss of a job
- Spousal infidelity
- Cancer or other major illness
- Loss of innocence
- Infertility
- Miscarriage
- Shattering of a lifelong dream
- Loss of faith

2. Grieve your _____.

3. Grieve _____ in the world.

Yet we can be comforted because...

- There is _____.
- Sin can be _____.
- A _____ is coming.

Digging Deeper

1. Describe one significant loss you have experienced. How has it shaped who you are today?
2. Read Matthew 5:4 in multiple translations.
3. Which one of the following might God be inviting you to grieve today?
 - A recent loss
 - My sin
 - Injustice in the world
4. Read John 11:32-37. Why did Jesus take time to weep over an event he was about to fix?
5. How do the following sources of comfort revolutionize your grief?
 - There is life beyond the grave
 - Sins can be forgiven
 - A better world is coming