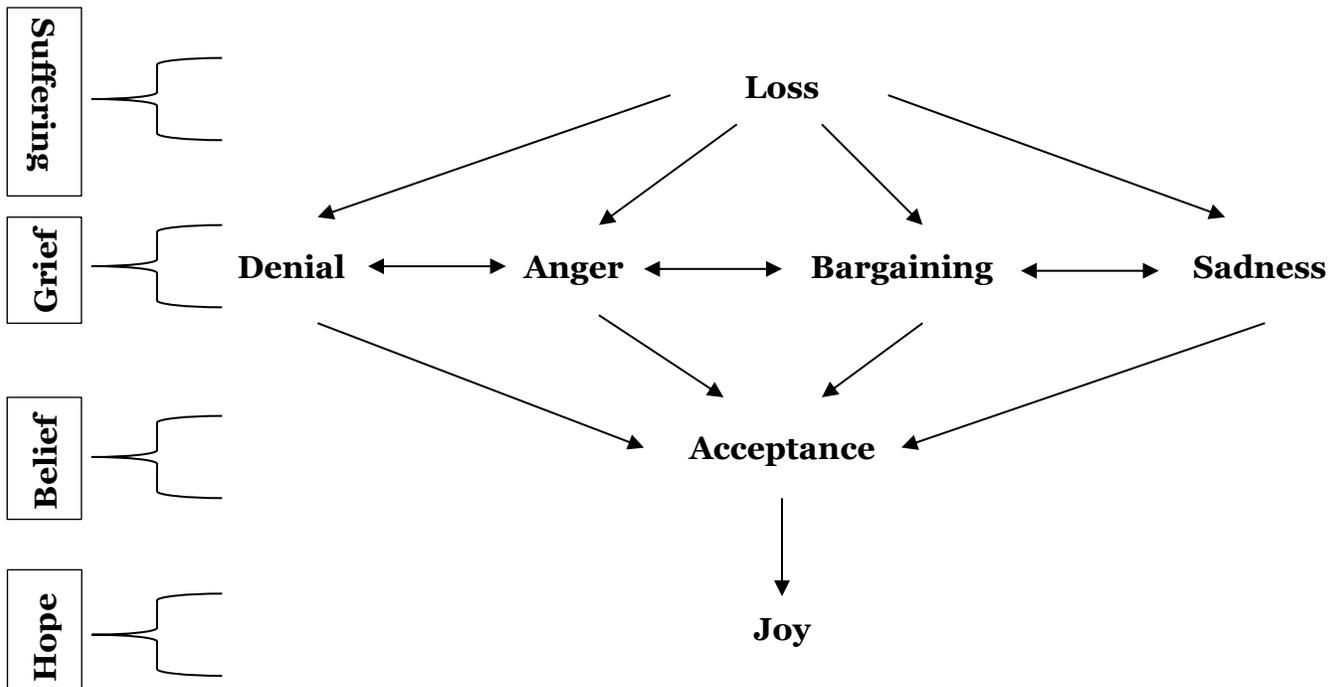


What Would Jesus NOT Do? – Week 3
He Would Not Grieve Hopelessly
John 11

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that **you do not grieve** like the rest of mankind, **who have no hope**. ¹⁴ For we **believe** that Jesus died and rose again, and so we **believe** that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him... ¹⁷ And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore **encourage one another** with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 17-18

When we lose something or someone valuable, we respond in any number of these four ways:



(1) Jesus feels _____ in loss

¹ Now a man named **Lazarus was sick**. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one **you love** is sick.” ⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for **God’s glory** so that God’s Son may be **glorified** through it.” ⁵ Now Jesus **loved** Martha and Mary and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, **he stayed** where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” ⁸ “But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried **to stone** you, and yet you are going back?”

John 11:1-8

⁴⁰ Then Jesus went back **across the Jordan** to the place where John had been baptizing. ⁴¹ There he stayed, and **many people** came to him. And they said, “Though John never performed a sign, all that John said about this man was true.”

⁴² And in that place **many believed** in Jesus.

John 10:40-42

(2) We _____ one another

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for **four days**. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary **to comfort** them in **the loss** of their brother.

John 11:17-19

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Romans 12:15

(3) Jesus _____ so we can _____ on him

²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, **she went** out to meet him, but **Mary stayed** at home. ²¹ “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who **believes** in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you **believe** this?” ²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I **believe** that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

John 11:20-27

³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, **comforting** her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb **to mourn** there. ³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her **weeping**, and the Jews who had come along 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 replied. ³⁵ **Jesus wept**. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸ Jesus, once more **deeply moved**, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

John 11:33-39

(4) Jesus is our _____ because we are his _____

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you **believe**, you will see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may **believe** that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” ⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, **believed** in him.

John 11:40-45

“Here is this man performing many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will **believe** in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.”... ⁵³ So from that day on they plotted to take his life. ⁵⁴ Therefore Jesus no longer moved about **publicly** among the people of Judea...”

John 11:47b-54a

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² **fixing** our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For **the joy** set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will **not grow weary** and **lose heart**.

Hebrews 12:1b-3