

How God Blesses The Brokenhearted

Living Like A King #3
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Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4 (NIV)

Sorrow is even better than laughter, because when our face is sad, our heart becomes good.

Ecclesiastes 7:4 (ERV)

What kinds of things should I mourn?

- The **bad things that happen to me.** Job 1:20
- The **good things that don't happen to me.** Proverbs 13:12
- The **sinful things I do.** Psalm 38:18
- The **suffering of others.** Romans 12:15
- The **people who are lost.** Luke 19:41

How does God comfort me?

1. God draws me close to himself.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, and He saves those who spirits have been crushed.

Psalms 34:18 (NCV)

I will never leave you and I will never abandon you.

Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)

2. God grieves with me.

(Jesus) He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.

Isaiah 53:3 (NLT)

When Jesus saw Mary crying and the people with her crying too, he was very upset and deeply troubled...³⁵ Jesus cried.

John 11:33, 35 (ERV)

The LORD has sent me to comfort those who mourn,³ especially in Jerusalem. He sent me to give them flowers in place of their sorrow, olive oil in place of tears, and joyous praise in place of broken hearts.

Isaiah 61:2-3 (CEV)

3. God gives me my church family for support.

In the same way, even though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other.¹⁰ Be devoted to each other like a loving family.¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy. Be sad with those who are sad.

Romans 12:5,10,15 (GWT)

So comfort each other and give each other strength.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ICB)

4. God uses my grief to help me grow.

... your sorrow made you change your lives. You became sad in the way God wanted you to...¹⁰ The kind of sorrow God wants makes people change their hearts and lives. This leads to salvation, and you cannot be sorry for that. But the kind of sorrow the world has brings death.

2 Corinthians 7:9-10 (NCV)

5. God gives me the hope of heaven.

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.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NIV)

Our hearts ache, but at the same time we have the joy of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 6:10a (LB)

6. God comforts my pain to help others.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

Our hearts ache, but at the same time we have the joy of the Lord. We are poor, but we give rich spiritual gifts to others.

2 Corinthians 6:10a (LB)