

The Road Less Traveled

Part 3:

Keep Your Kleenex Handy

“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.”

Matthew 5:4

John 11:17-35
(p. 936 or p. 1039)

The Root of Sorrow

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“When sorrows like sea billows roll...”

1. Personal Loss -- death of loved one, divorce, loss of job, serious illness, injury, shattered dreams, loss of home, security, trust, etc.

2. Suffering of Others -- Walking with or witnessing others going through loss

The root cause of all suffering: SIN

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation.”

--2 Corinthians 7:10



The Comfort of Christ

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted ...
to comfort all who mourn.” --Isaiah 61:2-3

Jesus Brings Hope

“I AM the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.” --John 11:25

“I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” --John 11:27

Jesus Shows Compassion

“He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. Jesus wept.” --John 11:33,35

He “carried our sorrows.” --Isaiah 53:4



The Promise of the Future

“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” --John 16:33

How to lean in to the promised future

- Confession of Sin
- Commitment to Justice
- Compassion for Others
- Courage to Face Tomorrow

“Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.” --Psalm 30:5

**“God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”
–Revelation 21:4**

