GRIEVING WITH HOPE

John 11:1-46

Big Idea: I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.

1. Grief reminds us that God calls us into
³ "So the sisters sent <i>word</i> to Him, saying, 'Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.'"
Job 14:5 "Since his days are determined, The number of his months is with You; And his limits You have set so that he cannot pass."
Philippians 3:10-11 "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead."
2. We can grieve with hope because
²⁵ "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die."
1 Corinthians 15:25-26 "For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death."
Luke 10:20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."
3. In our grief,
³³ "When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her <i>also</i> weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, ³⁴ and said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to Him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus wept."
Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted And saves those who are crushed in spirit."
Psalm 73:26 "My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."
4. Grief sharpens our calling to the
$^{\rm 45}``Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him."$
2 Corinthians 5:18-19 "Now all <i>these</i> things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

James 4:14 "Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away."

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