



## Read

2 Corinthians 5:17 NASB

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new thing

Job 1:13-2:8

## Review

**In fact, the true spiritual life is not an escape from reality  
but an absolute commitment to it.**

### **Biblical Grieving from Job**

- 1. Pay *Attention* (Job 3:3-4, 6:2-4)**
- 2. Wait in the *Confusing In-Between* (Job's friends)**
- 3. Embrace the *Gift of Limits* (John the Baptist: John 3:26-27)**
- 4. Climb the *Ladder of Humility* (Job 42, Matthew 5:3-9)**
- 5. Let the *Old Birth the New..... in His time***

**The central message of Jesus is that suffering and death bring resurrection and transformation.**

## RESPONSE

### 1. Feel, Pay attention, and Embrace

### 2. Salvation

### Psalm 37:7

# Reflect

Horatio Stafford's story of how (and where) he came to write "It is Well with My Soul" is worth knowing. His words bring comfort to all of us.

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea-billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

If all you know of scripture is what you see on Pinterest, you may be surprised at how few 'feel-good' stories are in the Bible. The Old Testament heroes have many tears, much sorrow, and more drama than can be imagined. The New Testament martyrs and early church founders dealt with defeat and confusion.

What's the deal with that? Doesn't following God's word make your life easier? Spoiler: it does not. However, rest assured, life as a Christ-follower is never boring. We face reality as directly as our Savior did: we love fully, we mourn fully, and we pray continuously.

1. C.S. Lewis wrote: "we should bring to God WHAT IS in us, **not** WHAT OUGHT TO BE in us." Don't you hate that word 'ought'? You ought to be further along in your career, you ought to be married, you ought to be out of debt..... there are a whole lot of OUGHTS in the world. Call out one of your 'oughts' and shine the light on it.

2. How can a loss bless us?

3. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed about His upcoming suffering and death. He prayed "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39) What a beautiful, perfect picture of Christian submission: I'm scared but let's go! Where is God leading you in His will?

As you pray this week, know that your sorrows are dear to God and that your Heavenly Father's grace shines bright. You are seen, you are known, and you are not alone.