

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU LOSE A FRIEND

1. KNOW THAT GOD WEEPS WHEN WE HURT

Jesus wept. John 11:35 (NKJV)

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit... John 11:33 (NIV)

2. LEARN TO FOCUS YOUR ANGER IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." John 11:21 (NLT)

When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." John 11:32 (NLT)

But some said, "This man healed a blind man. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?" John 11:37 (NLT)

- Anger is one of the predictable stages of grief (Kubler/Ross)

1. Denial & Isolation
2. Anger
3. Bargaining & Guilt
4. Sadness/Depression
5. Acceptance

And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:32 (NLT)

When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled... Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. John 11:33, 38 (NLT)

After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. 1 Corinthians 15:24–26 (NLT)

3. REMEMBER THAT DEATH IS NOT THE FINAL WORD

Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again." "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" John 11:23–26 (NLT)

ONE KEY TAKEAWAY

From this message, what is the one key takeaway you will apply to grow your faith?