

When Life Hurts

Luke 7:11-17

Introduction:

- A. Life is filled with much heartache and pain.
- B. Some people believe Christians will never experience deep pain like those who are not Christians. Many saints throughout scripture experienced deep pain and darkness (Job, prophets, apostles, etc.).
- C. Jesus promised that in this life we would experience trouble (Jn. 16:33).

God Sees and Knows Your Pain.

- A. Jesus saw the woman and her pain (v. 13). This woman was a widow who was burying her only son.
- B. Throughout his ministry we see Jesus feeling compassion for the hurting (Mt. 9:36; 14:14).
- C. God is near the brokenhearted (Psa. 34:18; 147:3). He doesn't forget us in our pain (I Sam. 1:10-20).

Many People Care About You.

- A. There was a considerable crowd from the town with the grieving mother (v. 12; Jn. 11:19, 33-35).
- B. God's Word places a great importance on family and friends (Gen. 2:18; Eccl. 4:9-12).

God Can Do What No One Else Can.

- A. Jesus had compassion on this woman even though she hadn't asked for help (vs. 13-15). We only see a few occasions where Jesus helped someone who did not ask (Lk. 13:10-13; 22:50-51; Jn. 9).
- B. Peter said we should cast all our cares upon Him because He cares for us (I Pet. 5:7).
- C. We must believe God can do amazing things in our lives (Mk. 5:28; 6:56; Jn. 11:21-22, 32). God is bigger than anything we will ever face.

Pain and Suffering will Not Last Forever.

- A. Jesus healed the pain and suffering of this grieving mother (v. 15).
- B. As Christians, we do not grieve as those who have no hope (I Thess. 4:13-18).
- C. One day there will be no more pain or sorrow because all things will be made new (Rev. 21:4-5).

Conclusion:

- A. If you are hurting this morning, I want you to know that God sees your pain and cares for you.
- B. God will provide love and comfort for us through the people He brings into our lives and through His glorious Word and the promises we have to look forward to.