
Acts 2:14 Then **Peter** stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ...

Acts 2:36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Mourning leads to comfort!

Mourning #1: mourning over loss.

Psalms 34:18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. (Psalm 147:3)

Mourning #2: mourning when people disappoint you.

Isaiah 51:12 "I, even I, am he who comforts you. Who are you that you fear mortal men, the sons of men, who are but grass,"

Mourning #3: mourning over perceived failure.

Psalms 30:5 For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Mourning #4: mourning over personal sin: repentance.

Isaiah 52:9 Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

Key: Page 1: loss. Page 2: disappoint. failure. Page 3: brokenness.

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Mourning: 4 Doors to Finding God

Signpost #2

Matthew 5:4; April 27, 2014

2 Roads

Matthew 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it."

Matthew 7:14 "But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Signpost #2

Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Mourning #1: over _____.

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Eccles. 3:4 ...a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance...

*1 Thess. 4:13 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, **who have no hope.***

*2 Cor. 6:10 ... **sorrowful, yet always rejoicing**; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.*

Mourning #2: when people _____ you.

Jeremiah 17:5 This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD."

(See also: Prov. 29:25; Psalm 118;9; Isaiah 2:22)

Mourning #3: over our " _____ "

*2 Cor. 7:10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings **death.***

"Death" –

Matthew 27:3 When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders.

⁴ *"I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."*

⁵ *So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.*

Mourning #4: repentance/ _____.

2 Cor. 7:10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

"Brings repentance":

"Leads to salvation."

"Leaves no regret."

Luke 22:59 About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

⁶⁰ *Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed.*

⁶¹ *The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times."*

⁶² *And he went outside and wept bitterly.*
