

Comfort One Another

Life to Life – Part 7

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1 Thessalonians 4:18 (NASB)

“Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (ESV)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

We avoid those suffering because...

- **We don't want to say the wrong thing.**
- **We also don't know what to do with grief.**
- **We don't want to offer false hope – so we offer no hope at all.**
- **Death reminds us of our own mortality.**

So how do we comfort one another?

- **Presence Before Proclamation**
- **Promises About Eternity**

Revelation 21:4 (ESV)

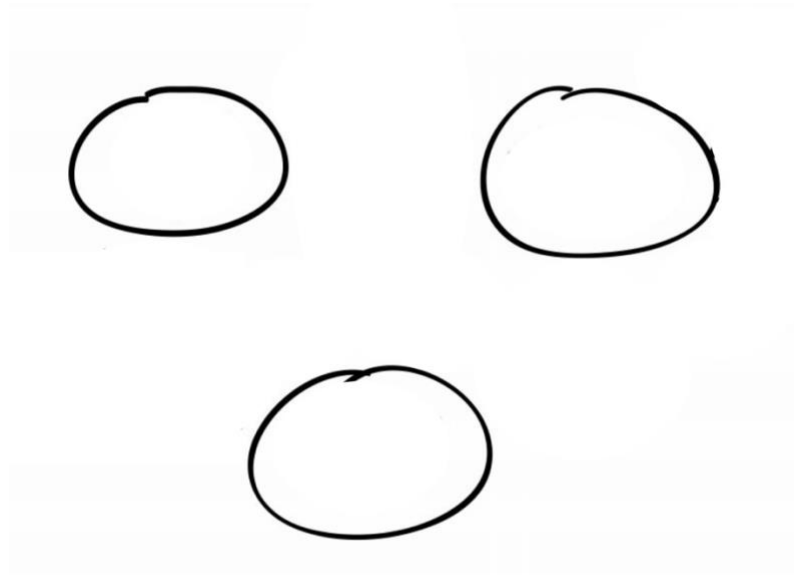
“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Truths About Eternity

- **We Will Be with the Lord Forever**
 - 1 Thess. 4:17, John 14:2-3, Phil 1:23
- **We Will Receive Resurrected, Glorified Bodies**
 - Phil 3:20-21, 1 Cor. 15:42-44, 1 John 3:2
- **We Will Be Reunited with Believers Who Have Died**
 - 1 Thes 4:13-18
- **Death Will Be Gone Forever**
 - Rev 21:4, 1 Cor 15:54, Hebrews 2:14
- **Suffering, Pain, and Grief Will End**
 - Rev 21:4, Isaiah 25:8, Romans 8:18
- **We Will Live in a New Heaven and New Earth**
 - Rev 21:1, 2 Peter 3:13, Isaiah 65:17
- **Sin Will Be Gone Forever**
 - Rev 21:27, Heb 12:23, Eph 5:27

Our hope for eternity is rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

3 Circles



My Next Step for Today Is To...

- ☐ If you have not made Jesus the Lord or Boss of your life, make that decision this week. Talk to one of our pastors or write it on your connection card – we would love to talk to you about what it means to follow Christ.
- ☐ Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 this week. Ask God to bring to mind someone who needs comfort, and then intentionally reach out to comfort and encourage them this week.
- ☐ Spend some time this week studying the promises of eternity we looked at today. Ask God to deepen your eternal perspective so that you're prepared to face suffering, hardship, and loss with hope.
- ☐ Memorize and practice sharing the Three Circles Gospel presentation so that you'll be ready to share the hope that you have in Christ whenever God gives you the opportunity (1 Peter 3:15).