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Day 1: Jesus Wept

Scripture: "Jesus wept." John 11:35

Jesus could have walked into Bethany and raised Lazarus without shedding a single tear. But He didn't. He entered into the grief of those He loved. He stood in the middle of their sorrow, and He wept. Jesus didn't rebuke their tears; He joined them.

Reflection:

You are not alone in your sorrow. The Savior who conquered death also grieved it. He understands. And He's with you now.

Prayer:

Lord, thank You that You are not distant from my pain. Thank You for weeping. Help me see that I am never alone in my grief.

Day 2: The God Who Collects Tears

Scripture: "You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?" Psalm 56:8

God doesn't overlook your pain, He records it. He gathers every tear, treasures every cry, and promises that none of it is wasted.

Reflection:

Your grief matters to God. You are not forgotten. Every tear is a prayer He understands, even when you have no words.

Prayer:

Father, thank You that even when I feel alone, You are nearby. You see me, You hear me, and You care deeply.

Day 3: A Season, Not a Destination

Scripture: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5

Grief is real. But it's not meant to be forever. It's a night, a dark one, yes, but one with a morning. In Christ, we can grieve with hope.

Reflection:

Grief is a valley, not a home. It's okay to feel sorrow, but God's mercies will greet you with the morning sun.

Prayer:

Lord, I don't want to stay stuck in grief. Help me trust that joy will return. Even now, I lift my eyes toward morning.

Day 4: He Is Near

Scripture: "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

When your heart feels shattered, God does not retreat, He draws closer. He doesn't tell you to pull yourself together. He comes and holds the pieces.

Reflection:

When your spirit is crushed, God promises His presence.

Prayer:

Jesus, hold me close today. Be near in the silence. Remind me that You are here.

Day 5: Grief with Purpose

Scripture: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Grief opens our hearts to eternal comfort. It reminds us of the brokenness of this world and causes us to long for a Kingdom where death is no more.

Reflection:

Grief can point us to the One who is preparing a place where mourning will never return.

Prayer:

God, use my grief to shape me. Turn my eyes to the hope of heaven, where You will wipe every tear.

Day 6: It's Time to Get Up

Scripture: "How long will you grieve... Fill your horn with oil, and go..." 1 Samuel 16:1

God didn't rebuke Samuel for grieving. But there came a point where the Lord said, "It's time to move forward." Not to forget, but to obey again.

Reflection:

Grief can turn into a place of hiding. But God still has plans for you, good works prepared in advance. He calls you forward.

Prayer:

Father, give me the strength to take the next step. I want to honor You in my sorrow and walk in obedience again.

Day 7: Held Until Morning

Scripture: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me." Psalm 23:4

You're not walking through this valley alone. Your Shepherd walks beside you. He protects. He comforts.

Reflection:

There will be moments when you feel like you can't move. That's okay. He will carry you. You are not alone.

Prayer:

Good Shepherd, I am tired. I am broken. Thank You for walking with me. Carry me through this valley and lead me toward peace.
