

## THINGS GOD WANTS US TO KNOW

### Scriptures

Sorrow and grief are never easy - the bible tells us that Jesus wept many times. Even in sorrow, distress and grief, God can teach us some great truths. What is it that God wants us to know:

#### 1. God wants us to know that He still loves us.

- Sometimes it is easy to know that God loves us when things are going well.
- When a tragedy strikes, we sometimes wonder if God does still love us.
- How can God love us and let death and sorrow come to us?

#### 1. The Bible tells us that it is God's very nature to be loving at all times.

- 1 Jn. 4:8 tells us that God is love.
- God's love for us never changes though the circumstances man.

#### 2. The problem isn't that God doesn't love us but our understanding is limited.

- God is forever, we are limited in years.
- God sees everything at once - we see only a tiny part at a time.
- God's ways are not our ways and His plans are always the best eventually.

#### 3. We can always turn to God and know that what He does is always right.

#### 4. In our sorrow it may seem that God's love is far away.

- The Bible reminds us that He does love us all the time.
- Jesus went through an earthly life and experienced every thing we do, so He is very familiar with what you are feeling right now.

#### 5. In our sorrow, God wants us to know that He still loves us and cares how we feel.

### 2. God wants us to learn something about this life:

#### 1. God wants us to remember that our life is a gift from Him.

- Only God knows how long any of us will live.
- Just think for a moment at the life spans of those you have know in your life - some lived many years, some not so many, some a few days, etc.
- All of us are but a heart beat from life to death and then into eternity.

#### 2. God wants us to know something else about life:

- It is a time of preparation - preparation for eternity after our death.
- God tells us that there is an eternal life after our life is over here.
- The purpose of our life here is to prepare for the life that will live on forever.

### 3. God wants us to learn something about what He has provided for us:

1. What your loved one has been going through (sickness and aging) shows that we are helpless and need to turn to God for comfort.
2. God doesn't always heal us when we cry out for healing, but He does promise a place for us who accept His gift of eternal life through His Son, Jesus.
3. One thought throughout the entire Bible is that God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to make a way for us to be with Him.

### CONCLUSION: Jn.3:16 a summary of God's love and provision for us.

- Life is short - it is a time of preparation for eternity - God has a place waiting for us when this life is over IF we follow His directions: John 3:16.