

Hope for All Pt. 3

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The Christmas season is an amplifier. It has the ability to amplify our joy, but it also has the ability to amplify our sorrows. However, God has provision to comfort us in our all of our sorrows.

Psalm 46:1 - God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

There are 2 sources of seasonal sorrow.

1. *Things we can change*

These can include feeling meaningless, having poor relationships, or not feeling connected to God.

Philippians 1:6 - being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

How does he bring it to completion?

Mark 4:26-29 - He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed or the Word of God on the ground of his heart. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain — first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Our job is to plant the seed and to let the seed keep growing, realizing the seed produces the harvest. Problems and issues in our lives are solved at the seed level.

2. *Things we cannot change*

This can include the death of a loved one.

I Thessalonians 4:13 - And now, dear brothers, I want you to know what happens to a Christian when he dies so that when it happens, you will not be full of sorrow, as those are, who have no hope.

Philippians 1:21 - For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

II Corinthians 5:8 - We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

John 11:25-26 - Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Revelation 21:4 - And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."