

WHEN A FRIEND IS DYING

Helping Friends Through Tough Times - Part 3

Psalm 89:48 (NLT) “No one can live forever; all will die. No one can escape the power of the grave.”

HOW SPIRITUALLY UNPREPARED PEOPLE REACT

Stage One: _____ - “This isn’t happening to me.”

Psalm 55:4 (NCV) “I am frightened inside; the terror of death has attacked me.”

Stage Two: _____ - “Why is this happening to me?”

Psalm 39:3-4 (TEV) “I was overcome with anger. The more I thought, the more troubled I became; I could not keep from asking: ‘Lord, how long will I live? When will I die? Tell me how soon my life will end?’”

Stage Three: _____ - “I promise to ... if you’ll let me live.”

Ecclesiastes 8:8 “No one can keep from dying or put off the day of death.”

Psalm 49:8-9 (CEV) “You can never pay God enough to stay alive forever and be safe from death.”

Stage Four: _____ - “I just don’t care anymore.”

Psalm 109:22-23 (MSG) “I’m at the end of my rope, my life is in ruins. I’m fading away to nothing, passing away.”

Stage Five: _____ - “I’m ready for whatever happens.”

Psalm 31:14-15 (NLT) “I am trusting you, O Lord, saying, ‘You are my God!’ My future is in your hands.”

Psalm 38:11 (NLT) “My loved ones and friends stay away, fearing my disease. Even my own family stands at a distance.”

HOW TO COMFORT SOMEONE WHO IS DYING

C – Confront _____.

O – Offer _____.

Psalm 142:4 “No one will help me. No one cares a bit about what happens to me.”

Psalm 23:4 “Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid for you are close beside me.”

M – Minister _____.

Psalm 38:7-8 “I’m burning with fever and I’m near death. I’m worn out and utterly crushed. My heart is troubled and I groan with pain.”

I Thessalonians 5:14 “Encourage those who are timid, take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.”

F – Fortify _____.

Galatians 6:2 “Carry each other’s burdens, in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

Psalm 116:15 “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints

O – Open _____.

Proverbs 20:5 “A person’s thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out.”

R – Remember _____.

T – Turn _____.

Acts 4:12 “Salvation is found in no one else. For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT) “For only as a human being could Jesus die, and only by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.”

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT) “So we don’t look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.”