




Auction Proceeds Gift Recipient Aaron and Tiffany Devine



Tiffany Devine, was in a serious car accident on August 11, 2024. She was t-boned on the driver's side incurring serious injuries including a fractured vertebrae at C6, a bad puncture wound in her leg, and most serious of all, a traumatic brain injury. Tiffany's husband, Aaron, has taken a leave of absence from his job temporarily for an unknown amount of time to help Tiffany get the prescribed care she needs to best help her fully recover.

Please pray for Tiffany, Aaron, and their children, Haddy (11), Ronen (7), and Simeon (4)!

Aaron and Tiffany were active members at Grace Bible Church before moving out of the area for work at St. Labre Indian School in Ashland, MT.

Your auction proceeds will go towards assisting the Devine family with their financial responsibilities and medical bills following Tiffany's accident.



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LADIES' THANKSGIVING BRUNCH

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GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
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1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you *rejoice*, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been *grieved by various trials*, so that the *tested genuineness of your faith*—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to *result in praise and glory and honor* at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore


Come rejoice now, O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
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Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings



But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from Heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me




Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

Lamenting: Steps to Warm Your Heart to God's Mercy Towards You in Christ


Why should we learn to lament?

Lamenting is a way for us to grow through suffering. It can help reframe our mindset - difficult circumstances are God's discipline/training, they are not random, they are not fate. They are a blessing from the Lord and an opportunity to grow (1 Peter 1:3-9, Hebrews 12:5-11).


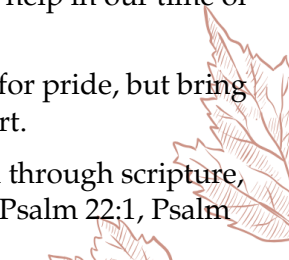


Key steps to lamenting:

Turn your heart to the Lord in prayer


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- Choose to turn to the Lord, instead of the world; to walk through this trial God's way, instead of your way.
 - Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and My burden is light."


Express your sorrows to the Lord

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- Lay out the reasons for your sorrow - remember that our struggles are not a surprise to the Lord! Be honest!
 - Hebrews 4:15-16 "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in our time of need."
 - Have humility, this is not the place for pride, but bring your complaints with a humble heart.
 - Asking questions is ok! We see it all through scripture, especially in the Psalms (examples: Psalm 22:1, Psalm 88:14, Psalm 94:3)
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Present your request to the Lord

- Call upon the Lord to help. What do you want Him to do in your trial?
 - Psalm 79:8-9 "Oh, do not remember former iniquities against us! Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, for we have been brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; and deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, for Your name's sake!"
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Choose to trust




- "Trust is not a passive state of mind. It is a vigorous act of the soul by which we choose to lay hold on the promises of God and cling to them despite the adversity that at times seeks to overwhelm us." - Jerry Bridges
- Choose to remember God's attributes and promises (Helpful scripture: Romans 8:28-39, Psalm 119:68, Colossians 1:16-17, Psalm 147:5)



Confess when needed

- All suffering is a result of sin
 - Could be your own sin, someone else's sin, or a result of the fall.
 - The ultimate cause of ALL suffering is rebellion!
 - Is there a need for repentance?
 - Ephesians 4:20-24
 - Did your sin cause the trial? If so, repent!
 - Have you been sinful in your response to the trial? If so, repent!
 - Did someone else's sin cause the trial? If so, pray for their heart!
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Application:

1. Open the Psalms. Look for laments that follow this format (Turn to Psalm 13 first if you're stuck!). List some examples here:
 2. Consider the ways in which learning to lament can help you grow in your relationship with the Lord.
 3. Write your own lament! Follow the steps outlined above.
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Resources / More Information on Lamenting

Joyful Journey Podcast - "Biblical Lament - with Mark Vroegop"
Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy - Mark Vroegop
God's Mercy in Our Suffering: Lamentations for Pastors and Counselors - Eric Kress & Paul Tautges
Romans 8:28 Study Guide - Pastor Bryan Hughes (Only available at GBC Resource Center)

