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3. How does Jesus' own suffering demonstrate His ability to sympathize with our pain? What does this reveal about God?
4. In what ways has Jesus met your need during times of grief or loss? How can a focus on His provision increase your faith?
5. How has your church community supported you through difficult seasons? How can you better engage with this spiritual family?
6. Read Hebrews 4:15-16. What encouragement do these verses offer regarding approaching God with our grief and needs?
7. The resurrection of Jesus shows that death and evil do not have the final victory. How does this hope impact the way you view your current suffering or loss?
8. Is there any way in which you're struggling with God's goodness in light of your difficult circumstances? How does the cross of Jesus bring perspective?
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