

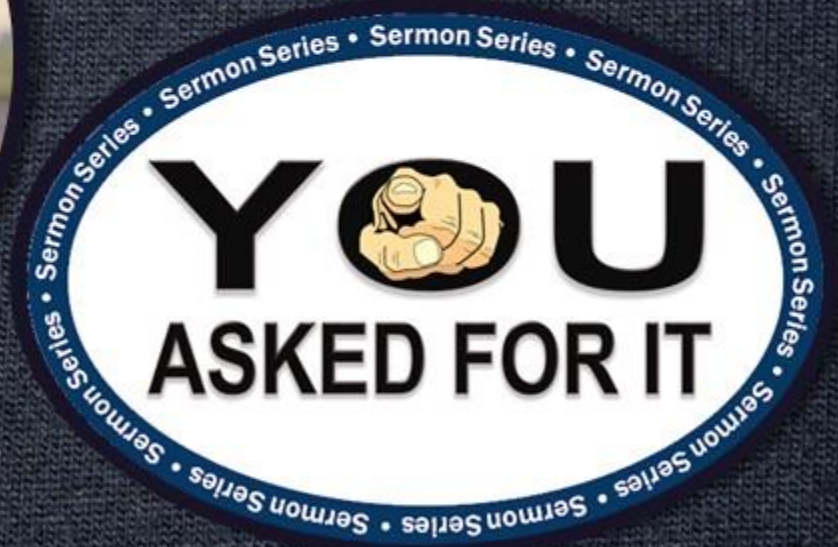


SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025


services @8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Pastor David Rawley brings the message:

“Grief”



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I WAS HopING
FOR A PYRAMID.

Dealing with those who
discount our grief!

Luke 21:14-19

- Refuse to fill your mind with dread **ahead** of **time**
- God is your **partner** in thinking and speaking.
- People will **persecute**. God will **protect**.
- **Be** yourself. **Accept** yourself. **Grow** from where you are.

GRIEF (the battle and the process)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

“Awkward” is not **dishonorable**.
There is a “time” for awkward.

“Moving on” from awkward is not
dishonorable or **disloyal**.

Grief seeks to cling to the PAST.
Circumstance does not allow us to live
in the past. Changing plans is
possible, but changing events is not
possible. **KEY STRATEGY:** Seek to
change your EXPECTATIONS

“Everything” (vs. 1) indicates tremendous **versatility** in the human psyche. You are adaptable. Grief is horrible. YOU CAN handle it!

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

(1 Thessalonians 4)

Face grief with **faith**, rather than **fear**.

"We believe..."

Hold onto what God has **told us** about death.

- *we do not want you to be ignorant...*
- *or grieve like many who have no hope*

The saved person **still lives!**

Death brings tremendous loss which is **discouraging**. But God's TRUTH is **encouraging**!

As we deal with those who grieve, it is better to **remind** them of truth than to **rebuke** them for grief.



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The WEIGHT of grief (sadness, loss, self-pity, envy, etc.) is heavy enough to crush people. The COUNTERWEIGHT of faith (God's truth, mercy, love, purpose) is greater than the weight of grief. That extra margin of weight is called HOPE. Inevitably, the counterweight will pull us back to balance, acceptance, and healing!