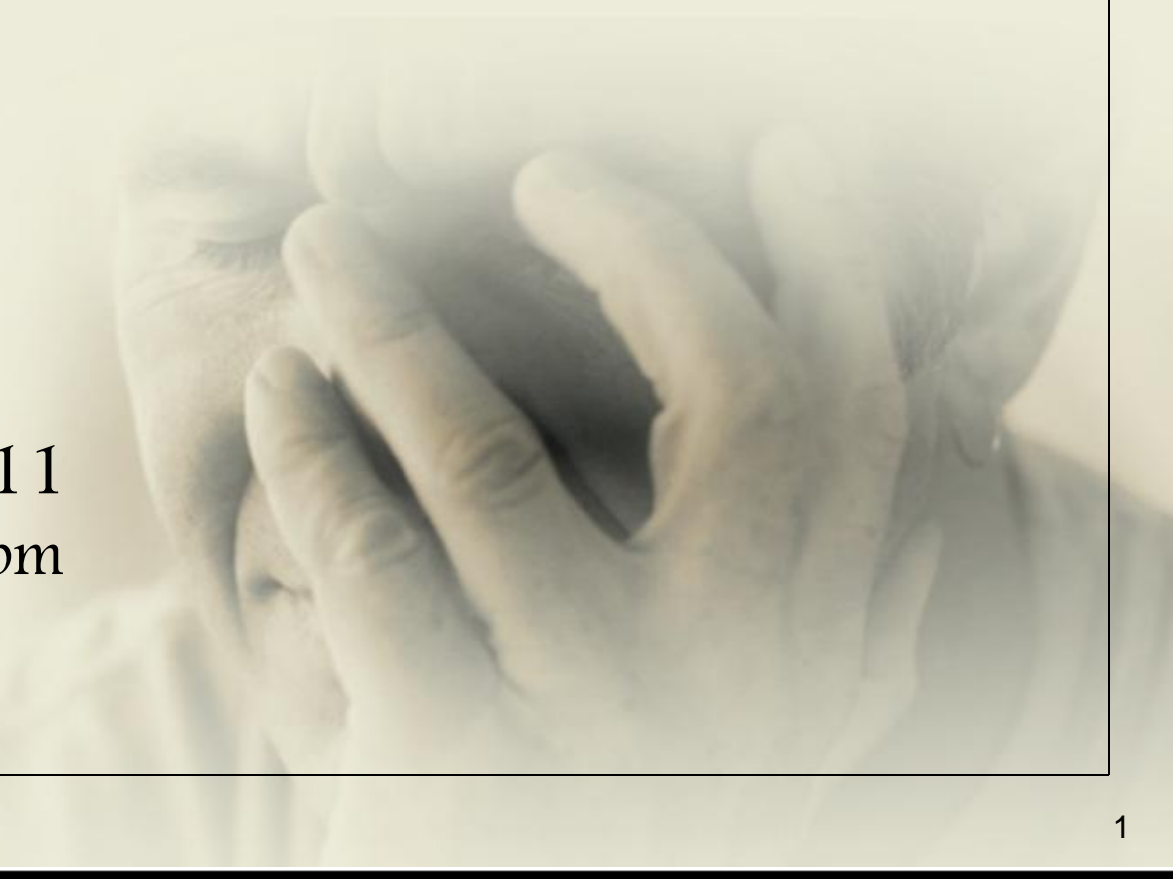



Coming to Grips with Grief: Encouragement in Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 1.3-2.11
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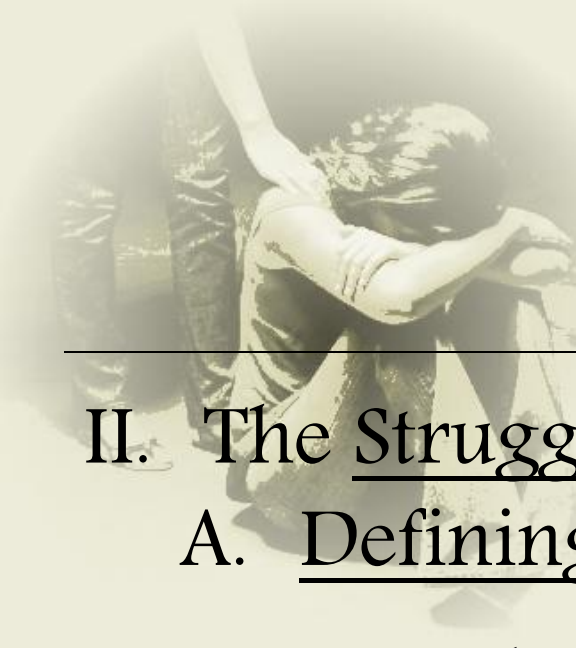


A person in a dark, distressed state being held by another person.

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I. The Setting 1.1,2

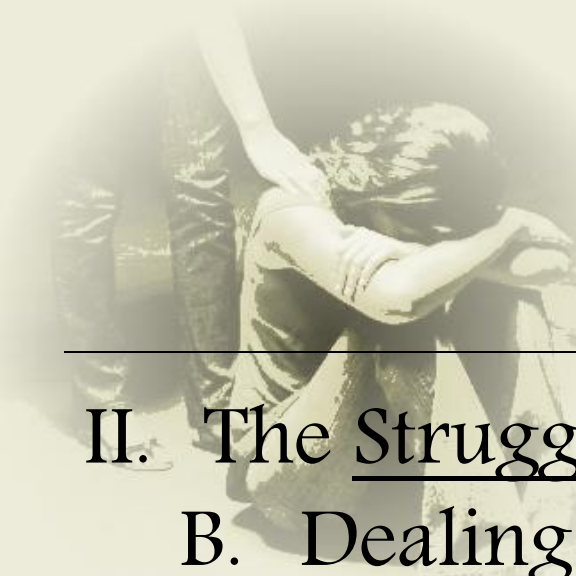
Life in our present state is impermanent and
fleeting.



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Solomon gives voice to the struggle we experience in trying to acknowledge and accept grief.



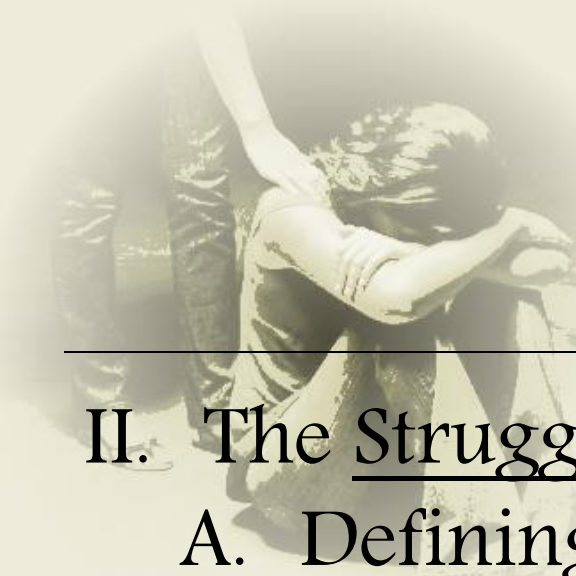
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A. Defining Grief

1. Characteristics

Grief is your heart's natural response to unwanted loss. It is deep enduring sorrow caused by the loss or impending loss of anyone or anything that has strong emotional value to us (Hunt).



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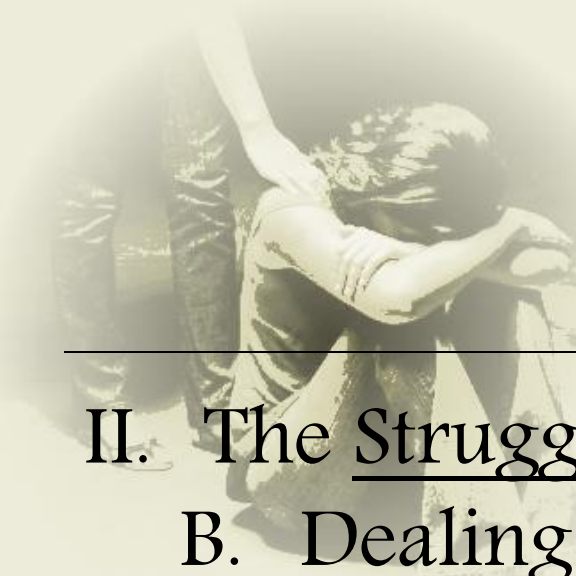
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Believers are subject to unexpected changes
and losses common to all men.

We are not insulated from or immune to pain,
loss, and grief.