


Coming to Grips with Grief: Encouragement in Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 12.13
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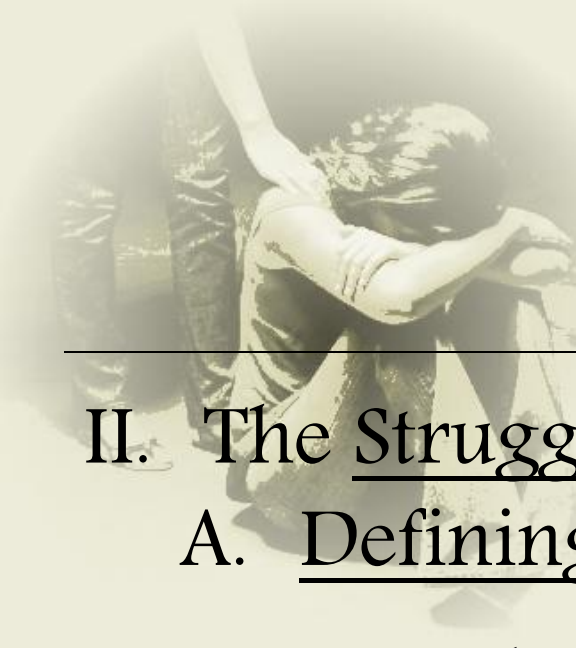
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- I. The Setting Acknowledging our Grief 1.1,2
- II. The Struggle Accepting our Grief 1.3–12.8
 - A. Defining Grief
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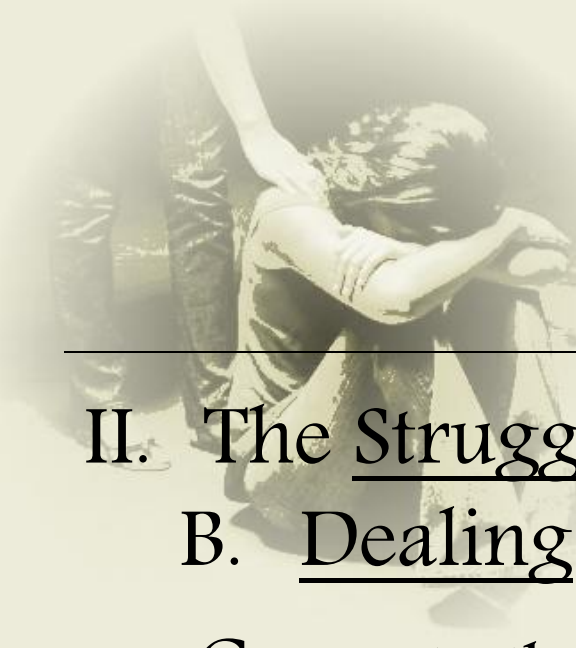


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Come to the God of all comfort.

Open your heart to the Lord regarding your grief.

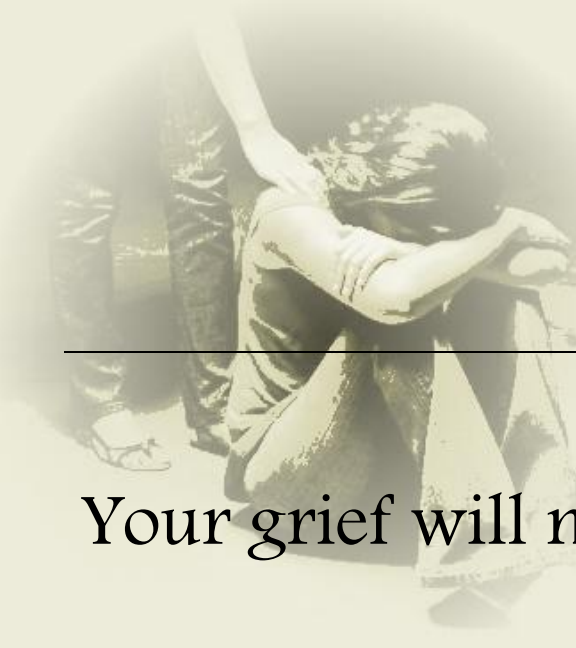
Meditate on the truth.

Focus on the blessings.

Operate one day at a time with faith and hope.

Reinforce your faith and hope through

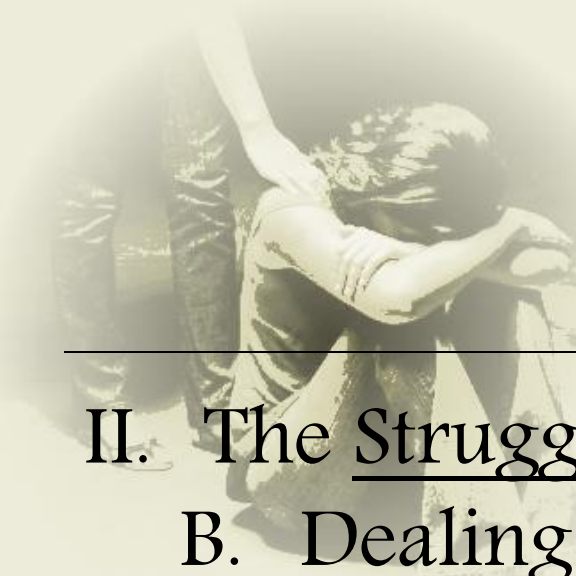
Trust the providence of God until He makes all
things new.



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Your grief will not go on forever.

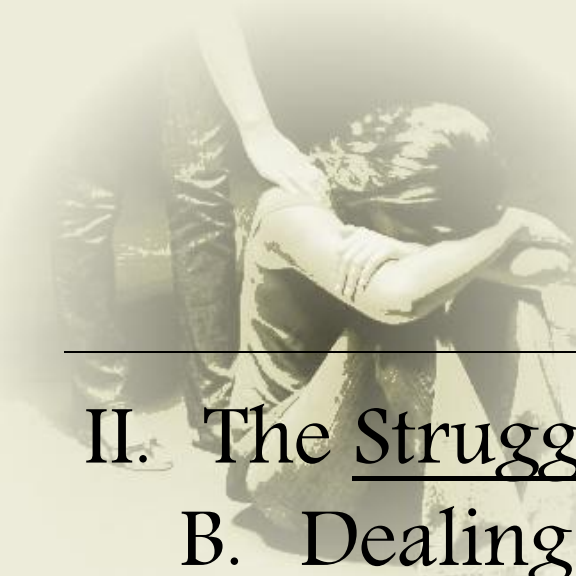
The Lord will graciously guide you and care for you.
He is also able to take care of those you love too.

A person in a dark, distressed state, possibly crying or being held, is shown in the background. The person is wearing a dark jacket and has their head buried in their arms. Another person's hand is visible, supporting the person's head from behind.

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III. The Summation for Advancing with Grief 12.9-14

Trust and obey the word of God, even though
all else may fail about you.



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My life is but a weaving, between my Lord and me.
I cannot choose the colors for He worketh steadily.
Oftimes He weaveth sorrow, And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper, and I, the underside.

Not till the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful in the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold & silver in the pattern He has planned.