

WHEN JESUS SAW MARY WEeping, AND THE JEWS WHO HAD
COME WITH HER ALSO WEeping, HE WAS DEEPLY MOVED IN HIS
SPIRIT AND GREATLY TROUBLED.

MAY 17, 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

MORNING SERVICE 11:00 AM

Announcements

Prelude

Scripture to Prepare our Hearts

Hymn #497 *As the Deer*

Prayer for God's Glory & Blessing

Hymn #134 *And Can it Be*

Hymn #466 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Prayer for the Needs and Cares of Our Lives

Special Music: *Plead for Me*

Hymn #448 *Day by Day*

Sermon

The Reason for Grief

Hymn #448

Prayer for God's Blessing as we Dismiss

*There is a box on the back table for
your offering to the Lord.*

NO AFTERNOON SERVICE TODAY

THIS WEEK AT VBC

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Friday

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

A BAPTIST CATECHISM

Question 39: What is sanctification?

Answer: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which we are renewed in the whole person after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Ephesians 4:23, 24; Romans 6:11.

SERMON NOTES

The Reason for Grief

The World struggles to understand grief.
The Bible gives clear reasons for our grief.
Death is an enemy.

The Bible Helps Us Experience Grief

Lessons from Lamentations

Crying Out & Looking for Hope

Lamentations 1:12; 2:11

Lamentations 3:19-21

- Grief does not follow a timeline.
- Grief is not something you do 'correctly'.
- Grief does not move predictably.
- Grief will sometimes be overwhelming and unbalanced.
- Grief does not diminish faith.
- Grief is an individual journey.

Our Savior Understands Our Grief

Isaiah 53:3,4, 10,11 - Sorrow, Pain, Grief, Affliction, Trouble of Soul
Deep Sorrow is not sinful. John 11:20-27; 32-38

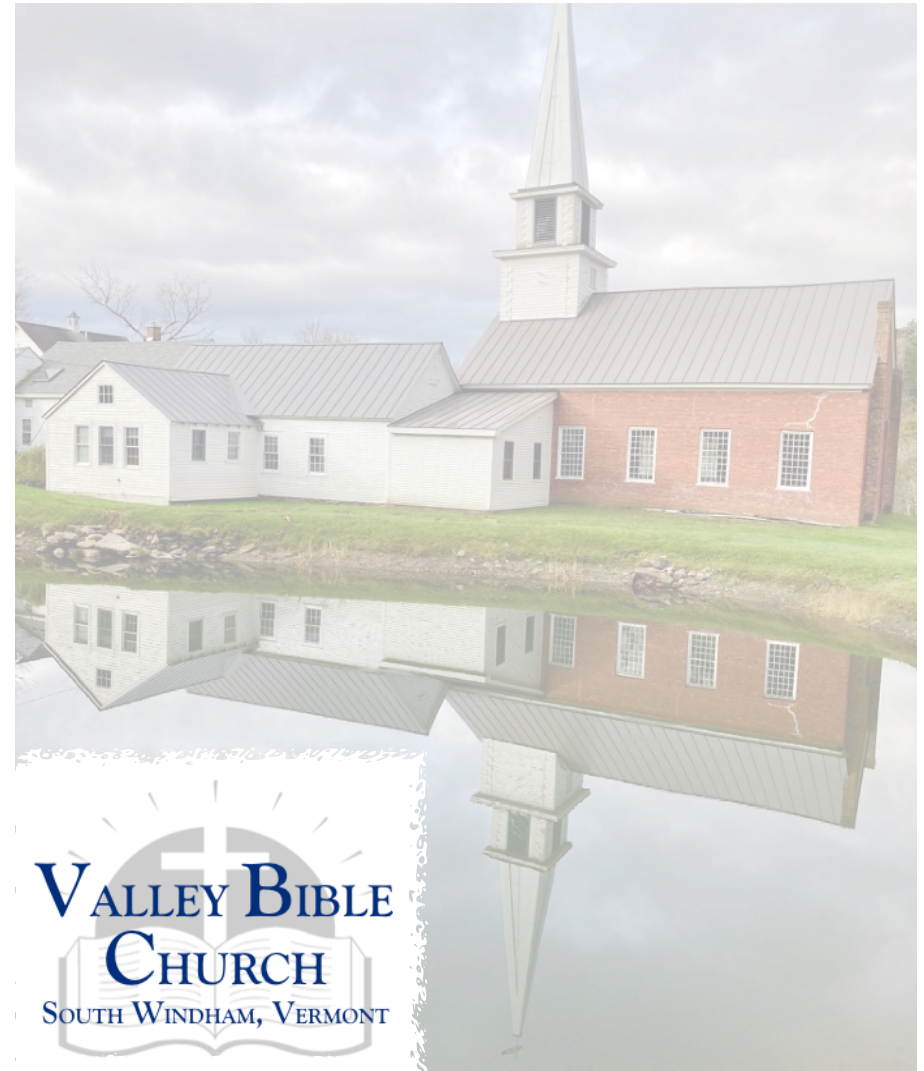
Grief is appropriate. Christ knew death was an enemy to be destroyed.

1 Cor 15:26

Christ shows us where to search for hope.

Christian grief is about looking for hope.

For believers in Jesus, hope isn't found in keeping death away, but in keeping God near. And as we hold tight to the promises and providence of God, we look unblinkingly into the dark night, confident of the morning to come. ~ Dustin Messer



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NOT UNTO US, O LORD, NOT UNTO US, BUT UNTO THY NAME GIVE GLORY,
FOR THY MERCY, AND FOR THY TRUTH'S SAKE.

~ PSALM 115:1 ~