Unexpected Grace:
An Unwanted
Journey of
Significant Loss

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The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

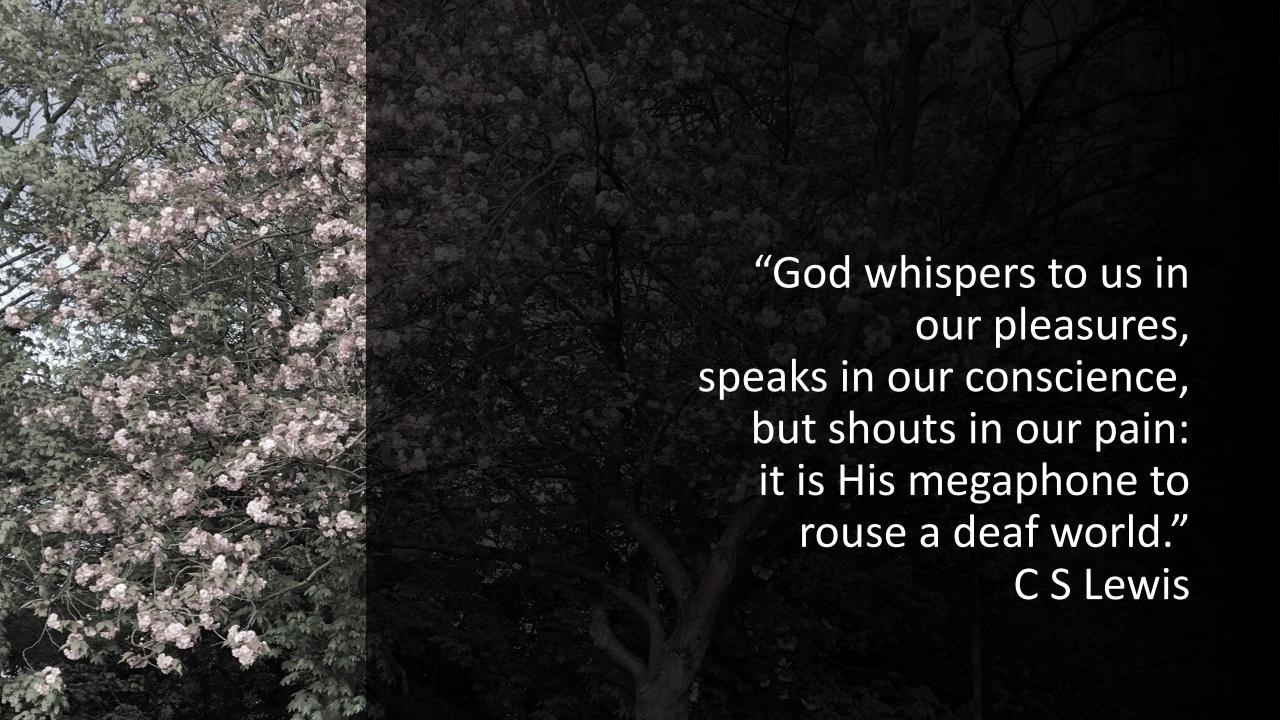
The Lord is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?

Ps 27:1



What is Significant Loss?

The loss of something that you cannot retrieve. Events which generate a sense of grief and emptiness.







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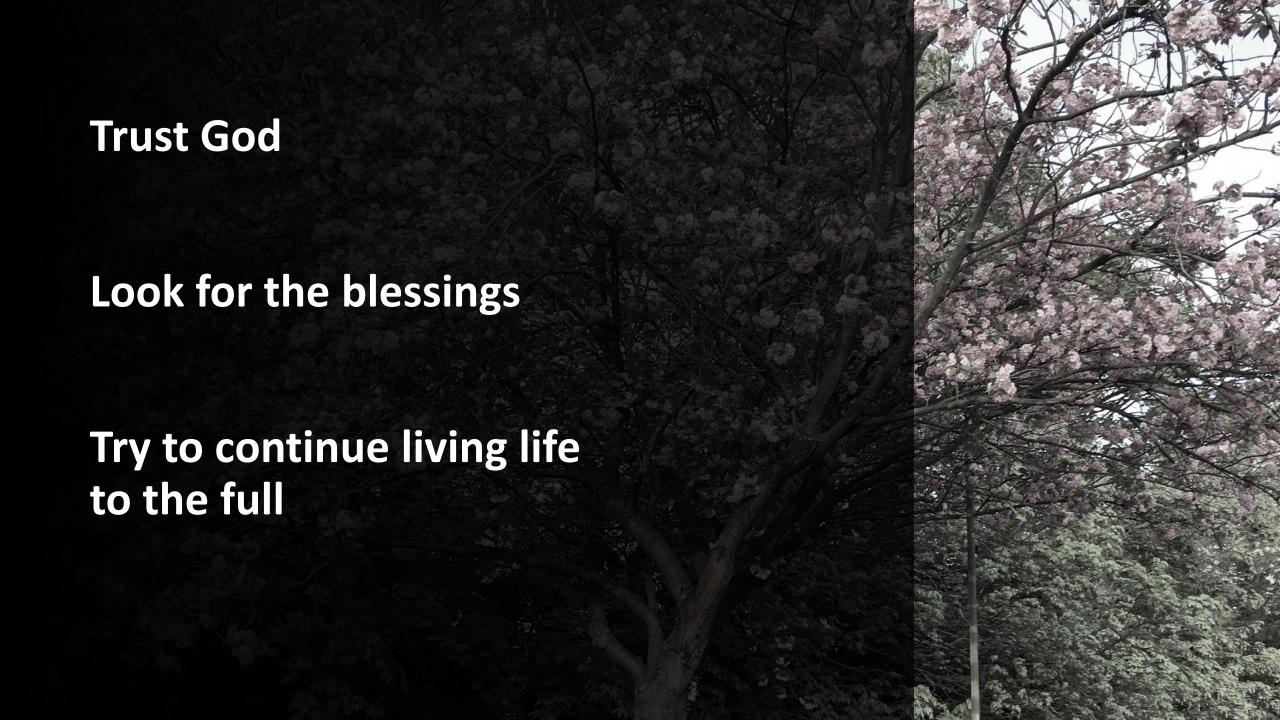
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"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:22-23





WHY?



WHY NOT?



God is good all the time, not just God when things run smoothly



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God's Presence

"The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Ps 34:18

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Matt 5:4

"He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds."

Ps 147:3





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"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die ... a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance."

Eccl 3:1, 2 & 4



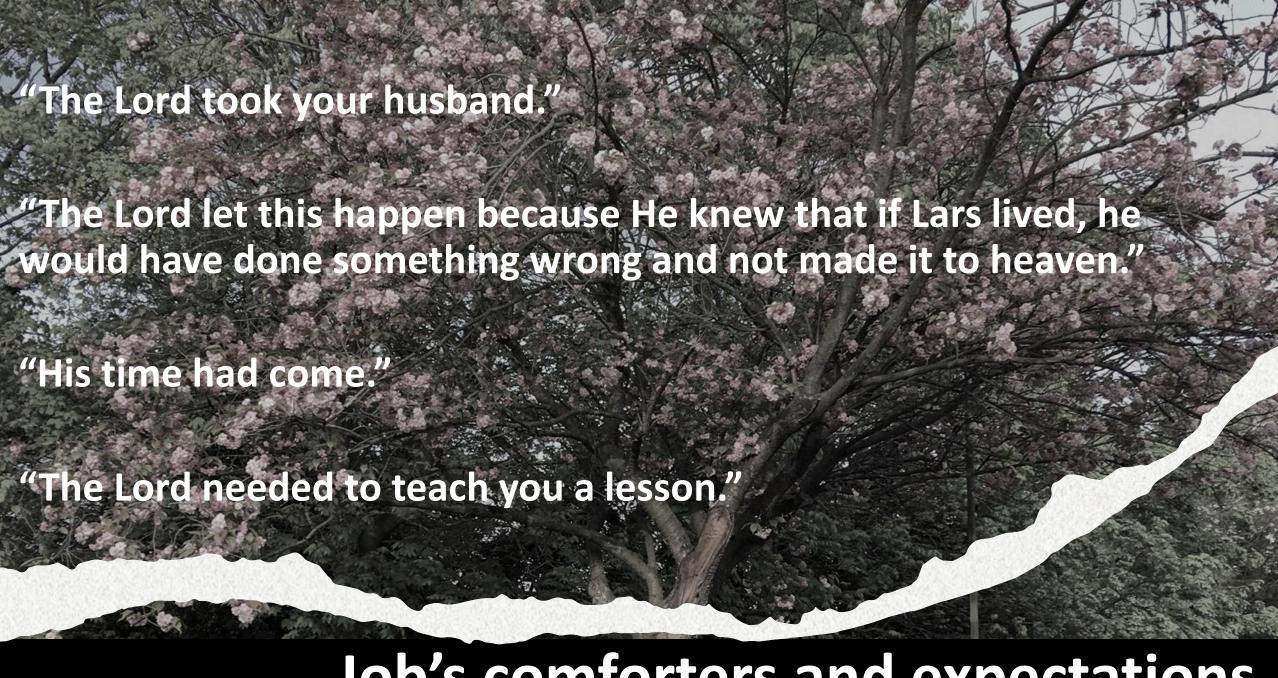
"They should not grieve as others do who have no hope." I Thess. 4:13



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Job's comforters and expectations

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." **Phil 4:8**





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