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.
“God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

C S Lewis
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Trust God
Look for the blessings
Try to continue living life to the full
“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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“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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“The Lord took your husband.”

“The Lord let this happen because He knew that if Lars lived, he would have done something wrong and not made it to heaven.”

“His time had come.”

“The Lord needed to teach you a lesson.”

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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