

Words of Life

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April — June 1996 Word

“Blessed are those that mourn, For they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look upon Me whom they have pierced; they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. In that day there will be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Haddad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.”

Zechariah 12:10–11

As we read the book of Zechariah, we see the condition of our day. **The coming of the Messiah is at hand, even at the door, and when He comes, all will mourn** — even the land will mourn and each person will have her or his own personal mourning.

Now let us examine the word mourn. Why does Christ consider those blessed who mourn? Notice that first comes the spirit of grace and supplication, then the looking at our own evil toward the Lord and his people, and then comes the mourning. The world has its mourning that leads only to death, but **the mourning that is caused by the coming of the Lord leads to eternal life**. The word mourn means to be sorrowful, bitter, to repent, to have remorse and to agonize.

Nobody will come into God’s Kingdom without mourning (Matthew 24:30), for mourning is the process whereby we give up our life to gain His. We mourn for anything or anyone taken from us. All joy will be turned to mourning at the coming of the Lord and after mourning

has cleansed us from all vain extensions of ourself, our mourning will be turned to joy and dancing as we will be dead to all of our old life. All sorrow and mourning will flee away as our spirit is set free from all bondage.

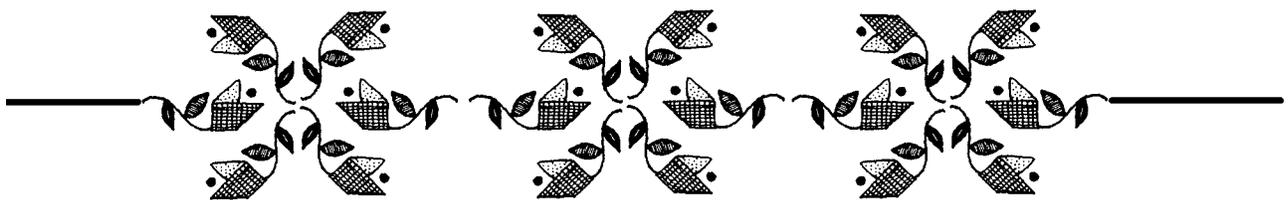
So my dear folks, do not believe the false teachers and prophets that mislead you into thinking you can have joy without first having sorrow, comfort without first mourning, sweetness without bitterness and Life without first dying. (Spiritual death — the death that glorifies God.)

Yes, God has a way of bringing us back to Him. The path is one of sorrow and mourning, but the rewards are rich, eternal and an answer to all the longing of our hearts.

To get further insight into mourning created by God for our good, send for the tape on Mourning.

Marie

Marie Kolasinski



April — June 1996 Letter

Hello once again;

By now — March of 1996 — most of us know the world is in big trouble. If we have any light at all in us we also know that Jesus has come into the world to become part of our life — not to make it better; for that is what the psychologists attempt to do, but He comes into anyone's life who asks Him; to change them from an animal into His likeness — at one with His and our Father. You also know that one world is passing away because another is being born. These are simple elementary truths that the people who know not God seem to comprehend, while some Christians who profess to know Him are having a problem with the truth.

If you are indeed supping with Jesus, mourning is a part of life . It is to all of you that the Lord is saying “Blessed are you who mourn for your name is being written in the book of Life.” On Jan. 30th Ray, my husband of 54 years passed away. He wasn't sick but both of us knew his work on earth was finished. We said our sweet “good-byes” and I watched as he left his body and went on to new horizons. Yes, I have mourned his passing but nothing like the pain of mourning because of my supping with our dear Saviour. Our only hope for our sick society is Jesus coming in such a way that each of us is forced to look upon the One whom we have pierced. I pray the pressures of life and the circumstances beyond our control are putting into us understanding, compassion, humility and every other attribute that will unite us all as brothers and sisters of the Lord.

I guess you know by now that there is much going on at Piecemakers that is never mentioned in the Calendar of Events. Recently we had two tours from Japan, all business men and women who have heard about us and wanted to visit our store. There is a humility about these people that should make all of us sit up and take notice. God has united us through much suffering and pain and sacrifice. We also have many demonstrations and food samples and other daily happenings, so come in regularly to partake of them.

There are several biggies I would suggest you not miss. The end of March (the 30th and 31st) is our [Springfest '96 Crafts Festival](#) with all the makings of an old fashioned fair plus our top notch artists. Put them all together and you have a wonderful day of shopping, entertainment, and the best of food.

The next biggie is our Spring [Peddler's Market](#). This is a giant garage sale. Please sign up early for a booth and get rid of the things that clutter your closets but are treasures to all of us who love to shop for “bargains”. Date — 27th and 28th of April.

May 11th is our [Spring Fashion Show](#). “Dressing up Denim” will be the theme. Denim never seems to age and is good for all ages. It lends itself to silk ribbon embroidery, lace, jewelry and lets us use our own creativity in dress. Daughters, your mom will love the down-home feeling of our models with figures like hers, and Mom, your daughters will enjoy seeing a new look for denim jeans, jumpers and vests. All that plus a luncheon that beats any restaurant cooking.

Well, I could go on and on. Check our Calendar of Events for the [Balloon Bust Sale](#) with discounts on each purchase and our [Memorial Day Sale](#) where you get a dozen silk flowers with the purchase of \$25.00 or more. Also, our now quite famous [Foods From Around the World](#) will take place on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. There are some booths available if you have an ethnic food people would enjoy and you would like to make a little spending money. Call Joanna or Deborah for more info.

Check the Calendar of Events for the Kids' days and other happenings.

What more can I say? I love you dearly and all at Piecemakers send our blessings and God's comfort to you all.

Marie

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