

“Don’t Cry Alone”

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□ John 11:35

- “_____.”
- Brennan Manning: “When Jesus wept . . . , the ground of all being shook, the source of all life trembled, the heart of all love burst open, and the unfathomable depth of God’s immense, inexhaustible _____ revealed itself.” (*Lion and Lamb* 128)
- William Blake, “On Another’s Sorrow”:
Think not thou canst sigh a sigh,
And thy Maker is not by:
Think not thou canst weep a tear,
And thy Maker is not near.

O He gives to us His joy,
That our grief He may destroy:
Till our _____ is fled and gone
He doth sit by us and _____.
- Adam Clarke: “It is abolishing one of the finest traits in our Lord’s human character to say that he wept and mourned here because of sin and its consequences. . . . The _____ soul of Christ was troubled, and he mingled his sacred tears with those of the afflicted relatives.”
- Clark Pinnock: “Scripture speaks of the _____ of God. God’s heart can be close to breaking (Hos. 11). God knows his people’s condition and feels their pain (Exod. 3:7f). God _____ and mourns over them. Even for Moab God says, ‘My heart _____’ (Is. 15:5). The issue for Christians is not whether God could suffer but how God could _____ He would be less than God if he lacked sympathy or refused to share in the suffering of creatures.” (*Most Moved Mover* 89)
- N. P. Wolterstorff: “_____ . That is why he suffers. To love our suffering, sinful world is to suffer. God so suffered for the world that he gave up his only Son to suffer. The one who does not see God’s suffering does not see his love. God is _____ . Suffering is down at the center of things, deep down where the meaning is. Suffering is the meaning of our world.
The _____ of God are the meaning of history.” (In Pinnock *Most Moved Mover* 90)
- Isaiah 63:9—“In all their affliction, He was _____.”
- *Desire of Ages*: “His tender, pitying heart is ever awakened to sympathy by suffering. He _____ with those that weep.” (533)

□ An anonymous letter

□ Galatians 6:2

- “Carry each other’s _____, and in this way you will fulfill the law of _____.”
- It is not enough to know that God suffers with us—though He feels our pain, too often we cannot sense His _____.
- 1 Corinthians 12:26—“And if one member suffers, _____ the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, _____ the members rejoice with it.”
- “Jesus did not shun the weak, unfortunate, and helpless, but He helped such as needed help. He did not confine His visits and labors to a class more intelligent and less faulty, to the neglect of the unfortunate. He did not inquire whether it was agreeable for Him to be a companion of the poorest, the most needy. These are the ones whose company He _____, the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” (2T 75)
- GROW Groups
- Frederick Buechner: “Sometimes, by the grace of God, I have it in me to be _____ to other people. And so, of course, have we all—the life-giving, life-saving, and healing power to be saints, to be _____, maybe at rare moments even to ourselves.” (*The Longing for Home* 28)

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Jesus wept, caring, grief, moan, affectionate, suffering, laments, cries out, not suffer, God is love, suffering love, tears, afflicted, weeps, burdens, Christ, presence, all, all, sought, Christ, Christs

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Change in contact information

November 9, 2013

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1st Time Guest 2nd Time Guest Regular Attender Member

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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YOUR AGE GROUP:

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30s 40s

50s 60s

70s and up

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(Flyer, TV, Google search, name of person who invited you, etc.)

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MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- To carry the burden of someone in need this next week.
- To volunteer at Harbor of Hope, our inner city church.
- To inquire about joining a GROW Group next semester.
- To inquire about becoming a GROW Group leader next semester.

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- Beginning a relationship with Jesus
- Information on baptism
- Information on church membership
- Serving on a team @ PMC
- Receiving Bible studies

Comments, Prayer Requests: _____

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