

abundant through Christ. But if we are afflicted, it is for your _____ and salvation; or if we are _____, it is for your _____, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our _____. ^{1 Cor. 1.3-7}

Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in the presence of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel. Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; and they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, "The land which we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. If the LORD is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us—a land which flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the LORD; and Do Not Fear the people of the land, for they will be our prey. Their protection has been removed from them, and the LORD is with us; Do Not Fear them." But all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Then the glory of the LORD appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel. ^{Numbers 14.5-10}



The Choice We Must Make

- ◆ denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance – What happens if a person does not get to _____? What if the person or people or church never find their way to reality, to health, to healing?
- ◆ The Hebrews never got to _____. They spent the next 40 years living in denial, angry with their leaders and God. They were depressed often trying to bargain or believing the answers were going back to their old life _____.
- ◆ They lost touch with _____ and missed the _____ of God. Look at Numbers 11.5-6 and you will see how far from reality they got.



SPIRITUAL GRASSHOPPERS

LIVING IN FEAR

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"There also We Saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and We Became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight." ^{Numbers 13.33}

The Size of Small

- ◆ The way to Eternal Life is _____. (Matthew 7.14)
- ◆ The beginning of Miracles is _____. (Mark 8.7-9)
- ◆ The gift Jesus noticed was _____. (Mark 12.42-44)
- ◆ The man Jesus called was _____. (Luke 19.3-5)
- ◆ The seed of the Kingdom of God is _____. (Mark 4.30-32)
- ◆ The judgment will include the _____. (Revelation 20.12)

The Size of Small is N

- ◆ Jesus uses churches that are _____. (Matthew 16.18)
- ◆ 80% of all churches in the world are _____.
- ◆ The majority of believers go to churches that are _____.
- ◆ People drive past large churches to get to churches that are _____.
- ◆ There is nothing wrong with a church that is _____.
- ◆ God loves _____.

How Grasshoppers Think

Then all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and **The People** _____ that night. All **The Sons Of Israel** _____ against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" So they said to one another, "Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt." Numbers 14:1-4

The Stages of Grief

Elisabeth Kübler-Ross was a Swiss-American psychiatrist, a pioneer in near-death studies and the author of the groundbreaking book On Death and Dying, where she first discussed her **theory** of the five stages of grief first published in 1969.

- ◆ Born: July 8, 1926, Zürich, Switzerland
- ◆ Died: August 24, 2004, Scottsdale, AZ
- ◆ Quote: There are no _____, no _____.
All events are _____ given to us to learn from.
(See Romans 8:28)

The FIVE Stages of Grief

- ⇒ _____ : _____ ...
- ◆ This cannot be happening to _____ !
- ◆ I don't _____ this.
- ◆ Denial is only delaying or ignoring what is happening...
 - ◊ •Health •Finances •Relationship
- ⇒ _____ : _____ ...
- ◆ Outraged and Furious with _____, _____, we even blame _____.
- ◆ And ask the question we want answered the most...
"_____ ?"

- ◆ The potential to hurt or strike out and become _____ makes things worse.
- ◆ Must be released but in a _____ way.
Writing it down, punching a pillow.
- ◆ Want immediate _____ and _____.
- ⇒ _____ : _____ ...
- ◆ People want to change the outcome with a quick _____ or an easy _____.
- ◆ 'Let's Make a _____ is the game we want to play with God
⇒ _____ : _____ ...
- ◆ Here the person is _____ from the truth and can be very _____.
Crying, lack of appetite, silence, listless are all possible.
- ◆ The _____ is almost too much to deal with so they stop living. (this is ironic for the dying patient)
- ◆ This is a _____ stage for a person and different people take longer or less time.
- ◆ You will _____ cheer up a person in this stage. So don't try, cry with them. Hold their hand.
⇒ _____ : _____ ...
- ◆ Facing the truth means the person can now look for _____.
- ◆ Helping others through their grief. Means accepting the hand you have been dealt.

Acceptance—Reality

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all _____, who _____ us in all our affliction so that we will be able to _____ those who are in any affliction with the _____ with which we ourselves are _____ by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our _____ is