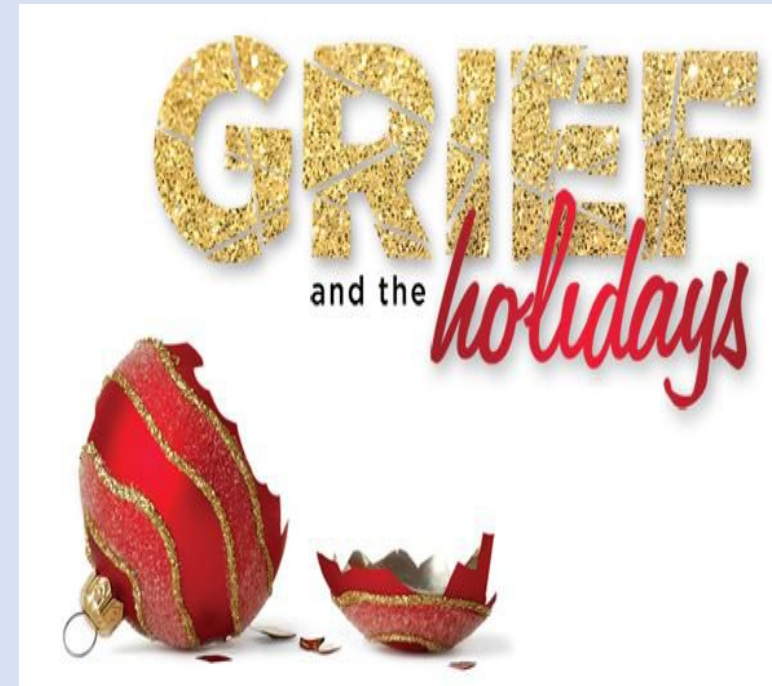


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Dealing with Loss at
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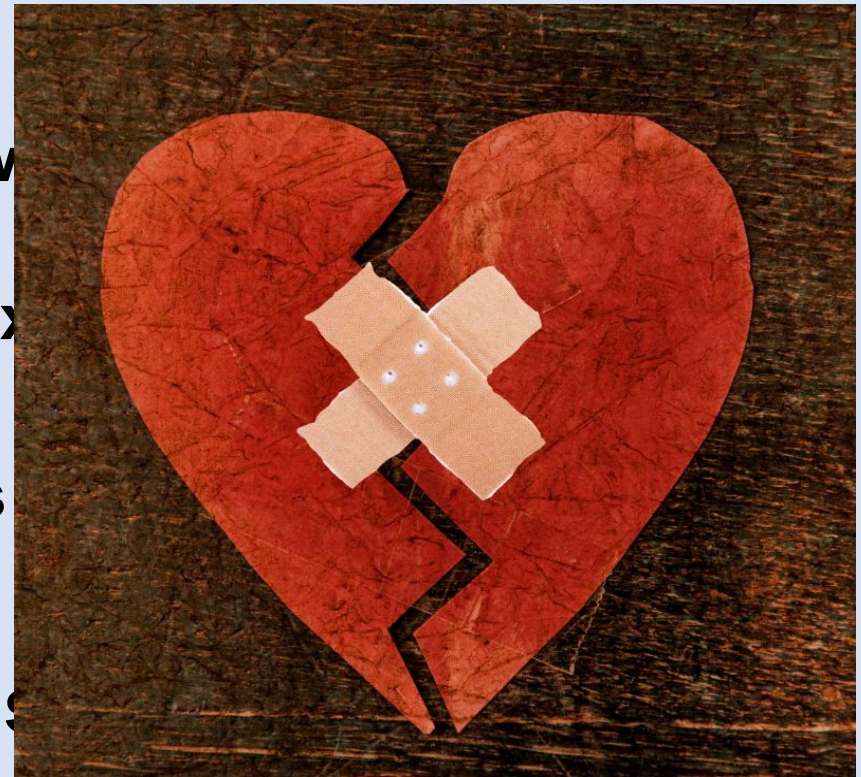
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Dealing with Loss at Christmas

But this Joyous Time of Year has become a Hurtful Time of Year for So Many ...

- Circumstances...Losses...
 - Seem To Have Overshadowed
 - Crowded Out The Joy
 - Keeps You Out Of The Box
- How Did David Deal With His Loss
...After His Loss?

He Did Three Things



1st- He ACCEPTED What He Could Not Change

22 And he said, "While the child was alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who can tell whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' 23 But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." -2

Samuel 12:22-23 (NKJV)

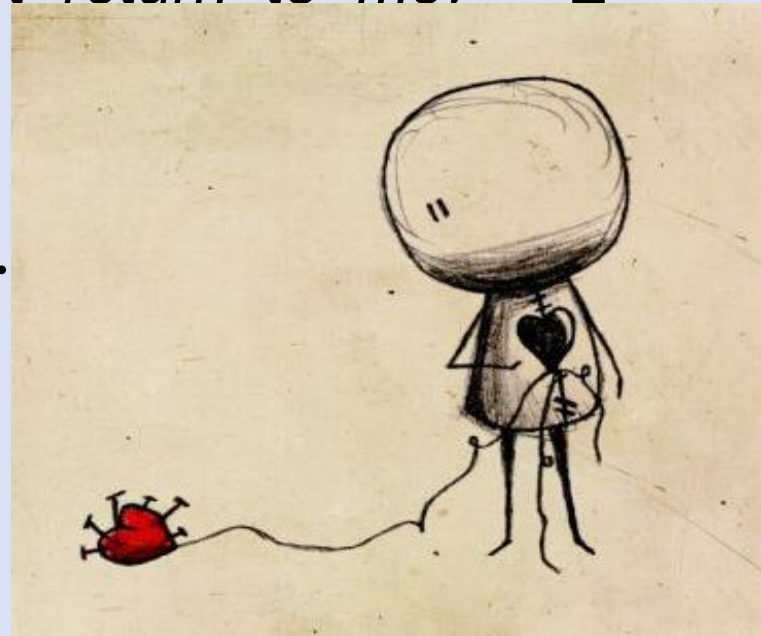
•Many are STUCK in Pain...
...Pull

•Robs Your

○Peace

○Power

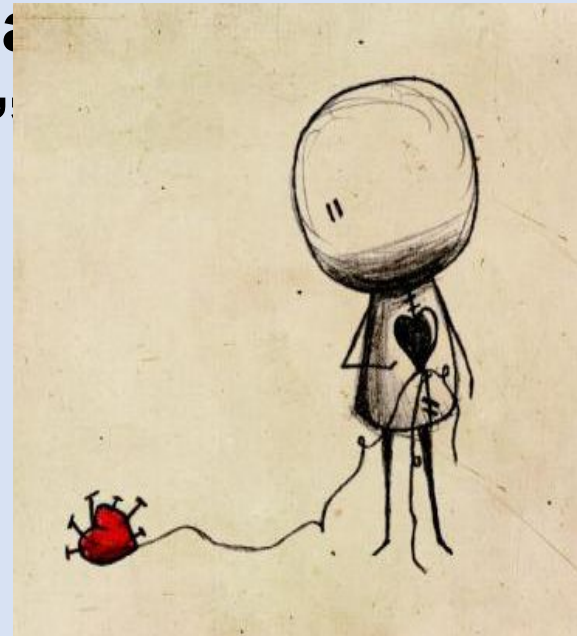
•Amazing the Freedom...
...When We Accept



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Mis-Directed Focus Brings...

- Pain
- Questions “Why...?”
- Pull

Re-Directed Focus Brings...

- Healing
- Answers “Why Not...!”
- Push



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○The Baby was Gone...

"He can't come to me

Him"

○ Bathsheba was Still There

• Reality CHECK



3rd– He TURNED to God

Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. –II

Sam 12:20

- He Got Up –*from where he was*
- He Cleansed Himself– *physically and spiritu*
- He Put On Clean Clothes –*changed his att*
- Then He Went to Church –*went to hear fro*
- He Worshipped His God *in whom he had*



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- David was a **type of Christ** - the **Anointed One = HG Comfort**
- **2 Cor 1:4-NLT** - *He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.*

Conceived - Solomon born

- Solomon (*shelo-mo* -peaceful -fr. **Shalom...**
...peace, Safety, well, happy, prosper)

.....It V

Again -

God Has Not Forgotten You!

He Is A

Even Now!



Let this Year be a Year of...

- Hope
- Healing
- Happiness

Isaiah 9:6

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:

*and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God, The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.*

