



## **Where Is Jesus When Life Hurts?**

HOW DO I HAVE A DEEP RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD  
WHEN GOD DOES NOT STOP THE THING THAT IS HURTING ME?

Psalms 13:1 (NIV): “How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?”

Psalms 22:1 (NIV): “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Psalms 44:23 (NIV): “Awake, Lord! Why do you sleep?”

Habakkuk 1:2 (NIV): “How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen?”

Mark 14:36 (NIV): “Take this cup from me.”

John 14:18 (NIV): “I will not leave you.”

John 14:23 (NIV): “We will come to them and make our home with them.”

John 16:1 (NIV): “All this I have told you so that you will not fall away.”

John 16:4 (NIV): “I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them.”

John 16:33 (NIV): “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.”

John 16:20 (NIV): “Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.”

HURTING IS NOT A FAILURE OF FAITH

### **WHAT IS TRUE**

I’m single.

My marriage ended.

I don’t know what I’m doing with my life right now. I’m wasting my life.

I have cancer.

### **WHAT I BEGIN TO BELIEVE IT MEANS**

Something must be wrong with me.

I’ll never be loved again.

God abandoned me.

John 16:21 (CEV): “When a woman is about to give birth, she is in great pain.”

FRIDAY IS REAL. FRIDAY IS NOT FINAL.

### **PAIN NEEDS WORDS**

Psalms 13:1 (NIV): “How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?”

Psalms 42:5 (NIV): “Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?”

Psalms 88:18 (NIV): “Darkness is my closest friend.”

John 15:7 (NIV): “If you remain in me and my words remain in you...”

THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS THE WORDS OF JESUS INTO THE ROOM WHERE PAIN IS DOING ALL THE TALKING.

MY PAIN SAYS / JESUS SAYS

I'm all alone. John 14:18 (NIV): "I will not leave you."

This is the end. John 16:20 (NIV): "Your grief will turn to joy."

God doesn't care.

John 16:27 (NIV): "The Father himself loves you."

I have to figure everything out right now.

John 15:4 (NIV): "Remain in me, as I also remain in you."

Psalms 62:8 (NIV): "Trust in him at all times...pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge."

WHAT HAS JESUS SAID THAT I NEED TO REMEMBER?

John 14:18 (NIV): "I will not leave."

John 16:20 (NIV): "Your grief will turn to joy."

John 16:27 (NIV): "The Father himself loves you."

FRIDAY DOESN'T GET THE FINAL WORD

*All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.*