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Near to the Brokenhearted



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Psalm 34:18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

† When the headlines shake our hearts and the weight of tragedy presses in, this verse calls out like a lifeline. God is not far from our grief, He draws close.

Isaiah 61:1-3 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to bring good news to the afflicted, He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners, to comfort all who mourn, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting.

† Jesus fulfilled this promise in His ministry, and He continues to fulfill it for every crushed soul today. Our mourning is not unnoticed, and our ashes are not the end of the story.

John 11:33-35 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, and said, Where have you laid him? They said to Him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept.

† The shortest verse, yet it reveals the heart of God. He does not stand aloof. He weeps with us.

Revelation 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will no longer be any death, there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain, the first things have passed away.

† In the fulfilled perspective, this is not a distant dream. The New Covenant reality means the barrier is gone. His presence is our comfort right now.

† Remember the dark day when Jesus hung on the cross. The sky itself grew black, the earth trembled. Yet from that darkest hour came the brightest dawn. The same God who brought resurrection then is with us now.

† In every tragedy, He calls us to hold one another, to weep together, to pray, and to trust that He has already overcome. Our hope is not in the absence of sorrow but in the presence of a Savior who has conquered death.

How it applies to us today

† We gather as one family, bearing one another's burdens. The tears we shed are not wasted; they are gathered by the One who loves us more than we can measure. Let every cry turn into prayer, every sorrow into a testimony of His nearness.

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