

CornerStone Connections

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In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. —Isaiah 63:9 (NIV)

He Washed My Eyes with Tears that I Might See

Message Series:

JESUS



JESUS IS SOMETIMES CALLED A prophet, great man, or great historical figure. But He is more than that! He is God and yet He is fully man. This series is designed to view Jesus' feelings, healings and teaching. We need to understand what He experienced and what His purpose is for us. Come join us as we understand JESUS!

Today's Message, Part 1 of 3:

Feelings

(John 11:28–37)

WE CAN ALL RECOGNIZE THE pain Jesus endured on the cross. It was intense, emotional and physical. The Bible also tells us of another time that Jesus experienced emotional pain. It was an intense feeling concerning a person Jesus loved. Indeed, just like we who are made in the image of God, Jesus experienced Feelings.

Deeply

EVEN THOUGH I KNOW THAT emotion is not everything when it comes to a relationship — whether it's a relationship with God or other people — I am convinced that I'm missing out on something very powerful and important when I can't feel anything. My prayer is that God will help me align my feelings with the truth of his Word, that increasingly he will allow me

to experience emotion along with intellectual understanding.

After all, God himself feels deeply. As the prophet says of the Lord's relationship to Israel,

In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

—Isaiah 63:9 (NIV)

God *feels*, and I want to, too.

—Dave Dravecky
in *NIV Encouragement Bible*, p. 990.
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Really Here

REAL EMOTION, AND THE ABILITY to show it, is a gift from God.

A man I'll call Tom and his little girl were sitting together one night as he read her *Charlotte's Web*. At the end of the story, Charlotte (the spider who saves the life of Wilbur, the pig) dies. Tom told me that when he read the ending, he and his daughter both started crying and sniffing. He stepped back to wipe tears away, then apologized to his daughter. "Honey," he said, "I am so sorry for crying in front of you."

She looked into his eyes and replied, "Daddy, that's okay. When you cry with me, at least I know you are really here."

—Dave Dravecky
in *NIV Encouragement Bible*, p. 1124.
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Just a Thought On Hebrews 5:2–4

IF YOU'VE HAD STRUGGLES AND setbacks, failures and hurts, pains and problems, know this: Once you turn

Budget Report

Monthly Budget Needs: \$5,784.65

Feb. Offering to Date: \$3,770.31

Feb. Shortfall: (\$2,014.34)

those things over to the Lord, you will have compassion on people you wouldn't have had otherwise. In the service of the Lord, be it as a Bible study teacher, deacon, children's worker, pastor, or missionary — we're not the doctors. There's only one great Physician, only one Healer — Jesus Christ. As a pastor then, who am I? I'm just a guy who has been in the hospital for a lot of years. And because I know where the bathroom is, where the cafeteria is, where the gift shop is, where the orderlies are, I can help others find their way around the hospital.

People get mixed up about this when they begin to think, *That missionary, singer, Bible teacher, or pastor is the answer*. No. They're walking around in the same blue gowns that tie in the back that you are. I'm still getting patched up myself. I'm still getting operated on regularly. I'm still terminal — but I've found a *great* Doctor. Such is the essence of true ministry.

—Jon Courson's *Application Commentary: New Testament*, p. 1468. © 2003 Jon Courson

On John 11:33–35

AS THE MOURNERS WAIL, AS MARY weeps, as Jesus is at the scene, He finds Himself also crying, which intrigues me because He knew what would be happening. Why, then, does He weep?

Perhaps Jesus wept because He was

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I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. —Romans 1:16 (NIV)

Live with Urgency: Share God’s Transforming Power

BEGINNING TODAY AND CONTINUING through Easter Sunday we celebrate the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions**. You’ll find your prayer guide in the bulletin today.

“It’s just matter of time, now...”

That phrase, spoken in hushed tones when death is imminent, moves people with urgency — calling family and friends, rushing to say final goodbyes. But for those who die in Christ, death is not goodbye. When flesh dies, the spirit lives! And, because we desire that not one person perish without Christ, we are compelled to live with urgency to share God’s transforming power with every-

one. Some wonder, “Is it just a matter of time until Christ comes again?” If we knew for sure that it was indeed “just a matter of time...” how would we — how must we — live? What’s stopping us from doing that right now?

God has gifted us in unique ways to accomplish the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18–20). Your 5,300 North American Mission Board missionaries are committed to living out their unique call, with urgency, and are grateful for you partnership. As the Holy Spirit moves, your missionaries experience daily the transforming results of God’s powers. Lives are changed. Communities are changed. As you reflect on the North American mission field and the amazing work being done — and the work still needing to be done — join your hearts and your hands with them as we pray exceedingly for, give abundantly to, and serve excit-

edly in all aspects of North American missions.

Who Is Annie Armstrong?



Founder of the Woman’s Missionary Union and the first corresponding secretary, Annie was a bold missions advocate who engaged Southern Baptists to wholeheartedly support the work of missions through praying for missionaries, giving to mission causes, and urging believers to share God’s transforming power through salvation.

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reminded that sin destroys, sin kills, sin stinks. Aren’t you finding this to be so? Aren’t you seeing heartache and sadness all around because of sin? Doesn’t it make you heavy of heart sometimes when you realize that precious people are hurting because of sin?

Perhaps Jesus wept because of the unbelief that surrounded Him. He had given a promise that Lazarus would rise, but no one embraced or believed it. On the contrary, they were all mourning. Jesus said, “It’s going to be all right.” But they said, “No, it’s not.” So, too, when He says all things are working together for good (Romans 8:28), and we say,

“No they’re not,” our unbelief must break His heart as well.

Perhaps Jesus wept because He knew He was going to pull Lazarus out of Paradise and bring him back to this planet. Poor Lazarus!

Perhaps Jesus wept because, although He knew everything would turn out well eventually, those around Him were hurting presently. We are told in the Book of Hebrews that Jesus is a High Priest who sympathizes with us, feels for us, and prays on behalf of us. Therefore, even though I should be stronger in faith, when I’m hurting, Jesus hurts too.

—Jon Courson’s Application Commentary: *New Testament*, p. 534–535.
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THIS WEEK	
TODAY	March 7
Coffee’s On	9:15 am
Set Your Sights.....	9:30 am
Sunday School Small Groups.....	9:45 am
Morning Worship	11:00 am
Easter Program	
Rehearsal	12:15–1:00 pm
Spanish Sunday School	12:30 pm
Spanish Worship Service.....	1:30 pm
WED	MARCH 10
Kids’ Zone.....	6:30–8:00 pm
Youth Bible Study	6:30–8:00 pm
Midweek Prayer Connection	7:00 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	8:00 pm
FRI	MARCH 12
Prayer Connection (at Wilma’s)	7:00 pm
SAT	MARCH 13
Church Work Party (JoAnne Hux will serve brunch at 9:30.).....	8:00 am

PRAYER LIST			
• CornerStone	• Spanish Ministry—	• Geiss family	• Dan & Linda McCoy
• CornerStone finances	• Pastor Alex & family	• Ghalambor family	• Murillo family
• Office computer	• Pastor Waldo & Marie	• Gary & Ida Hamilton	• Nelson family
• Children’s Ministry	• A.J. Barela	• Bill & LaRieta Hayes	• Nuño family
• CornerStone Community Care Program	• JoAnne Berry	• Eldon Lee Hayes	• Olson family
• Praise Team	• Buckley family	• Jeff & Emily Housley	• Proctor family
• Prayer Connection	• Ashley Burruss	• Hux Family	• Betty Reed
• Sunday School	• Chagolla family	• Joe & Ann Johnson	• Glenn “Buddy” Reed
• Youth Ministry	• Cureton family	• Just for Women	• Utesch family
• Quest Ministry	• Olive Dobbins	• Theresa Kitchens	• Valverde Family
	• Dragoman family	• Gary Lindemulder	• Ybarra family

COMING UP	
WED	MARCH 17
All-Church Saint Patrick’s Day Irish Potluck	6:30 pm
EASTER SUNDAY	APRIL 4
Easter Musical, <i>Reign, Jesus, Reign</i> , presented during 11:00 am Worship	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sun.:	36 ;
Wed.:	22 ;
Fri.:	4