

**Dear Church: Good Grief Part 4**  
**Grieving the Loss of a Spouse**  
**A Bible study for individuals, groups or classes**  
Guest: Jeff Jenkins

**Background scripture:**

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**Podcast Sections:**

06:11 Jeff talks about his wife and her death  
17:00 Discussions as her cancer progressed  
20:49 Wrestling with loss, conversations with God  
27:14 Advice for dealing with those with a loss  
28:31 "Lord Jesus, come quickly" is more Jeff's attitude since the loss of his wife  
29:31 Options when you lose someone close  
31:06 Loss is something each of us encounters  
31:40 Turning even more to Jesus  
33:17 What would the spouse that has died want for you  
35:24 Words for someone still struggling with loss  
36:46 Returning to church can be difficult

**Discussion questions:**

1. How might the loss of a spouse change one's conversations with God?
2. What do you think about Jeff's habit of sitting at his wife's grave as often as possible to visit? (22:26)
3. Jeff's attitude has turned even more to "Lord Jesus, come quickly." (Rev 22:20, Rev 3:11) Have you seen that attitude among those who have suffered loss of a spouse?
4. Discuss Jeff's list of options when you lose someone close. (29:31)
5. Perhaps you've known someone who changed congregations after loss of a loved one, saying it was hard to be there. Compare that approach with Jeff's attitude (36:46)

**Scriptures related to this study**

Revelation 22:20

<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Revelation 3:11

<sup>11</sup> I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

Psalms 34:17-19

<sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

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