

Living with Loss

Faith, Hope, and Love

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Verse of the Month

“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:13, ESV)

What does 1 Corinthians 13 describe?

How does loss help us discover faith, hope, and love?

Why is hope necessary?

Hope is the _____ of faith.

Faith is not:

- 1) Having all the _____.
- 2) _____ thinking.
- 3) Seeing the _____.

Fear = _____ of faith.

Folly = _____ faith.

Faith has an _____.

More important than the _____ of our faith is the _____ of our faith.

He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.” (Matthew 17:20, ESV)

I AM

*Jesus said to them, “**I am** the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” (John 6:35, ESV)*

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “**I am** the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12, ESV)*

*“**I am** the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” (John 10:9, ESV)*

*“**I am** the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11, ESV)*

Jesus said to her, “**I am** the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live...” (John 11:25, ESV)

Jesus said to him, “**I am** the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6, ESV)

“**I am** the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5, ESV)

You say, "I need a new idea." **I AM**
Who could possibly be smart enough to figure all this out? **I AM**
I'm going under; somebody help me? **I AM**
What works? **I AM**
What's the latest thing? **I AM**
What's the hippest thing? **I AM**
Nothing's real anymore. **I AM**
Leaders are bailing out. Who's going to last? **I AM**
If we fail to get the job done, who's going to do it? **I AM**
This generation deserves more. **I AM**
I'm pouring into others. Who's pouring into me? **I AM**
I'm not sure who's on my team. **I AM**
Nobody is listening to me. **I AM**
I can't hold it together anymore. **I AM**
Who can I trust? **I AM**
I've got vision bigger than my resources. **I AM**
I've given all I can but it's never enough. **I AM**
Somebody just hold me. **I AM**

I AM the way, **I AM** the truth, **I AM** the life. **I AM** the same yesterday, **I AM** the same today, **I AM** the same forever. **I AM** the solution, **I AM** the sustainer, **I AM** the restorer, **I AM** the life-giver. **I AM** the beginning, **I AM** the end, **I AM** the first, **I AM** the last; **I AM** God, and there is no one besides Me. **I AM** the Lord, and there is no other. **I AM** that **I AM**; that is My name; that is My memorial name to every generation. **I AM** God. And all **I AM** looking for is a little leader who's thrilled to be I Am Not, because they know **I AM**.

Reflection

1. What is one take-a-way from this message that stood out for me?
2. What is one action I can take in response to this message?
3. Who will I share my learnings with?
4. Any additional thoughts?

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