

JESUS

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Jesus in an Uncertain World
Jesus Experiences Grief and Joy

John 16:16-22

Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

¹⁷ At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸ They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

¹⁹ Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?” ²⁰ Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.



John 16:16-22 (21-24)

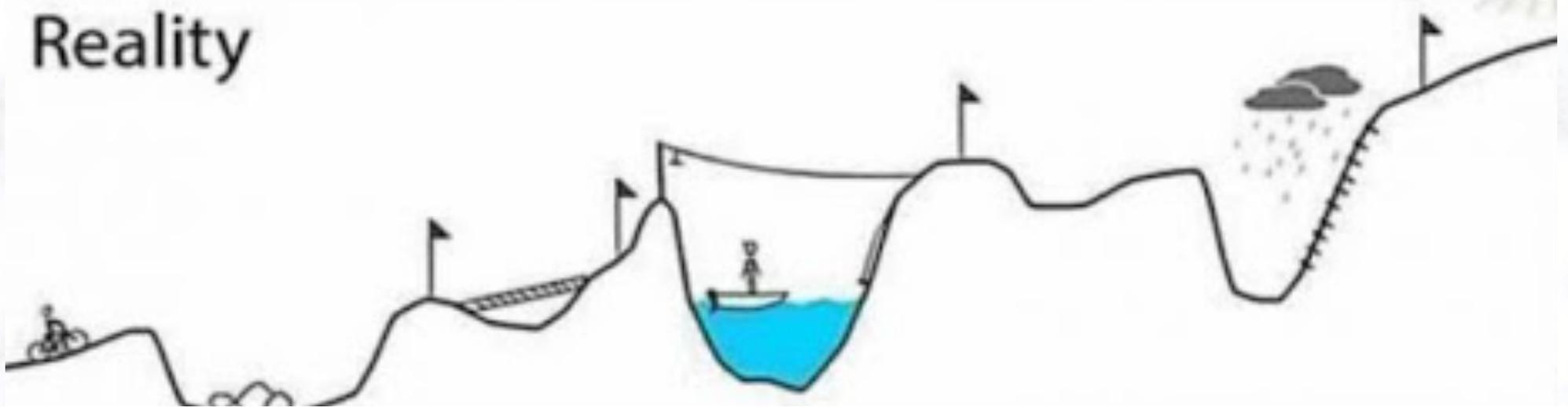
A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. 22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.



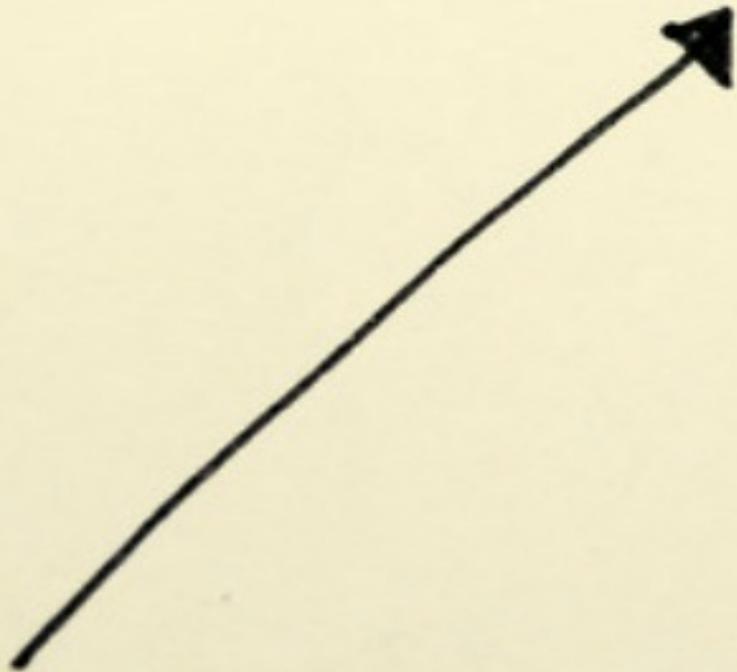
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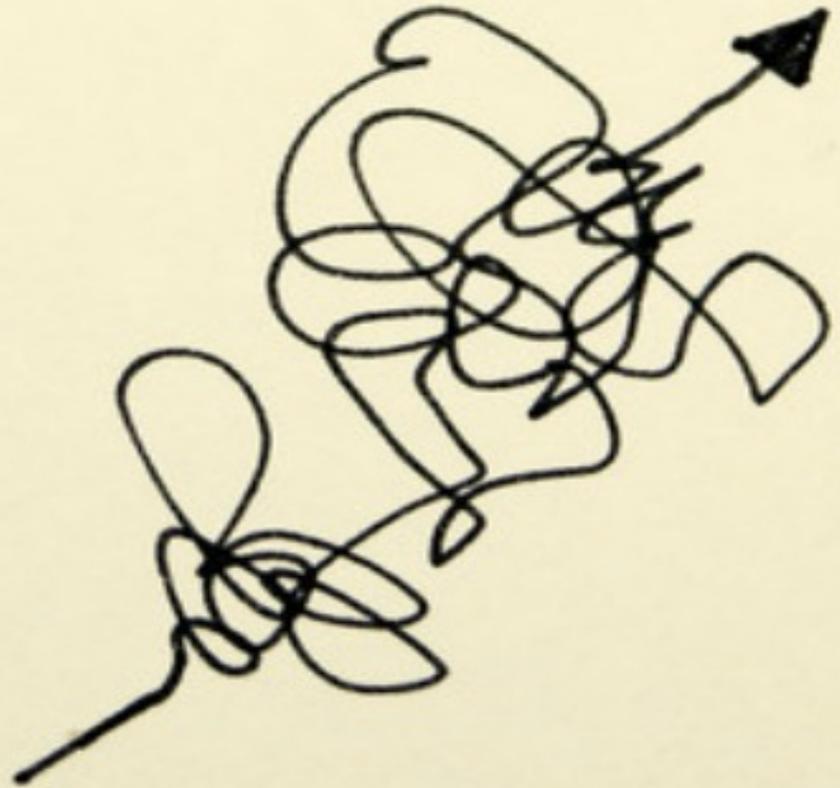
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Life on earth has deep grief and great Joy

20-22 Very truly I tell you, you will **weep** and **mourn** while the world rejoices. You will **grieve**, but your grief will turn to **joy**. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. 22 So with you: Now is your time of **grief**, but I will see you again and you will **rejoice**, and no one will take away your **joy**



Jesus experienced sorrow and deep grief

- **Isaiah 53:3** He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.
- **Hebrews 5:7** During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered.



God embraces us in our pain and sorrow

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**Turning to God in our pain and sorrow
produces so many good things**

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We are given a deeper capacity to love and enter into the suffering of others

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.



Invitation:

Moving yourself toward Jesus:

Welcome Jesus into your pain and sorrow

Moving others toward Jesus:

Enter into someone else's pain and sorrow and bring them
God's comfort and hope

