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When Grief Overwhelms You —John 11:1–44

Part 6 of 6 in the “Hope for the Heavy Heart” series

Overwhelming _____ requires an “Even Now” kind of _____.

People with an “Even Now” kind of _____ know that..

1. Our _____ never indicates an _____ of God’s love (verses 1–3, 36)
2. Jesus _____ us—even when we aren’t _____ that He has (verses 3, 21, 32)
3. God always weaves our darkest moments into His _____ (verses 4, 14–15, 40, 42)
4. God’s _____ timing rarely is our _____ timing (verses 5–17)
5. Everyone _____ differently, and that is OK (verses 18–37)
6. Jesus _____ when we _____ (verse 35)
7. Our deep unutterable _____ aligns us with the groaning of _____ and _____ (verses 33, 38)
8. Grief always limits our _____ of what God can do (verse 37)
9. God _____ us to do what we can do and then _____ Him to do what only He can do (verses 39, 44)
10. Our God is the God of the _____ and the _____! (verses 44, 25–26)

Do you have an “Even Now” kind of _____?

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People with an “Even Now” kind of faith know that..

1. Our pain never indicates an absence of God’s love (*verses 1–3, 36*)
2. Jesus hears us—even when we aren’t sure that He has (*verses 3, 21, 32*)
3. God always weaves our darkest moments into His eternal purposes (*verses 4, 14–15, 40, 42*)
4. God’s perfect timing rarely is our preferred timing (*verses 5–17*)
5. Everyone grieves differently, and that is OK (*verses 18–37*)
6. Jesus weeps when we weep (*verse 35*)
7. Our deep unutterable groaning aligns us with the groaning of everyone and everything (*verses 33, 38*)
8. Grief always limits our perspective of what God can do (*verse 37*)
9. God expects us to do what we can do and then trust Him to do what only He can do (*verses 39, 44*)
10. Our God is the God of the resurrection and the life! (*verses 44, 25–26*)

Do you have an “Even Now” kind of faith?