

Episode Notes

QUESTIONS GRIEVING CHRISTIANS ASK: WHY DO I DISLIKE HEARING CHRISTIAN PLATITUDES AND BIBLE VERSES?

KEY POINTS:

- Some Christians, following a painful loss of a loved one, dislike hearing “platitudes” and even bible verses that are meant to make them feel better.
- Platitudes are sometimes nonsense and cause more pain in the grieving persons
- Even bible verses, when inappropriately used, or mistimed can cause more pain than alleviate pain.
- At some point in the future, you may be ready to hear at least the bible verses that are meant to provide comfort.

Definition:

Platitude: a statement that has been used too often to be interesting or thoughtful.

Scriptural References:

James 1:2

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

For everything there is a season, and a time for every [a]purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; **4** a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance,

STEPPING STONE:

“What will you choose to do the next time someone offers you a platitude or a bible verse that brings more pain than relief?”

HEART CHECK

Date:

What have you been thinking and feeling today?

