

(11)“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (12)Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. (13)You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart”.

Jeremiah 29:11-13



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The Hurting Heart “Living Through The Losses of Life”



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Sunday Seminar Series
3:00 PM– 6:00 PM
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Our lives are marked by a variety of losses. Some are life-changing: leaving home...the death of a loved one...divorce a business failure...retirement...a vanishing dream or ideal. Yes, loss comes in many forms and at various times throughout our lives. With every loss comes the potential for change, growth, new insights, understanding, and refinement. Loss is not the enemy; not facing its existence is. Unfortunately, many of us have become more proficient in developing denial than we are in facing and accepting the losses of life.

During this three hour seminar, Pastor Roger will explore such issues as:

- The meaning of grief
- Blaming God
- Learning to express and share grief
- Ungrieved loss
- Healthy ways to hold on to something or someone you have lost

You will be guided through your own thoughts and given direction as to appropriate ways to learn to live through the grief issues in your life. This seminar is free and is designed for adults in our congregation and the community. Please call the church office, 630-232-7068, to register and ensure that enough materials are available. Or you may email rcrites@fbcg.com. Please note there is no childcare for this event.



Roger Crites, Pastor of Congregation Care at First Baptist Church of Geneva, Illinois, will assist you in learning to live through the losses of your life. As a pastor for the past 33 years, his passion has always been to help hurting people connect with the grace and comfort of God. Losses and suffering often create road blocks along the road of life. As a cancer survivor, he understands from his own experiences the grief that brings challenges to your journey of faith. He will speak to your pain and loss with words of comfort and hope.

(3) “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 have received from God.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4