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## **Grieving**

By Andie Berry -- (Age 12)

*"Blessed are those who mourn. For they shall be comforted."*

- Matthew 5:4

Grieving is a natural part of life. We can mourn over a family member, a loved pet, or with a friend that is grieving. It's *good* to grieve. Life isn't always cup cakes and rainbows. There's going to be trials, sorrow and difficulty in life. But when we are grieving we must know to lean on the Lord. In 1 Peter 5:7 it says, "Cast all your cares upon Him [God] for He cares for you."

And that's *exactly* what we need to do. The Lord cares for us, and nothing takes him by surprise. In Isaiah 41:10 it says; "Fear not for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will Strengthen you, yes, I will help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Recently I've learned that when someone passes it seems as though your world is falling apart, and your heart is breaking, but that's part of grieving. And it will get easier in time. Revelation 21:4 says, "God will wipe away every tear from their eye; there shall be no more death nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for former things have passed away."

I am grateful that we as believers have the hope in Christ of seeing our fellow believers who are our loved ones again one day in paradise.

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## Mouse vs Trap vs God

By Isha Michel -- (Age 16)

*"Free cheese is always available in mouse traps."*

- Unknown

We all know what temptation is; wanting something that most of the time isn't good for you. But what does God say about it?

In 1 Corinthians 10:13 it says, "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."

It says clearly that there is no temptation "uncommon to man." Jesus knew the temptations we face each day, whether it's a guy or girl we are constantly thinking about, people that we like but aren't good for our well being, or even saying things we shouldn't. There are so many temptations. But God is still faithful! He understands and made it possible to overcome our temptations and worldly desires.

Hebrews 2:18 says "For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted." He went through temptations as well, and He understands and can guide you. James 4:7 says, "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." Luke 22:40 "He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

How do you resist the devil? Through prayer and submission to God.

James 1:2-4 says, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

(Scripture taken from NASB version)

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## What Makes You Beautiful

By Sarah Schumacher -- (Age 18)

We I think most of us have had moments where we look in the mirror and don't like what we see. Moments where we tend to define ourselves by how we look on the outside. But how does *God* see us?

1 Samuel 16:7 says, "But the Lord said unto Samuel, 'Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.' "

God is much less concerned with our physical appearance, since our hearts matter most to Him. Where we see great beauty, God may see a heart of pride. Where we see unremarkable features, He may see a heart that is beautiful in His eyes. This even applies to us when we think badly of someone because of something physical they cannot change. It's important to remember that God *never* judges us by how we appear; because as His children, we are already accepted!

In Ephesians 1:6 it says, "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." We don't need to worry about man's acceptance, ever, and as Christians, we don't need to be afraid of God rejecting us. A human's opinion of how we look will *never* define us. Because when we love God, we will want to serve Him, and that makes our hearts beautiful to Him.

Isaiah 52:7 says, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" How much does it hurt God when we step back and look at how He made us and say that what He proclaimed as good is not good enough? We are the creation, and we have no place saying that! And lastly, remember God doesn't create mistakes, and we are made by a wonderful Creator!

In Psalm 139:14 and 17-18 it says, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee."

(All scripture verses taken from the KJV Bible Version)

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