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WHAT IF...

WHAT IF... trials of this life are mercies in disguise?

WHAT IF... it takes a thousand sleepless nights to know God is near?

WHAT IF... your healing comes through tears?

WHAT IF... it will be worth it all when we get through it all to look back?

God loves us so much in His mercy and compassion for each of us that He has a plan and place for us to live forever, refusing to let us suffer forever in our earth suits once their purpose is served.

Many I know and love are burdened today from death or imminent death of one they love dearly, grieving, broken hearts from broken relationships, rejection, abandonment, abuse of all kinds.

KNOW you are loved by our Sovereign God of The Holy Bible. "Jesus Wept", John 11:35 is your guarantee that God the Father and the Son knows the painful feeling of grief we experience in this life.

"WHY did Jesus weep" is what we need to focus on when we grieve.

Jesus wept at the tomb where his best friend Lazarus was buried 3-4 days before he arrived at the tomb. "Wept" is key to us as it tells us it erupted from Jesus' emotions, so what triggered His emotions to weep when He had never been so emotional to weep before?

Reasons we know from our human experiences... Jesus wept over grief HE felt for the loss of his beloved friend, who I personally believe could be "the disciple Jesus loved" because it explains many things unknown otherwise.

Jesus also wept seeing the faces of grief of Lazarus sisters, Mary and Martha, whom Jesus loved dearly and felt their pain just as we feel the pain of family at funeral services of their loved ones.

REASON NOT SO OBVIOUS... because we don't see through the eyes of Jesus...

Jesus knew that Lazarus death, burial and resurrection that Jesus was about to cause, was in front of a crowd of people eager to see what Jesus was going to do about his best friend lying in the grave.

Jesus knew this tomb was a stone's throw from the Temple in Jerusalem where Jewish religious leaders hated him and sought to murder Him, so this amazing resurrection of Lazarus would set in motion the events leading to His crucifixion in one week.

"Jesus Wept" because his days on earth were ending in a week, so He would never again enjoy being with the people He loved dearly, never share meals and conversation with them, never dance or worship with them

again, so HIS grief erupted in weeping for HIS loss of HIS beloved friends and family, AND for their loss they had no idea was about to happen.

Jesus knew it is worth it all. We who know Him know it also. Jesus WEPT from grief. We grieve and weep. There is healing in our tears, His tears and our tears.

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For God's Glory and Old Glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louie Johnston Jr.", written in a cursive style.