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Genesis 23:1-3

DEALING WITH LOSS

I. Introduction:

No, it can't be.
It just can't be.

Someone I love is gone
and my life is shattered
into a million pieces.

I want everything back the way it used to be.
God are you there? Are you listening?

I want my loved one back
I'm not ready to let go.

II. Unpacking The Passage:

23 Sarah lived to be **a hundred and twenty-seven years** old. ² She died at Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went **to mourn** for Sarah and **to weep** over her. ³ Then **Abraham rose from beside his dead wife** and spoke to the Hittites.^[a] He said, ⁴ "I am a foreigner and stranger among you. Sell me some property for a burial site here so I can bury my dead." Genesis 23:1-3

III. Lessons From Sarah's Passing:

1. The Sadness Of Separation

"Sarah lived to **be a hundred and twenty-seven years old.**" Genesis 23:1

2. The Sting Of Sorrow

² She died at Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went **to mourn** for Sarah and **to weep** over her.” Genesis 23:2

3. The Strength Of Steadfastness

³ Then **Abraham rose from beside his dead wife** and spoke to the Hittites.” Genesis 23:3

III. Conclusion And Application:

“Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope
¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.” I Thessalonians 4:13-14