Pastor's Weekly Devotional- April 23, 2015 "Jesus Wept"

The shortest verse in The Bible is John 11:35 – "Jesus wept." This is rather significant because it reveals the heart of God. Jesus said: "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father."

So, God is not "way-up-there" – unapproachable, unknowable and unreachable. The emotions of Jesus reveal the nature of God. And since Jesus has the same emotions like yours, it means that He does understand your pains, distress and suffering.

Oftentimes, you may experience such pain that are too deep for words. Sixteen times Job hurled agonizing and anguished questions at God: "Why?" But God never answered the question "Why?" Job did not need to know why. He just needed to KNOW WHO WAS IN CONTROL – GOD! He needed to know who <u>cared</u> for him; who <u>loved</u> him and who would <u>sustain</u> and <u>vindicate</u> him.

Similarly, at times you may wonder why this situation is happening to you. Be assured that God knows exactly what's going on. Nothing takes Him by surprise; even though it doesn't appear so, He does have everything under <u>His</u> control. In His wisdom and providence, He knows how much joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain, prosperity and storm, the precise mixture of darkness and light – to make a perfect son and daughter.

Remember this promise from God: "I know the plans I have for you; plans to prosper you and give you a future." So, have faith in God!

Have a blessed week. See you in church Sunday. I will be preaching on the subject: "Invading the Impossible!"

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