



March 2026 Update

What Do You Know ... About Grief?

What's the first thing you learn in a writing course? Write what you know. I know two things: One, life is hard. And two, God is good. For most, it only takes a short time to experience the pain of living. At some point, loss becomes an all too familiar part of each of our lives. For those who lose a child or sibling, it may come early. For those grieving the death of a marriage or career, it may come later. But, in this broken world, it will come. And loss is painful.

“No one can master the wind and contain it—it blows as it will. No one has power over the day of death—it comes as it will. No soldier is discharged in the heat of battle, and certainly wickedness will not release those entangled in it.”

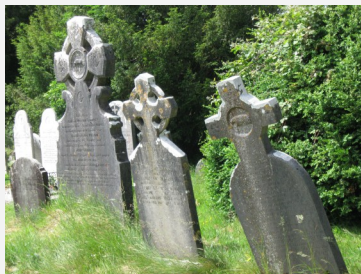
—Ecclesiastes 8:8 VOICE



So, grieving is not optional. But, grieving *well* is. We can only grieve well when connected to God through Jesus. God helped me with my brother's death through a grief support group. **Mending the Soul** is a biblical grounded, culturally relevant tool for groups introduced at last year's Tribal Ministry Conference. It is now available for Native communities as **Native Mending the Soul** (NMTS). Learn more from the [NMTS YouTube channel](#).

Life is Hard

A recent tragedy in the Pacific Northwest (PNW) hit a Native community dear to many at Sacred Path Fellowship (SPF). A twenty-something man from a nearby tribe died in his home. He was the youngest son and beloved of his mother; he was a brother and uncle, grandson and friend, coworker and neighbor. Like my brother's death, it happened at home, so the police have to investigate. Meanwhile, many grieve, including his mother ... who is displaced until the investigation ends.



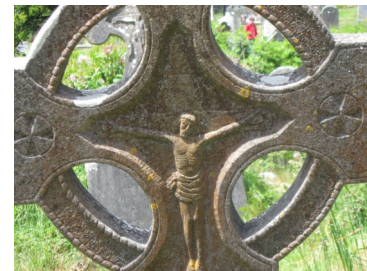
“What a wonderful God we have—He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Source of every mercy, and the One who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does He do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us.”

—2 Corinthians 1:4 TLB

Related to this loss, people involved in SPF are working to bring **Carry the Cure** (CTC) to the PNW. CTC is “a non-profit organization that utilizes clinical tools, cultural traditions, and other proven practices to offer communities comprehensive suicide & abuse prevention and healthy life-choice skills.” Headed by Bill Pagaran, this program has Jesus at the center! Its name comes from an event in 1925 involving mushers and their dog teams in Alaska. To learn more, check out carrythecure.org.

God is Good

We live in a world broken *by humans!* And yet, God sent Yeshua Jesus for us as the **True Human** (Philippians 2:6-8). Sent to show us what it looks like to be God-connected as God originally designed us. Sent to love the Father by loving others, through the enabling of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16-17). Jesus says, "You are calling Me good? Don't you know that God and God alone is good?" (Mark 10:18) Only a good God takes away wrong without destroying those who *do* wrong.... But, how?



"So He had to be made like people, fully human in every way. Then He could serve God as a kind and faithful high priest. And then He could pay for the sins of the people by dying for them."

—Hebrews 2:17 NIRV

Yeshua Jesus is our **Great High Priest** (Hebrews 7:26-28). He who was tempted just as all humans are, yet pure before God in thought, word and deed (Matthew 4:1-11). Yeshua Jesus is also the **Perfect Sacrifice** (Hebrews 9:14; 1 Peter 1:17-19). Through a blameless life, our God took on our wrong-doing and died in our place (Isaiah 53:5-6; Psalm 69:20-21). Then, He put His goodness—His new life—in us, through the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 5:21)! Thanks be to our good God!

Matching Grant Opportunity

A foundation that loves NAIM wants to see all our staff at 100% support. The foundation is offering a matching grant for every donation from a new donor—as well as increased donations from current donors—up to \$1000/month for twelve months. They will match ongoing new donations whether the donations are monthly, quarterly or spontaneous through August 2026—and continuing for twelve months. Please consider giving (or giving a little bit more), knowing that your donations will be doubled.

Praises & Prayer Requests

SUV REPAIR PRAISE! Due to an unexpected gift, I was able to have my front brakes replaced! I once again have a reliable vehicle for transportation (and client errands). **REQUEST** Please ask Creator for safe travels for the upcoming NAIM Women's Retreat.

LIFE IS HARD REQUEST Please ask the Holy Spirit for healing and hope for those going through hard seasons of life & ministry. **PRAISE!** I've registered online and anticipate the four retreat days, from March 5th - 8th, at Charis Camp in Chilliwack, BC.

GOD IS GOOD PRAISE! I have a caregiving position with a Tacoma business and now average 20 hours per week with in-home clients. **REQUEST** Please ask Yahweh Jireh for 20 more work hours per week, and for wisdom to plan a realistic budget.

GRIEVING WELL REQUEST Please ask the Holy Spirit for direction as I personally revisit grieving well in new and different seasons.



Tara

NAIM staff and the ministries they represent are solely funded through and fully accountable to North America Indigenous Ministries.

Give online at www.naim.ca. Or, make checks out to NAIM and send to:
PO Box 499, Sumas, WA 98295.

To be a financial Ministry Partner, please designate donations to NAIM **Project #771**.