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Psalm 34:11-22

I know what it feels to be brokenhearted and crushed in spirit. Fifteen years ago our only son Mark was killed in a vehicular accident. Many days my grief limited me to openly weeping behind the closed door of my office, only responding to emergencies.

Gradually, I began to function again. Within a few weeks another teenager died. My efforts to comfort grieving parents failed. Over time this experience tempered and strengthened my compassion. I related more easily and readily with grieving parents.

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children" (Psalm 103:13-17).

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