Sitting with Grief – a guide to explore your loss

What did I lose? What am I grieving?

What does this loss mean to me?

Ex: Loss of security, income, being known, a friend, comfort, expressing my love to another

How is my body experiencing grief?

Ex: Tiredness, emptiness, numbness

What am I tempted to believe?

"I'm all alone. No one understands. God has forgotten me."

What can I remind myself of as an anchor or truth?

"I've never been here before. I can get through this. I trust you God, even if I don't know why this happened. There's no right way to go through this."

What permission can I give myself as I set out on this journey?

"It's okay to let some tasks and expectations go for now as I figure out how to get through this. "I allow myself to acknowledge my feelings, knowing that feelings come and go."

Who are my companions on this journey? With whom can I be my honest, grieving self? In what relationships do I feel I do not have to "have it all together?"

What activities can help support my mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual wellness as I grieve? Walking, regular meals, check-in with a friend, therapy, journaling, painting, music

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