

From Grieving to Joyful Living

Helping You Transform Your Tragedies into Great Success & Joyful Living

The 5 PILLARS of UNDERSTANDING DIVORCE GRIEF

1. DIVORCE is a *Double* DEATH.

Death of your marriage ~ And ~ death of your hopes and dreams.

2. It is normal for you to Grief.

You have experienced 2 losses at once, so it is very normal for you to feel sad. It is also normal for you to feel angry and /or guilty.

It is also normal for you to feel relieved.

3. Grief is like fingerprint.

Just like we all have different fingerprints, we all grieve differently. Some of us grieve for a month, some for a few years. Some of us feel a lot of anger, some feel a sense of relieved and peace. There is no right or wrong way of grieving the death of your marriage and dreams.

What you feel at a given time is what is appropriate for you.

4. It's a broken heart, Not a broken You.

Your heart might be broken, but You are Not broken. There is nothing wrong with you. **You are whole and you are a beautiful as you are; we all are.** And broken hearts, just like broken legs, can be healed fully with the appropriate tools, skills, and support.

5. The Truth about Grief from Divorce:

Grief is like hot lava.

It will burn you from inside if you keep it in you. It will explode if we keep adding pressure to it. It will seep out somewhere else if we try to push it away. We need to clean up this hot lava of grief, and do so skillfully and knowledgeably so we don't end up getting hurt more. You want to clean up the grief in you so you can fully heal and have a beautiful life again.

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Crying is a sign of strength and is good for healing.

When our hearts open, our tears flow. Your heart has been broken open and it is normal for your tears to flow. And tear nourishes our heart like water to plant. It can be vulnerable to cry, and to be willing to be vulnerable and feel the pain so you can heal it strength. Crying is not a sign of weakness. Let's allow your tear to flow and help your heart heal.

It's NOT just another fish that you shouldn't feel bad about.

Have you heard "there's plenty of fish in the sea"? Putting on happy face and swiftly replacing our ex with a new "fish" carries double damages. First, putting on happy face does not allow us to be honest to ourselves and thus not able to fully heal ourselves. Secondly, we set up our new relationship for failure by starting it on a still smoldering broken ground.

Time, busy-ness, alcohol, shopping...will not heal your grief

Have you ever feel more in pain after going out with well-meaning friends? Have you ever feel lonely in the midst of a lively party? This is because busy-ness, parties, chocolate are all ways to temporarily push away our grief, to numb ourselves temporarily. Unfortunately, we often feel worse afterward, because we just added time and pressure to our internal hot lava. And just like a broken leg, time alone will not fully heal our broken heart. Receiving appropriate support from caring skillful professionals and doing your part of the recovery are what would heal your heart.

I am very sorry you are going through a divorce. I hope this article help you move through and beyond your divorce with a little more ease. Please know that I am here for you and I wish you a smooth journey and fast recovery to a joyful life. Please feel welcomed to contact me at any time if I may support you in any way.

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