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A Note from Dr. Wolfelt

Welcome to our fall/winter catalog of resources.

As you may know, grief is “the internal response to loss.” Mourning is “the shared social response to loss.” We grieve first, then we put our grief into action through mourning. It’s when we’re actively mourning that we stumble onto things. We stumble onto compassion when someone sees we’re mourning and reaches out to help us. We stumble onto gratitude when when we encounter small, unexpected blessings. We stumble onto hope when we are exposed to new opportunities. Sometimes we do need to sit down with our grief, silent and alone. But when we put it into motion, over and over we find ourselves stumbling onto grace. Please make use of the resources in this catalog to help yourself or your fellow human beings stumble onto reconciliation—“the capacity to become re-involved in living a life of meaning and purpose.”

It has been humbling to experience the response to my book Grief One Day at a Time. Many organizations are gifting this resource to families that have come to grief and need the encouragement to authentically mourn. If this is something you would like to consider, please contact Nicole in our bookstore at Nicole@centerforloss.com, or give her a call at 970-226-6050. She can help you understand how that works and provide you a substantial discount to make this happen for you and those you support. The response to this book encouraged me to pen my newest book, One Mindful Day at a Time. The purpose of this book is to inspire people to live each day from a place of peace, purpose, and gratitude. I sincerely believe that living in the now is a habit you can cultivate and hope this daily reader can help you do just that…available November 1st.

My current writing is focused on a book that will release next March, When Mourning is Complicated: A Model for Caregivers to Understand, Identify, and Companion Mourners Through Complicated Grief. My hope is that this new resource will encourage caregivers to use a “companioning” model of caregiving even when grief is made more complex by especially difficult circumstances. My intent is to outline the model that has helped me identify, understand, and provide hope to people who suffer with natural complications in the journey of grief. Please consider adding this to your library.

I continue to enjoy providing my four-day training experiences to those of you interested in growing your knowledge and skills in bereavement care. While I will continue to provide my “on-the-road” workshops (I hope to see some of you on my fall teaching tour), I’m consciously limiting some of my travel and making it a priority to continue to mentor caregivers in my “companioning” model of grief support. I invite you to consider joining us and refer you to page 24 of this catalog to learn more.

Thank you very much for using my written resources and attending my workshops and trainings. I wrote my mission statement for the Center for Loss at age 16, and every day I have tremendous gratitude that people make use of my writings and teachings. I do enjoy hearing from you, so please consider dropping me an email at DrWolfelt@centerforloss.com And for those of you who do write me, thanks for the encouragement to keep picking up my pen!

Peace and Hope,

Dr. Alan Wolfelt
One Mindful Day at a Time:
365 Meditations for Living in the Now

For most of us, life is way too hectic. We feel scattered and distracted. We’re busy rushing from one required activity to the next, and when we have a few moments of downtime, we’re often glued to our electronics. Is this what life is really all about?

Learn to slow down and live more mindfully with this daily companion. In one brief entry for each day of the calendar year, counselor Dr. Alan Wolfelt offers small, day-at-a-time doses of wisdom and practical guidance. Each entry includes an inspiring or soothing quote followed by a short discussion of the day’s theme as well as a succinct mantra to return to throughout the day.

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When Mourning is Complicated
A Model for Caregivers to Understand, Identify, and Companion Mourners Through Complicated Grief

After a significant loss, grief is normal and necessary. But sometimes a mourner’s grief becomes naturally heightened, stuck, or made more complex by especially difficult circumstances, such as suicide, homicide, or multiple losses within a short time period. This is called “complicated grief.”

In this primer by one of the world’s most respected grief educators, Dr. Wolfelt helps caregivers understand the various factors that often contribute to complicated grief. He presents a model for identifying complicated grief symptoms and, through real-life examples, offers guidance for companioning mourners through their challenging grief journeys. This book rounds out Dr. Wolfelt’s resources on the companioning philosophy of grief care, making it an essential addition to your professional library.

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100 Practical Ideas for Parents After the Kids Move Out, Go Off to College, or Start Taking Flight

You’ve spent most of your adult life focused on the care and raising of your children...and now they’re leaving. For you and for them, this major transition is often challenging in many ways. You may feel surprised at the intensity of your grief—a confusing mixture of sadness, hope, emptiness, fear, excitement, and other emotions all at once.

This book helps parents understand their normal and necessary empty nester grief. The 100 practical tips and activities are designed to help you acknowledge and express your feelings of loss, foster love and respect, and, over time, find ways to re-instill your life with meaning. Advice is also offered for nurturing a marriage or partnership through this challenging time.

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— A reader

Counseling Skills for Companionship of the Mourner
The Fundamentals of Effective Grief Counseling

This compassionate resource outlines both the philosophy and the how-tos of fundamental helping skills of Dr. Alan Wolfelt’s well-respected “companioning” model of grief care. The centerpiece of this model is that mourners are the experts of their own experiences. This belief demands caregivers who bear witness without judgement, are willing to be taught by the mourner, and gently encourage the expression of grief into authentic mourning.

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Healing Your Grief with Three Forgotten Truths

When it comes to healing after the death of someone loved, our culture has it all wrong. We’re told to be strong when what we really need is to be vulnerable. We’re told to think positive when what we really need is to experience the pain of the loss. And we’re told to seek closure when what we really need is to welcome our natural and necessary grief.

The paradoxes of mourning are three Truths that grieving people used to respect but in the last century seem to have forgotten. In fact, our thinking about loss has gotten so mixed up that the Truths can now seem backwards, or paradoxical. Yet the paradoxes are indeed true, and only by giving yourself over to their wisdom can you find your way.

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— A reader

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by Bonnie Carroll and Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D.

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I’ve always found it intriguing that the word “treat” comes from the Latin root word “tractare,” which means “to drag.” If we combine that with “patient,” we can really get in trouble. “Patient” means “passive long-term sufferer;” so if we treat patients, we drag passive, long-term sufferers. Simply stated, that’s not very empowering.
On the other hand, the word “companion,” when broken down into its original Latin roots, means “messmate”: com for “with” and pan for “bread.” Someone you would share a meal with, a friend, an equal. I have taken liberties with the noun “companion” and made it into the verb “companioning” because it so well captures the type of counseling relationship I support and advocate. That is the image of companioning—sitting at a table together, being present to one another, sharing, communing, abiding in the fellowship of hospitality. Companioning the bereaved is not about assessing, analyzing, fixing, or resolving another’s grief. Instead, it is about being totally present to the mourner, even being a temporary guardian of her soul.
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