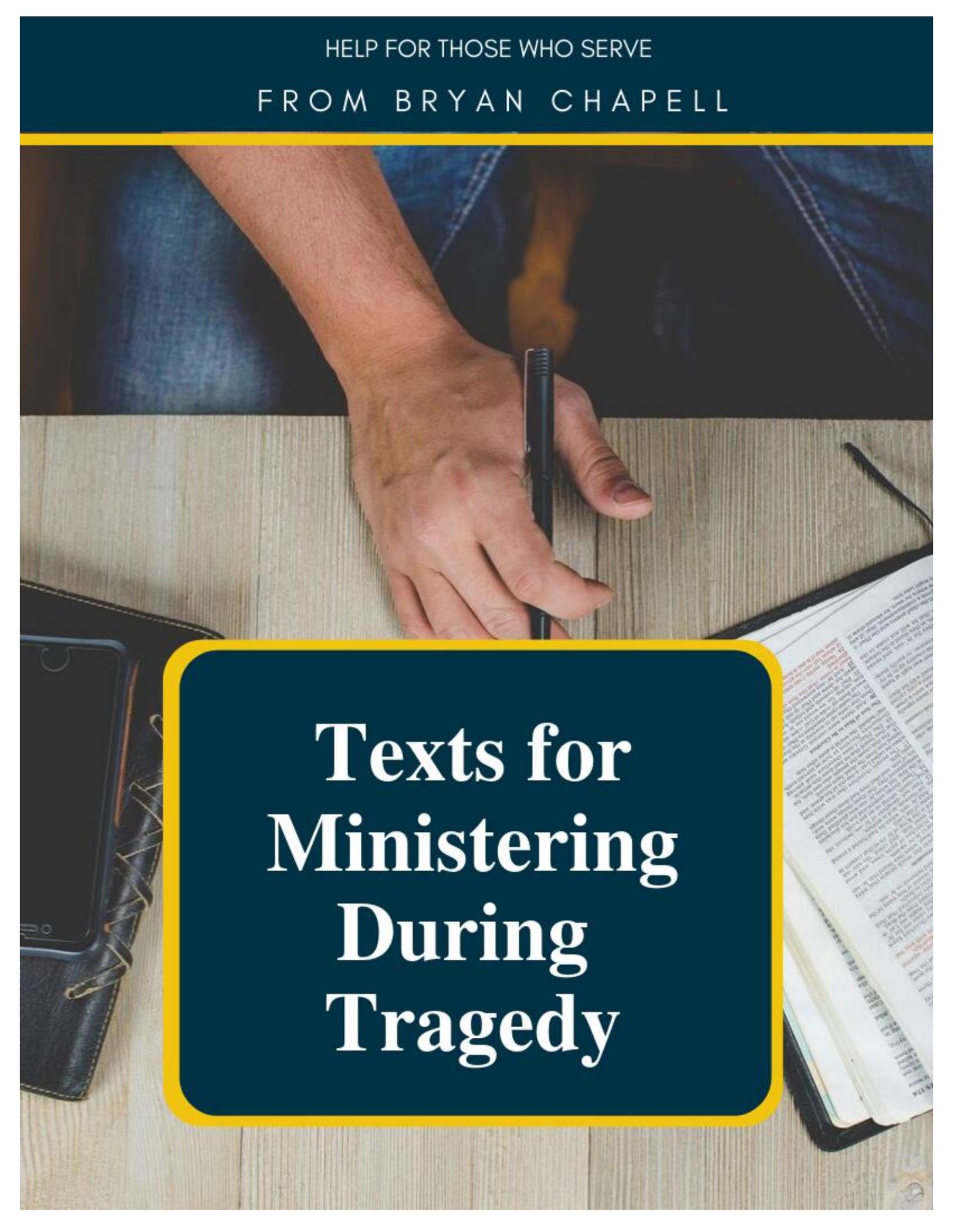


HELP FOR THOSE WHO SERVE
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A photograph of a person's hand holding a black pen over a light-colored wooden desk. To the left is a smartphone in a black leather case. To the right is an open Bible. The scene is lit from above, creating soft shadows.

Texts for Ministering During Tragedy

Helpful Texts for Ministering During Tragedies

National or Community Disaster

Genesis 5: 20	You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good ...
Psalms 27	I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living ...
Psalms 42	Put your hope in God ...
Psalms 46	God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble ...
Psalms 62	Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge ...
Psalms 90	Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations ...
Psalms 91	Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty ...
Psalms 118	The Lord is with me, I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?
Psalms 121	My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth ...
Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8	There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens ...
Isaiah 41:10	Do not fear, for I am with you ... I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand ...
Isaiah 43:1	Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have summoned you by name; you are mine ...
Isaiah 61	They will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations ...
Lamentations 3	Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail ... for no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love ...
Luke 13: 1-5	Those who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them were no more guilty than anyone else in Jerusalem ...
John 11: 17-44	The raising of Lazarus from the dead: "Jesus wept."
Romans 8: 28-39	In all things God works for the good of those who love him, and nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord ...

The Loss of a Child

2 Samuel 12: 18-23	David after the loss of his son: "I will go to him, but he will not return to me ..."
Psalms 8: 2	Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies ...
Psalms 139: 13-16	You knit me together in my mother's womb ...
Psalms 145: 1-13	One generation commends your works to another ... your dominion endures through all generations ...
Isaiah 49: 15-16	Can a mother forget the baby at her breast ...? I will not forget you!
Jeremiah 1: 5-8	Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart ...
Matthew 18: 1-5, 10	Whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven ...
Mark 10: 13-16	Let the little children come to me ... for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these ... <i>(see parallels Matthew 19: 13-15; Luke 18: 15-17)</i>
Luke 1: 41-50	... the baby in my womb leaped for joy.
1 Corinthians 7: 14	By a parent's faith children "are holy" ...
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	We who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them ... and so we will be with the Lord forever ...
James 4:14	What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes . . .

Funerals

Job 19: 23-27	I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth ...
Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd ...
Psalms 46	God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble ...
Psalms 62: 5-8	My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge ...
Psalms 90	Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures ... teach us to number our days ...
Psalms 91	Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty ...
Psalms 116: 15	Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants ...
Psalms 126: 5	Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy ...
Psalms 139	If I say, "Surely, the darkness will hide me ...," even the darkness will not be dark to you ...
Daniel 12: 1-3	Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake ...
Isaiah 55: 6-13	You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace ...
Isaiah 61: 1-3	The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me ... to bestow on them ... the oil of joy instead of mourning ...
John 5: 21-29	For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life ...
John 11: 17-27	I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me ... will never die ...
John 14: 1-7, 27	My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you ... Peace I leave with you ...
John 20: 1-11	Jesus' resurrection
Romans 8: 37-39	Nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord ...
Romans 14: 7-9	Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord ...
1 Corinthians 15	Our resurrection described: "We will all be changed ... where, O death, is your sting?"
2 Corinthians 4, 5	We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands ...
2 Corinthians 5: 8	... away from the body and at home with the Lord ...
Philippians 1: 21-23	For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain ... I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far ...
Philippians 3: 20-21	The Lord Jesus Christ ... will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body ...
1 Thessalonians 4	The dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive ...
2 Timothy 2: 8-13	If we died with him, we will also live with him ...

Funerals, cont'

1 John 3: 1-3	We know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him ...
Revelation 19: 1-8	The wedding supper of the Lamb
Revelation 20	Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them ...
Revelation 21: 1-7	A new heaven and a new earth: "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death ..."
Revelation 22: 1-5	The Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever ...

Suicide

Genesis 1: 26	Let us make mankind in our own image ...
1 Kings 15: 14	Although he did not remove the high places, Asa's heart was fully committed to the Lord ...
Psalms 8	You have made them (human beings) a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor ...
Psalms 88	Darkness is my closest friend ...
Psalms 103: 8-17	he does not treat us as our sins deserve ... he remembers that we are dust ...
Matthew 5: 3	Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven ...
Luke 22: 39-43	To the thief on the cross: "Today, you will be with me in paradise ..."
John 6: 35-40	And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up on the last day ...
John 10: 27-29	My sheep listen to my voice ...; no one will snatch them out of my hand ...
Ephesians 2: 5-9	By grace you have been saved, through faith ... it is a gift of God, not by works ...
Hebrews 10: 14	He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy ...