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How does this happen well?

Natural reaction.....

- hard to be excited**
- difficult to be optimistic**
- little bit closed off in our hearts**

Reactions we are called to

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1. Grieve Well

- **setting in Acts 20**
- **Acts 20:17-38**

a) relationship acknowledged, loss identified

b) comfort offered and accepted – 2 Cor. 1:3-4

c) reality embraced

- **John 16:16-24**

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2. Gain Perspective

a) God is able and involved in this – Rom. 8

b) Seasons of Life can be embraced – Eccl 3

c) I can trust in the unknown

- nothing can separate us from God's love**

- cares and provides for our situation**

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3. Give a Blessing to One Another

a) recount and encourage

b) stay interested and involved

- 1 Thess. 3:6-10

c) build up and pray for one another

- 1 Thess. 3:11-13

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4. Get Ready

a) Open your heart and Life to New People

- hospitality, love others, engage

b) Live in Community

- participate in the one another's

c) Embrace what God will bring and do

- be excited for the next steps

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So What?

- 1. Today we grieve – acknowledge good-byes**
- 2. Challenge one another to perspective**
- 3. Give a Blessing – recount and celebrate**
- 4. Get Ready – for where God will take us**

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