

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."*

*Matthew 5:4 (NASB)*



**Brothers And Sisters In Support**  
is a ministry to bereaved parents and their families

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# No one goes through life without experiencing some type of loss.

Perhaps the most devastating loss is the death of a child. This overwhelming loss affects the grieving parent physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Family relationships are often stretched to the breaking point. It can be difficult to share feelings and to support one another. Well-meaning family and friends, not knowing how to respond, may do so with words or actions that hurt rather than comfort.



Bereaved parents look for answers to deep questions like:

*Why?*

*Why my child?*

*Where is God?*

*What kind of God...?*

*How can I survive?*

*Is there any meaning in all this?*

Even though God's great love and tender compassion are evident throughout the Bible, a parent's grief may be so devastating that God's presence is difficult to sense.



*"Two are better than one...If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who has no one to help him up!" Ecclesiastes 9-10a (NIV)*

**BASIS exists to encourage parents on their grief journey, immediately and long term.**

We use Biblical Truth as the foundation for the support we offer:

## Support Groups

- Monthly meetings in a comfortable atmosphere where no one is required to speak; but all may share feelings openly and honestly without fear of judgment or criticism
- Group leaders provide encouragement, using thoughts from God's Word

## Renew

- A quarterly newsletter, offering inspirational articles and helpful information to bereaved parents

## Annual BASIS Breakfast

- An opportunity for fellowship with other grieving parents
- A time to remember and honor our children who have died
- Encouragement through music and an inspirational speaker

## Annual Picnic

- Fun, food and fellowship with other bereaved families

## Wall of Remembrance

- A special way parents can choose to have their child remembered.

## Other Resources

- Devotional and resource materials
- Blog at [hvmi.org](http://hvmi.org) > blogs > grief
- Personal contacts and notes of encouragement

## Educational Services for the Church and Community

- Workshops and seminars
- Resource materials for those who wish to help grieving families
- Resources for grieving children