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What impact does the plight of others have on your emotions?

Romans so far.

Romans 1 - 4 ... sin ... alienated from God ... grace ... forgiveness ... eternal life.

Romans 5 - 8 ... what living life as God's people looks like

Romans 9 - 11 ...why God's promises in the Old Testament are still valid

Romans 12 - 16 ... practical view of what a church founded on salvation through Christ and shaped by God's grace should look like.

God's promise

Gen 12:1-3 - "The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

God re-affirms his faithfulness to these promises

Romans 9:4-5... the amazing things God has done for his people.

sorrow and anguish - his people did not believe.

For us today

Do WE have this sort of desperate concern for the lost?

.... be clear ourselves

... it can be really scary!

A possible conversation at work...

A possible conversation at the cricket...

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Hebrews 10:23-25 - “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another one toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us *encourage one another* – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”