



Biblical Counselling UK

loss

THE HOPE OF
CHRIST IN SORROW

2024 RESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE
11-13 March

Post-conference workshop on
despair and suicide in the church
13-14 March

Timings

CONFERENCE STARTS

Monday 11 March

Lunch **12:45pm**

Session 1 starts at **2pm**

CONFERENCE CLOSES

Wednesday 13 March

with lunch

WORKSHOP CLOSES

Thursday 14 March

with lunch

Venue & Accommodation

The Hayes,
Swanwick, Derbyshire

The Hayes Conference Centre is
5 miles from the M1 (Junction 28),
and three miles from Alfreton
railway station.

Accommodation is available in
single, double or twin rooms.
All rooms are ensuite.

Prices & booking

CONFERENCE

Single room **£315**

Double/twin room **£285**

Non-residential **£230**

CONFERENCE PLUS WORKSHOP

Single room **£455**

Double/twin room **£405**

Non-residential **£345**

*The residential prices are per person
and include all meals, starting with
lunch on Monday and finishing with
lunch on the final day.*

*The non-residential price includes all
meals except breakfast. Breakfast for
non-residential delegates can be
booked for an additional £13 per day.*

FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOK ONLINE

**[biblicalcounselling.org.uk/
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ENQUIRIES

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Christians have a unique relationship with loss

On the one hand we share the many expressions of loss that arise in a fallen world. Sin and suffering produce grievous losses, the pain of which can be overwhelming. Christian believers know such losses.

Yet, we are also a people of hope. A hope that promises 'every spiritual blessing in Christ' (Ephesians 1:3). The hope of a God who promises that a day is coming when 'there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away' (Revelation 21:4).

And we find, finally, that discipleship in Christ is also described in terms of loss. 'Whoever wants to save their life will lose it,' Jesus tells us, 'but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it' (Mark 8:35).

Christians, therefore, have plenty of reasons to think carefully about loss. At the 2024 BCUK residential conference, we will consider both the agonies of more extreme loss and the struggles that arise from more everyday losses. We will do so in the light of the gospel and aware of our need to listen carefully to personal experience.

Alongside biblical reflections based in the book of Ruth, we will also have input from those who have experienced loss themselves.

Every church, indeed every Christian, will need to respond in love to those who suffer loss. We hope this conference will help those responses to be more caring, more thoughtful and more richly rooted in Christ.

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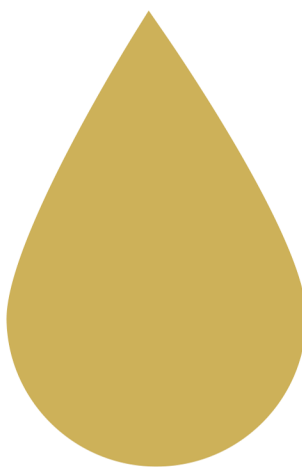
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Conference

Our main conference talks will be based around **the book of Ruth** – letting Ruth and Naomi's experience of loss, and ultimate plenty, inform our exploration of wise and loving responses to the many experiences of loss we encounter today.

A series of seminars will explore a range of different losses and will include sessions on speaking about death, disappointment, regret and complex loss.

Workshop - Despair and suicide in the church

An optional 24-hour post-conference workshop will consider the experience of despair more broadly and suicide specifically. Alongside theological reflections we will think practically about how we can support individuals, and whole communities, when they face these most difficult of circumstances.

Workshop sessions will be led both by church leaders and those whose work has been in counselling and mental health settings. As usual, there will be plenty of opportunity for discussion.