When God creates humans as male and female, that in being joined together as one they might bear witness to his love and desire for oneness with his people, and we devalue the sanctity of marriage and blur the lines of our maleness and femaleness, God must weep.

When God entrusts the security and healthy development of unborn children to us, and we decide that our own happiness and welfare is of greater value than a child’s life, God must weep.

When God gives an abundance of gifts and blessings to us, and we take the credit for what we have and we use our blessings to get more blessings rather than to be a blessing, God must weep.

When God, knowing that we have turned away from him, comes to us in Christ and gives his life on the cross in order to bring us back, and we continue to go our own way, turning to him only as a last resort, God must weep.

But even in his weeping, God continues to love, “being patient with (us), not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)

But in his patience, God must weep when he looks at us.

When God makes people different from each other as an expression of his own glory and beauty, and we use those differences to demean, abuse and even kill each other, God must weep.

When God blesses a nation mightily and uses that nation for great good in his world, and then we refuse to be “under God” in our words as well as in our ways, God must weep.

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