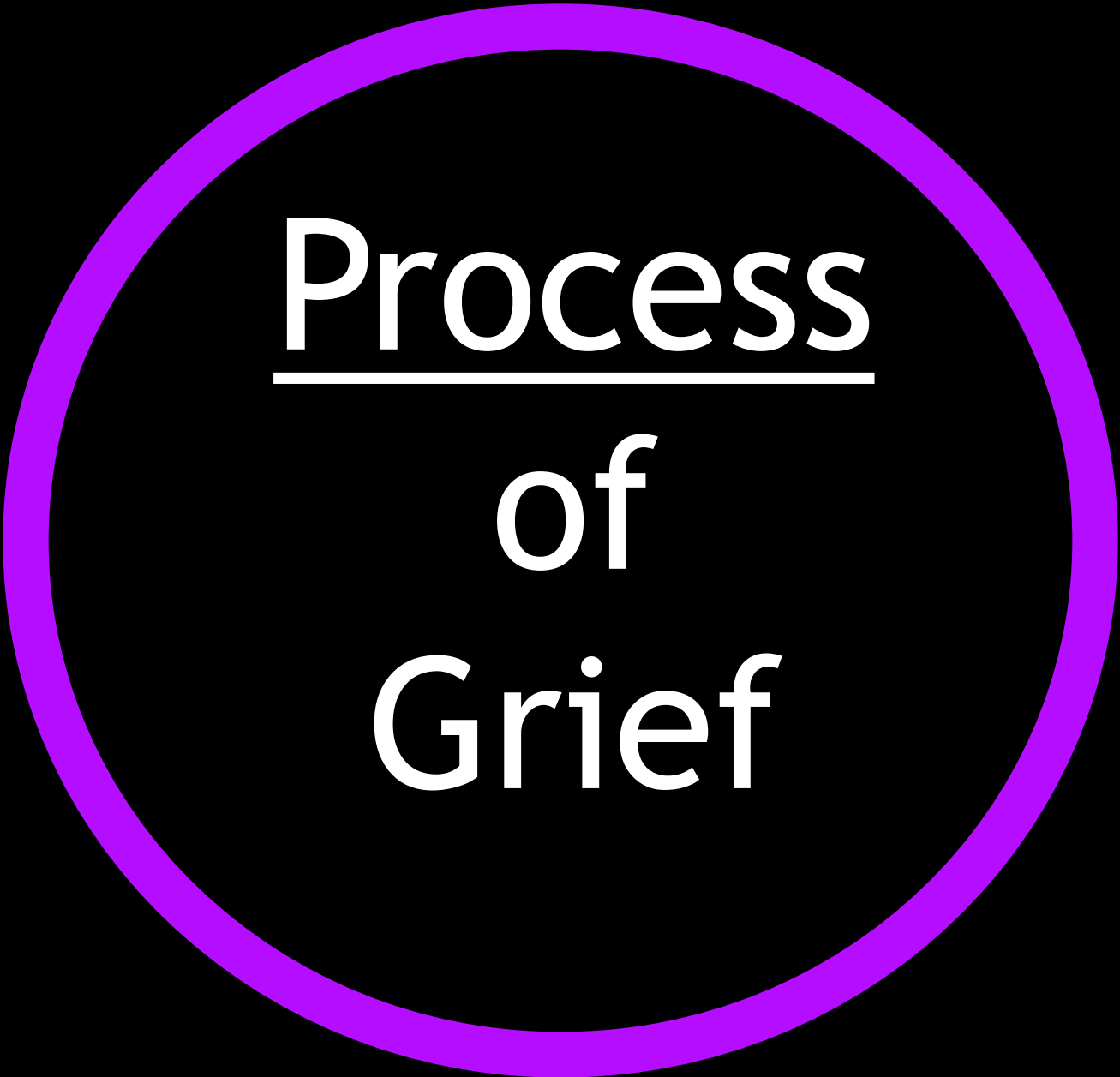


# Once is Not Enough

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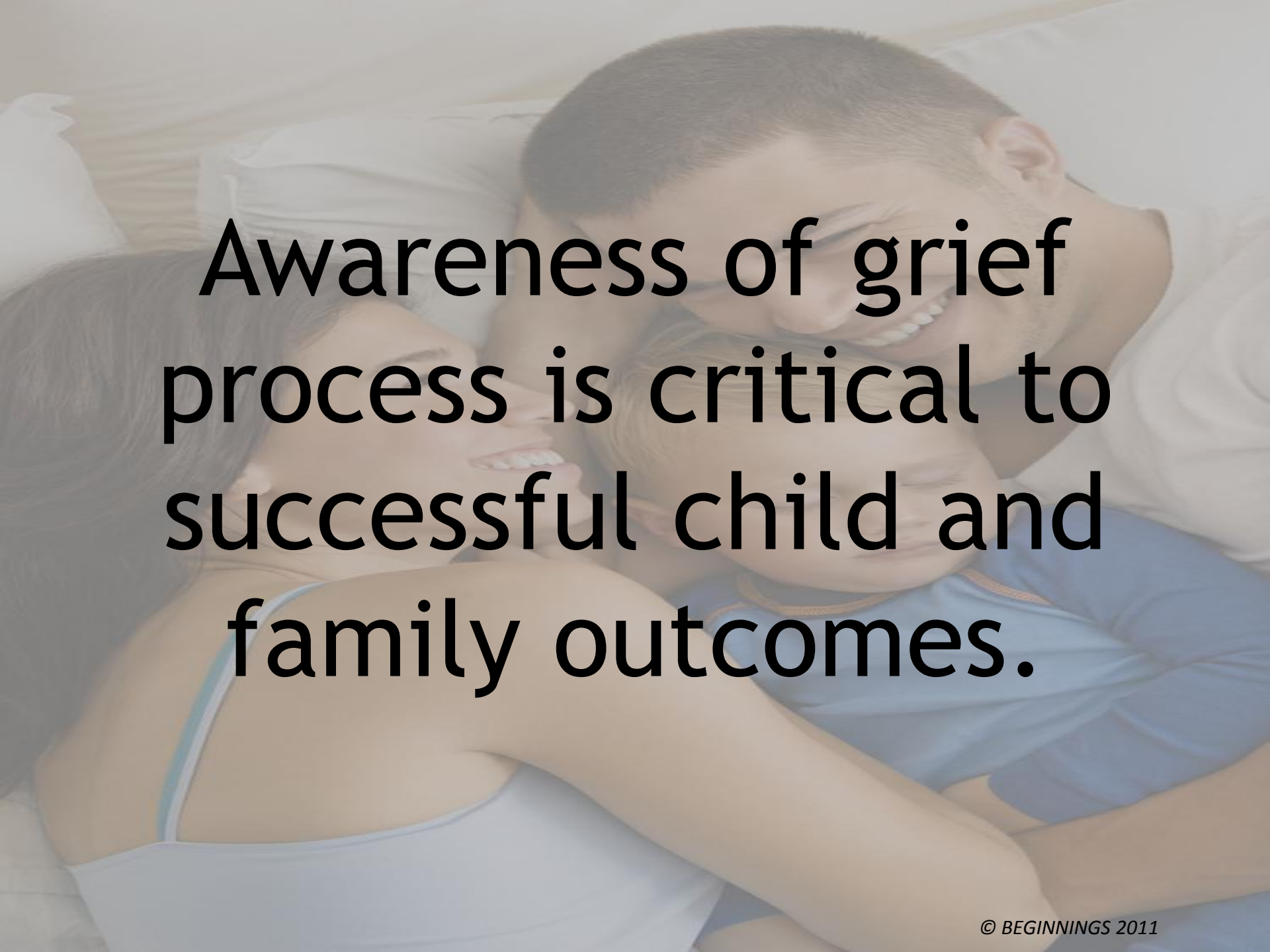


Process  
of  
Grief



**Grief is...**

- **Personal**
  - **Unique**
  - **Random**
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A photograph of a family of three lying in bed together, smiling and laughing. The mother is on the left, the father is on the right, and a young child is in the middle. They are all looking towards each other and appear to be in a joyful, intimate moment. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

**Awareness of grief  
process is critical to  
successful child and  
family outcomes.**



# Emotional Support



“The key to a successful integration of hearing loss into a family is the degree to which parents are able to integrate hearing loss into their lives.”

(D. Luterman, 2006)

The emotional response to the child's hearing loss is independent of the degree of loss.

(D. Luterman, 2006)

A child's success is independent of the degree of hearing loss....parental attitude and involvement are the determining factors in how well a child will do.



**The lack of follow through  
on the part of a parent  
does not necessarily mean  
they don't care.**



# 1<sup>st</sup> Question

How are you doing?

A man and a woman are sitting outdoors, possibly on a beach or near a body of water. The man is in the foreground, wearing a blue ribbed sweater, looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. The woman is behind him, wearing a red top, also looking thoughtfully. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Question

**How is your husband/  
wife/partner/other  
doing?**

“Spend at least as  
much time listening  
as you spend  
talking.”

(J. L. Yanz, 2006)

A couple is walking on a sandy beach at sunset. The woman is on the left, wearing a light-colored top and striped pants. The man is on the right, wearing a white shirt and dark pants. They are holding hands and walking away from the camera. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long shadows on the sand. The ocean waves are visible in the background.

**Men and  
Women  
ARE  
Different!**

He

She

Visible evidence unlikely.

No expression of  
feelings.

Will engage in  
intellectual problem  
solving.

Need for privacy &  
solitude.

Tears likely.

Need to communicate.

Ongoing need for  
social support.

Focus & investment in  
the past.



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