

## Outline

### The Sixth Stage of Grief: Finding Meaning

Why the stages were never meant to be linear

What is meaning making in grief?

Types of meaning making

How meaning can help remember the person who died with more love than pain

Why a sixth stage is the key to recovery from grief

Keys to finding acceptance and moving into the sixth stage

### Witnessing vs. "Fixing" Grief

Mirroring techniques

The cost of trying to "fix" those who are grieving

Go beyond active listening skills to connect

The consequence of trying to find meaning too early

### Help Clients Change Their Thinking Around Loss

Non-directive ways to address guilt, shame and stigma in grief

How to increase resilience and the possibility for post-traumatic growth after loss

Understand the "meaning" we attach to the traumatic loss or death

Decrease catastrophizing after loss

Learn ways to instill good memories instead of painful ones

### Complicated Grief

Simplifying grief models and exploring new models, including resiliency and Option B

Meaning making as a new tool for dealing with murder, multiple losses, Alzheimer's

Post-traumatic growth vs. post-traumatic trauma

Help release obsessive replaying of the trauma/death

### Help Bereaved Parents

Understanding the impact of child loss

Learn ways to be comfortable working with this type of loss

Supporting parents who are often grieving differently

Help parents sustain the marriage through tremendous loss

Navigating the discomfort of living and loving again

Address intimacy issues that may come up in grief

### The Grief of Suicide

Overcoming the "what if's" and "if only's"

Understand the true "why" of death by suicide

Ways to help others find peace again

### Loss by Addiction

Meaning making for healing self-blame

How to help loved ones sort through the shame and isolation

Understanding the role they did and didn't play in an addiction death

### Shootings and Other Disasters

Shootings/hurricanes/earthquakes and terrorist acts

Guidelines for approaching horrific crime and/or disaster scenes

The impact of natural vs. manmade disasters

### Healing Complicated Relationships after Death

Understand patterns that can heal that relationship and help in all future relationships

Learn ways to help find peace in difficult relationships

### Death and Dying

How hospice and palliative care professionals can facilitate meaning making

Understand how the death shapes the grief

Re-interpret the meaning behind false end-of-life beliefs

Why meaning can be the key to a "good" death

### Meaning and the Afterlife

Effective and ineffective models of continuing connections for living a full life

Use the model of continuing bonds and connections for healing

Normalize experiences around continued connections with loved ones who have died

### Live Seminar Schedule

**8:00** Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea

**8:30** Program begins

**12:00-1:00** Lunch (*on your own*)

**4:00** Program ends

There will be two 15-min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon). Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker. A more detailed schedule is available upon request.

David is honored to have received permission from the Elisabeth Kübler-Ross family and The Elisabeth Kübler-Ross Foundation to add a sixth stage to her renowned 5 stages of grief.

## Objectives

1. Develop meaning-making principles to assist clients coping with various types of loss.
2. Formulate ways to use meaning to help remember loved ones with more love than pain.
3. Use concepts of meaning making to resolve the internal struggle of "why did this happen?" and "why did this happen to me?"
4. Determine why children are often the forgotten grievers and how to help them through their grief.
5. Analyze ways to incorporate meaning to help cope with complicated grief.
6. Utilize non-directive ways to address guilt, shame and stigma associated with grief.

### TARGET AUDIENCE

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Photo by Ken Ross

"It is now, fortunately, my time to face death. David Kessler is my friend and student. He carries on my work, and his book will help."

—Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, M.D.

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# Finding Meaning

## The Sixth Stage of Grief

Even as a grief expert, David was unprepared for the sudden death of his son, who died at age 21. People asked him, "What's it like for the grief expert to lose his son?" He would answer, "The grief expert did not lose his son, the father did." Everything he knew about grief turned out to be true. David had to go through the five stages of grief but found himself wanting more from the experience – he wanted to find meaning in his life after such a terrible loss. He learned that broken heart syndrome is real and he realized he would either die of it or live with it, and that **healing occurs not when grief gets smaller, but when life gets bigger.** This led to the discovery of the 6th stage of grief – finding meaning.

Based on David Kessler's new book, *Finding Meaning: The Sixth Stage of Grief*, this seminar is designed to help professionals **guide people through life's worst moments to find meaning after loss.** All types of loss will be covered, including betrayal, loss of a parent or family member, and loss due to addiction, mental illness and suicide.

After attending this seminar, you will be able to enhance your work with those who have dealt with any kind of loss. It will fill you with new insight, tools, strategies, and inspiring information, leaving you looking forward to the next day... so you can immediately begin to use all you have learned!

**Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the world's leading grief experts - sign up today!**

*"People always want to know if there is life after death for their loved ones. I believe there is, but more importantly, there is life after death for the living. I want to help them find meaning that honors their loved ones. Sometimes when we are at our worst, we can find our best."*

-David Kessler

### Speaker

**David Kessler** is one of the world's foremost experts on healing and loss. His experience with thousands of people on the edge of life and death has taught him the secrets to living a happy and fulfilled life. An accomplished speaker and author, David's new book, *Finding Meaning: The Sixth Stage of Grief* received wonderful reviews from critics as well as those in grief. His previous books have been praised by Saint (Mother) Teresa and Elisabeth Kübler-Ross. David has written five bestselling books and the popular *Healing Grief Card Deck: 55 Practices to Find Peace*. His first book, *The Needs of the Dying*, is a #1 best-selling end-of-life book. He co-authored two bestsellers with the legendary Elisabeth Kübler-Ross: *On Grief and Grieving* and *Life Lessons*. He also co-authored *You Can Heal Your Heart: Finding Peace After Breakup, Divorce or Death*, with Louise Hay. David has worked with Elizabeth Taylor, Jamie Lee Curtis, and Carrie Fisher after their loved ones died, as well as late actors Anthony Perkins and Michael Landon at the end of their lives. He serves as a Specialist Reserve Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department and as a volunteer for the American Red Cross, responding to tragic events including aviation disasters and 9/11. In addition, he has met with parents of Sandy Hook Elementary and survivors of the Las Vegas shooting in 2017. He also serves on the board of the Farrah Fawcett Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides funding for cancer research. David's work has been discussed in the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Business Week* and *Life Magazine*, and has been featured on *CNN*, *NBC*, *Fox*, *PBS*, *Dr. Oz* and *Entertainment Tonight*. David earned a master's degree in healthcare bioethics from Loyola Marymount University after completing his undergraduate work at the University of Southern California. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and is a certified AMA/EPEC (Education for Physicians) trainer. David is the founder of Grief.com, an invaluable resource to those who are grieving that has had over 5 million visitors. When he's not speaking around the world, David calls Los Angeles home.

Despite having spent most of his life teaching physicians, nurses, counselors, police officers and first responders about the end of life, trauma and grief, nothing could prepare him for the sudden death of his 21 year-old son in 2016. David's work continues in honor of him.

#### Speaker Disclosures:

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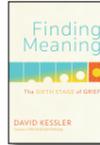
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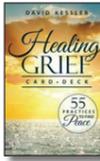
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#### **Finding Meaning: The Sixth Stage of Grief**

By David Kessler

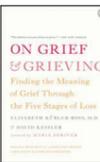
In this groundbreaking new work, David Kessler—an expert on grief and the coauthor with Elisabeth Kübler-Ross of the iconic *On Grief and Grieving*—journeys beyond the classic five stages to discover a sixth stage: meaning.



#### **Healing Grief Card Deck: 55 Practices to Find Peace**

By David Kessler

David Kessler, one of the world's foremost experts on grief and grieving, has created powerful coping strategies to heal and rebuild after loss. This easy-to-use card deck has 55 practices that focus on your response to loss, understanding grief, and healing - all remembering that grief is evidence of your love.



#### **On Grief and Grieving**

By David Kessler

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross's *On Death and Dying* changed the way we talk about the end of life. Before her own death in 2004, she and David Kessler completed *On Grief and Grieving*, which looks at the way we experience the process of grief.

Just as *On Death and Dying* taught us the five stages of death - denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance - *On Grief and Grieving* applies these stages to the grieving process and weaves together theory, inspiration and practical advice, including sections on sadness, hauntings, dreams, isolation and healing.

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