

## Speaking from Experience Grief, Trauma & Victims of Crime

## Transcript for chapter 5 of 11: Why me?

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