

Someone said at a time like this: " I feel that because I believe in Jesus, I have all I need." And that, dear friends, is so true. Faith in the Lord is the most comforting fact in the world. Human explanations and words are often empty and frustrating at such an hour. But, let me tell you...there is one who is everlasting to everlasting...One who will never leave you nor forsake you.. One whose love will sustain you in times like ~~these~~ ^{This}.

In a time of death we often feel so helpless. We often do not know what to say. Hence the prophet Amos urges us to "seek him that maketh the seven stars and turns the shadow of death into the morning light."(Amos 5:8)

In the Gospel of Matthew chapter 5:4, Jesus said, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Now, the last thing we would naturally apply to ~~the~~ ^a heart that is broken by sorrow is blessedness. And I know that it is not easy to see the silver lining that surrounds a cloud of grief. Yet, dear friends and family, the silver lining is there. And if we let Christ open our eyes when all seems dark, we shall see the love of God at work.

I believe that,

All of us need to learn to live as if we would die tonight, and to work as if we would live forever. For not until we look at death victoriously can we learn to live victoriously. And not until we live victoriously can we face death victoriously.

Again we read in God's Word, "He giveth His beloved sleep."

Elizabeth Browning said that to her this was the sweetest verse in the Bible. We struggle and strain, we worry and fret through this life. We become tired and worn out. And then God puts us to sleep for a while and we wake up in glory. ~~(I ~~was~~ know Him As ~~an~~ ~~Person~~ ~~See~~)~~

The Apostle Paul wrote: "Absent from the body, present with the Lord." The Christian faith teaches that when we die the body is put into the ground, but the soul goes to be with the Lord.

And isn't it wonderful to know that al is present with the Lord.

In 2 Cor. 1:3 Paul writes: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort." Who comforts us in all our affliction. For Just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also, our comfort is abundant through Christ.

1.. I believe you will find comfort in this hour when you remember that death isn't all there is. Beyond this vale of tears there is another life and another land. The grave is not our gaol. We look forward to a new home of joy and bliss which will be ours when we leave this earthly home. *That is the great affirmation of the Christian faith*

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2....I believe you will find comfort in this hour when you remember that you will see your loved one again. The Bible clearly teaches that we shall see and know our loved ones in heaven. David said that he could not bring his baby back to life, but someday he would see and know him again. Heaven is a complete place, and we shall see our loved ones again.

3. But our greatest comfort comes from Jesus. One day Jesus spoke to a group of people just like us and he said, "Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

And dear friends, Jesus stands today with open arms and says the same thing to you. Just come to Him...lean your head upon Him....and He will give you the rest and the comfort and the grace and the courage you need for this hour.

One of the ladies ^{for a} ~~in our church~~ ^{dear} underwent a serious operation. Later, I ask her to tell me about it. And she said, "when they rolled me out of my hospital room and toward the operating room, I just closed my eyes and turned it all over to God. And he gave me peace and brought me safely through." PRAISE GOD!! *What a Testimony*

And so dear friends, I encourage you, today, to turn all your sorrow over to Jesus. He will bring you safely through...giving you ^f grace and comfort for today and courage for all of your tomorrows.

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So now as we say good-by to Reuben McGee, we realize he is ~~is~~

~~fairer land~~. May his memory linger on in our hearts to bless us and bring us closer to God.

Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest;
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast;
We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best -
Good-night! ~~Good-night!~~ ^{my beloved} Good-night!

Calm is thy slumber as an infant's sleep;
But thou shalt wake no more to toil and weep;
Thine is a perfect rest secure and deep -
Good-night! ~~Good-night!~~ ^{My - beloved} Goodnight!

Until the Easter glory lights the skies,
Until the dead in Jesus shall arise,
And He shall come, but not in lowly guise -
Good-night! ~~Good-night!~~ ^{My Beloved} Good-night!

Until made beautiful by Love Divine,
Thou, in the likeness of thy Lord shalt shine,
And He shall bring that golden crown of thine -
Good-night! ~~Good-night!~~ ^{My Beloved} Good-night!

Only Good-night, beloved - not farewell,
A little while and all his saints shall dwell
In hallowed union indivisible -
Good-night! ~~Good-night!~~ ^{My - beloved} Good-night!

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