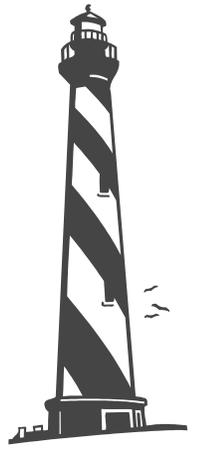


# THE BEACON BEAM

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## TRUTH FOR THE SEASONS OF LIFE



### GRIEF: FINDING HOPE IN THE DARKNESS

by Paul David Tripp

No matter how unexpected or predictable, death shakes us to the core. The pain is inescapable.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Nothing is more shocking, emotional, or final than the death of a loved one. Facing the death of someone you love—a child, a spouse, a parent, a close friend—is one of life's most difficult experiences.

Your head is spinning with so many thoughts, feelings, and emotions. You can't grasp that you've had your last visit, your last conversation, your last meal, and your last holiday with your loved one. Your mind is flooded with things you wish you had said or done. You want to say, "I love you," one more time, and you want to hear it said to you.

Your warehouse of memories is filled with fond and painful remembrances, and you are holding tightly to that treasured collection of fading photographs. You don't feel ready to say goodbye or to deal with the grief that's overtaken you.

This article is written to help

you make sense out of what appears to make no sense and to point you towards hope even as you are experiencing the darkness of death.

When you are dealing with grief your emotions race and your thoughts are scattered. In the middle of this confusing and hard time, you need to remember a few simple truths from the Bible. God will use them to help you understand what you are experiencing and to give you hooks on which to hang your emotions.

You can't prepare for the death of a loved one. Whether death results from a sudden accident or a long illness, it always catches us unprepared. Death is so deeply emotional and stunningly final that there is nothing you can do ahead of time that will help you sail through your moment of loss. Those who knew that death was coming and those who were taken completely by surprise will go through many of the same things.

The Bible includes many poignant stories that mirror our experience. The story of the death of David's son, Absalom, gives us a picture

of a grieving parent.

Absalom plotted to take David's place as king of Israel. When his rebellion was crushed, he was killed, even though David had ordered his soldiers to take him alive. David knew that Absalom's actions might lead to his death, but that didn't lessen his grief. 2 Samuel 18:33 (ESV) tells us, "And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

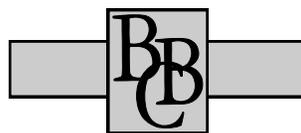
David's cry is the cry of every grieving parent. No matter how unexpected or predictable, death shakes us to the core. The pain is inescapable. Don't feel guilty or embarrassed if you feel unprepared to face it. There's no way to be ready for what you are going through.

Death was not part of God's original plan. One reason death is so hard to accept and understand is that it's completely out of step

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with the life God planned for this world. The apostle Paul calls death our "enemy" (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). Death is the enemy of everything good and beautiful about life.

Death should make you morally sad and righteously angry. Death reminds us that we live in a world that is terribly broken; it's not functioning according to God's original design, where life was meant to give way to life, on into eternity. It's biblical to treat death as sad and unnatural.

God encourages you to mourn. Death was never meant to be. When you recognize this, you will hunger for a final restoration of all things. You will long to live in a place where the last enemy—death—has been defeated.

You are never alone in the darkness. Death is one of the loneliest experiences of human existence. The circumstances you are dealing with are individual and unique. It's normal to feel as if no one has been through what you're experiencing. It's normal to feel all alone, even when you are surrounded with people.

But the death of a loved one is a universal experience, and a company of mourners surrounds you. Yet there is an even more powerful way in which you are not alone. Your Savior, Jesus, has taken another name, Emmanuel, or "God with us." This name reminds you that, as you came to Christ, you literally became the place where God dwells.

You have a powerful Brother, Savior, Counselor, and Friend who not only stands beside you, but lives within you! His presence makes it impossible for you to be alone in this moment of pain (John 14:15-20).

Good can come out of the very worst of things. Is death a bad thing? Yes. But the Bible tells us that the brightest of good things can be found in the midst of evil's darkness.

The death of Jesus Christ is a powerful demonstration of this truth.

On the hill of death outside the city, the best thing that ever happened came from the worst thing ever. What could be worse than the killing of the Messiah? What could be more unjust than the illegal execution of the one perfect person who ever lived? In the sermon he preached on the day of

*“...God can and does bring wonderful things out of the darkest moments of our lives. Your Lord is present with you in this darkness. He has planned that even the darkest of things would result in redemptive good for His children.”*

Pentecost, Peter said that Jesus' death was an evil thing done by evil men to the one truly good person in the whole world (Acts 2:22-36).

But this terrible moment was under God's control. God planned that this ultimate evil would accomplish ultimate good. In this dark moment, as Jesus died on the cross, God defeated sin and death—two enemies we could not defeat on our own.

In the same way, God can and does bring wonderful things out of the darkest moments of our lives. Your Lord is present with you in this darkness. He has planned that even the darkest of things would result in redemptive good for His children. He surrendered His Son to death so you could have life. He will not abandon you now.

One day death will be put to death. The death of a loved one should remind you that God's work is not yet complete. Because of sin, death entered the world. When sin is completely defeated, death will also be defeated. The apostle Paul talks

about Christ's present ministry this way: "For he must reign until he has put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death" (1 Corinthians 15:25-26).

Jesus died so we would no longer have to die. When He rose from the dead, death was defeated. Until Jesus returns, we still experience death, but one day life will not give way to death. Children will not mourn their parents. Parents will not mourn their children. There will be no widows or grieving friends. Yes, death is an enemy, but this enemy will die. The present reign of Christ guarantees this. One day life will give way to life for eternity.

As you weep, remember that the One who weeps with you understands your heartache. He is "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3). But He does more than understand; He also acts. Jesus will not let death reign forever. On the cross He defeated death, and His resurrection is your guarantee that one day, all who believe in Him, will be resurrected to a life of glory and peace. One day He is coming again to end physical death and to usher in a new heaven and earth where there will be no dying, no tears, and no sorrow (Revelation 21:1-4).

# A Few Thoughts about Funerals

Death is always a difficult time for those who are left behind, especially for those responsible for final arrangements. That's why pre-arrangements by the deceased can be such a wonderful gift. The more details planned the better. The stress of death itself and the customary activities which culture assigns to death are challenging enough without adding the burden of making decisions regarding funeral homes, cemetery plots, the funeral service, and other matters, often wondering what the wishes of the departed loved one may be, and negotiating with various relatives who harbor competing ideas of what ought to be done. Funerals can be a challenging time for pastors as well. I estimate that I have conducted more than 200 funerals in my years of ministry, which has enabled me to glean from experience and collect a few thoughts.

## **A TIME FOR COMPASSION.**

When families are dealing with death, they need a ministry of loving compassion from those around them, and churches and pastors are uniquely equipped to minister kindness and concern. Even when there may be unresolved issues relating to the church, this is usually not the best time to address them. For the one who died, the opportunity is now forever gone. For those left behind, the best time is usually later, after the funeral activities are over. The emotional turmoil of death is probably not the ideal time to try to repair relationships. I say "probably," because sometimes that is exactly what is needed. When God is working, that is the perfect time to address problems. But worse problems may de-

velop if we assume God is working in areas that seem apparent to us, but may not yet have occurred to the bereaved individual. We must be content to let God work in His own time and way. The bereaved one, not family or friends, needs to indicate his desire to resolve un-confessed sin, lack of forgiveness, broken relationships, or other issues that beg for resolution. If such issues are raised, by all means help resolve them Biblically. That's the most beneficial ministry you can offer at this time. However, for friends or relatives to raise such issues is probably not a good idea. Let the affected individual deal with the immediacy of death. Later he may turn to issues of life after he has had time for reflection. I am not suggesting that we allow an opportune time to pass without endeavoring to deal with spiritual needs. I am suggesting that the immediate time of death may not be the best time unless God is doing a work made evident by the individual taking the initiative to seek help. Otherwise, the passing of a few weeks for reflection may prepare hearts for a loving pastor or fellow believer to effectively raise issues that need to be addressed. During the time of immediate loss, the best way to help is by an outpouring of love and compassion. Later is likely the right time to follow up with additional helpful ministry to benefit spiritual growth. I say this by way of observation, not revelation.

## **A TIME FOR HONESTY.**

However, funerals are no time for dishonesty from the pulpit. I can't think of any time when ministerial untruthfulness is appropriate, but in today's climate of weak and senti-

mental Christianity, many people expect ministers to lie about the deceased as a way to comfort the bereaved. Christianity is in serious spiritual decline when so many professing Christians prefer dishonesty to truth as a way of dealing with loss. Jesus said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Modern Christians have rewritten this to say, "And you shall speak lies to one another, and take comfort in a game of pretense in order to make everyone feel better." But that only makes matters worse. What comfort can we glean from saying that someone is in Heaven, when there is no evidence that he had been born again? What comfort is found in the fiction that everyone goes to Heaven when the Bible plainly declares the opposite? What comfort is derived from assuring that a distant profession of faith is a guarantee of Heaven, when the bible teaches that only those whose lives have been changed by the power of God have been born again? Such misrepresentation does not benefit the bereaved, for they retain the nagging suspicion that the minister's pronouncements are merely sentimental trivia, not reality. If ministers are willing to bend the truth to tickle itching ears at a funeral, how can they be trusted to deal honestly with the Word of God on Sundays? And what of those who are outside of Christ? Facing such a dramatic reminder of their own inevitable death, will vagueness or misrepresentations help them prepare to meet God? When we "preach people into heaven," no matter how questionable their lives, what are we communicating to their friends? Don't we en-

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courage them to believe they have nothing to fear? “After all, the preacher said Jim is in heaven, and I know what kind of person he was, so I guess I don’t have anything to worry about.” We must tell the truth, even if it makes some uncomfortable. Hell is a lot more uncomfortable than a few jarring words upon earth. Perhaps God will use His Word to help those who are left behind, but only if we deal honestly. God will not bless our religious fictions, even if they are well intended little white lies. Ministers bear a heavy load to speak the truth in love, no easy task when many equate love with bending the truth. When funerals are scheduled, please pray for your pastor as well as the bereaved.

I am not suggesting that the minister be unnecessarily harsh, but it is important that he not be dishonest. Honesty does not require that he say everything he knows, but it does require that he not say what he believes is not true. In other words, if the deceased has no clear testimony as a follower of Christ, the minister cannot honorably assure people that he is in heaven. On the other hand, if the minister fears that the deceased is likely in hell, it is not necessary that he say so. My recommendation is that he say nothing at all about the location of the departed one. He can assure those present of the mercy of God, and the promise that those who

trust in Christ will be forever with the Lord. He can preach good news to those left behind, while saying little about the one who has departed. In this day when many expect pleasant words regardless of their truthfulness, a minister may be considered harsh simply because he does not say what is customarily expected. If so, that is the risk that truthfulness requires. It is better to say nothing than to say what is false. A minister of the gospel must be faithful to declare the truth. God will help those whose desire is to honor the Lord, and minister to the needs of the living. The common statement that people preach their own funeral by their lives is largely true. However, we must also remember that the thief on the cross did not have a godly record to encourage his friends, but we will nevertheless meet him in heaven. Who knows what grace God may have bestowed in the final hour? God’s mercy is great, and therefore, no one is beyond the possibility of salvation. It’s not a good life that insures entry into heaven, but repentant faith, no matter how late it may be exercised by the grace of God.

#### **A TIME FOR REFLECTION.**

Funerals are God ordained times to deal with the realities of life and death, and life beyond the grave. We may push such thoughts out of mind at other times, but a funeral forces us to think about our own mor-

tality. Funerals can be powerful moments when the reality of our never dying souls and the truth that “it is appointed unto man once to die, and after that the judgment” sink in. Don’t waste these opportunities by drowning reality in empty sentimentality. Ask God to use such sobering moments to prepare men and women for the eternity that lies ahead.

Revised from an article originally written in March, 2010

By Greg Barkman

The imperativeness of the new birth is evident from the fact that man is a fallen creature. Originally he was made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26), fitted to enjoy fellowship with Him. But upon his apostasy, he was alienated from his Maker, became unsuited unto the Holy One, and fled from Him. The natural man is totally depraved, a slave of Satan, dead in sin, and, therefore, it is no marvel that he needs to be born again. He is devoid of any love to God, any delight in Him, any relish for heavenly things, any ability to perform spiritual acts.

Regeneration is no mere outward reformation, process of education, or even religious cultivation. No, it consists of a radical change of heart and transformation of character — the communication of a gracious and holy principle, producing new desires, new capacities, and a new life. Then, do not marvel that in order thereto, a man must be born from above.

—A. W. Pink

# On The

## Feminine Side

*Marti Barkman*

Is it just wishful thinking, or are we really seeing signs of our former life? Can we see living as we once did, faintly on the horizon? The most obvious hint of normalcy for me is being really busy again. Seen from behind a mask, and with some Covid fatigue still in the mix, I may not be seeing clearly, but my calendar is filling up and my schedule seems almost as full as it was 14 months ago. This is when the regrets begin, when I find myself thinking, “I wish I had done all the things I thought about doing during lockdown.” Are you entertaining similar thoughts? Many members in our family and friend group have been busier than ever before in their lives, with conflicting obligations nearly impossible to manage. But others of us found more time on our hands than usual. What have we done with this gift of time? How often we say, “If I had the time I would....” and we mentally set the task aside, when in reality, we DID have the time but we CHOSE to do something else. What am I regretting?

There’s the yard...hundreds of scrappy sticks and small branches have been lying on the ground for several months. Every time I walked to the mailbox I contemplated gathering them to be burned! It would have been a simple thing to do a few at a time, and almost enjoyable, for I love being outdoors. I love building a big fire and burning brush, especially on a cold afternoon. I love the look of the yard cleaned of its winter clutter and I love mowing! But the sticks and twigs remain on the ground. And tomorrow we mow. Now I wish I’d done the work on those lazy afternoons!

Then there’s the houseplants...Two years ago I abandoned my beloved Boston ferns in favor of potted palms for the back porch because they don’t shed. Palms thrive in that atmosphere, growing full and healthy. They stay there from late March to October, when they are moved inside and, with some difficulty, manage to survive the heated indoors ‘til spring. Last fall I left them on the porch through most of November, fully aware of the risk. I was in a Covid, ‘think about it tomorrow’ mindset. Then one morning I woke to 26 degrees and risk was now reality. All my beautiful palms were frozen. Now it’s time to clean and set up the porch for the coming three seasons. I really wish I’d not taken the risk.

You know about closets. You can close the door and the chaos disappears. But closets serve you better when organized and that is best done by keeping only seasonal clothes at hand. I can’t be faulted on this point, for my closet is holding only one season’s clothes. The issue? It’s been that way for only 6 weeks and it’s already the next season! Yet another area where I had some really good intentions that came to nothing. I suppose we can blame Covid since we went nowhere and we spent our days in the same few comfortable clothes. Goodness, when women’s ear piercings were growing closed because we weren’t wearing earrings, how important is an organized closet? Then — not very. But now? And speaking of clothes... some of us did a lot of sitting around, outgrowing our clothes during the pandemic. Exercise was always on my mind, but moderation is a good

thing, right? After all, in wintertime it’s too cold to exercise, summer too hot. And spring and fall can have some pretty unreliable temperatures, and you want to be careful not to overdo during a pandemic. But getting back in the habit is more difficult than staying in the habit! Now, several times a day, I wish I’d not abandoned the discipline.

Anything else? There are projects sitting in my work space that should have been completed and I can’t think of a single reason Covid kept me from doing so. There were many people I thought of really often during long days of quarantine and a conversation with them would have cheered us both and a virus would not have prevented it. There were books to be read, lessons to be studied, needs to be prayed for, letters to be written. Now that I don’t have as much discretionary time, I’m regretting, and wishing I had done so many more of those things. Quarantines were made for these!

When life is humming along at the normal pace, when we truly are very busy, it’s almost habitual to preface our intentions with “If only I had the time....” How often have we contemplated a task only to mentally set it aside with the usual ‘maybe later when I have time....’ Oh, but we DID, and chose not to. When we are just reentering a busier lifestyle it’s a good time for a reset. Let’s begin the journey back being more honest about how we spend the days that God grants us. Each one is a gift we can use to serve the Giver.

# What Can the Righteous Do?

Like a boulder that is dislodged from its resting place on a hillside picks up momentum as it careens wildly out of control, the systematic assault on the bedrock values that characterized the birth of America is threatening the very foundations of our country. What is alarming is that government is increasingly becoming part of the assault through legislation that poses a threat to freedom of speech and freedom of religion among other privileges listed in the Bill of Rights! Psalm 11 can offer consolation during a time when government, whose fundamental purpose is to protect the good and punish the evil, is AWOL at best and at worst complicit with those who are seeking to change the moral fabric of our nation on several fronts.

In Treasury of David, Charles Spurgeon states that Charles Simeon gives an excellent summary of this Psalm in the following sentences: -- "The Psalms are a rich repository of experimental knowledge. David, at the different periods of his life, was placed in almost every situation in which a believer, whether rich or poor, can be placed; in these heavenly compositions he delineates all the workings of the heart. He introduces, too, the sentiments and conduct of the various persons who were accessory either to his troubles or his joys; and thus sets before us a (summary) of all that is passing in the hearts of men throughout the world. When he penned this Psalm he was under persecution from Saul, who sought his life, and hunted him 'as a partridge upon the mountains.' His timid

friends were alarmed for his safety, and recommended him to flee to some mountain where he had a hiding place, and thus to conceal himself from the rage of Saul. But David, being strong in faith, spurned the idea of resorting to any such (timid) expedients, and determined confidently to repose his trust in God."

The Psalm opens with David's firm declaration. "In the LORD I put my trust; How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your

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is in heaven; His  
eyes behold,  
His eyelids test the  
sons of men."***

**Psalm 11:4**

mountain"? For look! The wicked bend their bow, They make ready their arrow on the string, That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart." David knew that he was in this place at this time as part of God's providence. Dead men don't make good kings! God had clearly ordained David to one day lead Israel. David trusted in that promise from God and not in any human strategy. He also affirmed that he was innocent of any

offense against Saul's government.

David then asks a question followed by another declaration. "If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do? The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men." Spurgeon summarized both the question and the answer this way: "If all earthly things fail, and the very State fall to pieces, what can we do? We can suffer joyfully, hope cheerfully, wait patiently, pray earnestly, believe confidently, and triumph finally." As was the case with Job, the devil and his "instruments" are held in check by the Sovereign chain of our holy God. We can rest assured that hard providences are, in reality, severe mercies, designed to grow us and to glorify Him, and that the outcome of ordained trials will be Christ's likeness for those who by faith persevere.

David closes the Psalm by reflecting upon the truth that a judgment day is coming in which all will receive their just due. "The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind shall be the portion of their cup. For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright." Instead of glee over the prospect of those who may persecute us getting their rightful punishment, we should stay the course, be an instrument of righteousness and rest in God's control over kings and kingdoms. Perhaps by God's grace He will raise up some in government like the once prideful, self-serving King Nebuchadnezzar who when restored "blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of

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heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, "What have You done?" In the midst of uncertain and ominous circumstances, Christians can declare a confident, Amen!"

By Bob LaTour

## The Lord, Our Confidence

Though sons of earth would buffet me  
And try my soul to tears,  
I'll bask within that Blessed Light  
That scatters darkest fears.  
When fleshly hosts may gather round,  
And wars against me rise,  
I'll rest with confidence in God,  
And claim peace as my prize.

Dear Lord, make clear faith's wistful eyes.  
Thy beauty I would see.  
I tremble at the purging touch  
That draws Thine own to Thee.  
Yet, sheltered in protective grace,  
I'll worship all my days.  
While heart and breath shall hold life fast,  
I'll joyfully sing praise!

Oh, Abba, Father, hear my cry!

Thy blessed mercy shed.  
When Thou didst bid me seek Thy face,  
Twas to Thine arms I fled.  
If love of earth's frail ties forsakes,  
Be Thou my help and stay.  
Lord lead me in Thy path so plain,  
My hand in Thine always.

Though oft I faint from life's long toil  
Towards death's awaiting door,  
Fresh hope I've found believing in  
The goodness of my Lord.  
Unlike grim strangers to God's grace  
Whose hopeless end is hell,  
I rest within My Father's care  
Empowered to finish well!

From Psalm 27

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WKBA 1550 AM (Roanoke, VA) 10:00 a.m.  
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## CALENDAR

- 04-07** Spring Bible Conference
- 05** Tri-State Particular Baptist Fellowship
- 11** Sunday School Resumes
- 13** Elders/Deacons Meeting
- 18** Lord's Table Service

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01** Alice Marley
- 02** Kevin Isley
- 04** Bonnie Kooy
- Paul Nance
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- 10** Daniel Freeman
- 11** Jamie Hinshaw
- 12** Don Boudreault
- 14** Pam Atkins
- 17** Emily Lewis
- 18** Dean Via
- 19** Jay Lowe
- 20** Brenda Yelverton
- 21** Gayle Davis
- 23** Daniel Hinshaw
- 24** Judy Caldwell
- 25** Angela Boyd
- 27** Ed Bradshaw
- Carl Hinshaw
- Rob McDorman
- 28** Greg Barkman
- Barbara Coble
- Joe Moody
- 30** Lori Craig

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- 01** Cathy Payne
- 03** Joshua Jensen
- 27** Trevor Johnson
- 29** Steve Worth

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*Please join us for our Spring Bible Conference with Mark Webb April 4-7*

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