

Daily Devotion For August 25, 2021

If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith”
1 Corinthians 15:18

Today marks 43 years since my first wife Cheryl was tragically killed in an automobile accident. We had been married for 12 days and were heading from Fresno to Salinas. Cheryl was driving a brand-new Toyota Corolla that we had purchased the day before. I was driving her father’s VW bus that we had borrowed to transport our belongings.

As we were driving along Highway 152, she lost control of her car, crossed the median of the highway and ran head on into a semi truck. She was dragged 168 feet under the semi. The Highway patrol used the jaws of life to cut her free. Just a block before the ambulance reached the hospital, a car with 5 young girls didn’t hear the siren and collided with the ambulance sending 9 people to the hospital.

A few hours later, the ER doctor came to me and shared that Cheryl had passed away. As sad and scary as death is, especially when it takes away the people we love, our faith teaches us that death is not the end. Our faith teaches us that there is life beyond the grave. The whole of Christianity depends on these five words being true: Jesus rose from the dead. Without this truth, Jesus’ words and miracles and teachings are meaningless. With these words we can experience God’s comfort, hope and peace.

Thought For Today: What does, “If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith” mean to you?

Today’s Prayer Focus: Thank God for the hope of eternal life that we have through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Continue to pray this week’s prayer fuel. Deo Volente.