

Daily Devotion For July 21, 2021

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope." I Thessalonians 4:13

Yesterday morning I received a message from Steve Montoya that his mother Emiko had passed away on Tuesday morning at 2:25 a.m. Emiko's passing comes a few weeks after the passing of her husband of 65 years Johnnie.

I'm sure that you have experienced that losing a loved one is never easy. While we know that Johnnie, Emiko, and our loved ones are in a better place, we still have to deal with the hurt, the sorrow, and the grief that they are no longer with us.

In I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Paul wrote to encourage the believers that death is not the end of the story, and to challenge them to comfort one another when loved ones die. As Christians, the separation from a loved one at their death is only temporary because only in Jesus is there life after death

We all face tragedies in our lives that cause us to grieve the loss of loved ones, but God will always turn our tragedies into triumphs. Jesus welcomes our sadness and our grief, and it's through grieving with hope that we can push through and continue to believe that the best is yet to come.

Thought For Today: Do you need to give your life to Jesus so that your eternity will be secure? Is there someone you need to share Jesus with so that they may know the hope heaven? Is there anyone going through grief right now that you can share a word of hope?

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray for the Joe and Steve Montoya and their families in the midst of this time of sorrow and grief. Pray that they will be filled with the knowledge of the hope that Johnnie and Emiko had in Christ and that they are now in heaven. Continue to add the prayer fuel to your daily devotions. Deo Volente.