

Daily Devotion For July 26, 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. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.”
I Thessalonians 4:13-14

I must confess, I am in shock. Yesterday around 1:45 p.m. I received a phone call from Yae Kuwatani's nephew Keith Kuwatani sharing with me Yae had passed away suddenly from a heart attack. Earlier in the day her niece June had taken her to Urgent Care and then to the ER at CHOMP.

Initial tests came back negative and they thought Yae would stay the night and come home the following day. While they were preparing Yae for a 2nd EKG she had a massive heart attack. They tried to revive Yae for 25 minutes but were unsuccessful.

As I prayed with family members, I quoted the above scripture passage. Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica that we do not grieve as those who have no hope. We can have hope because Jesus died and rose again and he offers eternal life to all those who place their faith and trust in Christ. As I prayed, I reminded the family that Yae is with the Lord in heaven in a perfect place that God has prepared just for her.

Thought For Today: Yae's passing was sudden, quick, and unexpected. We do not know the day, date, or hour when we will die but we can know where we will spend eternity. Are you prepared to meet the Lord? Have you trusted in Jesus? If not, why not invite Christ into your life right now. If you have trusted in Christ, thank God for your eternal salvation.

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray for the Kuwatani family in the midst of their sorrow and grief. Pray as well for the Montoya family at the passing of Emiko. Pray for God's comfort to be with them. Review this week's updated prayer fuel. Deo Volente.