

Daily Devotion For September 10, 2021

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

Today is the eve of 9/11, the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. Do you remember where you were on that tragic and fateful day? When I was pastoring the Christ Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, ever Tuesday morning the elders of the church would meet together for prayer from 6 to 8 a.m.

As we began our time of prayer, one of the elders, Bob Nozaki came in and said that he was listening to the radio as he was driving in and heard that a plane had hit the World Trade Center. Not much news was available at that time, but as we concluded our time of prayer, we turned on the TV and watched in horror as we saw the collapse of the WTC and people scrambling in the dust and ashes to safety.

Later that day we learned that Sherry's first grade teacher, Mrs. Hu's daughter was working at the WTC. Fortunately, she was a survivor. My brother Bill was on a business trip in Seattle at that time and with the airlines and airports shut down, he rented a car and drove back to Southern California.

On Wednesday night, ABC televised a story of numerous women whose lives were changed as a result of 9/11. Some of these women were working at the Pentagon, in the Marriott hotel adjacent to the WTC, firefighters, etc. It was interesting to hear how their lives were so dramatically affected and still carry with them the, trauma, sorrow and grief of the tragic events of that day.

Almost 3000 people died as a result of the hijackers. 20 years have passed since that day, but many continue to suffer in the aftermath.

Thought For Today and Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that God's healing touch and peace will surround those who continue to mourn and grieve the loss of loved ones and for those whose lives have been forever changed. For those whose health has been affected and for those who have fought, died, and have become injured as they served in the armed forces.