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“Grace Thoughts”



IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE,
YOU ARE FREE INDEED!
JOHN 8:36

A short devotional to help get you excited about Jesus!

“Everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.” –John 6:40

There are moments in life that you never forget. My father’s cancer had returned aggressively, and there was nothing more that medicine could do. I went to his house to anoint him with oil, and we surrendered to whatever God’s will was for him. It was a very special and profound moment. He had complete peace in his heart. I read John 11:25: “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me will live even if he dies.” Then I asked him: “Do you believe this?” and he answered: “Yes! I do!” He passed away a few days later. I will never forget the certainty of his conviction that Jesus will raise him up.

Jesus Himself gave this certainty to those who come to believe in Him: “I Myself will raise him up on the last day” (John 6:40). I have embraced this assurance with all my heart, and it became my anchor when I lost both of my parents within a short period of time. I find a two-fold certainty in this statement of Jesus. First of all, Jesus takes this personally, with an emphatic “I Myself.” He Himself will raise those who believe in Him, which points to the fact that He is taking personal responsibility for the resurrection of His followers. The second part of this amazing certainty is the verbal tense: “I will raise up.” It is a future reality, not just a possibility. It’s not, “*I might*” or “*I may*,” but “*I will raise him up*.” We are living in an age of uncertainty, when everything around us is constantly changing, *from technology to politics and economics*. Yet in Jesus we find the unchanging Rock of our salvation; He gives us the assurance of the resurrection and eternal life. We still live in this world of sin, with pain, illness and death. But these are temporary realities that soon will be no more (Revelation 21:4)! Jesus died on the cross for us and resurrected on the third day; His death overcame death itself (see Matthew 27:52, 53). When I visit my parents’ tomb, I am reminded *that* this is their temporary place of rest. Jesus has given us the certainty that He Himself will raise our loved ones. May His certainty comfort *you*!