

#255 - Several Things for Today

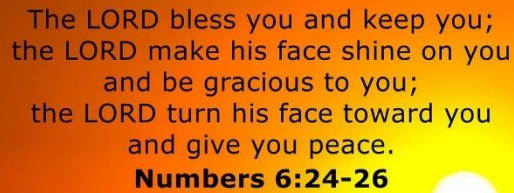
Elaine continues in her transition toward glory, with less and less response as time goes along. More on that in a minute.

THANK YOU

“Thank you” to the many who sent Facebook birthday greetings on the 15th. The calendar says I’m 82 but I don’t feel like it. I plan to serve God according to His calling upon my life, for as long as He gives me breath. The message of “Life in Christ” and “The word of the cross” is worth proclaiming.

HIS PEACE

The morning of my birthday I was reading JESUS CALLING in my quiet spot, trying to process emotions regarding Elaine. I had read the text and was ready to look up the scriptures at the bottom, when I got a text message from a niece in VA. She quoted Numbers 6:24-26, which I read and was encouraged.



The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

Then back to JESUS CALLING - and would you believe it, the same scripture was there. Praise God!

Then a daughter-in-law stopped by with a birthday card - - with the same exact scripture and all within about two hours. God knew my need for peace!

THE PROCESS

Seeing Elaine lingering, and being so helpless and getting thinner and thinner, is hard. It’s fertile soil for Satan and all kinds of thoughts and doubts come to ones’ mind.

But then a preacher friend dropped by today and repeated what the Hospice nurse told me this morning, which is what my sister-in-law said this afternoon - which is what son Mark has been saying. That is, the human body was made to live, not die, so in spite of a persons’ will to transition into heaven the body will continue to fight for life until there is a major failure in a system that sustains it. Elaine’s heart and lungs are still strong, and she had a healthy diet, so we give her the best possible care, and wait. “Lord Jesus, ‘Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done - -!’”

Yes, it is true that sometimes people “will” to live in spite of a failed body, until we “release” them to pass on, but Elaine’s situation is apparently also true.

So - - God loves us. His plans for us are good. He is trustworthy. I am weak but He is strong and I find my peace in Him.

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