

One More Day

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It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

DEUTERONOMY 31:8

The nurse quietly peeked through the door. “There’s a call for you.”

It was nearly midnight, and I lay wide awake in the critical care unit of Marcus Daly Hospital. I had been waiting for this call, yet nothing could truly prepare me. For the first time, I fully realized I was living on borrowed time.

The phone rang, and on the other end, a gentle voice spoke with compassion. “Your husband went peacefully after life support was removed. I’m so sorry for your loss.”

At that moment, I held tightly to the promises of God. Deuteronomy 31:8 reassures us: “It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

And Jeremiah 33:3 offers His promise: “Call to me, and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.”

In the days that followed, I clung to these verses and many others. I didn’t understand God’s plan. I was confused, even heartbroken. Yet, deep in my soul, I knew—without a shadow of a doubt—that He knew the plan, and that gave me peace.

Now, almost four years later, as I listened again to Sons of Sunday with Brandon Lake, tears streamed down my face. The sweet harmony of their voices stirred my heart with joy. I was reminded once more: I am on borrowed time. And I am grateful—grateful for one more day to praise my Lord and Savior.

The lyrics spoke deeply to me:

I'm a sinner grace is still healing. I'm a story time is revealing. I'm all of these things, but mostly I'm thankful. I'm a fighter caught in a struggle. A survivor rising above it. I'm all of these things, but mostly I'm thankful. 'Cause You gave me one more day to say I love You."

In his famous poem Only One Life, C.T. Studd reminds us: Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."

Each day is a gift—a chance to live with eternity in mind. Lord, thank You for one more day. One more day to serve You, to love You, and to be held in Your unfailing love.

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