

WHEN A FRIEND IS DYING

Helping Friends Through Tough Times – Part 4

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“No one can live forever; all will die. No one can escape the power of the grave.” Psalm 89:48 (NLT)

HOW SPIRITUALLY UNPREPARED PEOPLE REACT

- _____ **“This isn't happening to me!”**
“I am frightened inside; the terror of death has attacked me.” Psalm 55:4 (NCV)
 - _____ **“Why is this happening to me?”**
“I was overcome with anger. The more I thought, the more troubled I became; I could not keep from asking: ‘Lord, how long will I live? When will I die? Tell me how soon my life will end?’” Psalm 39:3-4 (TEV)
 - _____ **“I promise to...if you'll let me live.”**
“You can never pay God enough to stay alive forever and be safe from death.” Psalm 49:8-9 (CEV)
 - _____ **“I just don't care anymore.”**
“I'm at the end of my rope, my life is in ruins. I'm fading away to nothing, passing away.” Psalm 109:22-23 (MSG)
 - _____ **“I'm ready for whatever happens.”**
“I am trusting you, O Lord, saying, ‘You are my God!’ My future is in your hands.” Psalm 31:14-15 (NLT)
- “My loved ones and friends stay away, fearing my disease. Even my own family stands at a distance.” Psalm 38:11 (NLT)*

HOW TO COMFORT SOMEONE WHO IS DYING

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“For only as a human being could Jesus die, and only by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.”
Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT)

“So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.” 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)

“Death itself stared me in the face. But in my distress I cried out to the Lord.”
Psalm 18:5-6 (NLT)