



NightLight

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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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Dear Friends,



Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
II Corinthians 4:17

Our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18



When a person is hurting, we can give only a limited level of comfort. Thankfully what we give does help...a little. But nothing can offer ultimate relief except ultimate Reality. I spoke a few days ago to a young man who walked through the valley of the shadow of death. Before he was 30, he learned what it is to face life's greatest kind of pain when he had to say good-bye to his young wife as she died. He told me what the Lord spoke to him during that painful time. "Son, you were not made for pain. You were made for love. So rather than trying not to love in order to avoid pain, love all the more. For love will out live pain, and cause you to endure well beyond pain's reach." As soon as we ended our conversation, I wrote those words down. For this is indeed the Word of the Lord to us all in these dark times. This Word is coming over and over from so many sources. Learn to love. Love casts out fear. Love is greater than pain. You were created for love, not for fear, not for pain, not for death. Love will conquer everything. Love HAS already conquered everything. We are just learning how to walk in that love.

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Whatever you are facing now - whatever ongoing battle, whatever continuous suffering - do not lose heart. Remember that it is a light affliction compared to the glory it is working in you. Remember it is not worthy to even be compared to what is ahead for you. Remember you were created by Love, for love. Remember the more you love, the more powerfully you will overcome all that is not of love. There will come a moment, whether at your death, or maybe before it, when you will reach a place that is beyond the reach of all that is not love. You will be Home. Till then, write these Scriptures upon the tablet of your heart. Let these words help you endure. It is truly only a light affliction, even if it is crashing in on you like a stone. For the One who could not be held in the grave by a stone will roll yours away forever.



New Teaching

Reaching the Heart through Art

cds (including shipping): \$35.00 / mp3s: \$19.00

The arts cannot save us, but they are certainly conduits that pave the way for the One who does save. This study is to help artists in all fields to better understand the spiritual power and potential of their workmanship.

- 1. Power of Picture**
- 2. Dangerous Mixtures**
- 3. Hunger for Story**
- 4. Dealing with Ego & Envy**
- 5. Redeeming the Human**

Book Review

Imagine Heaven

by John Burke

Mary and I were on a short business trip when she realized against all norms, she had failed to bring along anything to read. She sent me out on the nearly impossible task of finding her something. Besides not knowing what she might want, the choices in the bookstore seemed particularly slim. As I nearly gave up and walked out, a book seemed to call to me from the bottom shelf: **Imagine Heaven** by John Burke. After a few hours with it, Mary let me know not to interfere with it by trying to sneak peek reading it in her in between reading moments. When she finished reading it, she looked at me and said, "This is one of the most important books I have ever read." I had a similar experience.

Pastor John Burke spent over thirty years compiling and researching near death experiences. He sorted out the trustworthy from the not so trustworthy. Then he again sorted out only those whose storytelling offered them nothing to gain, and in most cases almost guaranteed something to loose-like standing in their career or community. The result is a volume that is the most powerful testimony in our current world regarding the realities of heaven that the Scriptures confirm. To some the idea of such a book seems redundant. "Just read the Bible," they say. Does it not make sense that a personal testimony about conversion makes conversion more real and accessible? The same is true of Heaven. As the days grow darker in the earth, the Holy Spirit is providing not only clear revelation of Scripture, but an enhanced testimony from people of all backgrounds and walks of life who have experienced first hand what Scripture reveals about what heaven is like.

One of the most important parts of this compilation of testimonies is that many of those who tell of having to return to their bodies then had to face a period of very demanding difficulty or suffering. These are not stories of some shallow so called trip to heaven experience that had little substance and made little difference in the life quality of the subject. The depth of change and increased commitment to eternal things is not only a hallmark of the genuineness of the testimonies, but will also awaken in you the same vision. You will begin to realize that through the repeated eyewitness accounts, you are beginning to go beyond a mere intellectual belief. You are beginning to actually **Imagine Heaven**. And best of all, the One that heaven is all about.



Voting Information

If you need to know who stands for what and don't know where to turn for the answers, Joyce Meyer Ministries has made it easy to get educated.

A complete list of all your local and national candidates as well as a voter's guide detailing where the candidates stand on major issues is available to you.

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Vote November 8th!



With Love,
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