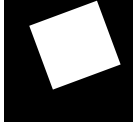


For this God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death (Psalm 48:14 KJV).

Our Guide



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Many of us feel that God can strengthen us in moments of anxiety, or lead us to safety when we are in danger, but what about in a situation where we know for sure that we will die? Can the knowledge of God's help and His presence help at a time like that?

Todd Beamer, 32, of Cranbury, New Jersey, was on United Flight 93, downed in Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. A few days later, his wife Lisa received a call from a GTE (air phone) operator, Lisa Jefferson, with news of her husband's last minutes. Here is the story, as she related it on Larry King Live (September 18, 2001).

Lisa Beamer: He called the GTE operator about 9:45 a.m. and started reporting to her what was going on in the plane—that there were hijackers and they had taken over the cockpit and possibly killed the crew. He was in the back of the plane with 27 others, and was sitting next to a flight attendant. The plane began to fly erratically, and he was aware that it was not a normal hijacking situation. He informed the operator that he knew he was not going to make it out of this [alive]. His next response was to ask her to say the Lord's prayer with him, and then he asked Jesus to help him. And once he got that guidance, he asked her to contact me, gave her my name and phone number, our children's names, and asked her to tell us how much he loved us.

Once he had all that business squared away, he did what Todd would normally do, and he took some action. He told the operator that he and some other people on the flight were deciding to jump on the hijacker with the bomb strapped around his waist. The operator heard Todd say at 10 a.m., 15 minutes into the call, "Are you ready? Let's roll." After that she heard some screams and some commotion and she stayed on the line until the flight went down.

Larry King: Were you surprised at anything Todd did?

Lisa: No. I had had three days of not really knowing what Todd did for sure, and a lot of people asked me what I thought he did. I certainly thought he had taken action. He was a man of action and a man of thought. He would think through decisions before he made them, and he would seek wise counsel. I think he sought wise counsel in calling on Jesus and saying the Lord's prayer. ... That was the way he lived his life, based on faith and action, and that's the way he ended his life as well.

Larry: You're not surprised then, at the prayer either?

Lisa: Not at all. Todd, like I said, was a man of faith. He knew that this life is not all there is, and this life was just to prepare him for his eternity in Heaven with God and with Jesus. Todd made sure every day that he did his best. He wasn't perfect, and neither am I, but he did his best to make sure that he was living a life that was pleasing to God and that would help him know God better, and he acted on that all the way to the end, and I'm so proud.

A Message from Jesus

I offer you faith in place of fear, hope in place of doubt, joy in place of sorrow, and peace in the midst of a world that is tumbling down around you. I offer you a love that will never fail you. I offer you peace and love that knows no boundaries; that is not limited by race, religion or nation; that is not repressed by force of arms. My love and peace are for now and forever.

Even when there is destruction all around you, you don't need to fear any more. If you have My love in your heart, then no matter what happens I will take care of you. No matter how dark the night, My light will shine.

You can talk to Me any way you want—out loud, in a whisper, or even in your heart and mind. Won't you give Me a try? Simply say: "Please, dear God of Heaven, if there is peace to be found, I want it. I am weak and weary and frightened. Please help me! Take away my fear. Give me Your peace that no one and no war can take away. Fill me with Your love. Help me to learn how to talk to You and to listen, so You can guide me through this darkness."

It's that simple! That's all you have to do, and I will give you peace in your heart that never fades, a love that will cast out your fear. If you will only ask Me, I will give you My gift of eternal life: a promise of a life beyond your own, full of love and peace; more wonderful than your grandest dreams. I will reserve a place for you in My heavenly kingdom, where there is no war, pain or suffering, where evil and darkness cannot reach. It is yours for the asking.

Here is My hand; I'm reaching out to you now. Won't you take My love? I love you, and I long to give you My gift of peace.

Love, Jesus