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“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

A Few Thoughts

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Song Lyrics

"Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!"

The words of this song have been bouncing around in my head for the past week. The words of the song come from Lamentations 3. This is a very different declaration of Jeremiah compared to what he was experiencing and feeling in Chapters 1 and 2 and the beginning of chapter 3. A commentary from EnduringWord.com says that in the first two chapters Jeremiah “wrote mainly as Jerusalem personified.” In the opening verses of Lamentations 3, the afflicted one feels affliction from God, and in following verses he expresses God as his adversary.

“The sinking soul” finds hope in God. And, verses 21 – 23 are the basis of the song “Great is thy faithfulness.” Jeremiah was expressing the experience of the land of Judah under the hand of Almighty God. The EnduringWord.com comment by Morgan is as follows... “The passage is full of beauty, as it deals with that tender compassion of God which had never been absent even in the work of punishment.” (Morgan)

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I felt like the words of Jeremiah hit me hard when Lou Felo died on November 01, 2016. But, since then his death, for whatever plan God had, unknown to me, I have found God's compassion and mercy far exceeds what seemingly was interpreted by me at the time as His punishment. Clarke says, he that "humbles himself under the mighty hand of God, and then his hope revives." When we do not understand what God is doing, it is best to simply submit to Him...in whatever way we can do that under the circumstances.

It is good to again remember God's faithfulness. It carries with the remembering a deep sense of strength and hope and as each new morning brings "new mercies." We can trust that God will continue to be glorified through the work of the BTW ministry He has entrusted to us. Supporters of Beyond Tears Worldwide (BTW), you also are used by God to enable us to go and do the work of the ministry. As Jan Felo so clearly expressed in her memory of Lou, you help us keep "the fires burning in Kashmir."

No matter what Covid brings, we will keep those fires burning with your help. Projects are planned for 2021. If we are unable to go, we will plan on those same projects for 2022. The projects will be completed and our promises to the Headmaster and children of the school in Photoskar and the Hostel in Leh, will be kept as we trust that God in His faithfulness will help us to keep our word for the sake of the children. We will continue to make a difference in their lives!

It is a Biblical principle that we should remember those brothers and sisters who have gone before us. Hebrews 13: 7: "Remember your leaders who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." Lou, we imitate you as you taught us how to go to this remote region.