

Just 20 days

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As you will notice my email address has changed --- it was always connected to Paul's --- but then --- we had 58 years of being connected so it's not just my email that's changed! I've pretty well depended on FB to get the news out that my sweet, lovable guy went home to Jesus on April 5th. He'd pretty well been going downhill since about Christmas and was due for his 6th round of chemo on Wednesday the 8th. A PET scan showed that the chemo was not decreasing the enlarged lymph area behind his left lung and it had, in fact, increased in size!! Monday we realized that his kidneys were not functioning and on Tuesday he was admitted to the hospital. It all happened so fast! He came home on Hospice the next day and by midnight on Thursday he breathed his last breath and God graciously allowed him to step into His presence! My outstanding emotion is THANKFULNESS!!! I must say that God had prepared me for this! He did not suffer and all his family was around and said goodbye! Even our two grandsons with their families came from Mexico! The celebration of his life was on Tuesday the 9th and it was a God-honoring time to remember a life truly well lived! What he lived in front of others, he lived at home!

SHOCKED and stunned was our main emotion at the sudden death of our precious son, Todd just 20 days later! How can anyone be prepared for that?! HOWEVER --- after all my years of walking with my God --- knowing HIM and knowing His heart for me --- I CAN TRUST HIM!!! At 56 Todd suffered a massive heart attack and joined his dad! Our grandson, JJ (Arnold) wrote this a couple of days later, and it says it so well!

A 20 Day Gap

Imagine with me that one day someone who loves you leaves you. You know that when you see them again it will be that much sweeter, your relationship will be that much deeper, and you will know each other at greater depths than ever before. You wait. And you wait. You know they left, and you long to be with them. One week goes by. Then two. Day 19. Memories flood into your mind. You can't help but smile and stare into the eyes of the one in front of you. You start recounting lyrics which then turns into a sweet little low sounding song, something you don't do often, but this moment has called for it.

Minutes later you find yourself realizing the lyrics of what you were just singing. You notice your dad who left 20 days ago is right there. He is approaching you and there is Someone

else there with him who is so brilliant. Immediately your dad and you start talking.

“You found me earlier than I thought you would.”

“Who knew I’d be here with you?”

“I did,” comes the voice of the glorious One.

“It wasn’t too early? It felt like maybe I could have been back there longer. What about them?”

“You are exactly where you belong reunited with your daddy and your Creator, just as it was intended to be. And those down there. You and your dad were faithful to tell them and show them the truth-that only faith in Christ can bring them here-nothing more, nothing less. They will join you when it’s time. Your faith has been realized. Their time will come.”

And so you continue to discuss and discover the love the One has for you. You and your dad are learning together kinda like how you remembered years ago but now it’s even more real.

As a family we are trying to absorb it all and asking our God to help us be faithful with this new wave of grief and suffering! May God get ALL the glory as we walk this new journey with Him! Todd’s memorial will be held at the same place as Paul’s was --- at the RACC building on the Ethnos360 Training Center in Roach, MO Saturday the 9th at 10:00 a.m. Anyone who would like to attend is so very welcome! We are so very aware of the prayers of so many, literally around the world and in many languages! Part of a song that keeps going through my mind is “.....when you don’t understand and you can’t see his hand --- TRUST HIS HEART!!! My mother’s heart is breaking for my precious, sweet daughter-in-love Chelle and my grandsons and their wives and families! Todd and Chelle had a very special, beautiful relationship and she has lost her “other”! Thank you for your prayers --- we know it is what helps us walk thru each day! Thank you for your financial support! You are very dear to me!!!

Because I trust my Heavenly Father!

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