

A FRIEND IN NEED

“Dealing With Death And Dying – Part 4 of 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 anxiety. 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 (GN)

- _____ **“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

C _____ **MY OWN FEARS**

O _____ **MY PHYSICAL PRESENCE**

M _____ **WITH PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE**

F _____ **THEM WITH EMOTIONAL SUPPORT**

O _____ **THEM UP WITH QUESTIONS**

R _____ **THE FAMILY HAS NEEDS TOO**

T _____ **THEM TO JESUS**

“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 set free all 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 now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.” **2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)**

“...death laid a trap in my path. But in my distress I cried out to the Lord.”

Psalms 18:5-6 (NLT)