

Savannah Guthrie Shares Easter Message Amid Mom's Disappearance: 'I Still Believe'

In a heart-wrenching new video, Savannah Guthrie released an Easter message detailing her current struggle of grappling with faith while dealing with the questions surrounding her mother's kidnapping.

"Good morning, everybody. Happy Easter," Guthrie stated. "And Easter is happy. It is flowers and pastels and baby bunnies. It is sunshine and joy and hope. It is rebirth and second chances and new life and fresh starts. It is the most important day of the year for all of us who believe, even more than Christ's birth, more than His death, His most crucial to us."

She points out that because of Jesus' resurrection, we too can experience new life. She then became very open and honest about how her mother's disappearance is affecting her faith.



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"Standing here today, I have to tell you, there are moments in which that promise seems irretrievably far away," Guthrie stated. "When life itself seems far harder than death. These moments of deep disappointment with God, the feeling of utter abandonment."

Guthrie also shared that this feeling of being forgotten will be a challenge for many of us at some point.

"For most of us, there will come a time in our life when these

feelings hold sway. In our tradition, we are taught to take comfort in the fact that our friend, Jesus, in His short life, experienced every single emotion that we humans can feel. That His taking on the form of humanity made Him not a distant observer to our pain, but a hands-on experienter of it.”

Guthrie admitted she has wondered since her mom’s abduction if Jesus could relate to her pain.

“Recently, though, in my own season of trial, I have wondered. I have questioned whether Jesus really ever experienced this particular wound that I feel. This grievance and uniquely cruel injury of not knowing. Of uncertainty and confusion and answers withheld.”

She wondered if she had come across a “feeling that Jesus did not know.” She also explained that it is in the moments of wrestling with God that His people can experience Truth and revelation.

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Guthrie says she has questioned if Jesus ever experienced the specific pain she feels regarding the disappearance of her mother.

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“Suddenly, I remembered the grave. I remembered three days in the grave. No one talks much about that,” she said. “On the cross He cried out, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’”

“Our comfort is that our God has felt those feelings,” Guthrie

continued. "He has compassion on us, and He promises that if not immediate answers, His sweet presence. He promises closeness to the brokenhearted. Somehow, miraculously, His loving and gentle presence that makes the mean time less mean."

She also shared that while this may be a very dark message to give on Easter Sunday itself.

"It is the darkness that makes this morning's light so magnificent, so blindingly beautiful. It is all the brighter because it is so desperately needed. So, I close my eyes this morning, and I feel the celebrate too. I still believe. And so I say with conviction, Happy Easter."

This message comes as Guthrie has finally returned to the "Today Show" following her disappearance.

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