

The Ultimate One You Should Remember This Memorial Day

With Memorial Day upon us, I am thoughtful of those who served well—the best they knew how—before passing into eternity. I am reminded that standing in the threshold between life and death is Jesus, the door of life over death.

Love.

The Spirit of grace for resurrection.

New life.

I am reminded that the door who saves lives for eternity is the same door who guards them on earth, leading us deeper to take us higher.

Deeper to know Him more as treasure. Higher to share Him more as glory.

With honor.

And praise.

To nations.

1 Peter 2:9 TPT says, “But you are God’s chosen treasure—priests who are kings, a spiritual ‘nation’ set apart as God’s devoted ones. He called you out of darkness to experience his marvelous light, and now he claims you as his very own. He did this so that you would broadcast his glorious wonders *throughout the world.*”

I recall a near-death experience in my life where I saw Jesus in three consecutive dreams early one morning. I had endured excruciating abdominal pain for months. Surgery had been scheduled later the same day as my dreams to remove a rare

tumor that had been undetectable until it had grown to the size of a golf ball.

I was physically weak.

Drained.

But His grace was sufficient.

In all three of my dreams that morning, Jesus appeared out of darkness to come to my bedside. He never said a word, but instead, took hold of my left hand and led me onto a moving sidewalk that was inclined, like an escalator.

Jesus was beside me the whole time.

Perfect peace.

Perfect love.

Power of God.

New life.

When we arrived at the top of the walkway, we stepped off and over to a narrow, open doorway. We turned around to look down at my body in bed as we stood in this threshold.

Darkness still surrounded us. There was only enough light to see each other and my body in bed, which was spotlighted.

I had seen only total darkness through the other side of the threshold in which we stood. And I distinctly noticed there was no door attached to this threshold.

It later dawned on me that Jesus alone was my door between the threshold of life and death.

From the moment He arrived in my dreams, there was nowhere else I would have rather been.

Only with Him. Alone with Him. I had no concern for my body in

bed or anything else on earth.

Still, it wasn't time for me to pass through the threshold with Jesus.

There were more purposes to fulfill on earth.

So He turned me toward my life here.

And I awakened more convinced.

It was a Philippians 4:19 moment: "I am convinced that my God will fully satisfy every need you have, for I have seen the abundant riches of glory revealed to me through the Anointed One, Jesus Christ!"

Jesus, the door of final authority, the light of the world, lifted me up out of pain, healed my body through surgery and resurrected my life at the doorway of darkness to be a light to others.

He is the glorious door to abundant life, on earth as it is in heaven (John 10:10).

On this Memorial Day, may you be reminded of our life-giving Lord, who stands in the gap for you and your loved ones daily.

As a believer in Christ, may you always remember that, because of Him, you will see your saved loved ones again in heaven. Until then, may your eyes be set upon Him. As you worship Him, may you experience a touch of the same glorious peace, love and power as those who have gone before you do. And as His treasure, may you share your treasure freely as richness of life to affect nations. Amen.

"Our God reigns over every nation. He reigns on his holy throne over all" (Ps. 47:8).

"I have come as a light to shine in this dark world so that all who trust in me will no longer wander in darkness" (John

12:46).

“Yes, God raised Jesus to life! And since God’s Spirit of Resurrection lives in you, he will also raise your dying body to life by the same Spirit that breathes life into you” (Rom. 8:11).

“So I, Yahweh, will assign him a portion among a great multitude, and he will triumph and divide the spoils of victory with his mighty ones—all because he poured out his life-blood to death” (Isa. 53:12a).

“I have glorified you on the earth by faithfully doing everything you’ve told me to do” (John 17:4).

Has Jesus rescued you? If so, please share your testimony below. To Him be the glory! {eoa}

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