Day 3: They Are Not Gone

Devotional

Grief is one of the most disorienting experiences a person can go through. When someone we love dies, the silence they leave behind can feel unbearable. It can even shake our faith if we are not anchored in truth.

But here is what Scripture makes clear. Those who died in faith are not gone. They are alive. God is not the God of the dead. He is the God of the living. The believers who have gone before us are in His presence right now, and one day, He will bring them with Him when He returns.

This is not wishful thinking. It is the promise of a God who conquered death Himself. Because Jesus rose, death does not get the final word over those who belong to Him.

If you are carrying grief today, let this truth bring you comfort. The separation is real, but it is not permanent. You will see them again. And more than that, you will both be standing in the presence of the One who made it all possible.

Bible Verse

'For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.' - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reflection Question

How does the promise of resurrection change the way you grieve or the way you think about those who have died in faith?

Quote

"Those that have died in the faith that went before us, they're still living."

Prayer

Lord, thank You that death is not the end for those who belong to You. Comfort those who are grieving today, and anchor our hearts in the hope of resurrection.