



## Will Call

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Many of you know that I have authored four novels. I did not, however, author them alone, the Holy Spirit told me what to write - I did take some liberties - but the storylines were not of Kim. The novels were effortless to write. The hard part was keeping up with how fast the words were coming, there was never any writer's block. In time, I have come to see all but my last novel, "come to pass," in my life. Each time a major life event occurred. I have several novels that I have begun, but they rest incomplete as files in my computer. I want to finish them, but have not been given the words to bring them to completion. I am not in any hurry for another major life event, so I am okay with these potential novels remaining incomplete. They will be completed in the Lord's time - if they are to be completed.

One novel, or book, or short story, (I never know how long it's going to be) that I have NOT begun, and maybe never will, has been nagging at me this week. Somehow, I have it in my mind that in Heaven there are lines - happy, pleasant, lines on the streets of gold, where people go to check-in to the place Jesus went ahead to prepare, when they first reach Heaven. One section of the check-in area is Will Call. This area is for people who died without God's calling them. It is for those who came without a reservation for that particular day. The Will Call area has different lines: accident, suicide, violence, and unknown. People in the Will Call section are welcomed into Heaven just as anyone else is, their wings are ready, but along with their wings they are given special instructions as to how they might provide comfort, as angels, to their family and friends who grieve them. And that's all I have so far! The reason I have not written this is because the Holy Spirit has not told me to write it, probably because it is not Biblical.

The Bible tells us:

"The days of humans are determined; you have decreed the number of their months and have set limits they cannot exceed." Job 14:5

“And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.” Acts 17:25-26

“Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” Psalm 139:16

Death surprises us, but it does not surprise the Lord. There is no Will Call line in Heaven. No one shows up who is not supposed to be there yet. God has predetermined our number of days on earth, and marked out our appointed time, ordained our moment of expiration before we were even formed in our mother’s womb. Although we are often shocked and dismayed by what seems an untimely death, or a life cut short, or someone we feel is gone too soon, God is not surprised. There is no Will Call line in Heaven. He understands our pain and our grief, as He too has suffered loss. In John 11:35, we find the shortest verse of the Bible. “Jesus wept.” He weeps over the death of his dear friend Lazarus. Tears, in times of grief are normal, they may even be accompanied by our prayers to the One who heals and comforts. Isaiah 41:10 tells us, “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

While there are countless examples of death, and grief, and mourning in the Bible, we can learn from David’s response. David and Bathsheba’s seven day-old infant son dies. When David heard the news of his son’s death, after fasting and praying that his son’s life be spared, he got up from the floor, washed himself, put on lotions, changed his clothes, went to the house of the Lord to worship. He then returned to eat and to comfort his wife. He said, “But now that the baby is dead, why should I fast? I can’t bring him back to life. Someday I will go to him, but he cannot come back to me.” 2 Samuel 12:20-24.

In our times of bereavement, we must remember that there is a time for weeping and mourning, but soon, we must get up, get washed and dressed, and go to the house of the Lord to worship. We are hurting, but He knows our pain and sorrow, and promises to give us strength. It will be through our worship that we feel God’s peace, and become able to provide comfort to someone else. “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

AMEN!

Happy Back to School!

Be blessed!

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