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My wife, Judy, passed away six months ago. I have had many people ask me how I am doing. My response is "OK". It is still very hard, very lonely. But, God's grace is sufficient.

Sometime back I had someone tell me I needed to get Vance Havner's book "Though I Walk Through the Valley". It tells about how he faced the death of his wife. Although this book was written over 40 years ago, it was like he was reading my mail today.

One of the things I have found myself saying over and over is "She is gone!" Gone are the calls I made as soon as a revival service was over so I could tell her what happened. Gone is her meeting me at the door when I return from a revival. Gone are the special times of sitting and talking hour after hour. Gone are seeing her still laughing at my jokes she had heard hundreds of times. Gone is the awareness that it will never be again down here. So, I just find myself saying, "She is gone!"

But, Jesus has said to my heart, But God is not gone. The Bible is not gone. The Holy Spirit is not gone. Jesus is not gone. Christian friends are not gone.

This is something Vance Havner said that has blessed me and helped me. He said one of these days the picture will change. What is gone will be present and what is so present now will be gone.

Think about this. Where will tears be then? Gone, for God will have wiped them away. What happened to death? Gone! What about sorrow? Gone! What about crying? Gone! What about sickness, cancer that took Judy's life? Gone! What about the devil? Gone! What about sin and wickedness? Gone! What about the wicked men in the world? Gone to where they belong! What became of darkness and night? Gone! In heaven there will be eternal day and Jesus is on the throne! All that has gone here will be present and all that is so hurtfully present will be gone!!

God has shown me that really our loved ones are not gone, they have just gone on ahead! One day we will be with them! I understand more than ever what Paul was saying in Phillippians 1:23-24. **"For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you."** I look forward to one day going to heaven to see Jesus and my dear loved one. But, God has kept me here to preach the Gospel and to win as many as possible to Jesus Christ. Pray that I will be faithful to God's call on my life!

Schedule:

Aug 2	Hillcrest Baptist Church	Anniston AL	
Aug 3	Grace Baptist Church	Tullahoma TN	
Aug 9-12	Good Hope Baptist Church	Adamsville TN	
Aug 14-16	North Lanier Baptist Church	Lanier GA	
Aug 23	Laurel Bluff Baptist Church	Kingston TN	
Aug 30 - Sept 3	Laurens Associational Crusade	Lauren SC	
Sept 13-16	Zion Baptist Church	Brownsville TN	
Sept 20-23	Redeemer Baptist Church	Madison GA	Tent Crusade
Sept 27-30	Gadsden Baptist Church	Gadsden TN	
Oct 4-7	First Baptist Church	Dyer TN	
Oct 11	Sweat Memorial Baptist Church	Waycross GA	
Oct 12-14	Buford Grove Baptist Church	Hilliard FL	
Oct 18-21	Trinity Baptist Church	Augusta GA	Bible Conference
Oct 25-27	Upstate Bible Conference	Simpsonville SC	Bible Conference

MINISTRY REPORT:

Brother Don will be preaching in 50 revivals/crusades in the year of 2015. There have been exactly 1500 people who have been saved where he has preached this year. Also he has already booked 47 revivals/crusades for 2016. Thank you for all your prayers and support for this ministry!!