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What's God Gonna Do With A Dead Cat?

While a little boy was in school one day, his cat got run over by a car.

The boy's mother was very concerned about how he would take the news.

When he got home she explained what had happened. The little boy turned away and began to cry. "Don't worry," the mother said reassuringly. "He's in Heaven with God now."

The little boy whirled on his mother and with desperation and anger in his voice yelled, "What's God gonna do with a dead cat?"

That's how we feel sometimes, don't we? When things don't go the way we think they should and the end in a way we never would have wanted them to we might feel like screaming, "What's God gonna do with a dead cat?" In other words, "Why did it have to end this way?"

I'm sure Mary and Martha felt like that when they buried Lazarus. I too must confess, that when a year ago this week, we said good bye to my wife I asked that question.

Martha spoke for all of us at times when our crisis doesn't seem to end with a miracle, but with misery that screams at us "The End."

Martha said, "Lord if you had been there ...". As we stood around and saw Marilyn take her final breath, we asked "What about all that prayer?" What about that mighty faith that we lived, learned and taught about for all those years?

It seems like Jesus just stays out of town when we expect Him to step in and do something. "Hey God, isn't it my turn for a miracle?" "Why isn't this going right?"

What's God gonna do with a dead cat?" He may resurrect it. Dead things don't deter God. He may put life right back in to something or some one that is very much dead.

Hope isn't gone because a situation appears to be ended. God may not resurrect the person or the situation or the dream but may instead redeem the situation. He will use the devastations of our lives to accomplish another purpose. Sometimes situations wind up being a stepping stone to something better. Maybe not in the moment of hurt can we imagine such a thing but that old hymn comes to mind "We Will Understand It Better Bye and Bye."

We don't always know that is best for us much less for someone else. After this year of reflection I can see that for her this was and is a real blessing. She got to miss out on the miseries that can come with old age. Free from further pain and physical suffering. A head start on Eternity with God!

We can know this that God knows the big picture far better than we do. We might not; in fact I can tell you there are hours and days when I do not like His choice in the matter. The emotions run rampant some days. Loneliness, sadness and depression are constant "thorns in the flesh" some days.

What I do know too is that Father God hasn't stopped loving me or you. He isn't sadistic, but gently and tenderly loves us and gives the grace for us to act out in human emotions.

A firm grasp of that is so important when life doesn't seem make sense anymore. When circumstances spiral downward and God doesn't step in to change them, He can use the outcome in a positive way. We don't always see how He plans to use it for the greater good. Then again let's remember that life isn't just about us and that He sees you in this and your effect on others through all of this.

I have enlarged my radio ministry now simply because I have the time. Would I rather have my wife than have the time to do more radio ministry? In a heart beat! But since the "resurrection" is for another time then I will just redeem this time and use it to benefit others. It's what I have done my whole life so why would that change now?

We like to be in charge of things and how life should go. How this journey should look and feel, but the Lord's plans are bigger than our minute vision.

You may find yourself in that situation that seems pointless. The dream or the vision or the plans have died – a "dead cat" so to speak.

So what is God gonna to do with a dead cat? What ever He wants to – He is in charge – He is Lord.

That in turn leaves us SET FREE to trust Him.