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The thing that holds you down

BY DAVE ROEVER

Two weeks ago, I passed the two-year mark since the passing of my sweetheart, Brenda.

It's been the saddest years of my life.

A dear friend reminded me of something amazing that helped more than these words can ever tell. He said that half of myself was already in heaven and I should rejoice. Well, on February 26th, I celebrated being partly in heaven already.

She does not want to return.
I do not want to stay here.

The military agreed to bury me above her in the same cemetery plot. It's my last romantic act...to still be her covering.

Even in death, she still moves me...two years later.

It reminds me of the story of the little boy flying his kite. The kite said to the boy, "I want to go higher!" So he let out more string. The kite said, "More! I want to go higher!" This went on until the string was extended all the way. The little boy said, "That's all there is. You can't go higher." The kite said, "Cut the string! I want to go higher!" The little boy cut the string and we all know the rest of the story. The kite came tumbling down.

The moral of the story is simple...
THE THING THAT HOLDS YOU DOWN IS THE THING THAT HOLDS YOU UP!

Until I see her again, this last Valentine's Day taught me that grieving may seem to hold me down, but in the end...I'm partly in heaven already.

I'll be fine.
I'm good.
I love her still.

Dave Roever

Scheduled Events:

March 5:
Freedom Christian Fellowship
Jacksonville, Florida

March 9-11:
Men's Advance Alaska
Big Lake, Alaska

March 12:
Peninsula Christian Center
Soldotna, Alaska

March 19:
Grace Chapel
Magnolia, Texas

March 24-26:
Men's Conference &
Community Rally
Westcliffe, Colorado

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The Wilderness

BY MATT ROEVER

Can't see the forest because of the trees? I've heard that statement for years. I have no idea who said it, but how true it can be for those who are lost. Being lost isn't any fun for you, or for those who are waiting for you to be found.

Not too many years ago, I was in Alaska on a fishing/hunting trip when darkness fell and I was in the wilderness, LOST, with no one to help me.

I was separated from the group and all by myself in the wilds of Alaska. At that moment, fear was real. All I could think about was how big the bears were and how I would be a tasty meal for them.

Somewhere around two o'clock in the morning, I found refuge in the tundra and pulled out my sleeping bag to get warm from the frigid temperatures. Hypothermia was setting in on me and I was shaking uncontrollably. I took my wet clothes off and zipped the sleeping bag around my body to warm up. I drifted off to sleep when I was suddenly awakened by someone I didn't know. He was a very large man somewhere in the 6'4 range with blond hair and blue eyes. He spoke to me and said, "Come to the fire and get warm." As I looked over past my new friend, others were waving me over to join them. I looked back at this man and replied, "If I do, I will die." And I placed the sleeping bag back over my face. Then, I realized what just happened and looked again at where I had seen the fire and individuals. Nothing. I mean absolutely nothing was there. I was terrified and grabbed my weapon when it unexpectedly fired a round into the brush. The flash of the rifle exposed a very large grizzly bear just feet away from where I was laying. The explosion and flash caused the bear to run away and I began running in the other direction.

The sun was now cresting the ridge line and my adrenaline was at a peak. I was no longer cold and my heart was racing. The bear was long gone and I returned to the gear that I had left behind. After some time, I was able to find my way back to the camp safely with a story I will never forget.

I tell you this story to encourage you that God knows what you need when you need it. People have asked me if the people I saw were Angels or if the man with blond hair and blue eyes is my guardian Angel. I don't know. But what I do know is, God has a plan and a purpose. If you feel lost in the wilderness, trust that He knows what you need when you need it the most. Hang on!

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"I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

JEREMIAH 29:11

