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Here's Hope

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Dawn

It all starts all over again. That's what happens at dawn. In His supreme wisdom, God has put together a world where the earth spins and begins again. All your yesterdays are gone. Then, with this new dawn, all your tomorrows begin. In the dark our world has taken a break - well at least the world in which we spend our day-to-day. Most things get a much needed rest. People get the break they need. Animals and plants pause for a while. Everything shuts down and breathes deep before the next day begins... with a new dawn.

There is something quite hopeful about the dawn. It lengthens and stretches out before us all our new possibilities. The dawn is a bit empty. It needs to be filled. We ask and plan over what we will do with this new opportunity. Free will becomes possibility and real. Like a new page ready to be written. Like a new canvas needing its paint. Like an empty plate, cries out for food, so the dawn.

Choices need to be made. You can't go everywhere at once, a decision must be made. Possibilities for this day are endless, and you (my friend) are in the driver's seat. You may spend your day in fruitful labor, like cutting grass. You may take the day as "off time," to expend on pleasure and recreation. Days may be given away. You may give your day to your spouse, or your children, or grandchildren. You can use the day to catch up on much needed rest. If you so desire, you can start something big, like building a house. You also may end something, like a project (painting a room) or even a relationship. As I said, possibilities seem to stretch out endlessly.

All this is wrapped up in today, and today begins with the dawn. So, here it is. The dawn is here I mean. This dawn may lead somewhere absolutely wonderful! That's my prayer for you. I pray (and hope) that this will begin something great, perhaps even eternal. When a person begins his/ her walk with Jesus that never ends. When a person talks and listens to Jesus, that time is a wonderful day. You never quite know where He will lead. If you walk with Him today, it helps you walk with Him tomorrow. On and on we might go. The dawns stretch out endlessly when you spend them with Jesus.

So, it's dawn. Where will this dawn lead? It's really quite up to you. My counsel is that you reach out today with one hand, and hold tightly to Jesus with the other. As the light comes up on this day, make it your goal and desire and purpose to live this one with Jesus.

Walking with Jesus

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