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Here's Hope

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God Always Wins

I know how this will end. God always wins. Have you ever looked at someone or situation and told yourself, "This cannot end well?" When days are dark, we expect them to get darker. When things are spiraling out of control, we don't think there will be more control, but less. Some of us have given up praying for some folk because we believe there is no way God will do something. We decide some people and some situations are too far gone. Several years ago I read a story about a mom whose son had committed multiple crimes, the last of which was murder. He was sentenced to hang for his deed and the crowd had gathered for the end. His mom began to cry saying mournfully, "some things are just too broke to mend." I've felt that way, have you? Darkness seems to get darker. Confusion grows more chaotic. Even life itself turns to death.

But, I know how this will end, because God always wins. There is no darkness too dark but that light will pierce it. There is no burden so heavy that God cannot and will not lift it. In reality, there are no souls so broken that God cannot mend them. God is able. He is able to take a person bound by the chains of drugs and alcohol and set them free. He is able to speak to the heart of a young man in a pig sty. He is able to raise up little Davids to bring down the giants of humanity. He is able to raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, calm the storms, set free those tormented by demons, and feed the multitudes. Do you know why? Because God is able.

There are some who have a God removed from the trials and troubles of real life. Our God came into our darkness, and began in us a life of light. He reached into our watery storm, and raised us up to new life. He sent Moses to set the Israelites free. He sent Noah to start a new world. He blinded Saul and turned him into Paul. He sent Jesus to give mankind a chance to say no to sin and its chains, and yes to God's new way. He is able to love the loveless. Sometimes just when you and I give up, God gets involved.

Come to think of it, God always wins. Because He is God, He cannot do otherwise. Because He is God, His love never ends. Because He is God, He wins. I find great hope in that...He always wins.

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