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Dear friends,

During all of my formal school training, I obsessed over final exams. My nature is not one that can handle procrastinating, my own or anyone else's, but sometimes circumstantially, I would find myself short on time and have to pull an all-nighter to prepare for a high school or college exam. Thus began my love affair with coffee!

These past couple of years I feel as if I am cramming for an exam. Becoming 79 years of age kind of sneaked up on me as did becoming 80 years old sneak up on Ted. Neither of us has ever been preoccupied with our mortality, but lately I think quite a bit about preparing for the Next Event: Heaven.

In revisiting Acts 4:12 this morning, this TRUTH thrums through my mind: Jesus Christ RESOLVED THE PROBLEM OF DEATH! Only the NAME of JESUS, Who is GOD IN THE FLESH, has the POWER to OVERCOME DEATH! O.K., night thoughts about death can be conquered by trading them for God's Mind regarding the POWER of Christ over DEATH.

...but what about night thoughts regarding our nation's crises? Are our cries being ignored by God? Some twenty-six civilizations have come and gone down through history. All have tried to force citizens to live right according to the leader's interpretation of "right". ...but there is no legislation or religious power that can change the heart of man: not Buddha, Confucious, Mohammed, Mary Baker Culbertson Patterson Eddy, Joseph Smith, dictators, presidents, any form of human government, including Capitalism, OR the Ten Commandments. NO one but Jesus can change the heart of man and NO government can stand WITHOUT JESUS.

In 1820 long before Hawaii became a State, their leaders adopted this motto: "The life of the land is preserved by RIGHTEOUSNESS!" Praise Him for the faithful missionaries who gave their lives that the locked-into-demonism Hawaiians could be delivered from fear. Conclusion: The fearful night thoughts about our country's future must, too, be rested in Acts 4:12. "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other NAME under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." The message regarding the transforming power of Jesus Christ is so TRUE that we CANNOT be silent!

Family Life Resources will soon be on the Web. We have a few things to say and we would rather say them on the Web than write a book that your grandkids will throw away when you leave Earth for Heaven.

— Jo, for the two of us