

Lesson 6

October 26, 2011

JESUS' SOON RETURN ENCOURAGES ME TO:

- I. Grieve Differently I Thessalonians 4:13–18
- II. Live Differently I Thessalonians 5:1–11

Truth #1: I can grieve with hope because I KNOW Jesus could return any minute and I KNOW my believing loved ones who have died will be part of His greeting committee.

Truth #2: I'm to encourage you and you're to encourage me to live expecting His soon return and to live a disciplined life.

Notes:

The Great Cloud of Witnesses

Carolyn Arends

I was just four, my grandmother's place
I knelt by her sofa and started this race
And now I've been running for such a long while
I've kind of lost track of the miles

Sometimes I press on, sometimes I look back
Sometimes I just lay in the road on my back
When I've got to get up and I don't know how
I hear in the distance the roar of a crowd

Chorus

It's the great cloud of witnesses
Cheering me on each step that I go
It's the great cloud of witnesses
They say the finish is worth every inch of the road

Moses is there, up in his seat
With my Grandad Wilfred, my Nana Bernice
There's Abraham, Isaac and my buddy Rich
And I think they're shouting "don't quit"

So if you are tired, and your back is sore
If you're not so sure you can run anymore
Then just take a moment and listen real close
Do you hear a sound like a heavenly host?

Chorus

It's friends and relations
and each generation of saints who believed
And received The Prize
They have looked into His eyes

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