

QUOTES FROM LYING AWAKE

SUFFERING BORNE BY TWO IS NEARLY JOY

EVERY MOMENT A BEGINNING, EVERY MOMENT AN END

CLOTHE ME LORD WITH THE ARMOR OF SALVATION

PURIFY MY HEART & MIND. EMPTY ME OF MY OWN WILL, THAT I MAY BE FILLED WITH YOURS.

WHEREVER YOU LEAD ME I WILL FOLLOW. EMPTY YOURSELF FOR THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, LETTING IT RESONATE WITHIN YOU TURNING YOUR HEART INTO A CATHEDRAL.

HAVE I ACTED WITH GOD'S PRESENCE IN MIND? HAVE I BEEN GRATEFUL FOR MY TRIALS AS WELL AS MY CONSOLATIONS? HAVE I LIVED UP TO MY COMMITMENT TO TRUST IN GOD'S LOVE COMPLETELY?

BLESSED IS THE SERVANT WHOM THE MASTER FINDS AWAKE WHEN HE COMES.

TO BE STRIPPED OF EVERYTHING. TO BE AN EMBER CARRIED UPWARD BY THE HEAT OF AN INVISIBLE FLAME. TO FALL INTO THE BRILLIANCE WHERE ALL SUFFERING IS RELEASED. IN THE FIRE OF HIS EMBRACE WE CEASE TO EXIST. ONLY WHAT IS GOD REMAINS. "I AM. NOTHING EXISTS OUTSIDE OF ME." SELF IS AN ILLUSION, A DREAM- GOD DREAMING. GOD'S PRESENCE IS THE ONLY REALITY. THE NIGHTMARE OF SUFFERING DISAPPEARS IN THE LIGHT OF TRUTH. GOD AWAKENING.

NO NEED TO FEAR GOD- OR FEEL WE MUST DO EXCEPTIONAL THINGS TO PLEASE HIM, BECAUSE HE LOVES THE HUMBLEST AS MUCH AS THE GREATEST.

THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND WHEN IT COMES TO LOVING GOD- IT'S ALL OR NOTHING.

TALENT COMES FROM GOD, BUT IT ONLY BEARS FRUIT WITH HARD WORK.

SEEING NEW GROWTH IN GOD'S HIDDEN GARDEN.

THE ENTIRE LIFE OF A GOOD CHRISTIAN IS AN EXERCISE OF HOLY DESIRE. YOU DO NOT SEE WHAT YOU LONG FOR, BUT LONGING FOR IT PREPARES YOU FOR HIM. GOD DESIRES TO FILL YOU WITH WHAT IS GOOD, YOUR VESSEL MUST BE EMPTIED OF ITS CONTENTS AND CLEANSED. IT MUST BE MADE FIT FOR THE NEW THING, WHATEVER IT IS.

IF YOUR VOCATION IS GENUINE, ADVERSITY WILL ONLY MAKE IT STRONGER.

TO LIVE IN THE RADIANCE WHERE YOU CAN SEE FOREVER AND WHEREVER YOU LOOK TO SEE GOD'S LOVE.

TO BE INVISIBLE, LEAVING A TRAIL OF SERENITY, PULLING OTHERS TO GOD WITHOUT THEM EVEN KNOWING IT.

EACH TIME WE FORGET SOMEONE WE ADD TO THEIR SUFFERING.

GOD IS AS PRESENT IN ILLNESS AS HE IS IN HEALTH- MAYBE MORE SO. ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS ACCEPTANCE OF WHAT IS OFFERED & TRUST IN HIM COMPLETELY. LORD LET ME KNOW YOU,

NOTHING BUT YOU. I DIDN'T COME ALL THIS WAY TO BE COMFORTABLE- BUT TO WORK- NOW IT BEGINS I WILL THINK OF NOTHING BUT GOD.

WHAT A GIFT TO KNOW THAT GOD IS REAL & THAT HIS LOVE NEVER FAILS. ALL OF US ARE TESTED IN FAITH, AGAIN & AGAIN. IN THE CROSS WE ARE VICTORIOUS, BY THE CROSS ALL EVIL IS DESTROYED.

I WILL NOT STRUGGLE AGAINST YOU NO MATTER WHERE YOU MAY LEAD ME. I DESIRE NOTHING BUT YOUR HOLY WILL. TAKE ANYTHING, EVEN MY LIFE. THROW YOURSELF ON GOD'S MERCY & LOSE YOURSELF IN YOUR WORK & PERSONAL AMBITION & DOUBT WITHER. GOD WOULD NOT TAKE ME ON THIS JOURNEY FOR NOTHING. I AM ON A PERSONAL QUEST, PICKING UP MY PERSONAL CROSS TO BECOME HOLY.

BEAR YOUR CROSS OUT OF LOVE FOR GOD. OUR WHOLE LIVES ARE A REACHING OUT TO HIM WHO DIED ON THE CROSS. WE ONLY FEEL THE WEIGHT OF THE CROSS WHEN WE TRY TO GET OUT FROM UNDER IT. BEAR IT GRATEFULLY- IT CARRIES US. THE ONLY VICTORY IS THROUGH SURRENDER. PUT GOD FIRST, OTHERS SECOND, ME LAST. & YOU'LL BE SURE TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.

GOD KNOW WHAT HE IS DOING, EVEN WHEN WE DON'T. SEE EARTH & LIFE ON IT FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE. PUT GOD AT THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING & THE VIEW CHANGES COMPLETELY. ALL THINGS PASS, BUT GOD NEVER CHANGES. LIVE BY FAITH, NOT BY REASON. TREASURE THE SECONDS OF SENSING THE ETERNAL HARMONY.

BETTER TO HAVE DOUBT ABOUT THE STATE OF OUR SOUL THAN TO PRESUME OURSELVES HOLY. LOVING GOD IS ABOUT TRUSTING HIM & PUTTING YOURSELF IN HIS HANDS COMPLETELY. GOD LOVES EACH OF US AS THOUGH THERE WAS NOBODY ELSE ON EARTH.

WHEN I SEE MY CROSS- WILL I RUN FROM IT? SOMEDAY THIS WILL BE ME- WILL I BE READY? THERE IS NO TURNING BACK. THE PERSON I WAS NO LONGER EXISTS. INTO YOUR HANDS I SURRENDER. & IF OTHERS SCORN ME THAT WILL BE MY CROSS. "YES" IS THE ONLY WORD I WILL EVER NEED & THE BOUNDARIES VANISH.

BETTER TO HAVE A DREAM & PAY A PRICE FOR IT THAN TO BE LUKEWARM.

WE FREE OURSELVES FOR GOD LIBERATED FROM THE TYRANNY OF SELF WE HANG, SUSPENDED IN HIS LOVE. WHEN ONE HEART MOVES THE WHOLE WEB TREMBLES. THE WEAVER STAYS HIDDEN. FAITH IS LIGHT, DOUBT IS SHADOW- REMOVE THE OBSTACLES & SHADOWS DISAPPEAR.

TO RETREAT INTO THE OBLIVION OF SLEEP IS TO LET THE SPIRIT DIE. BE PREPARED FOR THE STRUGGLE OF YOUR LIFE.

THE COMMITMENT OF RELIGIOUS LIFE IS TO LOOK BEYOND ONESELF, YOU PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE WORLD EVERY DAY AND ASSUME YOUR EFFORTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

REMEMBER THAT GOD CUTS DOWN THE UNFRUITFUL BRANCHES & PRUNES THE FRUITFUL ONES SO THAT THEY CAN BEAR MORE FRUIT. IF A GIFT IS TAKEN AWAY, GOD MUST THINK YOU DID ENOUGH WITH THAT GIFT, NOW HE WANTS YOU TO DO SOMETHING ELSE. CHRIST DIED WITHOUT SEEING HIS WORK COMPLETED. BY HUMAN STANDARDS HE WAS A FAILURE, BUT FAITH TURNED HIS DEFEAT INTO VICTORY. HOW HE LOOKED AT IT WAS EVERYTHING. WALK IN FAITH EVEN IF HEAVEN SEEMS OUT OF REACH.

EVERYTHING WE LEARN ABOUT GOD LEADS TO DEEPER MYSTERY. WE ASK ONLY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT ANIMATE US WITH HIS LIGHT & LOVE & LIFE.