

#6 God's Love And Compassion



CAPTAIN ROBERT E. LEE, son of General Robert E. Lee wrote about the compassion and tenderness of his father in a letter the general sent to his nephew Fitzhugh's wife after Fitzhugh was wounded near Culpepper, Virginia.

"I am so grieved, my dear daughter, to send Fitzhugh to you wounded. But I am so grateful that his wound is of a character to give us full hope of a speedy recovery. With his youth and strength to aid him, and your tender care to nurse him, I trust he will soon be well again.

I know that you will unite with me in thanks to Almighty God, who has so often sheltered him in the hour of danger, for his recent deliverance, and lift up your whole heart in praise to Him for sparing a life so dear to us, while enabling him to do his duty in the station in which He had placed him. Ask him to join us in supplication that He may always cover him with the shadow of His almighty arm, and teach him that his only refuge is in Him, the greatness of whose mercy reacheth unto the heavens, and His truth unto the clouds.

As some good is always mixed with the evil in this world, you will now have him with you for a time and I shall look to you to cure him soon and send him back to me..."

While we can see the tenderness of Lee through this letter, we also sense his awareness of God's mercy in bringing deliverance to his own nephew. Lee's faith in God was strong. He knew that Fitzhugh would soon be healed, and he expected him to return to the battlefield, believing that the same God who protected and delivered him the first time could do it again.

Lee believed that his nephew's wounds would teach him a greater dependence on God. Christians sometimes get wounded in the Lord's service. We can either let our wounds destroy us or become a means to draw us closer to Christ. Are you wounded? Try letting the Lord "nurse" your wounds.

Isaiah 35:5, ***"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.."***

PRAYER

"Lord please use the things the devil would use to wound and destroy me to actually make me stronger and more like Jesus. Please use the evil that is intended for harm to be used for your good."

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