



COMFORT THROUGH WORDS

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1 THESSALONIANS 4:18 NKJV – (18) Therefore comfort one another with these words.

A lot of funerals had filled my calendar in the past year. For me it was a stark reminder that all of us have a limited time with our purpose on earth. One major thing I am learning daily is that reality stares at us in the face more frequently as we get older, but it isn't limited to that. Many people I wanted to bring comfort and I even wished I had more to offer than a card, hug or even a dish.

Well Jesus invites us to view death in a different way. When we are hurting, Jesus actually provides more. He renews our hope through scripture. Because of Him, we don't have to grieve in emptiness.

He holds us when we weep, but He also whispers His promise that death is not the end. Therefore, when I come across a photo, card, or note given to me by that one who is no longer with me (us) in the body, the pang of loss transforms into gratitude for the time we spent together on earth. Because of Jesus, we can actually look forward to seeing our loved ones again for a joyful reunion in eternity.

This writing makes it so much easier to understand what Paul wrote above in verse **(18)**.

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 147:3

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Strength comes in knowing.