

Our Loss... What's It About?

No matter what your loss is about, in the past or present, the loss and related hurt and pain can have fruit if we give them to God, surrendering the situation to Him in the midst of our circumstances. Tragedy does not define us, rather is a pathway to develop our character. I encourage you to seek out God in the midst of your pain and trials, and move to a place where you can begin to see Him at work, in and around the situation. This is where God does His best work: in the midst of the bad and the ugly, using it for His glory. It may not be over night, or in our time table, however know God is there working, in and around the situation. The Bible, God's word, is clear: *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. (Book of Romans 8:28)*

As we reflect back on that September 11, 2001 morning... Our eyes focused on the television. In shock, in dismay, frozen for a moment in time. In New York First one tower drops, then the second tower. How could this be happening? And, these were the words that came to mind.

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It's about me and you,
a nerve they touched in me and you.
It's about your family and mine.
It's about one leader.
It's about one nation under God.
It about me and you,
as change can start right here, in me and you!

The Psalm "911" of the bible---Psalm 91:1-16 NIV

(A suggestion is to read every day out loud or quietly marinate on these powerful verses, as you begin to heal, and seek out God working in and around the situation.)

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."