

Your Final Gift to those who Love You

Partnering with Jesus to deliver your last love message

Why do you think that Jesus said this short message to his disciples just before His death? What was He trying to accomplish?

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

John

14:1-3

With that in mind, may I encourage you to follow His example and give a similar message to those who love you and will miss you at the news of your death? Here is a sample note that can jumpstart your own thinking and writing. As did Jesus, you want to make your death easier for them to bear by knowing a few liberating things. To be effective it must meet these three standards:

- Short and to the point as was the note of Jesus.
- Sharing with them why you are confident that death is/was a good thing for you, and they should know that you are now at this very moment 100% happy in heaven.
- Paint a picture of their own arrival at heaven's gate so they are lovingly being motivated to make life's decisions that will enable them to look forward to having a royal entrance to heaven upon their death.

Dear _____

Today I saw in the news that _____ died and he/she was 4 years younger than am I. It made me think of my own mortality and our relationship and what I wanted you to know before I part this world. As best as I can say them, here are my thoughts. You can

read them now or you can stop here and put this note away to read after you learn of my death whenever I die, be it this week or after I reach 100 years of age.

I want you to know that I did not nor do not fear death but welcome it. This is because of the gift of salvation that Jesus has promised me and that I have lovingly and gratefully accepted. Therefore, I see my death as a big promotion, kind of like a coronation day of celebration. This is not because I have earned it, but because Jesus earned it for me and through His death, burial and resurrection and He has made it possible for me to accept that which He has earned in my behalf. This is by far the greatest love gift I have ever received.

Therefore, as you read this, I want you to know that I am having the very best days of my life here in heaven and I wanted you to be happy for me. Only one thing could make this more wonderful, if you were here with me. I've told Jesus to let me know when you are coming so I can be at heaven's gate to welcome you to your new and final home. We will have a lot of "catching up" to do. 😊 You simply can't imagine the beauty of this place! It is unbelievably awesome!

Until then, know that you are being loved from heaven! When you need a little love just look up, I will be looking down!

Dad

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