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A TRIBUTE TO A FAITHFUL MAN

Every one of us in God's church needs to understand that tragedy and hard times - times of discouragement - will come to God's church. Life is not a "bowl of cherries." When tragedy comes into the church, it must not weaken our faith because we are looking at physical circumstances. If one becomes discouraged time and again, it can take that person right out of the church, into the tribulation, and into the lake of fire. You have to be able to face it and overcome discouragement when tragedy comes to you and to others in God's church. In Matthew 24 Christ delineated things that will happen, things that we have never seen before in the past. If you are not ready at that time, you will not stand.

We had a personal tragedy in God's church last evening. Mr. Kubik died of a heart attack. Does this make you sad? So am I. Do you feel hurt? So do I. Do you feel down and depressed because you want to see Mr. Kubik in the congregation and in the Spokenmans Club? So do I. Death pertains to you and personal tragedies such as this, if they are not met and overcome, will take you down and out. Mr. Kubik is gone but not forgotten and he is not perished. He is out of our presence temporarily. Are you going to understand and keep on going? Are you going to pay a tribute to him? What would those who have died want you to do? Has God forsaken us? Mr. Kubik never felt that God had forsaken him though he was in severe pain Thursday night. He recuperated temporarily and he died. This is not something outside of God's plan. Satan did not win. I hope that none of you feel that God is not fair.

Mr. Kubik had a way of inspiring people just by being there. He had a dynamic impact. We need to be sure that we understand why these things happen. God has not forsaken the Minneapolis church and He never will. Don't let this weaken your faith. Mr. Kubik died into the greatest resurrection. He will be in God's Kingdom when Jesus Christ returns. He has made it! He has qualified! He is waiting for Christ's return. God has not forgotten Mr. Kubik. He has not forgotten you and us. Can you believe it? Ecc. 3:1-3 Do you feel that something "slipped" and God was not in control? This is not true. God the Father and His Son knew the very second Mr. Kubik died. They said, "It is good". Psalms 116:15 His death was precious in God's eyes. Why? Because Mr. Kubik is as good as in the Kingdom of God. That is why he was born - not just to be a talented painter and sculptor, a husband and a father. There is no doubt that Mr. Igor Kubik will be in God's Kingdom in the first resurrection. He is not a failure. Are we failures because he is in the Kingdom today? In the Protestant church they don't know where they are going. When someone dies in these churches, there is chaos. He should be saddened and hurt by his passing but there is not chaos and confusion here when one of our members dies into the resurrection. If you shoot for anything less than the first resurrection you are a fool. Mr. Kubik looked to that and that is what God will give him. We must remember there is a time to be born and a time to die. Heb. 9:27 There is an appointment we all have without doubt. If you die today, next week, or on the floor of Petra, you will die to the things you have carried around for 40 years or so. I Cor. 15:50 You have to die to enter the Kingdom. Satan wants you to believe that you should not die. God did not say that. You have to die to flesh and blood. Mr. Kubik died at his appointed time and so will you and I. Is that unfair?

Just as the Sabbath was coming, Mr. Kubik went into his rest. He suffered through the week and as the Sabbath came, God gave him rest. Mr. Kubik is safe and sound and waiting for the 7th trumpet. His family understands. The church will help them in every way possible. Do you understand? It is usually not the family that loses someone that we have problems with. There are others who will

not talk it over, they harbor it. Pretty soon they are out of the church. They thought they could not cope with it. They were right. Satan knows you can't. If you have a problem, bring it to the church. Request a counselling, a visit. Don't go out of this building with any feelings that God is not true to His Word. Ecc. 11:9 We are in a time of judgment. Mr. Kubik's judgment ended last night. The jury is still out on us. His verdict has come in - "saved". If you feel sorry for Mr. Kubik, you have the cart before the horse. He has fulfilled the purpose for which he was born. It is for you who harbor fears and inhibitions and won't bring them to the church and do something about them that we are concerned. V. 10 Life is vanity. Your friends go helter-skelter. They don't know where they are going. They make physical plans and hope that they have time to get them done. All is carnal - all is just vanity apart from God. Mr. Kubik had physical pursuits just as all do but he also had a purpose. He has fulfilled that purpose. The carnal mind cannot understand things like this. God preserved him through many years of hardship and trouble and gave him a year with us and God said, "I will take him into my Kingdom." Protestants look at the casket and never look beyond. They don't dare. If you are not looking to the hope of the resurrection and basing everything in your life on that resurrection, you are a fool. There is a good game on TV. You might as well be watching it if you don't have the resurrection as your goal. I hope you all have your mind on the Kingdom of God. Continuing on is a must. Accept this with God's mind and continue on. The biggest tribute we can make to those who have died is to be here and to be there in the resurrection to see them again. Don't dwell on tragedy. Go on!

II Samuel 12 David had tragedy. He understood that. His family never did. Your relatives won't understand. They will try to bring down your faith. Don't ever let a personal tragedy separate you from God. If David had let this personal tragedy get the best of him, he would have been done. You gave your life unconditionally to God at baptism. Whenever God wanted you to have a blessing, you had it. When he wanted to call you in death, He could do that, too. You are not your own, you are bought with a price. He gave His only Son. The price was the life of Jesus Christ. Glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God. We are under Christ's yoke. You don't pull against this yoke, you go as you are led.

Romans 6:1-4 "Newness of life" is giving up your old, own way of looking at death. He grew up looking at death in fear, in torment, with our eyes focused on the casket. That is all the Catholics and Protestants can see. Christians don't perish, they go into a state of waiting for the resurrection. You perish when you go into the lake of fire. We will see Mr. Kubik again. You could not put a Christian's life where God could not find it. If you died out in space or fell into a vat of molten steel, God will find you when that trump blows. V. 5 This is a promise. V. 7 We are supposed to be "dead" when baptized - we are not supposed to have any more ideas contrary to the will of God. God has a will for the church in Minneapolis and in Duluth. God is running the show in the church, in your life. Your life is not extricably bound up in God's will. You have no life apart from God. Death is no gruesome thing. Paul said, "For us to live and serve this people is profitable but to die into the Kingdom is gain." Mr. Kubik cannot fall away from the faith - you can and so can I. You must die to your former way of thinking about death.

Matt. 11:25 God is trying to reveal certain spiritual things to you today. If you are thinking carnally, you won't get it. If you try to understand, God will reveal it. These things are appointed by God. V. 27, 28 Why does He say they labour and are heavy laden? Because they are Christians. There is nothing harder to do than be a Christian. Mr. Johnson may be President but could he be a Christian? Gen. McArthur won every war he was in, but could he live a day by day Christian life, which is the hardest thing in the world? No, without God's Spirit it is impossible. Life is not meant to be a bowl of cherries. We told you when

baptized that things would be tough. We did not promise you easy street. Do you think Mr. Armstrong has had easy street? He had two daughters who left the church, his son was killed, and now he has lost his wife. Is God running the show? Yes! Mr. Armstrong will go and do more in the next few years than in the past years. V. 29 A Christian has a yoke. Not a yoke of false teaching or sin but a yoke of righteousness. You are tied to the "cart" and Christ is driving and directing that "cart". He want to veer off onto the side roads but He will take us right down that straight road. If you take yourself out of the control of the man directing the "cart", you will get yourself in all kinds of troubles. Mr. Kubik took the yoke for the time he was in the church. Mr. Kubik found rest last evening, a rest like he never experienced before. It is "all over but the shouting" for Mr. Kubik. All we have to do is wait for the "shouting" and we don't have to wait very long. You will have trials and troubles but there is a purpose. Where is the world going? They are running around in circles with their trials. You are going straight ahead with Christ in spite of your trials. This trial Mr. Kubik endured during the past week had a purpose. It meant more than the German yoke, the Russian yoke, famine, oppression, and bombings he had endured in the past. You don't suffer anything in God's church without a reason. You were to count the cost. If you are wavering, you had better take heed. He who doubts is damned. God has never promised a life of ease. He never promised eternal life in the flesh.

Romans 8:14 If you are led right now by God's Spirit, this is not throwing you. Consider - where would you go? There is no church where people don't die. V. 15 Death is bondage to the world. You are not in bondage, are you? Christ had to face death. He did not like it but He did not panic. Paul wrote II Timothy while he was in the jail waiting for them to take his head. He was not in bondage to fear. We are not called to be angels or messengers but sons on a par with Christ. Mr. Kubik has gained this already. We, who are Christians, are the only ones in the world who can call God, Father. Christ said we may have to die. We may have a lot of death in the church in the future. What will your attitude be then? God is looking to the end. He wants to build you and I to a certain degree of faith to face the trials in the future. How can He do it without trials now? We forget the purpose. God is always on the job, He is not asleep. Rom. 8:17 There is a lot of suffering in the Christian life. V. 18 "revealed in us" - if you have glory in you, it will show. The glory of Christ shows. V. 19 All of creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons - waiting for you to be taken into God's Kingdom. We are the only people in Minneapolis who understand this. V. 20 The world is subject to intense vanity. It is taking them to oblivion. God is hoping that your faith will endure this testing and you will be strengthened by this trial of your faith. We don't have Mr. Kubik to inspire us any more. His wife has topick up and go on. God hopes that you understand. He does not have to wonder about Mr. Kubik, but what about you? V. 21 You are being delivered right now little by little. Some of you are probably still in bondage to your ideas about sickness and death. You will really be delivered at the resurrection. V. 22 Pain is a by-word of living. V. 23 Mr. Kubik does not know it but he is waiting for the redemption of his body to be made a son in God's Kingdom. V. 24,25 If you hope for the Kingdom of God, you will have the patience to wait for it regardless of trial - there will be no side-track. V. 26 When we seek God, He will help us. V. 28 Mr. Kubik loved God. It was evident in His behaviour. God says it will work out for good for him. What about the rest of us in God's church? Can all things work out for the total good of the family and the church. This death was no accident. Satan did not have anything to do with it. God allowed it to happen. V. 30 Mr. Kubik has been predestined to be conformed to the image of Christ. V. 29 "First-born" - this is us. V. 30 God speaks as though it had already happened for He has the power to bring it to pass. V. 31 Who is against us? Your human nature, unconverted mates, Satan and his demons? God is for us. There are a lot of things against you and your biggest enemy is probably you.

I Peter 1:3-9 Mr. Kubik won cups in Spokesmans Club. He had to give that cup back. When he is resurrected he will win a crown that he will never have to give back. He won't have a language barrier in the resurrection. He will speak on things he learned in this life and on the things God will give him to teach in the educational program of the World Tomorrow. Are you going to be there to meet him in the clouds over Jerusalem. He will be there. Will you? V. 7 Every time there is a tragedy, we are cut down to size and we have to pick up and go on but it is always worth it. "Regardless of what happens today, I won't forget the rewards of enduring to the end." The only reason you won't make it is because you turn away. God will give you all the help you need if you ask Him. V. 8,9 "Joy unspeakable". Peter talked of a living hope. I hope that is what you have today. I Peter 4:1 Fortify yourself with His attitude. If you are learning the lesson of suffering and trial, you are growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Death is very sobering. Death reveals that human life is senseless without Christ. Some of us won't be around on this earth when Christ returns but when the trump sounds you will hear it. Yes, we are sad and hurt over losing this man but we must go on. Isa. 34 talks about the desecration of the world. Few will be left. People will be running to and fro trying to find direction. This chapter applies to people in the world. You won't have to run around without direction.

Acts 26:1-8 Agrippa had no hope, no direction, no hope of the resurrection. Paul was cool and calm for he had the hope it was real to him. Agrippa judged everything by physical circumstances. We are supposed to look at death, not fear it. The last enemy is death. In Revelation it tells us that death and the grave will be cast into the lake of fire. Prov. 14:32 Hopelessness was not in Mr. Kubik's vocabulary. Precious in God's sight is the death of the saints. There is rejoicing in heaven at his death.

We are facing a time for which we must steel ourselves. We must be trained to meet the trials of 1972. God uses troubles and trials to train you. We are at the end of the age. God is preparing you for the future. He is testing us now. Suffering now and enduring will prepare you for the days to come. David was able to endure all the trials of his life for he kept his eyes on the goal. He understood that he would die but he knew of the resurrection and that was what drove him on. Job 14:10 If you die tomorrow having your feet on the road to the Kingdom faithfully, you will make it. I Thess. 5:1-3 Let us be sobered to do something, to make our calling and election sure. V. 4,5 You are children of light. V. 8 If you don't have the hope of the resurrection as your helmet, you are subject to falling. God has not selected you for the tribulation, for the lake of fire, but to obtain salvation.

Whether we live or die, we live with Him. Death is the most severe shock to the human mind. You are taught to fear death. Catholics and Protestants teach death. We teach life. We are not appointed to wrath, we are appointed to salvation. You should be sobered to act and do. You should be encouraged. You have been selected out of all the people for sonship. We get our minds on physical things and let them get us down. Titus 2:11-14 "Peculiar people". He can't purify without trials, death, sickness, financial problems. V. 13 You must have your eyes on Jesus Christ or you are done. Romans 14:7,8 Give yourself to God and don't worry about it any more. If you are a living sacrifice, you won't get discouraged. You must gain the goal, let Christ guide you. Don't let Satan throw a dart of discouragement in the Minneapolis church. Satan is disgruntled that Mr. Kubik made it. He does not like that. He will work on you. He will try to get you out of the church.

Lev. 23:34 The biggest "memorial day" the world has ever seen will be when all the saints from the beginning will be there over Jerusalem on this calling of the assembly of the saints. Psalms 81 This is talking of the day of Christ's return. If you take your mind off the resurrection for any length of time, you will be in trouble. We will truly miss this man but it is not bad news to inherit the

Kingdom, to have died into the resurrection. Satan holds you under the power of death but he can't hold you in the grave. This is the Christian message.

1 Cor. 15:16 If there is no resurrection we are all perished. V. 19 We have deluded ourselves without the resurrection. V. 20 Now is Christ risen. V. 29 There are no "ifs or buts" - there is a resurrection. V. 26 There will be a time when there is no more death for you and me. Rev. 20:14,15 This time is coming. Rev. 21:1-4 Death is not a victory for Satan. Christians always die into a resurrection. This will be the greatest family resurrection of all time. It will be your graduation day into sonship. 1 Cor. 15:55-58 Be steadfast now and forever more. Don't let a tragedy in your life or in the church move you. In spite of circumstances, continue on for you know your labour is not in vain. 1 Thess. 4:13-18 "Ever be". No sorrow. Mr. Kubik gained the Kingdom and so can you.

11 Peter 1:4 God has given us this precious heritage. It is necessary for us to accept these severe shocks. Accept them and never let them derail you. Sickness, death, persecution - God is shaking us up, working with us. He must grow and make something of this Christian life. God's Kingdom will not come cheaply. You must work for something precious. God allowed His Son to die but He was solaced by what would happen after the crucifixion and what it would mean to you and me. He looked upon the cross. He knew what this sacrifice meant to you and me. When tragedy happens, consider the end: all things work together for good. If you don't have your mind on the "big parade" coming within a decade when you will look up some day into the sky and see Christ descending on a white horse, you are losing out. He will come with a robe dipped in blood picturing the cross. The dead in Christ will precede you and the angels will find the dead and bring them. The living saints will be changed and we will be taken skyward to a sea of glass over Jerusalem in the clouds and you will meet Christ personally. You will get a crown, a reward that never can be taken away, an opportunity for sonship in His Kingdom and an office of high responsibility.

This is the goal, this is the blessed hope. Never get your eyes off the Kingdom of God and your eyes off the descent of Jesus Christ. When that trumpet sounds you will know mankind's rule is over and He will send His Son back. That will be the happiest day you and I will ever experience. Mr. Kubik will be there and, if you are willing, you will be there, too.