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Remembering 9/11

This past week was the anniversary of 9/11 and as we remembered the bravery we saw that day, I was reminded of how our faith has carried us through worst of times. Often times, others say it better than we can.

“Meet Me In the Stairwell”

Author Unknown

“You say you will never forget where you were when you heard the news on September 11, 2001. Neither will I.



I was on the 110th floor in a smoke filled room with a man who called his wife to say 'Good-Bye.' I held his fingers steady as he dialed. I gave him the peace to say, 'Honey, I am not going to make it, but it is OK...I am ready to go.'

I was with his wife when he called as she fed breakfast to their children. I held her

up as she tried to understand his words and as she realized he wasn't coming home that night.

I was in the stairwell of the 23rd floor when a woman cried out to Me for help. 'I have been knocking on the door of your heart for 50 years!' I said, 'Of course I will show you the way home - only believe in Me now.'

I was at the base of the building with the Priest ministering to the injured and devastated souls. I took him home to tend to his Flock in Heaven. He heard my voice and answered.

I was on all four of those planes, in every seat, with every prayer. I was with the crew as they were overtaken. I was in the very hearts of the believers there, comforting and assuring them that their faith has saved them.

I was in Texas, Virginia, California, Michigan, and Afghanistan. I was standing next to you when you heard the terrible news. Did you sense Me?

I want you to know that I saw every face. I knew every name - though not all knew Me. Some met Me for the first time on the 86th floor.

Some sought Me with their last breath. Some couldn't hear Me calling to them through the smoke and flames; 'Come to Me...this way...take my hand.'

Sept. 11, 2001, was not the end of the journey for you but I will be in the stairwell of your final moments."

Let us never forget and always honor those lost to us on 9/11 and those brave American soldiers who have given all in the defense of freedom since 9/11.

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