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NEWSLETTER

*Will they live again?*

This week brought freezing temperatures to Florida that endured too long. It came with a frost that caused numerous tropical plants around camp to take on the appearance of being lifeless. I pondered this dilemma as I drove around the property and witnessed all of the greenery affected by such a drastic change in our typically “balmy” environment. What was once lush and beautiful has become dreadful in appearance, and there is a chance some of the plants may never grow back. Death appears to be on the horizon.

There are times in our lives when things happen that are beyond our control. We do our best to act or plan in such a way to prevent unfortunate outcomes. We dodge, flee, and pray against misfortune as if it were a plague. We try to control situations and wrestle against anything that may thwart our plans and expectations—however, we find out sooner or later that we are not always shielded from adversity and unexpected outcomes.

For example, we applied our best practices based on the available information to protect our plants around camp, and yet it still was not enough to save them. The freezing weather proved to be too much and nothing could be done to prevent the loss (or at least the current appearance of it). We shall soon see whether these plants actually lost the life that once flowed through them, or if they have just taken on a temporary ghastly appearance.

This reminds me of Job 14:7-10, which encourages me in times like these. The Word says, “At least there is hope for a tree: If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. Its roots may grow old in the ground and its stump die in the soil, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth shoots like a plant.”

We will prune, water, and fertilize when it comes time. I hope that new life will surge through these desperate plants. In the end, the Lord is the one who breathes all life. He has the incredible habit of making something or someone that appears lifeless, fallen, and without hope suddenly come alive.

Hide in your heart the truth that no matter how bleak a situation or a person’s life may appear, there is always hope in Christ. In Job 14:14, a question is asked: “If someone dies, will they live again?” Jesus provides the answer Himself in John 11:25: “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die... do you believe this?”

Believing in life,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Reynolds".

Nick

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