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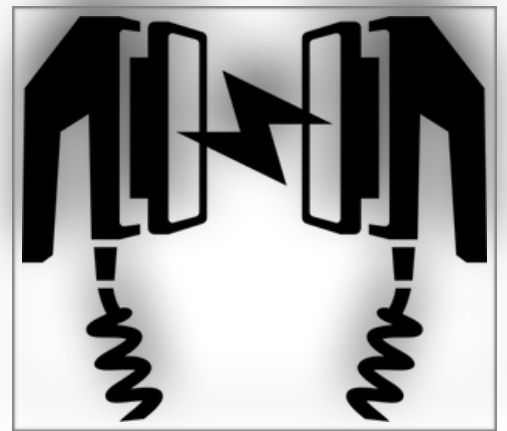


“The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.” Job 33:4

Thought for today...

The steady, monotonous sound coming from the machine seemed to echo loudly throughout the room. This, coupled with the static line showing on the monitor, were sights and sounds that neither me or my sister welcomed, as they signified that our precious mum had left this earthly realm.

Perhaps you too have heard that unforgettable sound, or seen that line hold steady and unwavering as you willed it to do something, anything (!), whilst clinging to the hope that the slightest flicker will convince the medical professionals that life still remains? Flatline. ‘To pass from physical life and lose all bodily attributes and functions necessary to sustain life’.



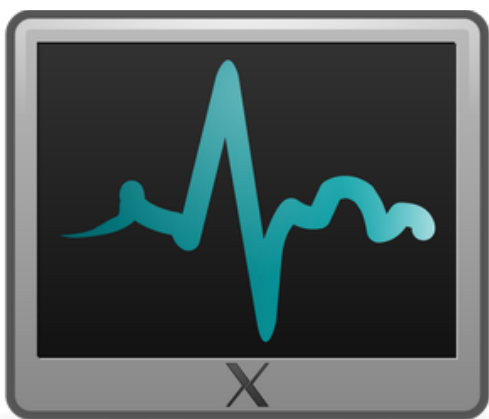
The enemy of our souls has a mission statement and is right now orchestrating an evil plan that he hopes will result in us flatlining. John 10:10 explains that the enemy’s sole purpose is to ‘**steal and kill and destroy**’. The enemy doesn’t care whether we die physically or spiritually, as long as there is no deviation from his mission statement. His detailed plans are tailor-made for each of us and include the specific circumstances and people necessary to achieve his objective to steal, kill and destroy our joy, dreams, peace, hope, souls and lives.

But John 10:10 does not simply inform us of the enemy's intent: **'The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy...'** Jesus speaks life and hope, and foretells victory to those who will accept the invitation that He offers. He says: **"I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness."** (Good News Translation).

The enemy's plan may at times cause our spirit man to arrest or beat at an abnormal rhythm that is out of sync with our Heavenly Father's, but Holy Spirit - our spiritual defibrillator - is a quickening Spirit who is fully charged, and has 'abundant life' as His default setting. He shouts "clear" and orders the enemy to stand back and watch from a front row seat as He revives and resuscitates us!

To those that are His - those who have decided to believe in His name, put their trust in and follow Him - Jesus says: **"I give them eternal life, and they shall never die. No one can snatch them away from me."** John 10:28 (Good News Translation).

Knowing that our eternity is secure in Him, we can confidently raise the question **"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"** 1 Corinthians 15:55 (King James Bible).



Despite the circumstances that we may find ourselves in, or the seemingly unending onslaught of the enemy, let's choose to declare in faith today: **'I will not die; instead, I will live to tell what the LORD has done.'** Psalm 118:17 (New Living Translation).