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Time of Sorrow

May started off well, beginning with our church's four year anniversary, and then a very difficult loss.

Four year anniversary

Our anniversary went wonderfully. We showed pictures over the last year on screen and then had Jim Bracelin from Silent Word Ministries come and preach for us. We had some visitors and some faces whom we haven't seen in a while come to celebrate with us. After the service, we had a baptism for Josiah, one of the children at our church. His father, Jesus (Hey-zeus), led me to the Lord back in high school. It was wonderful to see how God works.

Sister's Passing

In the middle of May, my oldest sister, Tia, suddenly had a heart attack and was brought to the hospital. My entire family came and visited her but she was non-responsive and on life support. She was there for six days and I came each day. I just sat next to her for many hours. On the last day, her condition deteriorated so much that my family decided to take her off life support. We were all there together as it happened. Tia was only 56.

Being the only Christian in my family, you can imagine that this is extremely difficult for me, especially having to watch her pass into eternity. There were many nights where I could not sleep and just sat through the darkness, only to finally sleep days later just from out of sheer exhaustion. I now understand what it means to cry and run out of tears.

While she was at the hospital, Tia's small dog got lost in the city of Philadelphia. One family member was taking care of him, but he ran out looking for her. By God's grace, we were able

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to find him a couple of weeks later. Now he is in my home since we're the only ones capable who can take care of him. Since then he has been a daily reminder of my sister.

For the next month, I was only able to conduct one service on Sunday instead of three. I even broke down once in the middle of my preaching, unable to contain myself. I wish I had someone suitable to replace me during that time.

May is also my twentieth year as a Christian. I thought that perhaps by this time, someone in my family might get saved, but no, not one. I have shared the Gospel with them in the past. Like in Rev 3:10, the gospel is sweet to the taste, however the burden is bitter. It is a pain that will last at least a lifetime. I cannot imagine how this will feel with the rest of my family if nothing changes.

Losing a family member like this will normally shake up any Christian's faith. It is emotionally and logically difficult to believe in a belief system that includes believing that a loved one is in hell. However, our beliefs does not affect the truth. The way truth works is that it is self-sufficient, meaning that it exists of itself regardless of our beliefs. Jesus said that "I am the... truth..." (John 14:6). Truth is one of Christ's names, and I'd rather be on the right side of the truth, no matter how painful it might be.

Memorial Day Fellowship

Like we did every year, we had our bbq at my home after church service.

Two Camps

In June, we went over to two camps. The first one was at Promised Land Christian Camp just outside of Lancaster, PA. That was just for my family with other hearing pastor families. We also came there to survey and discuss hosting our deaf camp there in August.

The other camp was a deaf camp at Odosagih Bible Camp in New York, near Buffalo. I was able to preach a few times with other preachers and be a blessing to others. Those two camps were a much needed respite after everything that happened.