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As I See It. . . By Brian Gregory

Earlier this week the world received the news about the tragic death of a beloved comedy icon, Robin Williams. Because he was so much more than a comedian, he was known for his dramatic roles, voice talents and generosity towards several charities he worked with. He mastered Broadway, T.V. and Hollywood all while staying relevant and very much in the public eye. He will be missed in so many ways.

As the details surrounding his death unfolded, we quickly learned it was suicide. Williams had reportedly suffered from mental illness which included Bi-Polar depression. Bi-polar disorder is characterized by extreme highs and periods of extreme lows (thus bi-polar). While there is often much stigma attached to mental illness and we want to speak about it in hushed tones we should not. We have no problem announcing I have cancer or diabetes but we are reluctant to report I have depression or schizophrenia. We often react very differently when we hear this about someone else. However, we should not.

Additionally, Williams took his own life as a direct result of his battle with mental illness. To the world this man had it all but to himself, he was full of pain and misery. We never know what burdens others are bearing or the pain they are hiding. We often put on our happy face at church and act like all is well even when it is not. Through the mutual care and concern God expects from His people toward one another, we can all have a lasting impact and godly influence upon the lives of others. It requires two things: 1. You have to be willing to put yourself out there and let your love and concern be known. 2. You have to be willing to let others know what you are facing and allow them to help.

Brian

Are You Gentle?...Joe Macer

Philippians 4:5 Let your gentleness be evident to all.
The Lord is near.

Are you a gentle person? The word gentle means to be considerate, to have a kindly disposition, and to have a kind and quiet nature. Our Lord displayed the trait of gentleness in his life. As he came into Jerusalem, he was described as gentle and riding on a donkey. We picture his gentleness as the little children came to him, as he healed the sick and as he taught of the kingdom to come. He asked his disciples to be as innocent as doves. He expected no trouble from them.

The qualifications of an elder require that a man be gentle among many other characteristics. He is not allowed to be a violent man. Several times in the New Testament, Christians are called upon to be gentle people. This passage instructs us to let our gentleness be evident to all. Do people think of the word gentle when they think of us?

Why be gentle? The reason supplied in this verse is because the Lord is near. We would disappoint the Lord by not responding with gentleness. If the Lord would return, we would not want to be found with a violent, hateful spirit.

Another reason is that an attitude that is less than gentle will turn people away from the Lord. Peter reminded Christians to always be ready to give a reason for the hope that they have but they were to do it with gentleness and respect. Harshness will prevent one from having an audience. May we all examine ourselves for a spirit of gentleness and if we are found lacking then strive to improve in this area.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SOUTH GATE MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Benny Bolton - recovering from heart surgery
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - home (appreciates calls & visits)
- Mary Chumbley
- Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 123-B
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - Sterling House, Rm. 403
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim Wilson
- Martha Wilson - NHC Columbia, RM. 132

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Ricky Hood, son of Nell, recovering from surgery, Janet Lamar, Dennis Thrasher, father of Lisa Kelley, Jim Gannaway - friend of Cheathams, Joan Van Hooser, Aaron Way, 12 yr. old great nephew of Barry Brown - undergoing chemo for brain tumor, Lou Miller - Poplar Estates, Rm. 205, Clara Totty - Poplar Estates, Rm. 102, Jackie McPeak - liver cancer, Travis Jett - NHC Hillview Rm. 100, Rick Luna, Tristen Kelley, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Willie Farless - brother-in-law/Reba Jones, Teresa Warf Walkup - cancer, Shirley Woods - mother/Diane Upchurch, Jennie Evans, sister/Karen Mann, Mark Shaw, Bobby Wales, Patricia Luffman, Dorothy Rea, sister/Elmer Lusk, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Little Gatlin Macer, Jennifer Fetters (friend/Lasater's), Sharon Riley, Doris McKennon - sister/Edna Hardison, JoAnn Anderson, Paula Baker - sister/Kaye Beard, Alice Lovett - aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Point, Rm. 113, Jenny Miller, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Paul Jackson - father/Rhonda Farris, Alfred & Irma Pagel, Joan VanHooser, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Faye Kelley - Jason Kelley's aunt, Erin Morris family, Bella Huey

If anyone needs to be taken off or added to our prayer list, please notify the office.

WORSHIP LEADERS AUGUST 17, 2014

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Greg Lusk
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Barry Cross
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Mike Lyle
 Serving:
 Randy Jones Kyle Upchurch
 Tim Raines Gary Boyd
 Johnny Smith Barrow Brown
 Dave Coleman Bobby Daniels
 Read John 4:21-24.....Jim Pollard
 Sermon: "Did You Really Worship?".....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk
 Prayer.....Tommy Hight
 Read.....Tyler Brown
 Sermon:Brian Gregory
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Richard Farris
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....John Thomas

SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to Alice Bolton in the death of her sister-in-law Peggy Clark last week. The funeral was Saturday in Fairview.

Ushers: Johnnie Johnson, Tommy Skelley, Blair Keeling

Greeters: Tommy & Jadonna Hight, Bill & Peggy Jones

Audio/Visual: Alex Jones

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2014

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Libby Moss, Katherine Nicholson
 P.M.....Natalie Thomas, Cecilia Willis

Song LeaderJerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Boyd Wood
 Announcements/Speaker.....Joe Macer