

FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH—THE LAST LAUGH!

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That’s right! You heard me right. It is he that has the last laugh that wins the battle. The human life is filled with acts of dramatic tragedy, and usually without warning? We have had two world wars, the Holocaust, 9-11, natural disasters, and school and church violence, for the heart of man, above all things is deceitfully and desperately wicked; who can know it” (Jeremiah 17:9). These thoughts assailed me this past week, after the tragic event at my school, the sudden, and dramatic and shocking loss of one of a parent which catapulted our school community in a deep sense of grief.

Haven’t you ever wondered where God is in all this? Is it fair that innocent people should die, especially young children? The truth is that because of sin, there will be suffering, death and dying. “In this world, you will have tribulation, but take heart! I have overcome the world” (1 Corinthians 16:33). This is the crux. We are caught in a great controversy between good and evil and we can either turn to God our Creator or become bitter. Remember Job’s wife—she said, Job, it’s unfair what is happening to you; just curse God and die, for you are going to die anyway”. Yet, there is hope because He who created us in the beginning, is at the end of the road, waiting for us, when time shall have become eternity. He will have the last laugh! Amen, Amen!

Weeping endures for a night, but joy comes in the morning (Psalm 30:5). “God shall wipe away all tears” (Revelation 21:4-5). “Death, where is thy sting and grave where is thy victory”. God is able to take the worst situation and use it to good purpose. “For we know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28). It’s the end of the road that counts, and this gives us hope. “I have fought the good fight; I have finished my course; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness” (2 Timothy 4:7). Today, if you are saddened by tragedy, or you remember the loss of a loved one, remember that we are a people and a church of faith. We have that blessed hope in the coming of the Lord—we are looking for “that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13). I am constantly working backwards from the hope of the future to the life of the present. May God give us this hope today. He has the last laugh.[It May be at Morn](#)