

Pat's 2023 from 1978 Journey

=====*He Maketh No Mistake*=====

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*My Father's way may twist and turn,
My heart may throb and ache,
But in my soul I'm glad I know,
He maketh no mistake.*

*My cherished plans may go astray,
My hopes may fade away,
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead
For He doth know the way.*

*Though night be dark and it may seem
That day will never break;
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him,
He maketh no mistake.*

*There's so much now I cannot see,
My eyesight's far too dim;
But come what may, I'll simply trust
And leave it all to Him.*

*For by and by the mist will lift
And plain it all He'll make,
Through all the way, though dark to me,
He made not one mistake.*

Scripture Reading for Today: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

THE "CUTS" MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

For our light affliction . . . worketh for us a far more

exceeding and eternal weight of glory. 2 Corinthians 4:17

GOD calls His children "jewels" (Mal. 3:17), and jewels need to be skillfully cut by a master craftsman if all their latent beauty is to be revealed. This truth led a French pastor to comfort an afflicted woman with these words: "Dear sister in Christ, notice that I hold in my hand two stones. They are alike in color and are equally pure. Yet there's a marked contrast between them. One has a dazzling brilliance; the other is quite dull." "What makes the difference?" inquired the woman. "Any dealer in precious stones could give you the answer," said her pastor. "It's because one has received eighty cuts from the jeweler's chisel, and the other only eight! The stone that has 'suffered much' is radiant, but the one that has had little effort expended on it is dim and lusterless." He then reminded the lady that her light affliction, which was only temporary, was working for her an "eternal weight of glory." He told her she should therefore accept her trials with joy, because they were not worthy to be compared with the reward she would eventually receive when she stands before the Lord.

Yes, the hammer blows of suffering and pain are designed by the Master to shape us into objects of spiritual beauty and worth. Because of His divine "chiseling," we will soon begin to shine with His reflected glory. The results will be manifested not only now but throughout the eternal ages (Dan. 12:3).

Have you seen a life aglow for God? Investigation will probably show that the cuts of trial have made the sparkling difference. —H.G.B.

Whenever my trials seem heavy
And burdens are pressing me sore,
I know that the Master is busy
Perfecting His precious stone more. —Anon.

THOT: Troubles are not sent to batter us but to better us. —G.W.

Monday—November 6



November 8, 2023

Two days ago in a meeting with a neurosurgeon, staff support, my two sons and a dear church family counselor, I made the most difficult decision I have ever made in my life: to end the life of my dear, dear wife of 35 plus years, after which on November 6 at 8:50pm she breathed her last and entered what must have been one of the noteworthy and grand entrances into heaven. I am so humbled to have known and loved her. Her life looms now larger than life itself, for I never knew how far her life impacted others, **for all of her life!**

I have much to experience in these extremely emotional days, but as I review 45 years ago, I getting a glimpse God was preparing me through long past days in my Chattanooga Seminary road preparing me for my life now up here in CT.

Thank you Truth Baptist Church family, especially, and countless friends from the past, Facebook families, and newsletter pals for the support and encouragement for enduring these deep days of wonder and rejoicing in the glory of God for the CT Lanyon Family! — C. Patrick Lanyon remembering Christine Lanyon.