

Message Notes: The King and Life Ever After
I'll Fly Away - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

What trauma were the believers at Thessalonica facing?

The believers were facing the 5 Stages of Grief

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

What things might make it difficult to face death or attend a funeral?

How could someone call death “a welcome release”?

What 2 things do we believe Jesus did that give us hope as we face death?

- 1)
- 2)

Paul lists the order of events on the Last Day:

- 1) _____ will come down from heaven
- 2) He will give a loud _____
- 3) We will hear the voice of the _____
- 4) We will also hear the _____ call of God
- 5) The dead in Christ will _____ first

Our comfort as we face death and dying is “**and so...**_____”
“**...with the** _____ **...we will** _____ ”

What might you say to comfort someone the next time you attend a funeral?

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GETTING STARTED

What do you remember most about the first funeral you attended?

INTO MY HEART

What were some thoughts from the text / message that stuck with you this week?

How might the way Jesus compares death and sleeping offer us comfort?

Watch “I'll Fly Away” on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BPoMIQHwpo>) or search for the lyrics and read them. Compare with 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and note similarities or differences.

What impact will Christ’s guaranteed return have on the rest of your day today? On the rest of your week?

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, sometimes I struggle with the idea of death and dying. Please...