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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Acts 2:14-28

At a family reunion a few years ago one of my cousins told me that I would have been blessed if I could have seen my aunt approach her death. In our culture we are sometimes not very comfortable with the reality that death is a normal part of the life cycle. Some of us attempt to avoid all conversation about it. Others act as if heaven was a burden to be avoided at all costs. Many fear death. My cousin said that as the end of her life drew near; my aunt would arise each morning with joy saying something like, "Maybe this will be the day when I get to meet my Lord." I will not be able to choose the circumstances of my final days, but I want that kind of anticipation.

Peter's message here is an invitation to respond to the sermon preached by Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. In His death and resurrection Jesus conquered death. He took away the sting of death (1 Cor. 15:55-56). A wise man once reminded me that while dying may be a painful experience, death is essentially good; indeed it is the entryway into the blessings of life everlasting.

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