

"And all the people saw him walking and praising God; and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him." Acts 3:9-10 NASB



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## Why?

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I recently read a wonderful devotional written on April 27, 2011 by an amazing man of God I deeply respected and admired. He wrote it on the morning of his unexpected death. David Wilkerson was a man who walked the walk of faithfulness and gave fully from his heart even to the very end. Knowing he is celebrating with the Lord now gives all of us a measure of joy and peace at his homecoming. However, I will greatly miss this amazing pillar in the Body of Christ. Please continue to pray for his wife, Gwen, and family.

The devotional was incredibly timely for me, so I felt compelled to share a short portion of it with you. Maybe it will be timely for you as well. It was entitled, *When All Means Fail*. To briefly summarize the theme of the devotional, David encouraged us to prevail in faith in spite of darkness, seemingly unanswered prayers, doubts, hopelessness, utter despair and no obvious means of help. I haven't been in the utter depths of despair, but have struggled with questions about seemingly unanswered prayers. Have you found yourself asking the "*Why?*" question lately?

Here is a small portion of David's devotional:

"To those going through the valley and shadow of death, hear this word: Weeping will last through some dark, awful nights – and in that darkness you will soon hear the Father whisper, 'I am with you. I cannot tell you why right now, but one day it will all make sense. You will see it was all part of my plan. It was no accident. It was no failure on your part. Hold fast. Let me embrace you in your hour of pain."

Be encouraged. Stand firm. Wait on the Lord. HE WILL NOT FAIL YOU. He has a plan that we cannot fully see right now. He will make a way where there seems to be no way. Stay in the Word. He is our Hope.

In His love and grace,

### Paulette

As we celebrate our Independence Day this month, I am so thankful to live in a nation which offers freedom of religion and freedom of speech! I pray you have enjoyed a wonderful time with family and friends as you reflected on this great nation's history and prayed for its future.

# Please Pray!

With the upcoming October Women's Leadership Conference in Chisinau, Moldova (more details next month), we are in need of further funding to complete the preparations and production of the Bible study materials we will introduce. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. You truly are the hands of God's provision, and we greatly appreciate it!

Please contact us with any questions or if we can pray for you – info@beautifulgatetranslations.org