



| **Thursday, December 6**

## **Hope in Despair?**

*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

*Philippians 4:13*

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How can that be? Sometimes it seems impossible.

In 2002, my Mother was unexpectedly called to her heavenly home. She was my rock of faith and was suddenly gone. What started out as one of the darkest times in my life, was a turning point in my faith. For it was over the course of my grieving, that I truly learned the importance of faith and hope in eternal life.

As with the loss of my Mother, when I look back on the dark times in my life, I see how God was always there with me, in the people he placed in my life during those times. Sometimes it's people you least expect or barely know, who are there to help you through your despair. God is always with us, no matter how dark life may seem. Hold on to that hope in despair and have faith in knowing we will be reunited with our loved ones, in life eternal.

*Heavenly Father, may we remember you are here with us at all times, in all people, and through all of your creation. May we find hope in despair, see your eternal light in times of darkness, and hear your loving voice in times of need. Help us in our faith to know we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. In your Holy Name, Amen!*

- Jane Knott