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He wept. I'm not ashamed to weep when a friend is in trouble. It doesn't mean to weep doesn't mean that that suddenly you have no faith. The people who are capable of being touched the deepest are those who have these qualities. You will see a tear in their eye. Occasionally you'll see them sometimes without much faith. At least in the way that that a an almost faithless person who has developed some sort of disguise of faith would see it. We can say, I don't know. We can say I'm afraid

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you see, Randy wasn't faithless. When at times he grappled with the brutality of his disease. When he fought it off and fought it back and fought it back with tears with many tears and sometimes saying I don't want to die. Why? faithless? No, that's what it's all about.

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And I was thankful that he didn't feel as as, as sometimes well intentioned people don't want to hear anybody say that. You know, you get uncomfortable and, and your skin crawls here is a here is a man of faith who's who's talking like that. And we feel threatened by it. There was never a moment so far as I could tell, when there wasn't a deep and abiding trust in God. And I'm thankful that that that that trust in God is large enough and strong enough and broad enough and deep enough to leave me able to express the deepest feelings and groanings and complaints of my own spirit. And you will not find one human being and all of Scripture who was different from that? They all could grown and they all could sin. And they all could be caught. With their guard down, they all could be caught with egg smeared all over them. They could all be caught with coffee stains on their shirts. They could all be caught in disbelief. They could all be caught sometimes untrusting they could all be caught sometimes with anxiety. But what you didn't catch them with was the kind of wrestling that left them outside the possibilities that come to God's children. They weren't outside. They were inside. And so we're just saying that maybe in an effort to keep us real. You do not have to slip into unreality to be what God wants you to be. I want to retain my right to get mad I want to retain my right to groan I want to retain my right to complain occasionally. But I want a kind of spirit that is within me and a

kind of gaze on God. That then upon realization of what's happened to me, I would be able to lean back and die laughing and say, Lord, how silly I was. But as long as I can keep in my mind's eye Oh Peter sinking in the sea. But knowing to whom to cry. I don't really have all that much to worry about. A sinking, cursing disciple who preached the first message following Jesus resurrection and who later, when he saw the Jews quickly separated himself from the Gentiles, lest he be criticized and yet was withstood to face by another servant of God and whose life was corrected. If I am if I step so carefully that I eliminate almost all possibility of error, that I'm not going to be following Jesus very well. And so well the point of all that little do is stay cool man. Well, we'll go on with with this. There's one matter that we want to take just a minute before we leave. I've got to read some names, because there's a possibility of error on our roles. Now, here's some people whose names we have as being present, but who are not on a roll, and for whom we do not have an audit card. Now, that's no big deal, but we just want to know if you are auditing and if you're if you're not, here are the ones Debbie Williams, Elaine Polk. Debbie Layton, Richard Cooper, Tom Gray. I'm Greg McNeese. We have a card for Elaine Polk. I've got it. And Greg McNeese. Mark Spurlock Nancy lead better. Ricky Hey, oh, Judy lane, Bob and Patti, Greg. And then we have a J. Bradley Snow, who is on the roll but not in class. We just have no record of j. So if you're here j or if you know J, we need to do something correct that now here are people and I'm going to read the number of absences because again, there could be a placement variation or something. We have five absences for Debbie Wint. Now if you're an audit, and several absences where you can disregard this but if you're a registered Debbie Williams five, Kurt Macquarie six Uline poke six Carol home Meyer five, Mark Kent 10. Eddie Frey three Sharon Miller eight. Richard Cooper six. Farley Thomas for Tom Dixon for Jane canker three, Tracy, pool three. Greg. Nice five Mark Spurlock seven. Nancy lead better for Judy Lane nine Dave Williams. Three BJ Maybin. Three. They'll bristly five Mark Reynolds Mike Reynolds for Peggy Brown three Brett Hudson three. The Lunda new house or belong the new house three Tom Adams five. Aaron Castleberry for Penny Halbert four and Don Estes for now I'm just reading that. So that if there's any variation or problem why you might want to check and the man to check with is just went behind the wall up there. Howard or mark Grieux they're keeping the roll. And so if there's anything here that's not right, want check, check with them. And we'll see you Thursday. We're gonna call to ask. We don't we're not sure I don't know if men are lane is going to take care of that. So that there won't be any cost. I don't know. I know that transportation is going to be furnished. So it couldn't be won't be