

Chapter Thirteen: Say Good Bye

As Laevieus stand before Samantha the hurt of her loss rings in his being. “Laevieus, you are the only one I will allow to walk with her, be strong for there is much to hear.” Laevieus looks at the now lifeless body of his dear Samantha but knows that he would not have it any other way. With that Laevieus walks to her and with a soft voice and a gentle touch Laevieus speaks; “wake up Samantha.” Samantha’s spirit sits up as if waking up from a deep sleep. She rubs her eyes and sees Laevieus standing in front of her. “Oh hello; I remember you.” She speaks with a soft voice. Laevieus looks upon her and sees that she looks well and happy. “I am Laevieus, your friend.” says Laevieus with a slight shake in his voice. “Nice to meet you Laevieus, I am Samantha, your friend.” Samantha gives Laevieus a smile. “Is it time for me to go to heaven?” asks Samantha. “I have been talking to God and He told me that a friend would be bringing me to His home. Are you that friend?” “Yes Samantha I am that friend and He has been waiting to see you.” Samantha jumps off of the bed and looks around. She sees her mother and father crying over her now lifeless mortal body. “God told me that my mom and dad would be alright and that they would be with me real soon, so I should not be sad, I just don’t like seeing them cry like that.” “This will pass over time; God will let them know that you are with Him.” Samantha looks up at Laevieus and asks a simple question; “Can I tell them good bye?” Laevieus is choked up by her simple request then nods in agreement. Samantha makes her way over to her mother’s side and with a gentle voice she speaks; “mom, I am going to see God, please don’t be sad because we will be together soon.” Amber stops crying for a moment as if she hears her daughter’s voice. “Did you hear that Doug? Did you hear Samantha’s voice?” Samantha moves over to her fathers side and with a soft voice she speaks again; “dad, I love you, see you soon.” Doug stops for a second and with a smile on his face he turns to Ambers and says; “Yes, I heard her, I heard Samantha!” they hug on another and sob deeply but this time they have a smile on their faces.

“Samantha, it is time to go.” Samantha looks up at Laevieus and nods; she grabs a hold of Laevieus’ hand as they turn from the hospital room and into a cloud filled with light. Samantha is amazed at the sparkles that reflect off of the clouds edging. “Laevieus, do I know you?’ She asks as they continue to walk. ‘You look familiar to me.’ Samantha starts to reflect on her life and remembers a time that she saw Laevieus. “I remember, you were in my back yard one day. I remember you watching me as I played and I remember thinking how come you were not coming to play with me. That was you right?” asks Samantha as she looks up at Laevieus with a smile. “That was me; I have known you for all your life.” “Really? Then tell me what you remember.” questions Samantha. “Well, I was there when you learned your alphabets. I remember the night that you were dancing in front of the television pretending that you were a little teapot. I remember when I heard you speak Spanish for the first time.” Laevieus starts to tear up but continues to speak; “I was there

when you would pray at night and asked God to take care of all the people that you loved.” “Wow, you do know a lot about me, you must have been hanging around a lot.” With that the two of them continue to walk hand in hand. Samantha looks up at Laevieus and asks one last question; “What is heaven like Laevieus? Is it like the pictures in the book?” Laevieus looks at Samantha and stops walking. He kneels down so that they can be eye to eye as Laevieus tells her about heaven. “Samantha, heaven is the most beautiful place that you can ever imagine! All the things that you loved in your life will be there, all the people that have passed on and loved you will be there, and only happiness abounds in all creatures and spirits. You will like it there.” “Will you be there to Laevieus?” asks Samantha in an innocent voice. Laevieus can feel the tears rising up from his heart; “Samantha, I will be there soon. When my time is done on earth I will come to be with you again.” “I look forward to the day Laevieus; I want all my friends to be there with me.” Samantha smiles and Laevieus stands to continue their journey. As they look forward a bright light shines before them and soft sweet voice speaks out of the midst. “Samantha, I have been waiting for you.” “God, Is that You?” “Yes Samantha it is I, and I want you to enter into my kingdom and take your place among those who love you most.” Samantha stops for a moment and looks at Laevieus; “Laevieus, thank you for bringing me here, but I have to go now. I wish I had known you when I was alive, but I will see you again soon. Good bye Laevieus” “Good bye Samantha.” With that Samantha gives Laevieus a hug and turns to run into the light of God. Laevieus watches as she disappears into the light of glory as a voice speaks out from heaven.

“Laevieus, you have done well.” “Lord, what will become of those whose lives I interfered with?” “Do not worry Laevieus, for when you stepped into the hospital room to release Samantha, life continued as it should have. The woman that lived, died and was received by My Father because He understood her plight in life, the man whose life you took, now lives and is fulfilling his life sentence in prison, but is also receiving the forgiveness of the Father as we speak. He has shown you much love over these trying times and had found you worthy to receive insight into His heart. My Father wanted you to understand the lives of those whom you’ve brought to the door, why their lives ended the way that they did. You have been given a gift that will help you to trust in the judgment of God. You have seen beginnings, futures, and ends, to know that all things were judged by the knowing of God and not by the eyes of beholders. You see Laevieus; if your friend Samantha continued to live she would have been subject to her parent’s desperate cry for help and would have been subjected to many sufferings. Her life would be one of constant medication and painful treatments, and even after all that, her life would have been extended only to end up in a life without life. Because of God’s love for Samantha, now was the most merciful time for her.” Laevieus stands in silence as he reflects on that entire experience God had showed him. “Lord, I now understand, I can see His merciful hand upon one so innocent. But in my blindness, I had done things ignorantly and caused pain where there should not have been any. I had grieved His Spirit where grief should not have entered and by my own will have done things worthy of death itself, for if sin is judged then I have sinned.” “Laevieus, I have walked with you since your creation and have felt your pain in heart; I would not let you fall

into sin, but I interceded on your behalf.” “How could You have found me worthy when I had done what mankind does to You all the time?!” “The grace and mercy that is given and shown to mankind because of their blindness, is given and shown to you also. My Father knows, as I knew, your heart showed more compassion than you realized. My Father knows, as I do, all beginnings and all ends, nothing is hidden from the heart of He who brought forth life with one word. Death is not an end of life but the true beginning of a life eternal. What sin you may have committed in blindness has been forgiven you, now return to your work, He calls for another.”

Laevius looks towards the heavens then kneels down before the Lord, and with a smile speaks; “Thank you my Lord, my God, for your kindness and grace upon a servant like me, and for Your mercy undeserving.” And with a loud shout Laevius rises to his feet and with raised hand Laevius cries out; “GLORY TO THE KINGDOM AND POWER TO THE SAINTS, FOR WORTHY IS THE LAMB, HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER; HALELUAH, HALELUAH, HALELUAH!!!” And with a great cheer from the heavens the angels and saint echoes the cry of glory to the Lamb of God, as Laevius turns and walks back into the land of the living.

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