

Dear

I continue to pray that God will give you a miracle. I really hate to lose you. You have been a precious and dear part of our family. I'm thankful for the laughs with you, the cooking lessons, the adventures, the talks, and all the fun times. I have cried many tears at the thought of losing you. Just yesterday I was contemplating flying up there one more time to see you. It just breaks my heart to lose you. Even now, as I write this I'm in tears still praying for a miracle. I know God can do it! But I don't know if He will. And in case He doesn't I want to share with you the Truth one last time.

I know you have mentioned that you are going to Heaven, that you are secure, and feel at peace. But I can't believe it. I want to! I want to believe with all of my heart that I will see you in Heaven one day because the thought of not seeing you and not being reunited with you tears me apart inside. Death is not final. I would be okay with losing you to death but I'm not okay with losing you to Hell. I'm not okay with just sitting back and believing that you're going to Heaven. The reason I can't fully believe it is because I have yet to hear you say that Jesus is the ONLY WAY. You have mentioned several ways to get to heaven, but God's Word tells us there is only one way.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through me." (John 14:6)

There is only one way! One way to Heaven and without acknowledgment of your sins and the need for a Savior, you won't get in.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Mike, Hell is so very real. And it's not a place I want to accept for you. If I didn't believe that it exists I wouldn't spend the time writing to you. If I thought there was another way to heaven, I would just let this go. But God says there is only one way! Jesus is the only way! Mike, Hell is described like this...

...the fiery lake of burning sulfur. (Revelation 21:8)

...and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:50)

...where the fire never goes out. (Mark 9:43)

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:28)

And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name. (Revelation 14:11)

...and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (Revelation 20:10)

Mike, Hell is awful! And the only way to escape it is to call on Jesus. To make Him Lord of your life. Even in your final breath you can get forgiveness for your sins. But you need to confess your need for a Savior.

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (John 10:9-10)

Mike, if I'm wrong not much changes. We'll all meet up in Heaven one day. But if you're wrong, everything changes. Don't be fooled! Please, please I beg you please call out to the Lord! There's still time! He can and will separate your sins as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:12). He can clothe you with the righteousness of Christ Jesus. Your righteousness will get you nothing before God! But Christ's righteousness will get you everything!

"...all our righteous acts are as filthy rags..." (Isaiah 64:6)

"Just as man is destined to die once and after that to face judgment." (Hebrews 9:27)

What will you say when you face the judgment seat? Only one answer will save you from the flames of Hell. Only one answer will be your ticket into Heaven.

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." (Matthew 7:13-14)

Mike, the path is narrow. Please find it before you take your final breath. Please cry out to the Lord to save you. Please acknowledge your need for a Savior. God would not have had His Son die if there was another way. It was a horrific death! God had His Son go through it so that He could spend eternity with you. You, Mike! God wants to have you in His Kingdom! None of us deserves Heaven and everyone of us is faced with a choice to choose whom we will serve. The thief on the cross next to Jesus acknowledged his need for a savior, will you? Will you see that only He can save you? Mike, I wish I could write a feel good letter about how great of a guy you have been and how much you have meant to me. But if I don't tell you all that's on my heart, I will regret it for the rest of my life. I want to know that I gave it my all because your worth it. Cancer may destroy your body. Cancer may take you from us. But God can restore you back to us in the life to come by giving you eternal life through Jesus Christ. He can give us a beautiful reunion with you. It's your choice Mike! It's all up to you! You get to choose where you will spend eternity.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. (John 3:16-18)

Mike, this is it. If you don't get a miracle soon, you will be leaving us. It will be a difficult departure and absolutely devastating if there is no hope of a reunion with you. Please consider all of this and know that the only thing that can make this better is the hope of Jesus. The hope found in God's one and only Son!

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25)

Do you believe this? Mike, until you can tell me that Jesus is the only way and that He died for your sins I have to believe that you're not saved. That I won't see you in Heaven! Because that's the requirement. You don't have to be good enough, you can't be good enough. You don't have what it takes to make it into Heaven. That's why God sent Jesus! The perfect, spotless lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Your sin, my sin was nailed to the cross on calvary's hill almost 2000 years ago. It was you that Jesus died for. He loves you! God wants to bring you home! Will you acknowledge the Truth of God's Word today and surrender your life to Him? Death doesn't have to be the final answer. You can have a hope far beyond this world. We can be reunited in Heaven! That's the only thing that will bring me even a small bit of hope through this. My heart will still break to lose you but if I know I get to see you again then I can rest. I can be okay! We can answer the questions that your kids will have and say one day again you will see your dad!

Mike, the god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers (2 Corinthians 4:4). My prayer is that the veil will be torn back from your eyes, may the Truth be revealed to you in a way that you can't deny it. May God remove your blinders and may you experience the freedom that is only found in Christ!

"If the son sets you free you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

Free! You will be FREE! Mike, I pray you taste this freedom in the Lord!

Please know that Paul and I will be there for your family in your absence, that we will help in any way we can. There's no way that anyone can replace you but we will do our best to fill in some of the gaps that your absence will leave.

Please rest assured that I will continue to pray for a miracle until the final answer is no. I will plead with the Lord on your behalf for healing of your body. I know God can do it. And if the answer is no, I will accept it. Truth be known it will be easier to accept if some day I have the hope of seeing you again!

"Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands." (2 Corinthians 5:1)

Cancer can destroy your earthly tent but it cannot destroy your eternity. Where will you choose to spend your eternity?

Please consider all that I have written down and know that I love you like your my own brother. I would not have shared this with you had I not cared very deeply for you. I will be praying that you receive this well and that you know the intentions of my heart. May God reveal Himself to you in such a powerful way that you can't deny Him! May you experience the realness of Him in a way you never have before. And may the sacrifice that Jesus made on your behalf be the very thing you cling to when you take your final breath!

I love you Mike and I will continue to pray for a miracle!  
Sarah