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### ***Alone Yet Not Alone***

This past week Terry and I watched the final episode of the last season of Downton Abbey. Many of our friends had recommended it to us, so we finally took their advice. Time mostly well spent.

Having finished that series, Terry wondered out loud what we might want to watch next. “Beats me!” said I. So I opened Prime and started scrolling. Very quickly thereafter, I saw a movie titled “Alone Yet Not Alone” that caught my eye. The subtitle was “Their faith became their freedom.”

Here’s how the description read: “Alone Yet Not Alone is based on the inspirational, true story of Barbara and Regina Leininger, two immigrant sisters forced to embark on a journey of faith that will lead them through the darkness of war into the light of freedom.”

After selecting that movie, I succeeded in turning on the subtitles, which is always helpful at our stage of life, and we proceeded to watch. Surprisingly, the movie wove a tapestry that included violence and brutality with clear and unequivocal Christian testimony in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

On a number of occasions, including a critical time toward the end of the movie, part of the title song was sung by one of the main characters, including this small portion of the entire song: “I’m alone, yet not alone. God’s the light that will guide me home. With his love and tenderness, leading through the wilderness. And wherever I may roam, I’m alone, yet not alone.”

After the movie was over, I went to Sound Hound and found the song in its entirety. Sung tenderly and beautifully by Joni Eareckson Tada, here are the words to all the verses:

I'm alone, yet not alone. God's the light that will guide me home.  
With His love and tenderness, leading through the wilderness.  
And wherever I may roam, I'm alone, yet not alone.

I will not be bent in fear. He's the refuge I know is near.  
In His strength I find my own, by His faithful mercies shown.  
That so mighty is His shield, all His love is now revealed.

When my steps are lost, and desperate for a guide,  
I can feel his touch, a soothing presence by my side.

Alone, yet not alone. Not forsaken when on my own.

I can lean upon His arm, and be lifted up from harm.  
If I stumble, or if I'm thrown, I'm alone, yet not alone.

He has bound me with His love, watchful angels look from above.  
Every evil can be braved, for I know I will be saved.

Never frightened on my own, I'm alone, yet not alone.  
I'm alone, yet not alone!

This movie and song are great reminders of biblical assurances of God's presence, including one of my favorites: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me..." Psalm 23:4

Remember this assuring truth: Wherever you may roam, you're alone yet not alone!

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