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i know many have tried to move on from the horrible shooting in texas awhile back. unfortunately, there are many who cannot move on since this tragedy has affected them so deeply. while i wish you no sorrow, i hope you too have been much affected.

affected by the blackened morals of some people. the world condemns this while fighting vehemently for the right to extinguish the innocents within the womb.

i hope you are affected by the evil that has now entered the hearts of people. affected by the shroud of death which shall soon envelope their eternal spirits. as i have said before, this is not a sudden occurrence. it has been years in the making. the world's descent into darkness has been gradual but persistent. "if therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!" matt 6:23

what God did speak to cain in genesis, he speaks it now even to us. "why are you angry? and why has your countenance fallen? if you do well, will you not be accepted? and if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. and its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." gen 4:6-7

total depravity does not mean that every person is as bad as he can be, nor that sinful people are incapable of good deeds. rather, it means that there is nothing in the human heart capable of earning God's favor. the human heart, by nature, is hostile toward God and unable to please God. rom 8:7-8 you can give a pig a bath and dress it in a tuxedo, but unless you change

its nature, it will go back to wallowing in the mud. as sinners we can dress up in good deeds and look good on the outside, but unless God gives us a new nature, our hearts are corrupt. we sin because we are sinners by nature.

a dear friend shared this with me yesterday. it was something she had read. i do not know where from or who to give credit to, but i wanted to share it with everyone. i will just credit the Holy Spirit.

Twass' 24 days into the month of May,
When 19 beautiful children stormed through Heaven's
gate.

Their smiles were contagious, their laughter filled the
air.
They could hardly believe all the beauty they saw
there.

They were filled with such joy; they didn't know what
to say.
They remembered nothing of what had happened earlier
that day.

"Where are we," asked a little girl, as quiet as a
mouse.

"This is heaven," declared a small boy. "We're spending
the rest of eternity at God's house."

When what to their wondering eyes did appear,
But Jesus, their Savior. The children gathered near.

He looked at them and smiled, and they smiled just the same.

Then He opened His arms and He called them one at a time by name.

And in that moment was joy, that only Heaven can bring. Those children all flew into the arms of their King of Kings.

And as they lingered in the warmth of His great BIG embrace,
One small girl turned and looked at Jesus face to face.

And as if He could read all the questions she had, He gently whispered to her, "I'll take care of Mom and Dad."

Then He looked down on Earth, at the world far below. He saw all of the hurt, the sorrow and woe.

Then He closed His eyes and He outstretched His hand, "Let My power and presence re-enter this land!

May this country be delivered from the hands of fools. I'm taking back my nation. I'm taking back my schools!"

Then He and the children stood up without a sound. "Come now my children let me show you around."

Excitement filled the space, some skipped and some ran; All displaying enthusiasm that only a small child can.

And I heard Him proclaim as He walked out of sight,

"In the midst of this darkness, I AM STILL THE LIGHT."

He has always been the light and He will always be the light. light, by it's very nature, expels darkness from it's surrounding area. and soon, very soon, He will be everywhere. until our Lord comes and expels even the shadows, the light He has planted in each of us must expel the darkness in our surroundings. our words, our actions, our very lives must be a witness to that light. so many are stumbling in darkness and we may be the one to show them the way. "in Your light we see light." psa 36:9

addendum: our police officers receive much abuse and judgment these days. "judge not, that you be not judged." matt 7:1 i just thought i would also share this little video of a police officer lip-syncing to "i can only imagine".

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