

familiar friday - mad at God

the following is an interview that i read on the internet. perhaps some have read it while others may have missed it. i think it is something that should not be missed - by anyone. it touched me and i hope it touches you as well.

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jim breuer has been making people laugh for decades. he has been doing stand-up comedy consistently from 1989 until the present and has several comedy specials. in the 1990s, breuer rose to national fame as a star on "saturday night live" with his portrayal of joe pesci and his unforgettable "goat boy" character. in 1998, breuer was featured in the cult comedy classic "half baked".

however, one of breuer's latest efforts is not funny. but it might be one of the most important contributions that the stand-up comedian has ever made.

"i feel a lot of people need this. i need this, everyone needs what i'm about to put out there", breuer began.

breuer then revealed the story of how he found out that his wife had stage 4 cancer in a recent episode of his "the breuniverse podcast".

breuer said of his wife's cancer diagnosis, "the doctor says, 'nothing we can do. it's everywhere'".

the doctor gave his wife only a few months to live.

breuer turned to a close friend for help on how to deal with his wife's terminal cancer diagnosis.

the friend told breuer, "i know you're spiritual and you believe in God, and your wife is deep into the word of Jesus, and born-again, she found her faith many years ago. how does that affect that now?"

the friend then asked, "are you mad? are you mad at God? does that screw up your faith?"

breuer then told his friend, "i said to be dead honest with you, not at all".

"if anything, i'm not mad at what i will not have", he said. "i'm not mad of what's being taken away. i'm not mad about what i'm not gonna have anymore, but i am so damn blessed for what i had, and what i still have".

breuer's friend reacted by saying, "woah"!

the comedian gushed, "do you know how many people never had the relationship i did and still have? do you know how many incredible, lifesaving, emotional, deep-saving moments i've had with my wife dee?"

breuer noted that his wife of 29 years blessed him with three beautiful children.

"as a matter of fact, i see it even deeper now. i thought i saw it, but i see it deeper now", he beamed.

when it comes to tragedy, breuer advised. "you can either turn your back and be mad or you can look at it as. "wow! i didn't realize how beautiful life is and was when it's right in front of you.'"

"start looking at the beauty right in front of you with yourself", he said with tears in his eyes.

"i'll never be mad at God", he declared. "i cannot believe the beauty that surrounds me. i can't believe the beauty that is given to me".

an emotional breuer uttered: "i got to hold my dad to his last breath. do you know what a blessing that is"?

"i pray to God that everybody gets that opportunity", he said. "if you get the opportunity to hold someone to the end - do it."

he emphasized: "no college, no education, can ever fill your cup up with such beauty, with such grace, then have those real-life experiences. please, go out and enjoy life".

"this really has to do, in my opinion, with a deeper spirituality ... God the Lord, however you want to put it", he said. "i hope you find it. i hope you tap into it. it'll help you spread light to so many others. so many others".

at the end of the podcast, breuer revealed that his wife has survived for five years with her terminal cancer.

"so anyone out there that's dealt the card of 'your days are numbered', do yourself a favor. don't give up. don't give up", breuer concluded.

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i want to add that i too was blessed to hold my mom as she passed into eternity. i know where she passed to - into eternity with God. God pleased to use me to lead her into His grace years earlier. This was now my second blessing, to see her off into it.

only someone who knows our Lord Jesus can live with such grace in the midst of tragedy. death is always a tragedy, but it is only a passing from one realm into the next. the important question is: "what realm will it be"?

we have a great hope set before us? "for i am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord". rom 8:38-39

way too often we fail to appreciate what we have. praise God everyday and thank Him for the treasures in your life (past, present and future) for however long you may have them. **MARANATHA!**