

He's always there

"I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [assuredly not!]" heb 13:5 ampc

there are always lone hearth-fires; so many! and those who sit beside them, with the empty chair, cannot restrain the tears that will come.

One sits alone so much. there is some One unseen, just here within reach. but somehow we don't realize His presence. realizing is blessed, but-rare. it belongs to the mood, to the feelings. it is dependent on weather conditions and bodily conditions. the rain, the heavy fog outside, the poor sleep, the twinging pain, these make one's mood so much, they seem to blur out the realizing.

but there is something a little higher up than realizing. it is yet more blessed. it is independent of these outer conditions, it is something that abides. it is this: recognizing that Presence unseen, so wondrous and quieting, so soothing and calming and warming.

recognize His presence – the Master's own. He is here, close by; His presence is real. recognizing will help realizing, too, but it never depends on it. aye, more, immensely more, the truth is a presence, not a thing, a fact, a statement. some One is present, a warm-hearted Friend, an all-powerful Lord.

and this is the joyful truth for weeping hearts  
everywhere, whatever be the hand that has drawn the  
tears; by whatever stream it be that your weeping  
willow is planted." s.d. gordon

when from my life the old-time joys have vanished,  
treasures once mine, i may no longer claim,  
this truth may feed my hungry heart, and famished:  
Lord, Thou remainest! Thou art still the same!

when streams have dried, those streams of glad  
refreshing –  
friendships so blest, so rich, so free;  
when sun-kissed skies give place to clouds depressing,  
Lord, Thou remainest! still my heart hath Thee.

when strength hath failed, and feet, now worn and  
weary,  
on gladsome errands may no longer go,  
why should i sigh, or let the days be dreary?  
Lord, Thou remainest! could'st Thou more bestow?

thus through life's days – who'er or what may fail me,  
friends, friendships, joys, in small or great degree,  
songs may be mine, no sadness need assail me,  
Lord, Thou remainest! still my heart hath Thee.

– j.d. smith

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yes, our Lord is always there.