

## **CALL TO REMEMBRANCE THE SINCERE FAITH**

2 TIMOTHY 1:5 - When I call to remembrance the sincere faith which dwelt first in your mother...and your grandmother ...

Faith was the expression of “\_\_\_\_\_” life. Faith: simple, honest, wholehearted trust in the God of all peace and life. That Faith brought change to her life, and became the gift she offered her children and friends. And it lives on as a memorial to her, and her Savior.

What is the “legacy” of Mary Stettmisch’s Sincere Faith?

### **BY FAITH SHE WAS “SAVED”—REBORN:**

EPHESIANS 2:8 - For by grace are you saved through faith...

Mary placed her faith in the saving work of Jesus death and resurrection—and she received:

A New Life—Relationship—Joy—Strength

SAVED!! What a great word. Rescued—set free—made whole—restored to a perfect place. That’s what “\_\_\_\_\_” found in her Faith.

JOHN 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but shall have everlasting life.

JOHN 3:36 - He who believes in the Son has everlasting life...

This is the Faith that takes us beyond the temporality of this life: It is the Hope of an Eternal life, dwelling in the presence of God, freed from all limitations, sorrows, fears, and harm. That’s real Life!

### **BY FAITH SHE LIVED IN AN OFTEN TROUBLING WORLD:**

ROM 1:17 “...The Just shall live BY FAITH...”

Here is a collection of Bible verses important to \_\_\_\_\_ :

- JN 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
- ISA 41:10 “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
- MATT 5:4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 1 PETER 5:7 “...casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. “

### **BY FAITH SHE WAS RECEIVED INTO AN EVERLASTING FAMILY:**

EPH 3:14-15 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named...

There is a "Family" in Heaven as well as on Earth...

Family is important – God established Family – and the Fall of mankind has not reversed His intended purpose.

\_\_\_\_\_ loved "family" – She loved her Children - She loved her Grandchildren – She loved her Great-grandchildren – and she longed to see the ones who were gone from her... She longed to have them present. She loved her extended family members who join us in this time of sorrow. She loved "family"

The 1st hint of an "Eternal family" is from GENESIS – at the death of Jacob. 2x's the phrase is found: "I am to be Gathered to my people"

God did not send His Son to "save" us and give us Eternal Life so that we could live in this "fallen world" forever.

JOHN 14:2 - In my Father's house are many mansions ... I go to prepare a place for you. [3] And ...I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

This same Faith by which we are given new life, and by which we are empowered with the strength to live, gives us the assuring Hope of a glorious reception into the presence of the God who awaits all those who have by faith accepted His gift of Salvation.

Then Paul brings Family and Friends into the promise or reunion at the Lord's return:

1THESS 4:14 - Now we don't want you, my brothers, to be in any doubt about those who 'fall asleep' in death, or to grieve over them like the rest of men who have no hope. If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then we can believe that God will just as surely bring with Jesus all who are 'asleep' in him.

How Simple: "If...we...believe...!"

2COR 5:8 - We are confident ... (that) to be absent from the body (is) to be present with the Lord.

Let us, in memory of the testimony of \_\_\_\_\_, call to remembrance that simple, Saving Faith in Jesus Christ!