



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

## After The Fireworks

*On one Fourth of July, I took my sons to see the fireworks near the fairgrounds. As we sat gazing at the dark sky waiting for the first burst, I noticed the stars. Then all of a sudden the excitement started. Red, blue, and white blasts of light filled the sky. Fifty minutes of rapid fire, successive pyrotechnic effects made our hearts pound. At the end we stood up and applauded.*

*After the noise and smoke cleared, I looked up again and saw the same stars still in the sky. I thought to myself, most of those stars have been there since the beginning of time. On a clear night those same stars can be seen by anyone worldwide. Those stars have guided many by night and have fascinated billions.*

*Some people can be like fireworks. They make a big loud presentation in life. But after the noise and smoke clears and judgment day comes, who is shining? We, who have turned many to righteousness, will be.*

*“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament,  
and they that turn many to righteousness  
as the stars for ever and ever.” Daniel 12:3*

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