



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

"The word **believe** is so powerful that it is our key to faith, salvation, purpose, change, peace, joy, fulfillment and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Charles Stambaugh

Believe

Our Mother passed away six years ago, this week. I have visited her gravesite several times. One August day, I went to trim the weeds around her marker and to see if the decorative item I had placed at her grave the previous spring was still there. Mother loved pretty things and hated weeds with equal passion. I felt taking care of both would be a good way to keep her memory alive.

I had struggled with how to decorate her grave so that it would show her faith and how she was loved and honored. I decided on a miniature shepherd's hook that held a small Victorian style cross with the word, "Believe" on it. Yes, that is it. Believe in life after death, believe in the One who makes that possible, and believe I will see my mother, again.

When I visited that day, there was no sign of that remembrance item. After a deep sigh of sadness, I began to clear the weeds and trim the grass around her marker. My clippers then hit something hard. I thought it was a rock. I turned it over and it was a small section of the missing cross. However, not just any section. It was the part with the word, "Believe". It looked like a mower blade sheared the rest of the cross off, but "Believe" was perfectly preserved.

Tears of joy quickly flooded my eyes. It felt as though the God of this universe focused His loving care specifically on me in a very personal and tangible way. I've rarely ever felt such satisfying comfort.

You will probably never visit my Mother's grave nor see "Believe" by her site. But I pray that this will bring comfort you. Because it is through believe that we will see Betty Lou Stambaugh and your redeemed departed loved ones, again. It is through believe that you can ask for forgiveness, receive salvation and assurance of eternal life thorough Jesus. Do you believe?

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep (died), that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep (died) in Jesus will God bring with Him." I Thess. 4:13, 14



*We miss you, Mother.
We will see you again.*

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*"That whosoever believes in Him
should not perish, but have
eternal life." John 3:14*

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