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And sometimes he calls His children to suffer with Him down here, that they may be glorified with Him hereafter.

Whatever this trial is, the Lord will. It is not wrong to feel sad, to feel the weight of sorrow, Jesus felt all this – it is not wrong when great sadness comes to feel weary and alone, but it is wrong if we do not submit and say thy will be done – when the Lord Jesus was about to be crucified he felt as though his spirit and flesh were too weak to bear it all, and He cried out Father let this cup pass from me, but not my will, thine be done.

Now dear friend, turn to the Lord – look to Him – set your affections on things above and let your conversation be in Heaven. The Lord God wants you to be wholly. His – all to Himself – quite separate from this earth and all in it – taken all up with Him.

I will pray for you. I am sure God loves you much, and longs to do all He can for you.

You must trust in Him. In Him. In Him. It is just when the soul turns away from all else, that it is ready fully to believe, fully to trust in the Master.

I am much occupied day and night with cares anxieties connected with God's work or I would write oftener. I remember you. Give my love in the Lord to all. Remember me to Sisters Björkman – do they hold fast? – is their brother saved? – to your Sister and to all. To Duncans also. I here they are going to visit England – so I shall see them.

Pray for me. Write and let me know that you cast your burden on the lord who is your burden bearer.

I know what it is to have Jesus in sorrow – so I can tell you to have Him.

Yours affectionately in Him

W. Bramwell Booth

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