

God Promises Enough!

A father and daughter were saying their farewells at the airport. They hugged and he said, "I love you and I wish you enough." She replied, "Dad, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I love you so much... and I wish you enough, too, Dad."

The father walked over toward the window to watch his daughter's plane take off. Tears rolled down his cheeks. The father turned a man who had been watching them and said, "Did you ever say goodbye to someone knowing that you would not see each other again in this lifetime?" *No, I do not think I have.* The father continues, "I am terminally ill and the truth is that her next trip back will be for my funeral." "I'm sorry," said the stranger. "It's O.K. I have had a wonderful life and God has blessed me and He has always been with me... and he will be with me in the life to come. I have no regrets. I trust God for whatever is ahead." The man asked, when you were saying goodbye to your daughter, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' What does that mean?" The father smiled and said, "That's a wish that has been handed down for many generations in my family. My parents used to say it to everyone."

When we say, "I wish you enough," we are wanting the other person to have enough good things to sustain them. The wish goes like this: *"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive. I wish you enough adversity so the smallest joys in life appear much bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to be grateful for all you possess. I wish; you enough hellos to get you through the final goodbyes."* The father looked at the other man and said, "I wish you enough"... and then he turned and walked away.

Because we are Christians, we can be confident because in Christ, God gives us enough... enough strength to keep us going, enough forgiveness to make us a new creation, enough courage to enable us to stand tall when times are tough, enough assurance to convince us that ultimately God wins and He wants to share his victory with us. This is the good news. Nothing can separate us from God's love and watch care. Nothing... not trouble or pain or heartache or disappointment – not even death can cut us off from God and his love. God is always with us. That is God's promise.