

SECTION H



OLGA and JAMES MCKINSTRY

HOLD ON!

**When you come to the place
Where the shadows are,
And light ahead is withdrawn;
Put your hand in God's and keep it there
Till He carries you over and on.**

**You may have to tarry a while in the dark,
Till God is ready to lead,
But while you are waiting, just pray and pray,
To Him in your great need.**

**Then hold on to God's hand with a solid grip,
Let nothing deter your stand.
Keep waiting and waiting, and holding on
Till the shadows pass from the land.**

(Author unknown)





IN MEMORY
of

OLGA McKINSTRY

July 28, 1928 – October 14, 2004



**SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE
COULD...ENTER THOU INTO
THE JOY OF THE LORD**
Mark 14:8 Matthew 25:23

OLGA'S MEMORIAL BULLETIN



MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, October 19, 2004
Evangelical Missionary Church, Holden, Alberta

In Loving Memory of Olga McKinstry
July 28, 1928, to October 14, 2004

OFFICIATING

Pastor Brad Olson

ORGANIST

Gwen Boettger

SPECIAL MUSIC

Emma Fried

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF OLGA McKINSTRY

Prelude

Scripture Reading

Opening Prayer

Congregational Hymn "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

Tribute from Fred and Viola Pahl (read by Kerry and Colleen McKinstry)

Special Music: "Because He Lives"

Eulogy: David and Paul McKinstry

Slide Presentation

Meditation: Pastor Brad Olson

Congregational Hymn "Beyond the Sunset"

Commendation and Benediction

INTERMENT

Holden Evangelical Missionary Church Cemetery

PALLBEARERS

Herman Bauer
Dennis Fried

Melvin Fried
Bryan Schultz

Sanford Boettger
Wayne Schultz

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF OLGA McKINSTRY

Outline of Meditation by Pastor Olson

1. To followers of Jesus Christ, the death of a loved one is not a final goodbye, but rather, a temporary parting: an “Au revoir,” a “till we meet again.” The basis of our confidence is what is recorded in this book, the Bible. We have confidence in it because of what Jesus believed about it: Creation of man and woman; the world-wide flood in Noah’s day; the Prophets Jonah and Daniel; a personal devil; fallen angels called demons; a real place of splendor and comfort and peace; a real place of torment and discomfort Jesus called “hades” and “gehenna.”
2. I want to look at two passages of the Bible in which Jesus gave comfort, encouragement, and directions about life after our body stops breathing – that process we will all, like the leaves of the springtime, eventually come to.
3. I entitled this talk, “Thinking God’s Thoughts,” which title I get from Isaiah 55, verses 6-9. God’s thinking is much different than man’s. Are we thinking God’s thoughts about life and death and eternity?
4. The first teaching passage was spoken at a time similar to this when close friends were troubled in heart because Jesus had told them about His soon coming death and separation from them (John 14:1-6). God’s thinking is:
 - a. Don’t let your hearts be troubled (sorrow yes, tears yes, troubled hearts, no).
 - b. Believe in me – historical lamb of God, son of God, Savior, coming King.
 - c. I go to prepare a place for you – bridegroom in Jewish culture; carpenter.
 - d. I will come and get you – when the time is ready – when you need it.
 - e. Thomas said: “The Way - We don’t know it!” Jesus says, “I am the way – no one comes to the Father but by me – not reincarnation – Buddhism, Confucianism, Mormonism & Joseph Smith, Islam and Mohammed, nor even good works. No one comes to the place I am preparing but by believing in and following me.”
5. The second teaching passage was given, we are told, because there were those in his audience whose hope and trust was in riches, power, and things.
 - a. Our thinking – this is the life for me (the rich man).
 - b. Our thinking – God has abandoned Lazarus – it’s karma – judgment of God.
 - c. A moment after death – God’s thinking – if you don’t believe, you don’t receive, get to enjoy, get eternal comfort and blessing.
 - d. A moment after death – those who believe are comforted, no matter what their financial or state of health, physically or mentally.
 - e. God’s thinking – I have not abandoned you though you have and are still suffering. Consider the following persons: Paul with a fourteen-year messenger of Satan to buffet; Job – lost ten children, wealth, position, health, respect, plus being buffeted by three accusers; Daniel lost his family and friends to a cruel death. He was taken away from his land and given a new name. Hebrews 11 lists believers who suffered. In our own time there is Billy Graham; Joni Erickson Tada – paraplegic from teenage years; Julie Fehr, missionary with Christian & Missionary Alliance, who died prematurely of an agonizing sickness; John and Betty Stam – missionaries beheaded in their youth in China; Jim Elliot, Nate Saint, and three young men killed by the Auca Indians; Stephen stoned to death; Peter crucified upside down. And our own Lord Jesus Christ, man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, despised and rejected, who endured such hostility by sinners against himself.

f. Because you are in less than perfect health, or because you are in poverty in some country, does not mean God has abandoned you. Rather, it means that God has a special mission for your life. God's thoughts – higher! We need to ask, "What is it you want me to learn from this Father?" Rather than, "Why me? Why now? Why this?" and rebel in anger against him.

g. Man's thinking – God is too loving to have a place such as hell prepared for the unbelieving. But Jesus taught otherwise; Note – pain, torment, flame, sight, thinking, reasoning, caring.

h. Too late – no second chance after death comes to your earthly body. Man says: reincarnation, many other ways.

i. Someone comes back from the dead, Moses and the Prophets; the New Testament record of Christ coming back from the dead and returning again. Man's thinking: "If I see, I will believe God's thinking." Believe and you will see," Jesus said to Thomas who would not believe Christ was resurrected until he saw the nail prints when Jesus appeared to him and the disciples.

6. Conclusion: I have seen bodies at funerals buried with various objects which have meant a lot to them in life: a hammer, a cross, a teddy bear, etc. But the one which I heard of – and cannot verify if it was actually true – is the woman who asked her Pastor to assure that she was buried with a fork in her hand. When asked why, she said: "After we have a sumptuous meal, the hostess often says, 'Keep your fork; dessert is coming!'" That means – "the best is yet to come." I want people to know I have confidence that "*the best is yet to come.*"

The "best" **is** yet to come. Believe in Jesus and you will see it. Believe in His word and let not your heart be troubled, but rather let His word prepare you for the place Jesus has gone ahead to prepare for you. From the teachings of Jesus, believers in Jesus who follow Him have reason to be comforted and encouraged, even though we weep because of this ***brief*** parting.

Perhaps you are here to encourage the bereaved this afternoon but have not yet believed in Jesus as your own Savior and Lord. Perhaps you are angry at God for something which has happened in your life. Having heard these two teachings from the lips of Jesus, is there any reason why you have not believed in Jesus and begun to follow Him? No one comes to the Father and the Father's house, but through Him. Will you choose to "think" as God thinks about time and eternity? Listen then to these words:

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found;
call ye upon him while he is near:

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts:
and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him;
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:6-9

Will you now be encouraged that "the best is yet to come?"

Will you now call upon Him while He is near?

He will comfort your sorrowing heart.

And if you do not yet know Him as Savior, He will abundantly pardon you!

OLGA McKINSTRY

(read by **Paul McKinstry**)

Olga Pahl was born to Frederick and Emelia Pahl in Hanna, Alberta, on July 28, 1928. She lived with her parents and family on several farms in the Hanna, Vegreville, and Lavoy areas. These early years were not easy for a prairie farm family, and her father eventually moved the family to a small farm in the Fraser valley, near Chilliwack, BC, where her parents resided until their passing.

After completion of her grade schooling in Chilliwack, Olga completed nurses' training at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. She attended Bible school for three years: one in Vancouver, one at Prairie Bible Institute at Three Hills, AB, and one at Hillcrest Christian College in Medicine Hat, AB.

Olga continued to follow her sense of adventure, and served as a nurse with the Oriental Missionary Society in India for a five-year period. During this time in India, she met James McKinstry, a young missionary from Northern Ireland, and they were united in marriage on October 4, 1960, in Allahabad.

On April 14, 1962, she gave birth to a son, Paul James, in Allahabad, India. In January of 1963, they moved to Belfast, Northern Ireland, where they continued to serve with offices of OMS. During this time in Ireland, she gave birth to a second son, David Thomas, on January 23, 1966.

During July of 1966, the family moved to Portland, OR, where her husband began training at Western Evangelical Seminary. Following graduation from seminary, the family moved to Holden, AB, where her husband began a pastoral calling with the Holden Evangelical Church, where the family served until 1980.

Due to an unfortunate deterioration in Olga's mental condition, she has spent the majority of her time in various extended care facilities since 1980. During this time, she enjoyed visits from her family and grandchildren, and often reflected back on her times of missionary service, often expressing her plans to return and carry on her work.

On October 14, 2004, Mrs. Olga McKinstry (Pahl) passed away peacefully at the age of 76 years. She is survived by her loving husband James of Edmonton; son Paul and daughter-in-law Colleen of Kingman, AB, and their children Brendan, Devon, and Jenaya. Also her son David and daughter-in-law Kerry of Edmonton, AB.

She is also survived by one sister – Emma (Alvin) Effa of Chilliwack, BC

Three brothers: Fred (Viola) Pahl of White Rock BC

Art (Anne) Pahl of Lincoln, CA

Edward (Judy) Pahl of Portland, OR

She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents Frederick and Emelia Pahl, and two sisters: Alma Speidel and Frieda Miller – all from Chilliwack, BC

A TRIBUTE TO MY MOM

(by **David McKinstry**)

If you ask different people about what comes to mind when they think of their mother, you will undoubtedly get many and varied responses. People have very specific and touching memories about those that they love, and Memories of Mothers in particular always tend to be the most powerful and vivid.

Some of the responses that you will get will be almost cliché.

“My Mom made the best apple pie...”

“My Mom kept the neatest house...”

“My Mom kept us kids in line...”

Regardless of the answers that you receive to that question there will always be one underlying theme – LOVE. A great many songs, poems, and verses have tried to capture the power of a mother’s love, none of which seem to be able to do it justice.

My mother was not always able to provide some of the more everyday memories that some mothers are able to. She couldn’t always be home, no matter how much she dearly wanted that. She wasn’t always able to be at the events that we as kids participated in, although she yearned to be. For some reason, and it’s a reason that I will be very much interested in hearing about some day, God, in his own wisdom, decided that my Mom was going to be a little different than that of some of the other Moms on the block.

But God didn’t take away our Mom FROM US. In fact, perhaps the opposite may even be closer to the truth. He instilled very powerful emotions in my Mother that still shone through. The one memory that truly stands out for me about my mother was the fact that through all the inner workings in her mind, no matter how confused her world may have become, was her steadfast love for her family. Mom’s concern for Paul and me was always a very strong influence. WE KNEW our Mother loved us, no matter what else was happening. WE KNEW we were loved.

Our family was truly blessed in some ways. Dad was placed in a small country church [Holden] with a genuine concern and sense of community. Paul and I were spoiled a little here – Mrs. Stienwand’s sticky buns and open door policy; the Schultzes’ close family friendship, the Bauers, the Frieds – the list goes on and on. I am truly thankful that this church, this community, and you, the people here are intermingled with the memories I have of my Mother and growing up. This Home – home for our family – home for me – and home for Mom.

Thanks very much for coming out this day to help us celebrate Mom’s life, her love, her passions.



A TRIBUTE TO OLGA

(from **Fred and Viola Pahl**)

God looked around his garden and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon this earth and saw your loving face.
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.
His garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain.
And He knew that you would never get well on earth again.
He saw your path was difficult, He closed your tired eyes,
He whispered to you "I give you my peace" in the midst of your cries.
How wonderful to know you are now free of pain,
We would not wish you back to earth to suffer once again.
You've left us precious memories, we'll think of you each day,
You'll live forever in our hearts, though you're far away.
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you on the day God called you home.

We will never forget Olga. As a young girl, she was so enthusiastic, eager, and always seeking new adventures. After diligent studies, she attained her goal and graduated as a nurse. And then her dedication for the Lord led her to India where she touched many lives with her vibrant Christian testimony. Marriage, motherhood, and a return to Canada followed. Throughout these years, Olga personally blessed our family with her love and concern for us, especially when Viola was stricken with a physical disability. But then shadows fell across the McKinstry family as Olga journeyed to an unknown land where, in her mind, reality and fantasy merged. Her family loyally stayed with her to love and comfort her along the difficult path she trod. They are to be commended for their devotion during these years when she was unable to share herself with them. As a sister and a sister-in-law, she was precious to us, and we prayed every day for her. If we could speak directly to her, we would rejoice that she now is whole again and living in the presence of her Lord.

