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MAMERTINUM



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2 Timothy 1:15-18

1:15 As you know, everyone from the province of Asia has deserted me—even Phygelus and Hermogenes.

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¹⁶ May the Lord show special kindness to Onesiphorus and all his family because he often visited and encouraged me. He was never ashamed of me because I was in chains. ¹⁷ When he came to Rome, he searched everywhere until he found me. ¹⁸ May the Lord show him special kindness on the day of Christ's return. And you know very well how helpful he was in Ephesus.



**A REAL FRIEND IS ONE WHO
WALKS IN WHEN THE REST
OF THE WORLD WALKS OUT**

Walter Winchell (1897)
Journalist

Onesiphorus, Paul's True Friend

- His name means profitable
- He was a servant, often in Ephesus
- When he *first* arrived in Rome, found Paul
- He was not ashamed of Paul's chains

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... he often visited and encouraged me. (NLT)

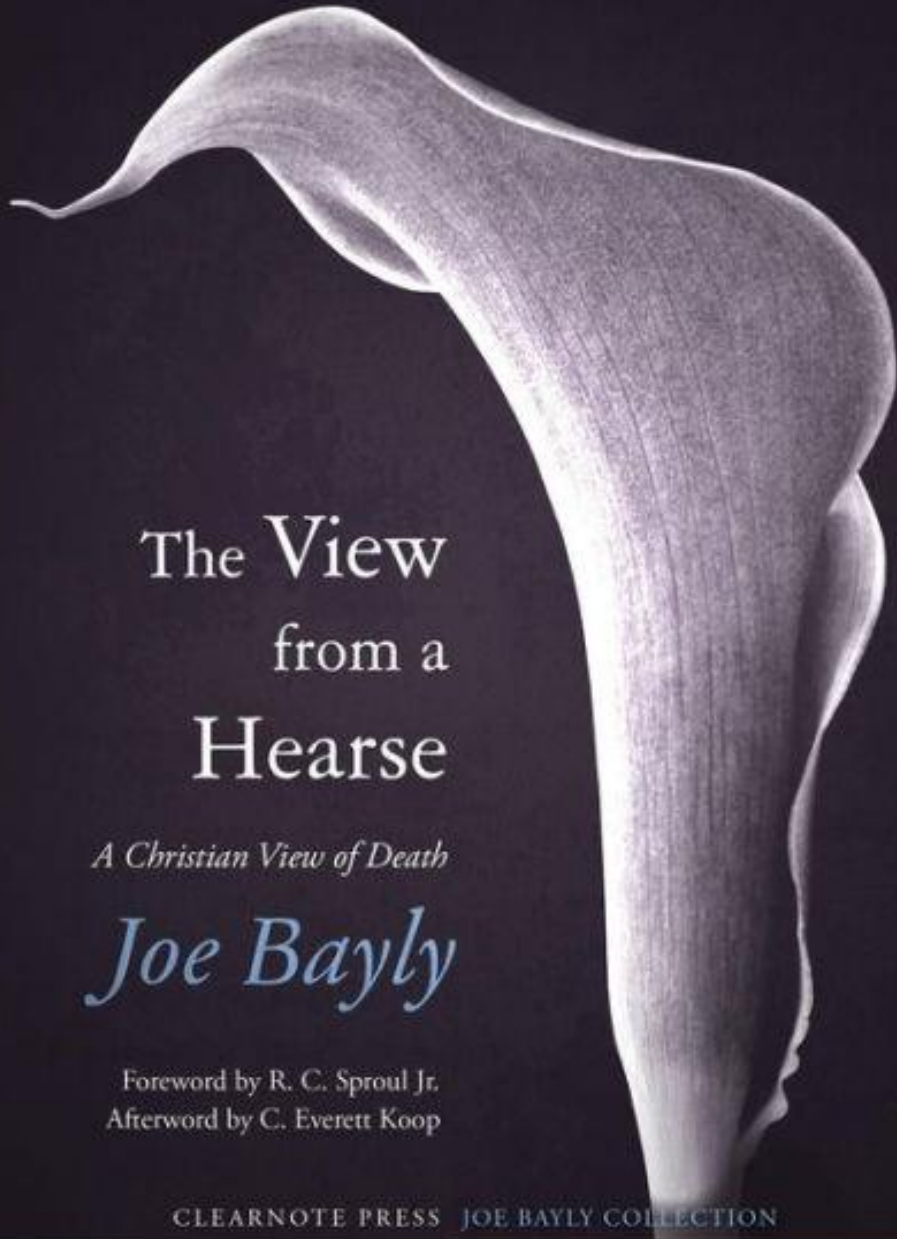
... he often refreshed me. (NIV, KJ, NASB)

ana (again) + psyche (soul)



Ministry
of
Presence

**Job 2:13 Then they sat on
the ground with him for
seven days and seven
nights. No one said a word
to him, because they saw
how great his suffering
was.**



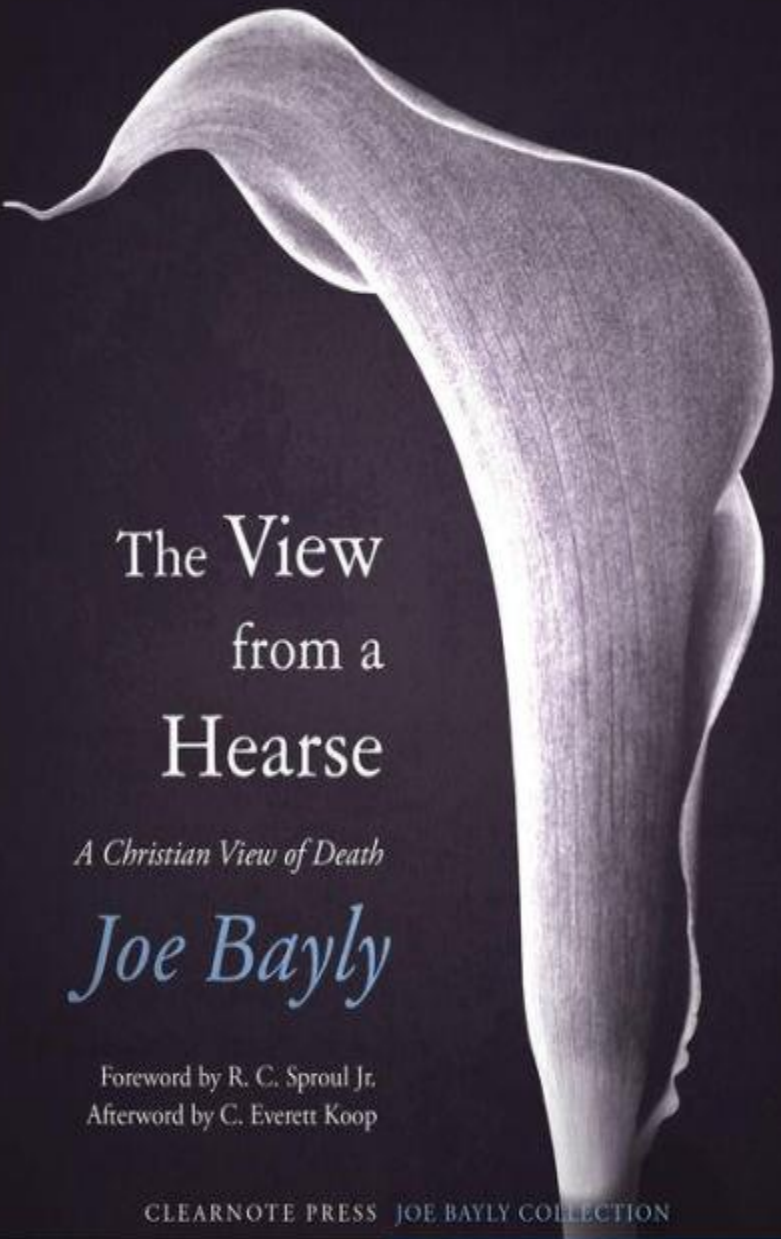
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“I was sitting torn by grief, someone came and talked to me of God’s dealings, of why it happened, of hope beyond the grave. He talked constantly, he said things I knew were true, I was unmoved, except to wish he’d go away. He finally did. Another came and sat beside me. He didn’t talk. He didn’t ask leading questions. He just sat beside me for an hour and more, listened when I said something, answered briefly, prayed simply, left. I was moved. I was comforted. I hated to see him go.”

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Acts 4:13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

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1 Thessalonians 5:11 So encourage each other and build each other up,...¹⁴ Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak.

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Hebrews 10:24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

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“I know of no one more needed, more valuable, more Christ-like than the individual who is committed to the ministry of encouragement.”