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**Subject:** My concerns for my friend Mike Day and for Jim Cross

Mr. Cross,

When life was most difficult for me while living at Daybreak, there was a man who showed a degree of confidence in me that others were not. His name is Mike Day and he is 73, or just shy of a decade older than me.

Mike and I are very different. His abilities with a guitar are amazing. His past includes being a major part of the Alan Mobley gang in California, which at one time was one of the largest cocaine trafficking syndicates. Mobley ended up in prison for about a decade and then became Dr. Mobley and taught at a university in California. Mike was sentenced at the same time and spent 6 or 8 years in Montgomery, Alabama, in the minimum security prison. For some of that time his roommate was the former governor of Tennessee.

Before that Mike was in the USAF and while he did not go to Vietnam, he was very involved with Agent Orange. His exposure was significant and has caused him lifelong issues.

It has been my joy to invest my time in Mike and to call him a friend. While he has a truck, he went through a long period of a suspended license for a questionable occurrence near Jasper, TN. I have taken several trips with his truck to Jasper to pick him up from prison, or to spend time with him in court. I have taken him numerous times to the local hospital, his dentist in Chattanooga, and his doctor in Hixson. I have never been paid for any of this, but he has bought me a couple lunches in Jasper and of late will buy me a bottle of wine when we go to Hixson. When he asks, I take him. I don't think he understands why.

Mike is short, about 5 foot six, and thin. However, in the last many weeks he has dropped over 20 pounds and is now about 125. I went to visit him today to bring him a piece of Gouda cheese that I find wonderful as and encouragement for him to eat. He informed me that he just found out that there is a six inch scar on his liver and there may be other issues. Additional tests are to be scheduled and I willingly offered to continue as chauffeur.

Why have I told you all this? While I only spent about 10 minutes with Mike today, it hit me hard that this might have been the last time I see him, or that day may be in the very near future. I got a sense of him giving up. I've seen this before with John Painter, who was about seven years my junior and died two years ago.

Death will come to Mike. Death will also come to you and me. Mike says he believes in God, but has little knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. But Mike is a human being created in the image of God. You and I have both claimed not only to believe in God, but to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our relationship should be remarkably different.

John Painter and I shared some wonderful conversations about art, as he was a very gifted artist. He and I disagreed on some theology to the point where one day he asked me to be more flexible on my stand. I told him without evidence I could not. Then he got up, walked out of my room, and refused further dialog. Sound familiar? Then came his heart attack, dialogs with his wife, and then his death. I have done two videos describing this, pointing out that in literally his last hours of life he found out that I didn't hate him. To hear those words from his wife the day after his death had a huge impact on me.

I have mentioned that the second to last time I had a visit with your dad we had the most marvelous conversation we ever had. Suddenly we were two men celebrating in delightful conversation the joy of being followers of Christ. Soon thereafter we saw him again and he was highly sedated, and then gone.

It is my hope that the door is open for you and I to celebrate in that same delightful joy. That like John Painter, you will find that I don't hate you. Even more that this it will not be a last hour of life or before heavy sedation, but there will be time to cherish the joy and be an encouragement to each other and those around us that we both love dearly.

Visiting with Mike today was a strong reminder that our window of opportunity is closing. Your brother in Christ, your son-in-law is again reaching out to you to seek a reconciled relationship. Please let us use our remaining days to live out obedience to Christ by showing this remarkable grace. Please, let us be able to have Peter's attitude in 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:15 toward each other. Please!

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*Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.*

Ecclesiastes 12:13

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It is being sent to my full voicemail list in hope that it will improve the odds of you reading it.

If you choose to continue your silence toward me, please explain to my family why you do so and how you find that consistent with a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.