

## Christian Perspectives ? God is in control

One of my favourite times of the week is getting up early on Saturday or Sunday morning, picking up my copy of the Toronto Star newspaper from the end of the driveway, and sitting down for breakfast while I read through the paper. I'm not sure what sections you might turn to first, but to catch up on what is going on in the world I like to begin by reading the front section. This is usually followed closely by the Sports section. I need to keep up on how the Toronto teams are doing in the standings. (as of this writing the Blue Jays are still in the hunt for first place).

Sometimes reading the Saturday paper can be a little overwhelming with negative news items. Take this past weekend for example. The first headline reads 'Militants' brutality draws U.S. back into Iraqi conflict?'. As we read more of this article we get additional information that is somewhat difficult to read. There are reports that Islamic State militants have brutally murdered hundreds of people. A nurse at a hospital was told she couldn't work there anymore because she was a Christian. Like thousands of other Christians, she has been made a refugee by the jihadists' intensifying war against religious and ethnic minorities. The rest of her story is equally unbelievable. Those of us on this side of the world have a hard time imagining what it must be like to be going through what they are going through over there.

Another article headline says 'Bourque admits to killing 3 Mounties?'. This is another item that is equally hard to believe. We just can't understand why anyone would decide to murder three RCMP officers for no apparent reason.

I could go on with many other articles that show a very dark side of humanity. But through it all we must remember that no matter what -God is in control.

There is a song written and sung by Twila Paris with some great lyrics that I would like to share here. It is entitled 'God Is In Control?'

This is no time for fear

This is the time for faith and determination

Don't lose the vision here carried away by the motion

Hold on to all you hide in your heart

There is one thing that has always been true

It holds the world together

God is in control

We believe that His children will not be forsaken

God is in control

We will chose to remember and never be shaken

There is no power above or beside Him, we know

Oh, God is in control, Oh God is in control

History marches on

There is a bottom line drawn across the ages

Culture can make its plan oh, but the line never changes

No matter how the deception may fly

There is one that has always been true

It will be true forever

He has never let you down

Why start to worry now?

He is still the Lord of all we see

And He is still the loving Father

Watching over you and me

Watching over everything

Watching over you, watching over me

Every little sparrow, every little thing

Oh, every little thing

Aren't we thankful that no matter what is going on in the world we can find comfort in the fact that God is in Control.

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