**“In Times Of Tragedy”
October 28, 2018**

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– John 3:16-17 (NIV)

“God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them…**Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar.**”

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**but He does in the midst of it!**

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– 2Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

**Tragedy keeps us longing for .**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. **He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away**.” – Revelation 21:3-4 (NIV)

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