

# Remembering 9/11



Unbelievably, as we approach the end of summer, we are marking the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center of Sept. 11, 2001.

Images of the airplanes crashing into the Twin Towers and the resulting fire and black clouds of smoke are seared into our minds for a lifetime. It is one of those tragedies that every person can recall where he or she was when the news was received.

In her book, *Let's Roll: Finding Hope in the Midst of Crisis*, Lisa Beamer writes about her feelings on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001: "In that dark moment, my soul cried out to God, and He began to give me a sense of peace and a confidence that the children and I were going to be okay. But even that comfort didn't take away the wrenching pain of the awful sense of loss I felt."

Every person who lost a loved one in those attacks went through, and still lives with, heart-wrenching loss. But for the Christian, there is hope. Even Todd Beamer, Lisa's husband and one of the heroes of Flight 93, turned to God in the midst of his own trial.

With a telephone operator, he prayed the Lord's Prayer, recited the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, and was heard to whisper, "Help me, Jesus," several times before calling his fellow passengers to action: "Let's roll!"



Those with a sure confidence in God's purposes and plans are never frozen by fear. Todd Beamer was not. Lisa Beamer is not. And you will not be, through faith in the goodness of God.

More than likely, you will not face a crisis of the magnitude of 9/11 – although in your mind and heart, it may seem to be just as formidable – but the fact that God has a plan, not your knowledge of the plan, is the basis of your peace and hope.

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).*

– Beecher Hunter