



Daniel George Leslie

September 20, 1946—November 7, 2023

*Faithful is the word: For if we died with Him,
we will also live with Him.*

2 Timothy 2:11

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*Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies,
it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

John 12:24

Hymn 1



Jesus Lord, I'm captured by Thy beauty,
All my heart to Thee I open wide;
Now set free from all religious duty,
Only let me in Thyself abide.
As I'm gazing here upon Thy glory,
Fill my heart with radiancy divine;
Saturate me, Lord, I now implore Thee,
Mingle now Thy Spirit, Lord, with mine.

Shining One—how clear the sky above me!
Son of Man, I see Thee on the throne!
Holy One, the flames of God consume me,
Till my being glows with Thee alone.
Lord, when first I saw Thee in Thy splendor,
All self-love and glory sank in shame;
Now my heart its love and praises render,
Tasting all the sweetness of Thy name.

Precious Lord, my flask of alabaster
Gladly now I break in love for Thee;
I anoint Thy head, Beloved Master;
Lord, behold, I've saved the best for Thee.
Dearest Lord, I waste myself upon Thee;
Loving Thee, I'm deeply satisfied.
Love outpoured from hidden depths within me,
Costly oil, dear Lord, I would provide.

My Beloved, come on spices' mountain;
How I yearn to see Thee face to face.
Drink, dear Lord, from my heart's flowing fountain,
Till I rest fore'er in Thine embrace.
Not alone, O Lord, do I adore Thee,
But with all the saints as Thy dear bride;
Quickly come, our love is waiting for Thee;
Jesus Lord, Thou wilt be satisfied.

Hymn 2

Psalm 116:12-13

What shall I give unto the Lord
For all, for all, for all He's done for me?
I'll take the cup of salvation
And call, and call, and call upon the name
of the Lord.



Hymn 3

The love of God and the grace of Christ
And fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with you, be with you all,
Be with you all, be with you all.
From the throne of our God and the Lamb
Flows a river of water of life,
Bright as crystal, reaching man.

*Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 15:58

*God is faithful, through whom you were called
into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1 Corinthians 1:9



Dan was born on September 20, 1946, in Seattle, Washington. He was the second of five children, and the first son of Genevieve and George Leslie.

A month before Dan's ninth birthday he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. This was a significant, life-changing event that shaped and directed his path as a young adult. His love for the Lord and his desire to follow Him eventually brought him to the church in Seattle in 1970. It was there that he fully consecrated his whole life to the Lord.

Dan graduated from Auburn High School in Washington in 1965. He actively participated in school clubs and student body government and was honored to be selected to Boys State. Following high school, he attended Seattle Pacific College. Dan enjoyed skiing and worked as a ski instructor as a young adult. He worked at a few different jobs while growing up, but his diverse career path eventually settled into procurement, where he handled purchasing for government contracts in the aerospace industry. The opportunity to work and serve by purchasing supplies and materials for the construction brothers at the property on Ball Road in Anaheim in the 1980s was instrumental in this career choice.

In 1970, Dan met his wife Dorothy in the church in Seattle. They were married on September 5, 1971, in Seattle, Washington. They began their married life and church life together in Portland, Oregon. In 1974, they moved to Anaheim, California, and two years later, in 1976, they were burdened to begin the church life in Cypress, California. Both Dan and Dorothy had the same mind, goals and desires for their family, and they were blessed with three children, Leanna, Stephen and Deborah.

Dan was fun-loving and playful; he loved to tease his family, especially his three children and six grandchildren, playing games with them and trying to teach them how to play his trumpet. He made reading so fun for his three young children by changing the story plot and character voices according to his "dad humor," which made the children laugh; they loved having daddy read. He also loved to talk with them about the Lord as they grew, asking them how they were doing, and answering their questions if he was able. His earnest desire was for his children to grow up loving the Lord.

Dan and Dorothy enjoyed serving in the church in Cypress for many years when the Lord began to move in Dan's spirit to drop his job to serve the Lord full time. In 1986, he obeyed that calling and the Lord led him to Taipei, Taiwan, that August. He was thinking that he would be involved in the full-time training that was about to begin but he received a different aspect of that training, along with all the brothers! To their surprise the first item on their schedule involved the digging of a tunnel to create access between two halls. Covered with dirt from head to toe every day for several months, the brothers labored on that tunnel. One group started from one building, while another group started from the other in order to meet in the middle. However, the two tunnels did not meet up as planned! More labor was needed to complete the job. This was a real training and one of Dan's fondest memories from that time. He always got a good laugh out of it. The following February, 1987, Dan came to get his family to join him in Taipei. The family also enjoyed and benefited from the unique experience of living, serving and going to school with families from many countries.

Upon returning to the US later that year, Dan resumed work until 1990, when he again began to serve the Lord full time as an instructor at the training center in Anaheim. He particularly enjoyed teaching an extra-curricular singing class. This class prepared the trainees to go to many campuses, singing and giving their testimonies for the gospel.

Dan loved music his whole life, and God gave him a real gift. As a young man, he sang in a youth choir, and he even began directing young people's singing groups. After coming into the church he could often be found with others around a piano singing his favorite hymns or playing his trumpet. One thing that always made the family so happy were the times when saints would come over for lunch after a meeting. After having sweet fellowship around the table, they would gather in the living room to sing, enjoying the Lord together as Dan played the trumpet and his family accompanied him on the piano and guitar. Music filled their home with joy.

Over the years, Dan and Dorothy participated in the recordings of the semiannual training banner songs, enjoyed by many saints. They were honored to open their home for the recording of the Song of Songs that Brother Howard Higashi had put to music. Having the saints come to sing filled their home with enjoyment and the flow of life. Dan kept his love for the hymns, even after becoming ill. The family shares special eternal memories of gathering around his bed to sing hymns with him. With his weakened voice, he prayerfully repeated after

one of the hymns: “The love of God and the grace of Christ, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you, be with you all, be with you all, be with you all.” The family received this sweet blessing. Every heart was touched, from Dan down to the youngest grandchild.

Dan also loved meeting new people. Being a good listener, with a friendly, caring nature, he was well-loved and appreciated by those who knew him. He also became a father to many, as so many have testified, through his shepherding of them.

Dan never cared to be in the spotlight, but willingly did whatever was asked of him. He learned valuable lessons along his church life journey, having no idea of the Lord’s plan for him. In the early 1990s, around the same time the Lord opened the door for saints to go to Russia, Dan served with Brother Francis Ball in the Lord’s Move to Europe office. Together, Francis and he coordinated to supply the practical needs of the saints who migrated there. After serving in this capacity for several years, the Lord, through the serving brothers, asked Dan to serve in the training center in Moscow, Russia. Although Dan had enjoyed laboring to supply the saints, he wasn’t sure that he wanted to go there himself; however, he was willing to pray about it. After much prayer and seeking the Lord, he had the assurance that the Lord would care for all his concerns, and all his prayers were answered, even above all that he asked. He and Dorothy moved to Moscow in 1998 and served there for 15 years, enjoying their labor in the Lord. There was something genuine and eternal built up among the serving brothers who gathered together in coordination from Taiwan, Korea, the US and Russia. Through their coordination together the Lord was able to break through each culture to gain the oneness among all the brothers. This deeply touched Dan. He and Dorothy treasured their time there.

Upon returning to the US in 2013, Dan continued serving in the church in Cypress, as well as in the middle-age training in Anaheim until he began to grow ill in October of 2022. Even though he grew progressively weaker, he never forgot his family’s or the saints’ names, nor did he forget the lyrics to the hymns. His family could still go to him with a tune and he would remind them of the words. How wonderful it was to still have that part of him until the end!

Dan and Dorothy shared 52 years together, loving the Lord and serving Him.

On the morning of November 7, 2023, at the age of 77, Dan passed away peacefully in his sleep. He is greatly missed.

We all are God's chosen ones. If you believe that you are a chosen one of God, then you must believe that whatever happens to you is of God. Whatever happened to us in the past, or is taking place in the present, is of God. Never be discontented with your circumstances. As one of God's chosen ones, your destiny is in God's hand and your destination is under His direction.

Life-study of Genesis, Message 70, Witness Lee



*Precious in the sight of Jehovah
is the death of His faithful ones.*

Psalm 116:15



Our family is so happy that you all were able to join us for this time. We are thankful for the Lord's faithful care in these days and for all you dear saints, for your love and the prayers that have been outpoured. The support and supply have been a great encouragement to us all. It has truly been a comfort to the family to hear and read the testimonies of how Dan's life made an impact on your own lives. If many of you were not able to share something today, we would encourage you to please write out your memories of Dan and send them to the family at:

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The Leslie Family