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The Goodness That Darkness Could Never Defeat

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Every generation believes it has witnessed the limits of human darkness. History offers endless confirmation: war, terrorism, genocide, oppression, hatred, repeating with unsettling regularity. Throughout my life spent in advocacy work—political, national, international, organizational—taking action within communities and individuals in need, working directly with survivors and leaders, I've come to believe our stories reveal something more profound than the capacity for destruction.

If our lives were governed only by instinct, self-interest, and chance, despair would be the logical conclusion—survival outweighing sacrifice, power eclipsing principle, hope an illusion. Instead, history teaches something else entirely.

Across continents and generations, people keep making choices that defy despair. Parents who have buried children rebuild their own lives even as they help others heal. Communities shattered by violence restore not just their homes, but their strength. This isn't martyrdom—it's resilience: the determination to care for yourself and others, never one instead of the other. People choose compassion when revenge would be justified, truth when deception is easier, hope when circumstance argues against it.

These moments are remarkable not because they are rare, but because they persist.

Goodness is almost never the path of least resistance. It demands resilience, determination, and courage—standing up for what you value, and for those who share it, even while standing against those who don't. It's fighting not only for your own, but for a greater good that includes everyone. Across every culture and worldview, people keep making that choice—imperfectly, but with a consistency that resists easy explanation.

Some call this conscience. Others call it love, moral law, or the human spirit. Whatever name we give it, it points toward something larger than survival—an awareness that we're called to leave the world better than we found it.

I cannot measure or reduce that impulse to a formula, but neither can I dismiss it after watching it emerge where reason alone predicted bitterness. The people who most shaped my understanding of humanity were not those who escaped suffering, but those who turned suffering into compassion, courage, and service—living as though goodness were an obligation woven into existence.

For me, that's where belief begins—not in an argument or equation that proves God beyond doubt, but in an observation repeated across every age of human history: despite everything we have endured, we keep recognizing goodness as objectively worth pursuing. We admire it, sacrifice for it, grieve its absence, celebrate its presence. We know that love is greater than hatred, mercy nobler than cruelty, and truth worth our allegiance even at a cost.

The universe contains more than enough darkness to extinguish hope. Yet it never does. Perhaps the most compelling evidence for God is that evil has never conquered humanity. Every generation produces people who refuse to surrender their conscience, compassion, or conviction that goodness matters.

That enduring refusal is, to me, one of the deepest mysteries of human existence—and one of the clearest signs that we were made for something greater than ourselves.