

Mortality Has Its Down Side!

O.K., I admit it. I'm not invincible. Of course, that comes as no surprise to anyone who knows me, or for that matter, anyone at all. But nonetheless, it's difficult to come face to face with my own frailty.

I had lumbar fusion surgery this summer. First of all, it's hard enough to admit that I really was at the point where surgery was my only option. Then, afterwards, besides dealing with pain meds and learning to walk right again, there's that infernal brace. I haven't decided if I'm one of Darth Vader's storm troopers or if I'm having an alien baby, but the brace is a considerable inconvenience, too.

So, I want to go walk at the gym, like I'm supposed to. Only no one's home, and I can't put my stupid socks and shoes on. Or I'm out at a restaurant and drop my keys, and have to ask some poor stranger to pick them up for me.

Sigh! Well, in spite of my griping, it's been good for me to come face to face with my own mortality. We're all going to do it, whether old or young, and it does make you stop and think a bit.

After all, didn't God put us in disposable packages for a purpose? Doesn't He want us to have the chance to examine our options?

Someday, perhaps soon for individuals, and who knows when for all of humanity, we will all come face to face with our mortality. Rosh Hashanah, or Yom Teruah, or the Day of Trumpets, Sept. 13th, is the beginning of a traditional time of self-evaluation in the Jewish community.

What will it really be like to stand before the throne of judgment? Somehow, I think a lot of those things I just shrugged off as unimportant may loom much more important in the light of God's rule book.

I Cor. 15:52 says "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the [trumpet](#) shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

The trumpet referred to in the Day of Trumpets and in this verse is not some shiny, melodious instrument. It is a ram's horn, used for millennia to sound the call of warning and war. This will be the announcement of the return of the Messiah and a war to exceed all others.

When the time of that blast comes, I hope I'm very aware of my own weakness—but also secure in the faith of Yeshua, Jesus, that through Him I truly can become invincible.