

Connect timeless truths with today's news.

OVERCOME BY SMOKE

A 66-year-old woman in Benton Harbor, MI, died in October in a house fire. When firefighters arrived at 1:49 p.m., fire was coming from the eaves of the home. The incident commander circled the house and found the woman's husband struggling to open the back door to rescue his wife, but he was overcome by smoke and could not proceed. The firefighters entered the home and rescued the woman. On the way to the hospital, she regained a pulse, but she later died from her injuries. It was her birthday the next day.

NOT OVERCOME BY FIRE

Though God's people had disobeyed Him, He still promised to not forsake them. He was their God and He had summoned them by name. Though waters might rise up against them, they would not drown, and though they passed through fire, they would not be overcome. They were witnesses to the fact that the Lord is the only God.

1. Have you ever had breathing problems caused by smoke? What did it feel like?
2. When, if ever, have you felt that God might have abandoned you?
3. How can you know that God has called you and not forsaken you?

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