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So close, yet so far... This statement could apply to so many facets of our lives. Sometimes, we can almost taste success. Frequently, we end up disappointed because the situation wasn't as it seemed. We must have missed. It was JUST A BREATH AWAY. I'm Ken Trahan & Welcome to Walking in the Word with Williams Blvd. Baptist Church.

What we must remember is that redemption from sin is JUST A BREATH AWAY. Death is JUST A BREATH AWAY. A change of jobs is JUST A BREATH AWAY. Most importantly, God is JUST A BREATH AWAY. He is there whenever we need Him. He will never leave or forsake us, Joshua 1:5.

We must remember that the Salvation of the Righteous comes from the Lord; He is their stronghold in times of trouble, Psalm 37:39. Psalm 59:16 echoes this. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all, Psalm 34:19. The Lord is good, a refuge in troubled times, Nahum 1:7. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, Psalm 9:9. Psalm 41:1 says, "blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble."

God will provide all of our needs. He is omnipresent, JUST A BREATH AWAY. God will never forsake those who trust in Him. He will never leave us.

We often wish that we could escape troubles—the pain, grief, sorrow, failure, or even the small daily frustrations that constantly wear us down. God promises to be our source of power, courage, & wisdom to help us in tough times. When trouble strikes, don't get frustrated with God. Instead, thank Him for being by your side! He is JUST A BREATH AWAY!

The Bible often speaks of God's care for the poor & His blessing on those who share this concern. God does not want the poor to suffer. He wants our generosity to reflect His own free giving. As He has blessed us, we should bless others.

He is JUST A BREATH AWAY, like so many things. Marilyn Ferguson penned a poem titled JUST A BREATH AWAY that captures the essence of this.

"Look for me in springtime, as the raindrops fill the air. In the splendor of the rainbow, you'll find my presence there. You will find me in the fragrance, of April's sweet perfume. Drifting through the clover, on a sultry day in June.

An August day will find me, upon the summer breeze. On the distant sound of thunder, in the gently swaying trees. In the golden fields of harvest, is where I can be found. As autumn time approaches, & leaves come tumbling down.

In the winter time, when days are short, & chill is in the air. Just look into a moonlit night, you'll find me lingering there. When the setting sun has gone away, & shadows fill the night. When the cloak of darkness lifts its veil, I'll be your morning light. So when you feel discouraged, get on your knees & pray. You'll feel me there beside you, I'm JUST A BREATH AWAY."

Of course, we are not to call on God only in times of trouble. We should call on Him daily, giving thanks & praise, to speak with Him about our lives. He desires intimacy with us as we should with Him through a personal relationship. He wants to hear our truest thoughts, sincerity in prayer.

We are JUST A BREATH AWAY from forgiveness, death, saying the wrong thing, or committing ourselves to Christ. Think about what you say. The next thing that comes out of your mouth can shape your future. The next BREATH that you breathe may be your last! Put Jesus first & you'll avoid trouble completely!

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