



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

*“Live ready, because the Overtaker may come before the undertaker.”*

## A Thief in the Night

*Back in the 1974 I was attending Liberty University. One evening my roommate had left for a trip, so that night I thought I would finally get a good night sleep. But when my alarm clock sounded the next morning, I still felt really tired. I got up took a shower and went for breakfast. I saw no one in the hallway. I saw no one in the lobby. In the cafeteria, there was no one sitting. There was no food, no servers, and no cooks. I ran outside and it was so dark, quiet and again no people. I was really scared. Did Jesus come and I was left behind? .....Then I saw a clock. It was 3 AM. My roommate pulled a trick on me by moving my alarm clock three hours ahead. To my relief, Jesus did not come that night but I was robbed of a good night sleep.*

*One of the most moving movies I saw as a teenager was called “A Thief in the Night”. It was about the Rapture. The Rapture is when Jesus comes for those who are saved. Those left behind will go through the seven year tribulation. According to [Wikipedia](#): “the movie has been seen by an estimated 300 million people worldwide. It was a pioneer in the genre of Christian film...A quarter century later, the authors of the broadly successful [Left Behind](#) series of books and films have acknowledged their debt to it.”*

*After 45 years, the song by Larry Norman from that movie still rings in my heart.*

*“Life was filled with guns and war and all of us got trampled on the floor.  
I wish we’d all been ready.*

*Children died the days grew cold. A piece of bread could buy a bag of gold.  
I wish we’d all been ready.*

*There's no time to change your mind. The Son has come and you've been left behind.”*

*“I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.” Luke 17:34-36 “Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” Matt 24:44 “For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.” 1 Thess 5:2*

*Are you ready? Like a thief in the night, the Son has come and you’ve been left behind.*

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**LEFT BEHIND**  
THE END BEGINS

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