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When we start to get older and are unable to do things we tend to latch on to things we can do. Sometimes to the point of not understanding. I see this a lot in nursing homes when the residents try to help. Their effort outweighs the results. It becomes hard to watch and hard for them when they are unable to do it. I try to remind them of our promise in heaven:

Revelation 21:4

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⁴‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’^[a] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

This brings them comfort. No more pain or suffering. This includes mental suffering as they begin to see they are unable to do things. Death and mourning are also gone we get to live forever. The Bible also says the same thing in the Old Testament. After all Jesus taught his disciples to use this as their basis:

Isaiah 25:8

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**⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace**

**from all the earth.
The Lord has spoken.**

This is where God quotes it first through Isaiah. Reminding us of these promises in the Bible. In the meantime, while we are still on earth waiting for this time of wiping away our tears and comforting us we can be at rest here too:

Isaiah 41:10

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**¹⁰ So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

Being strengthened daily,

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