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A number of years ago I heard a young father addressing a tremendous gathering in Calif. It was during the time of the cold war when communism and our own way of life were very much on peoples minds. He was speaking ~~to~~ that subject. Suddenly I heard him saying; "I love my little girls more than anything in the world, but I would rather see them ~~dead~~ ^{and} I thought ^{oh} no don't say that. But I had underestimated him. He ^{went on} ~~said~~: "I would rather see them die now still believing in God, ~~sitting~~, than have them grow up under communism and one day die no longer believing in God."

There were thousands of young people in that audience. They came to their feet with shouts of joy. They recognized the profound truth in what he had said.

Let us pray for the salvation of all those who live in that totalitarian ~~darkness~~ darkness - pray they will discover the joy of knowing God.

But until they do let us be aware that while they -