

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

...For He Himself has said,
 "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

HEBREWS 13:5



Just outside the gates of Greyfriars Church in Edinburgh, Scotland, stands a life-sized monument to Bobby, a special little dog.

Bobby, a Skye terrier, belonged to John Gray. Sadly, Mr. Gray died in 1858 leaving Bobby all alone. Because he loved and cared for his master so much, Bobby lay on John's grave every single day for the rest of his life—leaving only to find food.

His love and loyalty captured the hearts of people all over the world. Even Queen Victoria came to visit Bobby!

However, there were some who didn't appreciate Bobby's presence and wanted to get rid of him. In 1867, Bobby's life was threatened by a law requiring all dogs to be licensed by their owners. Impressed by Bobby's story, William Chambers, the city's Lord Provost (mayor), purchased a license and presented Bobby with a tagged collar that became his security for the remainder of his life.

The story of Greyfriars Bobby is touching. It reminds us of the faithfulness and devotion demonstrated by followers of Jesus as

they wait for Him to return and take them to be with Him forever.

Although challenges, temptations, disappointments, and difficulties are a part of a Christian's experience, Jesus has promised to help us in times of trouble (Psalm 46:1) and empower us to resist temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). Jesus has also promised to give us the Holy Spirit as a constant companion (Luke 11:13) and to live His life in the heart of every believer (Galatians 2:20).

While it is very important to remember God calls us to be faithful to Him, we cannot overlook His promise to be faithful to us. Bobby's story also reminds us of God's loyalty and love for the people of this world. In Hebrews 13:5 God promises us, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Bobby spent 14 faithful years by his owner's grave until he died at the age of 16. Buried in the same cemetery as his master, Bobby's headstone reads:

GREYFRIARS BOBBY
 DIED 14TH JANUARY 1872
 AGED 16 YEARS

LET HIS LOYALTY & DEVOTION
 BE A LESSON TO US ALL

Let Bobby's story draw your mind to the loyalty of Jesus, who loved the world so much that He gave His life so you can live with Him forever (John 3:16). Remember that God loves you and is always faithful. 🐾



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Z P P C D N U O H Y E R G H S
 W M P F S F P H E I K R O Y Q
 Q I R I K P A P I L L O N L P
 A P C H O W C H O W H E K K J
 B G E J J G O D P E E H S G T
 G O L D E N R E T R I E V E R
 N R G D N A M R E B O D G D L
 X E A B A S S E T H O U N D T
 D X E P O M E R A N I A N L E
 S O B N O I T A M L A D U B R
 G B V X M R E Z U A N H C S R
 A U H A U H I H C K P U G E I
 P G D K D A C H S H U N D G E
 Q Y B R O T T W E I L E R O R
 K L D R A N R E B T N I A S U

- BASSET HOUND
- BEAGLE
- BOXER
- CHIHUAHUA
- CHOW CHOW
- DACHSHUND
- DALMATION
- DOBERMAN
- GOLDEN RETRIEVER
- GREYHOUND
- PAPILLON
- POMERANIAN
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