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Dear AYB,

Thank you for your letter and for so honestly sharing the pain you are going through, do try to understand the hurt you feel and effect it is having on your life each day. I think your experience must be like that of Jesus in the garden, pain and uncertainty of where his father was. I guess the hope is that through the garden agony and the cry of desperation on the cross, he endured. My prayers is that likewise, you through your dying experience, will rejoice in a resurrection time in the near future please presence with Jesus, even in the darkness.

Your letters to Bishop Robinson was excellent and came from your own experience. I am sure that he would have appreciated the openness with which you wrote and the careful analysing of the factors and divisions causing days pain. I too hope that a genuine concern for addressing the real issues in sexual abuse, will come through our pastoral letters. It has been a distressing time for so many, especially as you mention the Wood enquiry and the four corners programme.

AYB I would be most happy to see you during the holidays, please do not hesitate to contact me.
May God bless you & ease your pain. Sincerely Brian Heenan