



Free Beach Glass is available

Just email Dr. Neal your postal mailing address
and he will send you some pieces of sea glass free.

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**DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE IN
LIFE'S TUMBLING MACHINE?**



One of the things we like to do is to walk the beach.

Believe it or not, we do not do it for exercise,
but to look for beach glass. Some call it sea glass.

What is beach glass? Well, it is small pieces of glass found on the seashore. It is usually found in the gravel on the beach and it is in a variety of colors. For example, green would be from glass coke bottles, brown from beer bottles, white from Pepsi Cola, etc. There are many colors from various glass objects, like cups, dishes, etc

For some of you who are not "with me" in this illustration, let me explain.

Beach glass originates from bottles or glass ware. When one throws a bottle overboard it naturally sinks to the bottom right? In time it gets broken by the rough waters created by storms. As it rolls back and forth on the ocean floor it breaks up more...and by rolling back and forth over years it is finally deposited on the shore.

Some may ask, "What makes the glass so beautiful?"

Well the answer, of course, is the abrasives of the sand, rocks...etc. in other words, the constant tumbling.

So, my friend in your life there has been and is now, perhaps, some abrasives. These abrasives come through people and things and circumstances and they do have a way of transforming people, believe it or not.

Pain, suffering, and various hardships are not really asked for, nor wanted, but they are a part of life. You may be passing through "life's refining tumbler" right now. But....Remember even in it,

"God is our refuge, a very present help in trouble." (Psa. 9:9)

So, my prayer for you , my friend, is:

Dear Lord, I ask that my friend may truly know your presence

in perhaps this most difficult time of his life.

May he have the faith to know that when this passes,

that he will come forth beautiful,

just as the polished glass tossed upon the shore.

Through it all may he learn to trust you daily

and to know you are making something beautiful out of it all.

In Jesus' name Amen

