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My dear friend Rosie,

First of all, I want you to know I'm safe. How are you? I was in the World Trade Centre, South Tower, when the planes hit. Luckily, I was only on the 1st floor so I could run straight through the exit; however, the people on the 100th floor were not so lucky.

What were you doing this morning? Did you see it on the news? Oh, I hope you were at home, safe.

I had plenty of time to get away from the premises, which is fortunate as not everyone did. Some people jumped out of the window just to save themselves; other people didn't have the time, they were just trying to get down the stairs, attempting to be safe and get away but the explosion was too fast. A lot of people didn't manage to get out in time.

Fire officers were called to help with the evacuation and rescue effort. I felt bad walking past them to safety when I knew they would be going in to save as many people as possible, maybe even sacrificing themselves.

Right now, I need to make sure my friend Sierra, who was on the 91st floor, is ok. I hope she wasn't hurt and that she is alive and well but the news says the planes hit near her floor so I'm not hopeful. This truly is a life-changing event. The planes hit floors 93-99 so Sierra was only 2 floors down from the explosion. They say four people made it down from above the crash site so that makes me think maybe, just maybe she made it down ok.

I hope you're looking after yourself and keeping indoors, for now, we don't want you getting hurt in all this debris and smoke.

Sorry for rambling but I just needed to get my thoughts down and share them with you.

Stay safe my friend.

From Emily