

Powerful words of Jesus that comfort

When Jesus commissioned His disciples to change the world through preaching the gospel message, He made them a promise that stills holds true today. "I am with you always, even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19-20). He may be gone in the flesh. We may not physically see Him or literally hear Him, but He is as close to us today as He was when the "Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

When Jesus made that statement, He wanted His children of all generations to know and rest on the fact that He was still in complete control of any and all situations and that He would help us get to the destination He planned for us. The only thing He asks of us is to stay focused on the path that He is pointing us to. Even when it seems we are in "the valley of the shadow of death," He asks that we keep faith in Him, and He will get us to where He wants us to be.

Today, we are living in uncertain times more than we have in previous years. Many are living in a state where they just don't know what to do. Many feel overwhelmed by circumstances and have become paralyzed from moving forward. Please take heart. Jesus knew such a time as we are facing would come. That is why He looked His disciples right in the face and told them what is recorded in John 16:33: "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Jesus let His disciples know some hard times were coming and they would have problems handling them, but they will be able to face them because they have Him. Knowing that, it still gives inner peace.

Peace, an internal sense of harmony and tranquility. Everything within us is calm and confident "that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). This is why the Apostle Paul told the church at Philippi, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

Do you need peace in some area? Are you facing a situation that is confusing, that is tearing you apart? Do you lack a clear course of action? As Jesus knew what His disciples would face long ago, He knows what you are facing right now. Don't forget, Jesus knows exactly what you need and how to provide it. He is committed to seeing you become all He created you to be.

All of us need a reliable, trustworthy guide to instruct us, and none is more trustworthy than our Savior who laid down His life on our behalf. He will never lead you astray. His character is above reproach. His comprehension of all things past, present, and future is beyond compare. He not only has the wisdom to counsel you, but He loves you and always has your best interest at heart.

Please let the words of Jesus get you through any situation you are facing.