

# METER READING

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I can't even begin to tell you how my last 2 weeks have been. When I went to write for today, I felt like there has to be some kind of gauge that gives us a visual of where we are and how it looks with Jesus on our side, can be SOOO MUCH BETTER.

I found this image:



It's one thing to look at this and think that we fall somewhere along one of these numbers and consider our current situation and figure out a plan to bring the number down if it's too high.

It's another thing to look at this and know that because we have Jesus – because Holy Spirit is allowed to operate freely in our lives, these numbers aren't a permanent gauge of where we are and/or where we are going. OMG! When David was running for his life – holed up in a cave, how much stress is on you when you are in trouble and haven't even done anything wrong? His meter could have reflected Flipping Out and he didn't have the privilege of the voice of the Holy Spirit.

My aim in writing today is to empathize with everyone that is dealing with stressful events and circumstances and to encourage us all to pray where we are before it gets to 10, we call out to Him, at 1 – we call out to Him at 2, we call out to Him at 3, and so on – that way – when life throws us curve balls and we start to be overwhelmed – it becomes easier to call out to Him FIRST THING because we've been doing it all along. (Lord help me!)

You know, I used to think WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) was a cheesy acronym that had little to no purpose for the way the world is these days. However, the more I see of the drama in this world – the more that I experience the stress that can come in life, the more I ask myself – what would He do? What would it look like if He were to handle this situation? It's not always easy to handle situations with love and grace, but the Bible tells us that when we do, the outcome is MUCH MORE in our favor!

I pray that today we would include Holy Spirit whenever we have a question. I pray that we wouldn't try to answer or handle things in our own strength – and I pray that our meter reading would stay at the low end in Jesus name! LOL - - However, - when the storms come, I pray that the meter reading is slower to rise because we have an Advocate Who is ready to do life with us and that we give Him control of the meter.

**Proverbs 16:32 - Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.**

**Psalm 118:5-6 - Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. <sup>6</sup>The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?**

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