

Holding On In Times Like These

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11 Corinthians 4:7-15

As I sat down reading the Bible, searching for a scripture for an article, I came across this scripture. It really stood out in my mind. This letter to the Corinthians was comforting to the Church. However, sometimes in this day today, when we are troubled, perplexed, we are brought down by this world. Not spiritually maybe, but perhaps physically, emotionally we are depressed. Our faith seems to waver a bit, and we look with deep sympathy at our situation and instead of looking up, we look down. This is our weak point, and Satan strikes at our weakest time.

Our outlook can be changed by others, out-spoken remarks which are said without thoughts, decisions which face us each day, problems at work, sickness, family quarrels. As long as we are in this world, the world will be there to cause us pain.

But, Praise the Lord, I have found a better way to face each day. Even though we are in this world, we are not of it? Just passing through!

Each day is a gift, a precious flower in your garden of life. What you do with your day is your own decision. Life is a promise of love from the Father. Each day cannot be perfect, of course, there will always be a problem to face, a answer to solve. Things will not always go smooth, but our battles are not to be fought alone. This is where most of us get into trouble. We work so hard at accomplishing our feat, we step out into the line of fire without the Lord by our side and we fall. It's easy to take things in our own hands, but oh the pain we can spare if we just leave it to Him.

Have you ever noticed how a small prayer in a specific time of need can give you peace? He is there ready for your small needs as well as your large ones. Your faith will grow from each prayer and when you face a overcoming obstacle, you will draw from the faith you gained through the small need He answered. His hand is reaching down or you to take a firm hold. Just reach up!

"We have this treasure in earthen vessels." A great treasure! "The excellence of the power may be of God, and not us." Our power is not of us. Our power is God. (Phil. 4:13) He is our strength.

We are troubled on every side. Sometimes it seems our problems are all around us surrounding us and overcoming our lives. But, Paul says we are not to be distressed. "We are perplexed, but not in despair." Confused? Despair not because God is on your side! "Persecuted, but not forsaken." Never ever forsaken! "Cast down, but not destroyed." God's Church will never be destroyed. Stand upon His Word and enrich your life with the Bible, and hold on to truth.

Always remembering that Jesus Christ died so that we could have the victory over this world. Victory in Christ! "For all things are for your sake that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many rebound to the glory of God."

I hope this article will help you to place your faith in Jesus and hold on to His promises when things get tough, He's waiting for you to give the problems to Him.

Just hold firmly to His Hand and He'll pull you through!