

Discovering His comfort

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:12-16 NKJV – (11) For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. (12) So, then death is working in us, but life in you. (13) And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, (14) knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus and will present us with you. (15) For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. (16) Therefore, we do not lose heart.

The Bible is the story of God's people rejecting God over and over again. We rejected God's law. We rejected God's prophets. We rejected God's Son. Even when we choose to worship God and follow Jesus, we still can't stop sinning. We continue to reject God, even when we don't want to. We are all a lost cause. And yet God patiently pursues us. Jesus patiently pursues us. The Spirit patiently pursues us. Purely out of love for us, the Lord is patient with us and pursues a relationship with us.

Today like never before, we need the comfort and strength of Jesus Christ. In times like what we are going through now we might be tempted just give up or give in. Remember, the Holy Spirit is our constant companion, filling us with peace during these difficult times. My brothers and sisters don't lose hope. The power of Jesus Christ lives in you. He is with you. He gave us His Holy Spirit both as an encourager and as a protector. Cast your cares on Him. Keep in mind, when you cast them, you cannot simultaneously keep them in your hands.

For those who are asking, "Why is He allowing these famines (Pandemics) to take place?" There are many reasons why but one of them is to humble and develop us. He wants to do something with our character in light of some place He is planning to take us. He prepares us for great things to come in moments of difficulty so that we might, "Be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." God meets us in our afflictions so that we might meet others in theirs.

Regardless, He will comfort and protect. He knows the plan. Find comfort in Him.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: It is not enough to just be unified; we must be unified in Christ.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"