

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,,, HAVE YOU EVER HAD;

“ONE OF THOSE DAYS”?

**YOU KNOW THE KIND OF DAY I’M TALKING ABOUT!
IT’S THE KIND OF DAY,,, WHEN EVERYTHING YOU DO**

JUST SEEMS TO GO WRONG!

**NO MATTER WHAT YOU DID,,, OR,,, HOW HARD YOU
TRIED,,, IT JUST DIDN’T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. IT
SEEMED LIKE EVERYTHING BACKFIRED. THE
HARDER YOU TRIED,,, THE WORSE IT GOT. WE’VE
ALL HAD AT LEAST ONE OF THOSE DAYS,,, OH YEAH?
TODAY’S TIMES ARE VERY,,, VERY,,, TROUBLESOME?
OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS,,, AND ***MORE RECENTLY,,,
OVER JUST THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS,,, WITH THE
COVID-19 VIRUS,,, OUR ENTIRE WORLD HAS CHANGED!*****

**OUR NATIONAL ECONOMY,,, HAS WEAKENED,,, OUR
JOB GROWTH,,, HAS WENT FROM EXCELLENT,,, TO
NOTHING AND MANY OF US,,, ARE EXPERIENCING
DIFFICULT FINANCIAL AND HEALTH ISSUES.**

**FOR SOME,,, THINGS MAY BE GOING ALONG OK,,, BUT
FOR OTHERS,,, THEY MAY BE GOING THROUGH VERY
UNCERTAIN AND DIFFICULT TIMES.**

**BECAUSE OF THE NORMAL TROUBLES OF LIFE,,,
COUPLED WITH THIS NEW VIRUS THREAT,,, WE TEND
TO WORRY AND HAVE DOUBT!**

**WHEN THAT HAPPENS,,, WE *SOMETIMES TEND TO
STUMBLE,,, IN OUR FAITH,,, AND REACT IMPROPERLY.***

**THAT’S KIND OF THE WAY,,, THAT THE APOSTLES ARE
FEELING,,, AS WE COME TO THIS 14TH CHAPTER OF
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.**

**THEY’VE ALL BEEN ON AN *UP AND DOWN,,, ROLLER
COASTER RIDE OF EMOTIONS.***

**THEIR WEEK BEGAN SO GLORIOUSLY,,, WITH JESUS’
TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM,,, WITH
PEOPLE WAVING PALM BRANCHES BEFORE HIM
WHILE SHOUTING; ***HOSANNA TO THE KING!*****

EVEN THE CHIEF PRIESTS,,, WHO WERE PLOTTING AGAINST JESUS,,, CRIED OUT IN DISPAIR:

WHAT CAN WE DO? THE WHOLE WORLD HAS GONE OUT AFTER HIM!

PROBLEMS AND HARDSHIPS HAVE A WAY OF GETTING OUR ATTENTION! PAIN SLOWS US DOWN AND VERY FEW OF US,,, AFTER FACING A TRIAL... HARDSHIP OR PAIN,,, COME OUT OF IT,,, IN THE SAME WAY THAT WE ENTERED IT.

JESUS UNDERSTOOD THIS,,, AND *HE ATTEMPTED TO PREPARE THE DISCIPLES FOR THEIR ROCKY ROAD*,,, THROUGH THEIR FAITH IN HIM.

WHAT JESUS DID FOR HIS DISCIPLES,,, *HE'LL DO FOR US,,, AS HIS PRESENT DAY DISCIPLES,,, IN PREPARATION,,, FOR OUR OWN ROCKY ROAD*.

JESUS' DISCIPLES,,, STILL HAD A WAY TO GO IN THEIR BELIEF. THEY BELIEVED,,, *BUT JUST!*

FOR EXAMPLE: PHILIP ASKED JESUS TO SHOW THE APOSTLES THE FATHER,,, AND IF HE WOULD,,, THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH!

AFTER HEARING THIS,,, I CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE LOOK ON JESUS' FACE. JESUS SAID TO PHILIP;

HAVE I BEEN WITH YOU SO LONG A TIME,,, AND YOU STILL DO NOT KNOW ME,,, PHILIP?

*WHOEVER HAS SEEN ME,,, HAS SEEN THE FATHER!
HOW CAN YOU SAY; SHOW US THE FATHER? DO YOU NOT BELIEVE THAT I AM IN THE FATHER,,, AND THE FATHER IS IN ME?*

THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK TO YOU,,, I DO NOT SPEAK ON MY OWN. THE FATHER,,, WHO DWELLS IN ME,,, IS DOING HIS WORKS. BELIEVE ME,,, THAT I AM IN THE FATHER,,, AND THE FATHER IS IN ME,,, OR ELSE BELIEVE,,, BECAUSE OF THE WORDS THEMSELVES.

NOW,,, I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE WATCHING US TODAY,,, WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF COMFORT,,, FROM THEIR *TRIALS HARDSHIPS OR PAINS!*

SOMETIMES *WE LOSE LOVED ONES* AND WE MISS THEM,,, SO VERY MUCH!

SOMETIMES *WE LOSE OUR JOBS* AND WE MAY NOT KNOW WHERE OUR NEXT MEAL WILL COME FROM OR PERHAPS EVEN,,, WHERE WE'LL HAVE TO LIVE.

SOMETIMES WE *LOSE OUR HEALTH* AND ACTUALLY EXPERIENCE *PAIN*,,, THAT IS ALMOST *UNBEARABLE!* PERHAPS *WE'RE LONELY* BECAUSE OF A *BROKEN OR SOURED RELATIONSHIP.*

OR PERHAPS *WE'RE DEPRESSED* OVER A SEEMINGLY SERIOUS EVENT,,, IN OUR EARTHLY LIFE.

WHEN THESE EVENTS OCCUR,,, WE MUST REMEMBER AND UNDERSTAND,,, THAT WE LIVE IN A HUMAN AND SINFUL WORLD!

A WORLD,,, THAT'S MASTERED,,, BY SATAN,,, AND BECAUSE OF THIS,,, **WE ARE GOING TO EXPERIENCE ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE IN OUR LIFE!**

JESUS SAID,,, THAT THE SOLUTION,,, TO FIXING A TROUBLED HEART,,, IS *TRUST*,,, AND KNOWING THAT JESUS TOLD HIS APOSTLES TO TRUST IN THESE THREE THINGS:

- 1) **TRUST IN MY PRESENCE:** *DON'T LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. I KNOW YOU TRUST IN GOD,,, AND YOU ALSO TRUST IN ME. NOW REMEMBER,,, WHEN YOU CAN NO LONGER SEE ME,,, DON'T STOP TRUSTING IN ME*

THIS CAN BE DIFFICULT FOR MANY PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND,,, BECAUSE IT'S EASIER TO TRUST IN THINGS THAT WE CAN SEE AND TOUCH,,, ISN'T IT?

WE ALL HAVE A BIT OF DOUBTING THOMAS IN US,,, AND SOMETIMES,,, IT'S A HARD LESSON TO LEARN. YET,,, IT'S AN IMPORTANT ONE.

BECAUSE WHEN WE FACE TROUBLES AND DIFFICULTIES IN LIFE,,, WE NEED TO REMEMBER JESUS' PROMISE:

“LO,,, I AM WITH YOU. I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU,,, NOR FORSAKE YOU. TRUST IN MY PRESENCE!”

2) ***TRUST IN MY PROMISES:*** ***GOD GAVE MANY PROMISES,,, IN BOTH THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.***

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT,,, GOD PROMISED THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL,,, A LAND OF MILK AND HONEY AND HE PROMISED A MESSIAH!

THEN,,, IN THE NEW TESTAMENT,,, JESUS PROMISED THAT HE WAS GOING TO HIS FATHER’S HOUSE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR US.

AND THEN,,,

HE ALSO PROMISES TO COME BACK FOR US.

JESUS WAS SAYING: THAT HE PROMISES US THAT HE WILL COME BACK “*TO GET US*” AND “*HE WILL TAKE US TO THE FATHER’S HOUSE*”,,, WHERE IT WILL BE OUR HOME AS WELL.

AND IT IS “A PLACE WHERE WE WILL BECOME A PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD”,,, WHERE WE BELONG!

3) ***TRUST IN MY PRESENCE:*** **JESUS TOLD THOMAS:**

“YOU KNOW THE PLACE WHERE I AM GOING!”

AND THOMAS SAID: *LORD,,, WE DON’T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING,,, SO HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?* JESUS ANSWERED:

“I AM THE WAY,,, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE,,, NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME”.

WHAT AN AMAZING PROMISE JESUS MADE TO US!

I’M NOT JUST GOING TO SHOW YOU THE WAY,,, I’M NOT JUST GOING TO TELL YOU THE WAY,,, I’M NOT EVEN GOING TO WRITE YOU INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO GET THERE.

I’M GOING TO PERSONALLY COME AND GET YOU,,, AND TAKE YOU HOME,,, TO MY FATHER’S HOUSE.

THEN YOU WILL BE HOME! AMEN!

DO YOU HAVE ANY PLAGUING BURDONS THAT YOU THINK YOU CAN'T BEAR?

(*) ARE YOU TROUBLED? WORRIED?

(*) OR ANXIOUS ABOUT SOMETHING OR SOMEONE?

(*) DO YOU FEEL EMPTY INSIDE,,, LONELY,,, LOST OR CONFUSED?

IF SO,,, THEN,,, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR BURDENS ARE,,, IN THIS SIN FILLED WORLD,,, THE SOLUTION TO FIXING YOUR TROUBLED HEARTS,,, REMAINS THE SAME TODAY,,, AS IN JESUS' TIME!

***HAVE TRUST IN THE PRESENCE
AND THE PROMISES OF JESUS CHRIST!***

HE MADE THESE PROMISES,,, TO EACH OF US;

***I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU,,, I'LL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR
SIDE,,, DON'T FORGET MY PRESENCE!***

SO,,, WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMS SO VERY DARK,,, WHEN EVERYTHING LOOKS SO VERY GLOOMY,,, AND WHEN EVERYTHING IN OUR LIVES APPEARS TO BE FALLING APART,,, REMEMBER THIS PROMISE OF JESUS... *YOU ARE NEVER ALONE!*

HAVE FAITH AND TRUST IN HIM! WHEN YOU DO THIS,,, JESUS'S PERFECT LOVE WILL FILL YOUR HEART WITH PEACE,,, CONTROL YOUR FEAR AND ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GUIDE YOUR LIFE.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,,, JESUS IS TELLING US THAT *HE WANTS TO COME AND TAKE US BY OUR HAND,,, AND LEAD US INTO OUR ETERNAL REWARD,,, TO LIVE WITH HIM,,, IN HIS FATHER'S HOUSE.*

NOW,,, AFTER WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD TODAY,,, YOU'RE STILL ASKING YOURSELF; "WHERE AM I GOING?" THEN APPRECIATE THIS: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST HAS ALREADY TOLD YOU WHERE YOU ARE GOING,,, AND HOW YOU WILL GET THERE!

MY BELOVED,,, YOU ARE GOING TO HIS FATHER'S HOUSE,,, TO HEAVEN,,, AND *HE,,, IS THE ONLY WAY.*

JESUS HAS EXTENDED,, TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US,,

HIS PERSONAL INVITATION

TO JOIN HIM,, IN HIS FATHER'S HOUSE. ALL WE HAVE TO DO,, IS TO REPENT OF OUR SIN,, AND RECEIVE HIS GRACE,, LOVE,, AND FORGIVENESS BY FAITH,, TRUSTING IN JESUS,, AND BELIEVE IN HIM!

SO,, WHERE EVER YOU ARE,, I ASK YOU THIS:

***WILL YOU TAKE THE HAND,,
OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR,, JESUS CHRIST,,
AND ACCEPT HIS PERSONAL INVITATION,,
TO ENTER WITH HIM,,
INTO HIS FATHER'S HOUSE,,***

**OR,, DO YOU WANT,,
TODAY,, TO BE JUST ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE DAYS?**

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER,, AND OF THE SON,, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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1,399 Wds, 6 Pgs

ALSO,,

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY,,
TO ALL OF OUR MOTHERS,,
GRANDMOTHER'S,, AND GREAT
GRANDMOTHER'S.
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**