

“I Will Certainly be with You”

In 1 Corinthians 10, the Holy Spirit makes reference to the sins of Old Testament Israel. He explains that these records were kept in order to help us when we are being tempted (1 Cor. 10.6,11). He then writes in verse 13 that there is nothing that you and I have ever faced that has not already been faced by those in previous generations. Then He adds these words: “...but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Cor. 10.13). God expects us to resist temptation. Though it may seem hard, even impossible, we can fulfill our responsibilities. And that because God is with us and will not allow anything to be set in our path that is beyond our ability.

THIRD, WHEN GOD IS WITH ME, I CAN SHARE JESUS WITH THE LOST. Is there anything more daunting than the responsibility to reach out and touch the hearts of others? Is there any more challenging work than turning the lost to God? Yet that is a responsibility that every Christian shares (Matt. 28.19,20).

The apostle Paul was tasked with this preaching the gospel to the lost. In Acts 26, Paul was defending himself before King Agrippa. He reflects back on his conversation and the conversation he had with Jesus. In that conversation, Jesus tells him his purpose. He was to go to the Jews and Gentiles “to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive the forgiveness of sins” (Acts 26.18). In 2 Corinthians 2, we get some insight into how Paul felt about such a responsibility. In verse 14-17, Paul writes that through his preaching and how they respond to the gospel, he is leading people to their death and he is leading people to life. In view of such a tremendous burden, Paul asks, “And who is sufficient for these things?” (2 Cor. 2.16). Paul saw this as a burden too heavy for anyone to bear. But then he continues into chapter three to write, “our sufficiency is from God” (2 Cor. 3.4-6). Though it is daunting to share the gospel through word and through example, we can fulfill our responsibility because God is with us.

Nobody said that the life of a Christian is easy. In fact, Jesus specifically said that it is hard (Matt. 7.14). But we do not have to do it alone. We are promised that God is with us (Heb. 13.5). CLP

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-Mark 16.15

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM

“HERE AM I! SEND ME”

When was the last time you wanted God to use you to carry out His will? Usually we want to hide from God. Many do not want God to direct their actions or carry out his will. We do not want to be the one to be involved in a Bible class let alone teach one. We do not want to be the one who is sent to offer help and encouragement.

In Isaiah 6, God asked, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us” (Isa. 6.8)? Isaiah could have responded with excuses as Moses did and eventually come out and say, “please send...whomever else” (Ex. 4.13). Instead, Isaiah responded without hesitation. “Here am I! Send me” (Isa 6.8). Let’s think about those words.

The statement begins with an interjection. It is as if Isaiah is waving his hands in the air trying to get God’s attention yelling, “Over here!” The second part of this expression is an imperative. God is looking for someone to carry out a task, and Isaiah is waving his hands in the air trying to get God’s attention and demanding that he be the one sent.

The next time you have an opportunity to share the message of God to someone or help someone in need, do not assume that someone else will do it. The next time you have a chance to lead a song, read a scripture, serve on the Lord’s table, or lead a prayer, do not view it as a burden that you would rather not do. Instead, have the attitude of Isaiah. Be the one who waves his hands in the air and demands to be the one to carry out the task (Titus 2.14). CLP

WHY DID JESUS DIE?

PSALM 22:1

INTRODUCTION:

1. What did Jesus think when He was dying at Calvary? What He said from the cross gives us some insight. (Matt. 27.46)
2. From Psalm 22, we learn how Jesus felt when He was crucified.

I. ABANDONED

- A. David felt abandoned.
 1. **PSALM 22:1:** “*My God, My God, why...*”
 2. **PSALM 22:1:** “*Why are You so far from helping Me...?*”
 3. **PSALM 22:2:** “*You do not hear*”
- B. Jesus felt abandoned. (Matt. 27.46)

II. ASHAMED

- A. David felt ashamed.
 1. A declaration about his heavenly Father. (Ps. 22.3)
 2. A declaration about his earthly fathers. (Ps. 22.4,5)
 3. A declaration about himself. (Ps. 22.6,7)
- B. Jesus felt ashamed. (Heb. 12.2,3)

III. ALONE

- A. David felt alone.
 1. Left alone by his countrymen. (Ps. 22.7)
 2. Left alone by his family. (Ps. 22.9,10)
 3. Left alone by his God. (Ps. 22.11)
- B. Jesus felt alone. (Matt. 26.31; John 7.5)

IV. AFFLICTED

- A. David felt afflicted.
 1. David looks around. (Ps. 22.12,13,16)
 2. David looks within. (Ps. 22.14,15)
 3. David looks above. (Ps. 22.19-21)
- B. Jesus felt afflicted. (Matt. 27.26-31)
 1. Scourged. (Matt. 27.26)
 2. Stripped. (Matt. 27.27,28)
 3. Spat upon. (Matt. 27.29,30)
 4. Struck. (Matt. 27.30)
 5. Skull. (Matt. 27.31-35)

CONCLUSION: Why did Jesus endure such treatment? You and I are the reason.

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Could you do it? Would you do it? If you were tasked with going to Vladimir Putin, standing before him in the Grand Kremlin Palace to make demands on behalf of the United States, would you go? That is exactly what God expected of Moses. In Exodus 3, God tells Moses, “*I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt*” (Ex. 3.10). Moses was understandably hesitant and asked God, “*Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?*” (Ex. 3.11). As the most humble man in Old Testament history (Num. 12.3), Moses did not see himself capable of such a task. But God assured him, “*I will certainly be with you*” (Ex. 3.12).

Everyday we are tasked with difficult responsibilities. Daunted and overwhelmed, we ask ourselves how we are going to fulfill those things that are expected of us. Like Moses, we might want to scream, “*O my Lord, please send someone else*” (Ex. 4.13; ESV). But there is no task so great, no expectation so daunting that we cannot do it. And that because God has promised that He will always be with us. (Heb. 13.5). Consider three areas where God helps us with difficult responsibilities.

FIRST, WHEN GOD IS WITH ME, I CAN FACE THE DAILY GRIND OF LIFE. Life is not hard only because of the occasional hardship that comes into our lives. Life is hard because of the constant and unending grind of keeping everything afloat. Our daily responsibilities of just trying to make ends, taking care of our loved ones, and keeping the lights on, can feel overwhelming. Not to mention the unpredictability of life.

The apostle Paul was no different. In Philippians 4, Paul wrote about the unpredictability of daily life. In verse 12, he wrote, “*In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.*” There were times when Paul enjoyed steak dinners. There were times when Paul didn’t know where he would get his next meal. What was his secret? How did he get through the daily grind? He answers that question in the next verse. “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*” (Phil. 4.13). The responsibilities of life and the unpredictability of day to day life can be met when we lean on Christ for help.

SECOND, WHEN GOD IS WITH ME, I CAN SAY NO TO MY DESIRES. Resisting temptation is another area of life that can be a difficult responsibility to fulfill. We are told to “*resist the devil*” (James 4.7) and be “*steadfast in the faith*” (1 Pet. 5.9). Have you ever felt like it is too hard to say no to yourself? There is no temptation that we cannot resist because God is with us.

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