

## **Daily Devotional, September 23, 2021 Peace in the Midst of Uncertainty**

***“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 (NIV)***

At times the events in our world today can make things seem hopeless. We despair at the nature of the news we receive each day. Some of us are ready to turn off the steady flow of negative news and commentary covering the coronavirus pandemic, the divisiveness in our society and the anxiety it can create in all of us.

Christ knew about the challenges each of us would have to endure during our time on earth. John 16:33 speaks to us as clearly today as it did nearly 2,000 years ago when Jesus brought a message of calming peace to His disciples. They had worked and lived with Jesus as His close friends and followers for a period of three years. They were saddened and afraid to hear Jesus talk about leaving them. They had great concerns about their future and how they might be able to carry on in a world that persecuted the followers of Christ.

Jesus offered peace and hope to His disciples by saying, “I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace.” This offer of Christ’s indwelling peace is also available to us every day of our lives. We all need the help and protection it provides as we face concerns and anxiety about the current events in our world.

Jesus not only offered His people peace, but we can rest assured that Jesus will always be with us and that His power and majesty exceeds any of the temporary troubles we may encounter here on earth.

Praise God for sending us His Son, Jesus, to be with us as we navigate the challenges each new day brings. Jesus has overcome the sorrow, sin and tribulations of this world, and He will bring us His peace and love today and throughout our time in eternity.

***Prayer: Lord God, We thank you for your faithfulness even though we are not that faithful to you. Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all around peace in our mind, body, soul and spirit. We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives. Please guide our path through life and bring our enemies to be at peace with us, as we seek reconciliation. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.***