

Sailing through the turbulent waters of evil days



What do you do when all you ever trusted fails?

What do you say to your family when you face the reality that you may no longer be able to fulfill their expectations for security, support, and provision?

Who do you call when the hunter becomes the hunted?

Where do you go when the ones you go to for help also need help?

If there is an adjective that can be used to qualify our present days, it's nothing but "evil".

Each one of us will face some type of crisis. We all encounter situations over which we have no personal control, which we did not expect or could not prevent.

There was a time in the Scripture when a certain group of people was about to be consumed by the storm.

³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.

³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

(Mark 4:37-40 NIV)

These people were in crisis at this point in time, thank God they were still in control of their senses to remember that the Master, Jesus Christ was near. A lot of people including some Christians/Christ followers lose their sense of identity with Christ in turbulent periods.

Christ calmed the storm and after that, He asked them two(2) questions. "He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"(MK.4:40)

He asked these questions simply because He knew that lack of faith which is fear was their challenge. Truly, there was a storm but they were engulfed with fear and they lost control.

Are you in a similar situation now with all the troubles around? Are you losing control and do not know what to do to calm down the situation? Are you on the verge of giving up and taking your predicaments as your lot? Friends, Christ is asking you just the same questions.

When you allow fear to rule you, you end up dwelling on what could go wrong rather than what could go right. You celebrate challenges at the expense of needed solutions.

The promises of the Lord stand sure and forever. He can't lie, whatever He says has gone to action immediately and it is permanent.

“So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.”

(Deuteronomy 31:6NLT)

Beloved, utmost belief, and trust in Him are what you need at this time and henceforth. His words and promises are comprehensive, reliable, and the cure for any crisis.

He is your Father, Lord, and Savior. He is ever ready to take charge of you. Whatever He says is for all seasons, crisis or not.

“I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

(Genesis 28:15 NIV)

Everywhere you go and in whatever capacity or situation you may be; He is saying fear not, for He is ever with you. Do not be terrified or afraid.

“Then I said to you, “Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them.”

(Deuteronomy 1:29NIV)

I believe that is no longer new to you again that crises are inevitable, they abound. As the world is surviving an episode, multiple are coming up.

We are now soaked in the “whirl waters” of a financial crisis, energy crisis, different shades of pandemics, gun violence, kidnappings, racial discrimination and abuses, robberies, and war, among others.

Despite all the happenings, Jesus Christ, your Lord and Savior is saying; “do not be afraid”.

Taking delivery of His promises

At this point, the question you should be asking if you are yet to come under this coverage is how to take delivery or access these promises.

We shouldn't forget that there is a big difference between availability and accessibility. Ignorant believers are always in the custom of celebrating availability with nothing to show as a reward. Delivery and accessibility of His promises depend on your knowledge of Him. It is vital that you know Jesus Christ by accepting Him as your Lord and Savior.

“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.”(Philippians 3:10KJV)

It is only when you know Him and believes Him that you can enjoy His benefits which include His Power, His promises, and others. Knowing Him entitles you to the light. It must be known that in Him lies the needed light to see your heritage in redemption.

“In him was life; the life was the light of men.” (John 1:4KJV)

In addition, in God's Kingdom, you only have it as far as you can conceive, see or think.

“I am giving all this land, as far as you can see, to you and your descendants as a permanent possession.” (Genesis 13:15NLT)

And,

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.” (Proverbs 23:7a NKJV)

Be connected, be spiritual, and receive the revelation.

Remember, according to His Word, He will contend with whatever that wants to contend with you and all yours.

“But thus says the LORD: “Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, And the prey of the terrible be delivered; For I will contend with him who contends with you, And I will save your children.” (Isaiah 49:25 NKJV)

Remember, never lose the consciousness of the fact that He has a measure for ‘countering’ any adversary or opposition, all because of you.

“So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.” (Isaiah 59:19 KJV)

Trust Jesus Christ, believe His promises, and stay within His covenants to enjoy His provisions.

It must be emphasized that the provisions of redemption cover every facet of life.

Our heritage and inheritance are loaded in Christ Jesus.

No matter how stormy the water of life may be, do not be afraid, the Lord is with you.

To the crises of life, maintain your ground, hold your peace, and don’t be afraid.

Say “*be still*” and so shall it be. You will safely and securely sail through the stormy waters of your life in Jesus Christ’s name.(Amen)

Jesus Christ is Lord