

FAITH



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John 16:33 says: "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world, you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world." [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding]. The devil tries to inflict us with fear through different tactics. That is why we need to remind ourselves of the God we serve during times of confusion, upsets, and loss.

There's evil in this world, and note that we will have trouble. A crisis is a time that threatens what makes us stable. Jesus said that we would go through hardships in this life, but He encourages us and says, "take heart, For I have overcome this world". We might go through issues that dry us up, situations that make you forget where the true thirst quencher lies. Jesus reminds us that He is the well that will never run dry, and He said that "if anyone is thirsty, let them come to Me and drink". When one is thirsty, water becomes a substance that sustains them; in the same way, Jesus is the substance that shall sustain you. In addition, He became the person you cannot live without. In the world that we live in today, we are longing for him. In the situations we go through, we need our thirst to be quenched by the well that never runs dry.

We understand that the devil is eager to attack our faith in the middle of a crisis. The devil wants to bring us to a place where we won't be able to have faith in God anymore (Exodus 14:10). The devil attacks our faith to stop us from believing in what God says. A crisis can affect your faith so much that you can't use the abilities God has given you. But If you can resist the temptation of doubting God, your faith will grow to another level.

We need to understand that God is still working. During the crisis we go through, God is eager to give us a new perspective of who He is, and this new perspective will encourage you to ask or pray prayers that will split the sea because you get to know who the God we serve is. God will indeed also use a crisis to change the person you are. The bible says to rejoice when you're going through a trial because the testing of your faith produces perseverance, making you mature and complete, lacking in nothing. God knows and sees you when you're going through hard times, but He uses that not only to reveal himself to you, but His grace produces beautiful characters in you that will be beneficial to you in your life, as well as to others.

