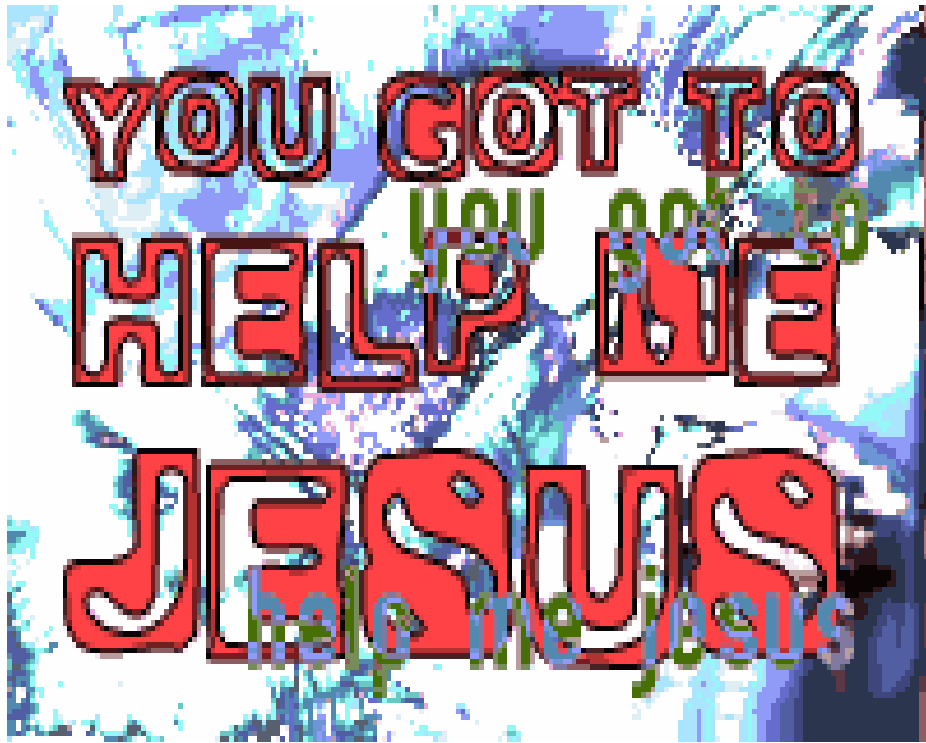


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2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not loose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

By Evangelist Dennis A Palma

Almighty God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, we thank You, praise You and bless You Lord, for another opportunity to share Your Divine Words of wisdom. Lord, I pray that this inspired word, will help touch the hearts and minds of Your people.

Father, may this inspired message help to reassure Your Divine Presence, in the lives of those who trust and believe in You Lord. Father, may You continue to bless and watch over us always. Lord, help us to find Your Peace and Comfort daily in this dark and evil world we live in. Father, I ask this prayer in the name of our Savior, and Your Son, Christ Jesus.....Amen.

This month's inspired message, comes at a time when it seems that the entire world has lost its way. More and more nations are uprising lately. Suicide bombings are on the increase, provoking fear and hatred around the world. Mother Nature has taken a turn for the worst at this time, showing her ugly side with unprecedented weather patterns, producing destructive hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, fires, famine etc. On top of all that, we are experiencing in this country and abroad a surge in unemployment, homelessness, crime, hatred, corruption and a dysfunctional government, What does the Bible tell us about trials? According to the Bible, God's people throughout history have always suffered from trials and tribulations! A great example of trials would be Paul the Apostle. Paul had faced sufferings, trials and distress as he preached the Good News. But he knew that they would one day be over, and he would obtain God's rest and rewards. As we face great troubles, it is easy to focus on pain rather than our ultimate goal. Just as athletes concentrate on the finish line and ignore their discomfort, we too must focus on the reward for our faith and the joy that lasts forever. No matter what happens to us in this life, we have the assurance of eternal life, when all suffering will end, and all sorrow will flee away. **Isaiah 35:10** tells us: **But only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransom of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.**

It is easy to lose heart and quit. We have faced problems in our relationships or in our work that have caused us to want to think about laying down the tools and walking away.

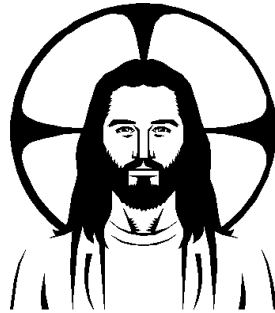
Rather than giving up when persecution wore him down, Paul concentrated on experiencing the inner strength from the Holy Spirit. In **Ephesians 3:16** it is written: **I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.** Don't let fatigue, pain, or criticism force you off the job. Renew your commitment to serve Christ. Don't forsake your eternal reward because of the intensity of the today's pain. Your very weakness allows the resurrection power of Christ to strengthen you moment by moment. Our troubles should not diminish our faith or disillusion us. We should realize that there is a purpose in our suffering. Problems and human limitations have several benefits. (1) They remind us of Christ suffering's for us. (2) They keep us from pride. (3) They cause us to look beyond this brief life. (4) They prove our faith to others; and (5) They give God the opportunity to demonstrate His Power. See your troubles as opportunities. Our ultimate hope when we are experiencing terrible illness, persecution, or pain is the realization that this life is not all there is-- there is life after death! Knowing that we will live forever with God in a place without sin and suffering can help us live above the pain that we face in this life. The only antidote we really have against trials and tribulations is by putting our complete trust and faith in the Lord. If we try to go it alone in a prideful manner relying on our flesh, we don't stand a chance. Also, try and remember that trials and tribulations seem to always trigger a sense of fear and uncertainty about what we are experiencing at that time. Without the fear factor and the uncertainties that manifest from fear in general, trials would be only a walk in the park. God gives us numerous scriptures to dwell upon to help us get through life's sufferings and trials. In **Proverbs 1:33** it is written; **' But whoever listens to Me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.** In **Matthew 10:28** the Lord said; **Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul** God also says in **Isaiah 41:13**; **For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.** Furthermore it is written in **Luke 12:32**; **" Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."** These four scriptures that the Lord touched my heart with at this time, are only miniscule in numbers compared to all the hopeful promises God assures us of. From the beginning of mankind up till now, the Lord has always taken care of His people when we put our trust and faith in Him. There are numerous stories in the Bible that all appear to have this same truth. If we follow His Will, He will never leave us alone. He will watch over and

protect us always. Also, He will help us get through our trials and tribulations, when we draw close to His Will.

So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, may we always try and remember that, we will all suffer trials and tribulations from time to time.

However, the ones who overcome these earthly trials and have put their total faith and trust in Jesus Christ will receive the Gift of Eternal Salvation!

Let us pray: Father, thank you again for this month's inspired journal. Lord, please help us to stay strong in times of trials and tribulations. Father, help us to rise above the evil ways of this world. Lord, please help us to overcome Satan and his army of demons. Lord, in the end, may we all receive Your Eternal Victory by being faithful and obedient to Your Divine Will. Father I ask this prayer in Christ Jesus Name.....Hallelujah, Amen!



JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

I AM WITH YOU, Watching over you constantly. I am Emanuel (God with you); My Presence enfolds you in radiant Love. Nothing, including the brightest blessings and the darkest trials, can separate you from Me. Some of My children find Me more readily during dark times, when difficulties force them to depend on Me. Others feel closer to Me when their lives are filled with good things. They respond with thanksgiving and praise, thus opening the door to My Presence.

I know precisely what you need to draw closer to Me. Go through each day looking what I have prepared for you. Accept every event as My hand tailored provision for your needs. When you view your life this way, the reasonable response is to be thankful. Do not reject any of My gifts; find me in every situation. For further reference see **Mathew 1:23; Colossians 2:6-7**

PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS FOR OCTOBER

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Proverbs 4:10-11 Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. I guide you in the ways of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.



THE MINISTRY DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please pray daily with this ministry for: Richard Leland, Jimmy Palma, Joe Longo, Johanna Tyson, Greg Dubrois, Al Wilson, Marianne Wilson, Catrina Wilson, Terry Wade, Gary Wade, Joy Valerie, Greg Achinko Sr. Bob McCormick, Dorothy Leary, John Turk, Christine Palma, Cole Brant, Janet Neil, Andrea Arceneaux, Jonathan Baker, The DeAngelo family, The Stein family, Earnie Carbone, Joe Lakes, Ed Messner,

Also a daily prayer for all the; the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the hopeless, the lost souls, the persecuted, the hungry, the weary, the restless, the lame, the brokenhearted, the poor in spirit, the angry, the hatred, the violence, the wars, the selfishness, the greed, the corruption, etc.

Furthermore; a special prayer for all our troops here and abroad, who risk their lives everyday to preserve our freedoms in this great country.

Last; a special prayer for the United States for total spiritual and financial restoration so this great nation, will once again, be one nation under God!

Well that will about do it for this month's journal. If you have a prayer request or have any spiritual questions that you are struggling with that need a further explanation go to www.makethespiritualconnection.com