

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENTS #17

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Sermonette: In Times Like These

Inspired by a friend

Reading: Matthew 26: 38-40

Verse 38: *Then saith he unto them, my soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here and watch with me.*

There comes times in our lives when we feel all alone. Jesus Christ agonized in the Garden of Gethsemane. He wanted his disciples to watch with him, stay up with him, pray with him one hour, just one hour. Jesus was feeling “exceeding sorrowful,” that’s what the Bible said (verse 38).

Jesus was hurting on the inside, his soul grieved. He knew what lay ahead. He knew the pain that was coming; he knew the awful death that awaited him. All of us, if we live long enough will reach those times in our lives when the grief, the sorrow of this world will over take us leaving us “exceeding sorrowful”. It will leave us feeling like we can’t make it, like giving up, like we are all alone.

There’s a song titled “*In Times Like These*”:

*In times like these, you need a savior, In times like these, you need an Anchor
Be very sure, be very sure, Your Anchor holds and grips the solid Rock
This Rock is Jesus, Yes he’s the one; This Rock is Jesus, the only one!
Be very sure, be very sure, Your Anchor holds and grips the solid Rock.*

What did Jesus do in his hour of need? He prayed and in his prayer He said “nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt” In other words, I’ll do what you want me to do Father. Jesus determined to do the will of his Father, despite his sorrow, despite what lay ahead, despite the pain, despite the cross, despite the disappointment, despite it all, he determined to do his Father’s will.

We need to also pray “In times like these”, no matter the circumstance, whatever the sorrow, determine to go through. Jesus went to the cross and was victorious, he’s alive today, letting us know despite it all hold on to him. Jesus is the Rock in this weary land; Jesus is the Anchor on which we stand. Jesus is the Rock that will never fail. Jesus is the answer “In times like these”.

PRAYER: Lord I need you “In times like these”. I need the assurance of your presences, the knowledge that you are waiting with me that I am not alone. You said in your Word *...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (Hebrews 13:5).* Lord I just thank you for your

Word because I'm standing on it and I shall not be moved. Thank you for the peace that comes with knowing there is no mountain so high you can't reach over, nor no valley so low you can't reach down. Thank you Lord for On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand. I've determined in my heart to stand on the Rock of Jesus Christ. Thank you Lord for this spirit of determination. Amen. Amen.

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