

JOHN 16:25-33

JESUS OVERCOMES

As Jesus brings this time of teaching to a close, He speaks with greater clarity about what lies ahead.

As the disciples are beginning to understand, Jesus tells them plainly the time is coming when they will scatter. Fear will take over. The disciples will abandon their Master. And yet, He is not alone.

In this moment, Jesus also gives the disciples a deeper assurance. Their relationship with God is not distant or uncertain. The Father loves them. They are welcomed, known, and secure because they belong to Jesus.

“In this world you will have trouble...” (16:33b). Jesus does not promise an easy path. The troubles ahead are real, but they will not prevail. Jesus says, “...But take heart! I have overcome the world” (16:33c).

This is the foundation of their peace, not the absence of hardship, but the presence of a victorious Savior. They can take heart because He has overcome.

DAILY READINGS

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| I. JOHN 16:25-33 | V. ROMANS 8:31-39 |
| II. PSALM 46:1-11 | VI. 1 PETER 4:12-19 & 5:6-11 |
| III. ISAIAH 41:8-13 | VII. REVELATION 21:1-8 |
| IV. HEBREWS 10:19-25 | |

MEMORY VERSE: JOHN 16:33

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“Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father.

²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. ²⁷ No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”

²⁹ Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. ³⁰ Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.”

³¹ “Do you now believe?” Jesus replied. ³² “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

³³ “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.”

Handwriting practice area consisting of a grid of dots for tracing and letter formation.

DISCUSSION

How do wise parents or leaders prepare someone they love for hard things that are about to happen? Has anyone ever done this with you for a specific situation or season in your life? What must be said, and how does it help?

Read John 16:25-33 aloud.

What theological points about Jesus and the Father can be found in verses 27-28? Why are these important for the disciples to grasp at this time? What is the disciples' response in verses 29-30?

If you had been in the room, how might you have felt about Jesus' statements in verse 32? How was this prediction fulfilled on the night of His trials?

Jesus' promise in verse 33 is one that many Christians cling to today during life's troubles. How would it help the disciples in the coming days? What does it mean for our faith journey to know that Jesus has overcome the world?

Who in your family or circle of friends is going through something really hard right now? Who needs the peace that comes from Jesus? How could the truth from John 16:33 help them?



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