

“I Heard the News Today...Oh Boy”

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“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on Earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

No doubt we are living in challenging and difficult times. Everyday seems to announce a distressing new development that would indicate that our economy and way of life is changing rapidly. The bottom seems to be falling out of the market, rumors of impending layoffs and dismal financial results seem to be the word of the day. Some of these changes may even be having a direct impact on your company or your own job.

In these uncertain times, how do we conduct ourselves especially when the pressure is on. We still have to meet our responsibilities to our jobs and our families. When things start to get tense and the results are not coming in as expected, will we crumble under the pressure and therefore compromise our testimony? There are many who do, forgetting the promises our Father has given us to provide for our needs and to never leave or forsake us. Yet there are many others who endure these times with grace and a sense of peace and confidence that comes from trusting God, choosing to accept the reality of the situation and moving closer to the Father for additional strength and comfort.

What message do we communicate when the heat is on and those around us start to melt down under the pressure? Our enemy tempts us to “do whatever it takes” to get it done and this may include all kinds of guile and deception. Don’t be fooled. Remain strong and allow God to use these tough uncertain times to stretch you in your trust of His all sufficiency.

Our Father knows exactly the circumstances you are in and as you offer your dependence and trust back to him, accepting whatever the outcome may be, he will be glorified and you will receive the “peace that surpasses all understanding.” How we respond when the fog of uncertainty and fear is thick can do more to communicate to those we work with than anything we could say....and never forget, they are watching.

Workplace Prayer

Father, in these stressful and uncertain times, help us to be at our best when many around us are fearful and discouraged. Empower us with the supernatural strength to be at peace and for our coworkers to want to know the source of our hope and peace. Protect us from the enemy who wants to destroy our confidence in these difficult times hoping to then discredit our testimony for you to those we work with.
