

Daily Devotion For June 3, 2020

“In this world you **will** have **tribulation**, but **take heart**, I have **overcome** the world.” John 16:33

Yesterday I heard from friends in Southern California that their business had been vandalized and looted. Windows broken, merchandise stolen, and property destroyed. Listening to the heart break of having persevered through months of having their business closed and just when they were reopening, to have this trial has caused a great deal of anger, frustration, and stress.

In John 16:33, Jesus said, “in this world you will have tribulation.” Even for Christians we may ask, “God where were you? Why is this happening to me? What did I do to deserve this?”

In our study in Job, we saw that Job was blameless, upright, a man who feared God and shunned evil.” Yet he too endured the loss of his health, wealth, and family members. Jesus didn’t say you might have tribulation, He said, you **will** have tribulation.

The comfort that we find from John 16:33 is that we can “**take heart**, Jesus has overcome the world.” Jesus does not abandon us or leave us alone in the midst of our struggles. If we remember that Jesus has won the ultimate victory, we can have peace in the midst of the most troublesome times.

Thought For The Day: Why did Jesus tell his disciples to take heart? How does Jesus’ words that he has overcome the world comfort and encourage you?

Today’s Prayer Focus: Continue to pray for our nation in the midst of these turbulent times of Covid1-19 and racial tensions. Remember others in our church who are going through difficult times. Continue to pray this week’s prayer fuel.