Christ My Comfort

Devotional Tapestry

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IN THE DARKNESS Devotional Tapestry

Strengthen Yourself in the Lord

We go through times when the darkness is so deep that we can't see God acting.

We can't feel His presence.

We can't understand what He is doing or not doing.

Sometimes He just seems gone.

We have to remind ourselves who He is.

We have to remind ourselves what He has done in the past.

He has repeatedly proven Himself to us

to build our faith for times just like this.

When life is overwhelming,
strengthen yourself in the Lord your God.
Grab hold of the truth.
Cling to it.
Claim it as your own, and
act on it.

God hasn't changed. He hasn't moved. He hasn't abandoned you, and He never will.

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I Cannot See the Light, My Lord

TUNE: Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart



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SIMPLY SEEING YOU Devotional Tapestry

During difficult times we sometimes...

During difficult times we sometimes impatiently wonder what lesson God is trying to teach us.
But often that lesson is simply knowing Him.
He is allowing us to experience His love and faithfulness in a personal way.

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Simply Seeing You Psalm 23:4; 2 Corinthians 3:18



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BE STILL Devotional Tapestry

Today in Your Care

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Sovereign God,
You dwell in eternity,
      unmoved by time.
Your promises,
Your purposes,
Your burning love are
      always now,
      always sure,
      always undiminished.
Today
I am in Your tender care.
Here in You,
      nothing is forgotten,
      nothing ignored,
      nothing overlooked,
      nothing left to chance.
Your purpose is never threatened.
You suffer no surprises and
      no setbacks.
You are not bound
      by the present or the past,
      by norms or impossibilities.
Within me is
      pain,
      sorrow,
      weakness, and
      uncertainty.
But You have hidden me in Yourself.
I am completely,
      eternally,
      untouchably safe in You.
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PEACE IN THE STORM Devotional Tapestry

Peace in the Storm

By all human standards, the disciples were in real danger. They were experienced fishermen, having sailed this lake for years in all kinds of weather. This storm was violent and unrelenting, and their boat was filling with water.

But after they awoke Jesus, He delivered them easily with a few words. Then He rebuked them for their unbelief. They had been terrified in the storm, while He had simply slept through it. Why the difference?

Jesus knew that He lived in the Father's constant care. The Father was completely real to Him. He was always the focus of Jesus' thoughts and desires. Why should Jesus be afraid when He lived every moment in the personal care of the Master of the universe?

The disciples had indignantly called Jesus to share their fear. Jesus calmly called them to share His rest – His complete and constant rest in the Father.

Like the disciples, we tend to live in response to our circumstances. Jesus calls us to live in response to our Father. Instead of focusing on our situation, Christ invites us to rest in the peace of our Almighty, all-wise, all-loving God. He calls us to look to Him, love Him, trust Him, rejoice in Him, and rest in Him every moment.

Peace is not a situation. Peace is a relationship with God.

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Peace in the Storm

Matthew 8:18, 23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25



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WHY ANXIOUS Devotional Tapestry

If God Is for Us

If God is for us,
who can be against us?
He who did not spare His own Son,
but gave him up for us all—
how will he not also...graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32, NIV)

Are you plagued by nagging fears?
Drag them out into the brilliant light of God's presence.
Do you find anything that He cannot handle?
Is there anything you cannot now, this moment,
entrust to Him completely?
Is there anything beyond His sovereign power,
His infinite wisdom and
His unfailing love?

He conceived you,
tenderly nurtured you, and
willingly died for you.
His watchful care engulfs you every moment.
Why do you hesitate to trust Him?
Why are you ever afraid?

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Lord, Why Am I Anxious?

TUNE: Traditional Irish Melody (MY LODGING)

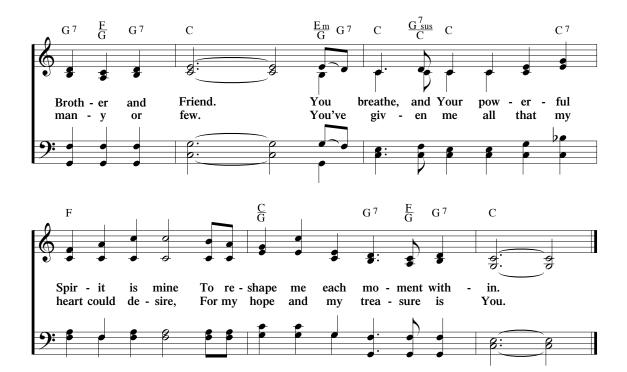
Romans 8:18-39



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NO FEAR Devotional Tapestry

No Fear

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When nagged by uncertainties big and small -
      no fear.
In the grip of illness -
      no fear.
In need -
      no fear.
In loss -
      no fear.
In change -
      no fear.
In all my weakness and boundless ignorance -
      no fear.
In the darkness -
      no fear.
When opposed by forces far stronger than myself -
      no fear.
When assaulted by temptation -
      no fear.
When threatened by suffering -
      no fear.
In the valley of the shadow of death -
      no fear.
For my life is hidden with Christ
in You,
      my Father,
      my loving Savior,
      my mighty Rock,
      my sovereign Lord and
      my everlasting God.
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PEACE IN YOU Devotional Tapestry

Peace in You

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Father, You have no need -
      no weakness.
      no uncertainty.
You are never caught short.
You are at peace in Your
      fullness and
      completeness.
Peace can always, only be found in You.
Father, You want me to share in Your peace.
      You want me to share in You.
Outside of You is
      weakness.
      wanting,
      darkness, and
      sin.
In You is
      deep,
      all-encompassing,
      unchanging,
      unshakable peace.
That is the peace You want for me:
      peace in You.
I long for the temporary peace that comes from
      the removal of my current need.
I cry in desperation, "O Lord, take it away!"
But this need will simply be replaced by another.
Needs come and go.
My neediness remains.
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But You are complete.
All that is good,
all that I will ever need,
is in Your very being.
As I trust You step by step,
I am complete in You.

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Today and every day,
whatever my circumstance, Father,
You offer me the gift of a
holy,
grace-filled life
in Your peace,
the peace we find in Your human Son,
Jesus Christ.
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Peace in Christ

TUNE: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (TRUST IN JESUS) John 14:27; Philippians 4:4-7; 2 Thessalonians 3:16



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TRUST IN JESUS

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CONTENT IN YOU Devotional Tapestry

Content (alt.)

The Apostle Paul wrote:

I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.
I know how to get along with humble means, and
I also know how to live in prosperity;
in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry,
both of having abundance and suffering need.
I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

We spend much of our lives restless and dissatisfied, wanting something we don't have.

Sometimes it's material things; sometimes a relationship or respect or some accomplishment.

We want and want.

we want something else.

But our loving Father invites us,

and when we get what we want,

urges us, to be content in Him.

He is always with us.

Simply turning to Him during the day reminds us that He is God.

that His purpose will be accomplished, and that it's always good.

As we look to Him for a moment,

we find peace and joy in His presence, and life is right again.

Father, help me to always rest content in You.

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Content in You

TUNE: Once in Royal David's City (IRBY) 2 Corinthians 9:8; 12:9; Philippians 4:11-13, 18-20; 1 Timothy 6:6-12; Hebrews 13:5-6



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IN SUFFERING Devotional Tapestry

In Suffering

Father, You gave Your precious, only Son to suffer for us sinners.

Self-sacrifice was Your loving will for Him.

It is Your loving will for each of Your children.

It is Your loving will for me.

When I suffer as Your child,

I share more fully in the beautiful work of Christ.

I share more fully in Him.

I share more fully in You.

Father, I crave relief.

I humbly ask You for it and trust You to give it

in Your perfect way,

in Your perfect time.

Until then, I commit myself to Your care

as Christ committed Himself when He suffered.

You are always love,

You are always good, and

You are always with me.

When suffering comes to Your children,

it is always a transition,

never a destination.

Suffering is always temporary.

So, Father, as Your child, I trust You,

I look to You, and

I wait on You.

Use this to Your glory.

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Father, in This Suffering

Psalm 23:4-6; 42; Isaiah 43:1-3a; John 15:11; Romans 8:16-28; 2 Corinthians 4:7-18; Philippians 1:29; 3:7-11; 2 Timothy 2:12a; 1 Peter 4:12-16; 5:10 Fadd⁹A F A F $B \not M^7$ $G m^9 G m^7 C^{13} C^7 C$ C^7 Βþ suf-f'ring, This deep and des-p'rate dark-ness, 1. Fa - ther, in this 2. Thro' this loss bit - ter You give a gift more pre-cious: SO Bbadd⁹ Bb $\underline{\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{m}}}$ $A \, m^7$ $G m^7$ Amfeel You, Tho' know You walk be - side me. can - not With Christ, the Deep-er, sweet - er u - nion Man of Sor-rows. F A F B♭M⁷ $G m^9 G m^7 C^{13} C^7 C C^7$ Am $A m^7$ Bro-ken and de-fense-less, A - wash in waves of sor-row, Rea-son now is All is false and fleet-ing But You, my love, my Fa-ther! Suf-f'ring al-ways $B \not = 6 \frac{Dm}{\Lambda} Gm^7 Gm^9 \frac{Dm}{C}$ B♭add⁹ B♭ $Gm^7 \frac{Bb}{C}$ C^{13} with Christ You. help-less, But faith is calm - ly rest-ing In Christ, in with Christ joy is full for - ev - er In Christ, You. SCOTTISH BALLAD WORDS: Ken Bible 6.7.6.7.6.7.6.7.6.

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SATISFIED Devotional Tapestry

Satisfied in You (alt.)

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Father,
when days appear good or
seem threatening,
when I feel successful or
when I struggle,
I will be satisfied in You.
You will be my happiness,
my peace,
my rightness.
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Life is not some great achievement plus You.

It is not even some wonderful gift FROM You.

Life is YOU, my Lord, and You are wonderful!

You are happiness.

You are the fullness of all that is beautiful.

You are heaven right here, right now.

Lord, in this moment and through all eternity, I will be satisfied in You.

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A Life of Thanksgiving

Ephesians 5:20; Philippians 4:4, 11-13; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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