

In Difficult Times Trust in God and Help Others Along the Way!

God seems to be teaching us perseverance in 2020. We are enduring a fire Armageddon (wildfire everywhere) on top of a pandemic and continued racial inequality awakenings that have resulted in protests and tensions (but will hopefully lead to needed reforms). It has been a tough year, and it continues to be difficult.



Jesus stated in John 16:33 “in this world you will have trouble but take heart I have overcome the world,” and he promised us in Matthew 28:20 “And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.”

In addition, with his actions and his body Jesus God Incarnate came and walked among us and suffered with us and for us, displaying more prominently than ever, our God of compassion-the one who suffers with us. Jesus revealed a God who claims us as beloved children, who cares deeply about each of our lives, and who wants to be an intricate part of our lives. Furthermore, Jesus called us to follow him in being the servant of all and servant of others.

So what are we to do as we continue on the difficult road?

1. Acknowledge our dependence on God, depend on God, trust in God, trust in God’s compassion and suffering with us. One of the hardest parts of dealing with difficult trials is waiting for their resolution. May we trust in God’s goodness and sovereignty in the waiting.

2. Help others along the way: I had a elderly hospice patient last week who was a Marine. He was a Vietnam vet who stepped on a landmine and lost his leg and part of his face, He is wheelchair-bound but also stubborn and made his own prosthesis so he could sort of walk. I asked him how he was doing? He said “My Heavenly Father has me here, so I will continue to seek to “find someone with a rucksack of rocks more than mine, ask them to give me a rock or two, saying, let me lighten your load.”

I pray you will know deeply God’s presence, God’s immense love for you, and will find great joy in helping others along the path of life.

You, the Westview family, are a tremendous gift to me and it has been very encouraging to be with you on our Zoom Wednesdays and Zoom Sunday services. It is a joy to see you caring so well for each other.

God bless you,
Pastor Dan