

I Am with You Always

Matthew 28:16-20 - ¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Giving Honor to God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Big Bethel Nation. Let's turn to Matthew Chapter 28:16-20 (KJV) as we lift up the Name of the Lord. The sermon topic is "I Am with You Always." Let's go to work.

As we look into the text we see that there are 11 disciples traveling away to Galilee with Jesus. In fact, the Lord Jesus appoints or directs them to go into a particular mountain. When they met Jesus (saw Him), they worshipped Him. Then the scripture says, but some doubted. Doubt is typically related to the lack of faith and according to bible. Hebrews 11:6 says "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Belief and Faith builds trust.

Isn't it interesting that the disciples were worshipping Jesus, then Jesus came and spoke to them? O' my brothers and sisters, I believe many of our answers to life are spoken right in the midst of our worship of the Lord. Our faith consists of our hopes and our beliefs. Hebrews 11:1-3 teaches "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

How does one build their faith? So, then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17) The more you hear the word of

God, the more your faith grows. There's power and blessing that goes out every time the word of God is spoken, heard, talked about, received, reflected upon in church service, bible study, in the home, in your car, in your kitchen, and in your home. Wherever the word of God is... there is power and blessing. Isaiah 55:11 says it like this: "So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: It shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." God's Word produces blessing wherever it is and wherever it goes. This is why it is so important to position ourselves to hear God's Word.

Remember, the disciples are in worship. Good God Almighty. The revelation here is that while they are in worship Jesus is speaking to them. Do you see that? Oftentimes you will receive your breakthrough right in the midst of worship. Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth His will, him He heareth (John 9:31 KJV). Have you ever been in service and you felt like the preacher was talking directly to you? Have you ever felt like the choir was singing directly to you? Have you ever felt like the scripture was speaking directly to you? Have you ever felt like the prayer was a prayer just for you? It's because the Lord Jesus was speaking to you in the midst of the worship experience. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. Because... Bless the Lord, 'O my soul. He said, "I Am with You Always."

Jesus came and spoke to the disciples and revealed to them the message that He is also revealing to us today. That message is that All power is given unto Jesus in heaven and in earth. Christ empowered the disciples and the Lord has also empowered us to get up off of our sit-up-on's. To Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever He has commanded us: and He reminds us "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The Lord has called us to do great things. I'm so glad that we are not alone. We don't have to do it all by ourselves. The Lord is with us in the morning, noon day, and the midnight hour. In fact, jump back, polly whack, give a dog a bone!!! Our Lord is with us always. We can truly testify, when we rose this morning, we didn't have no doubt. O' Yes the Lord helped us through this and helped us through that and we are so

grateful. He knows our name. You don't know like I know, what He's done for me. Though the storms keep on raging in my life. And sometimes it's hard to tell the night from day. Still that hope that lies within is reassured. As I keep my eyes upon the distant shore, I know He'll lead me safely to that blessed place He has prepared.

*But if the storms don't cease, And if the winds keep on blowing in my life
My soul, my soul, my soul has been anchored in the Lord. Good God
Almighty.*

As I prepare to close, a mother bear taught her cub to always stay behind the tree line because there was safety in the forest. The mother bear would often play with the cub in the forest and on occasion she would run off opposing mountain lions that could have caused great harm to her cub. So one day she taught the cub that if he ever found himself alone facing the opposing threat of mountain lion to stand up, lift his arms towards the sky, and growl. Well wouldn't you know it; one day when the mother bear was in the forest getting some honey, the cub wandered off beyond the tree line and found himself facing the threat of a mountain lion. The mountain lion let out a big howl that ripped through the forest as he focused on closing in on the cub. The mother bear began to run with haste toward the sound of the mountain lion. A great ways off, beyond the tree line, she saw her cub out in the open grass, and the large mountain lion. She ran to the edge of the tree line and stooped. Just as she had taught the little cub; he stood up tall, lifted his arms towards the sky, and growled. (Now this growl was really small, but effective). The mean ole mountain lion looked at the small cub and like lightning took off running for his life in the opposite direction. The cub had done it. Amazingly enough and unbeknown to the little cub, his mother stood up really tall, behind him, just across the tree line, with her arms extended towards heaven to ward off the mountain lion. My brothers and sisters there are dangers seen and unseen, but praise be to God for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit for never leaving us nor forsaking us. The Lord is with us Always. Hallelujah, Amen.