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Dear Friend of Light of the Word,

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2 Peter 1:3

Can we survive in a world filled with war, natural disasters, rampant evil, and a dismal economy?

No matter what dire circumstance we may find ourselves in, if we are a believer, not only can we survive in our situation but we can actually thrive in it and help others at the same time!

The Promises of God

2 Peter 1:3-4 says:

“as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises; that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

If I am going to try and live a godly life, it will only happen by God’s power. But when I rely on the Lord’s power and strength, I can get through anything. God’s power is realized in us through His Word. That’s why it is so vital to stay close to the Lord by being in His Word daily and by communicating with Him through prayer as well. When we do this, we experience His power in our life. However, as soon as you start wandering from fellowship with Him—when you stop reading His Word and you stop praying—you will find yourself trying to battle sin, Satan, and the world in your own strength and you will fall.

No matter how difficult our circumstances are, and no matter how evil our world is—we can live godly lives through the power of Jesus Christ!

People panic when they see the problems in our world. But when we know the Lord, when we understand His wonderful attributes and His very nature, we are at peace. When we know God’s power and stand on His promises, we are at peace. Jesus said, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:26-27).

The Lord wants you to have faith—He wants you to trust Him. The Bible holds 32,000 promises just for you! And God wants you to hold onto His promises because He keeps His Word. He will not fail you. He will never forsake you. He will never let you down.

You may be thinking, “But Pastor Steve, you have no idea what I am going through right now! My life is a mess. Everything has gone wrong—I’ve lost my job; I’ve lost my house; I’m divorced; I’m sick with cancer; my kids are gone; my friends have turned their back on me; no one loves me—all is lost.”

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My friend, no matter how tough the road gets in your life, I can assure you that God loves you. God has not forsaken you, and God has a purpose and a plan for your life that will work out for good. The apostle Peter went through very trying and difficult circumstances in his life, but he was able to say, “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed” (2 Corinthians 4:7-9).

How could Peter say that? He knew His God. He knew that the Lord was good, loving, faithful, and all-powerful—and He trusted the Lord with his life. Peter’s strength came from the power and the promises of God.

We get upset when things don’t go as we planned. We get upset when our will is not done. But as Christians, our ultimate desire needs to be God’s will for our life, and when we are following Him, we need to trust that even the bad circumstances are used to fulfill His plan and purpose for our life!

Isaiah 41:10 says,

“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Only God promises to strengthen us, help us, and uphold us at all times!

God has made you, bought you, redeemed you, called you, chosen you, and loves you. You have a God like no other god in this world. The only thing you can truly count on in life is Jesus Christ. When everything is falling apart around you, remember:

1. God is with you (Isaiah 41:10)
2. God is above you (1 Chronicles 29:11)
3. God is beneath you (Deuteronomy 33:27)
4. God is before you (Psalm 139:4)
5. God is behind you (Exodus 14:19)
6. God is around you (Psalm 32:10)
7. God is within you (John 4:14)

Trust God today. He is fully aware of every aspect of your life and He is in control. You are in good hands. Have faith in Him and watch what He will do in your life.

In Christ,



Pastor Steve