



Let not Your Heart be Troubled

Dear Nekesa (Harvester),

In the midst of a world that is growing dark in this age, we are called to be the light of God, shining brighter!

Matthew 4:16 "The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

Margaret and I have seen the evils of this world. Last month we shared with you about Zakayo. A young boy that was rescued from home where he was molested and abused. It is just a part of the evils of this world we live in. We sense that everything around us is growing darker. It seems to cause discouragement to the body of Christ.

Despite seeing all these evils, we can still say that we are the salt and light.!

Matthew 5:13-16 "**You are the salt** of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. Hold on to the fact that we are the salt of the earth!

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

We are the salt of this present world. We are here to preserve the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are the Light of this world. We are here to shine our light so bright it scatters all of His enemies!

In the new covenant, the Holy Spirit prepares us and upholds us for the trials that we face. While he was on the earth Jesus prepared His disciples for their coming crisis, His crucifixion:

"Peace I leave with you, **My** peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled**, neither let it be afraid... And now I have told you before it comes to pass, that, when it is come to pass, you might believe." - John 1:27,29

The Disciples were told what was coming, but most fled as their emotions from the fear took control and guided them. It's not that we don't have emotions when these evil things happen. In fact, Margaret and I have had intense anger at the evils that little Zakayo has faced.

But our emotions are directed toward believing that God is working through us to bring restoration to Zakayo and we know that vengeance is the Lords.

"Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written; "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord."

Romans 12:17-19

We must allow the peace of God to be that which guides us as we are fighting the kingdom of darkness. Mercy and a changed heart is His goal. We are in a fight, but it is not with flesh and blood.

"For we do not war against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." *Ephesians 6:12*

We continue to love all men, we allow His Peace to guide us, but we are not ignorant that we are in a fight against an unseen enemy. We invite you to stand in prayer with us, to see the Kingdom of God revealed. Stand with us in the good fight of Faith. Let not your heart be troubled for our Lord Jesus Christ has Overcome!



"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, **I have overcome the world.**" *John 16:33*

Thank you for your faithful partnership!
Forever Grateful,

