

Navigating Hard Times: Live with Integrity

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1. GOD'S PEOPLE ARE CALLED TO HOLINESS

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Ephesians 1:4

[God] chose us in [Christ] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight...

2. OUR LIFE SHOULD DEMONSTRATE IT

Matthew 5:33-37

33 "... 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.' 37 "Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

3. JESUS IS OUR PERFECT EXAMPLE

- JESUS PROMISED TO DIE FOR US

Matthew 20:18-19

[Jesus said] 18 "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death 19 and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

- JESUS PROMISED TO RISE FROM THE DEAD

Matthew 28:5-6

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

- JESUS PROMISED TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 14:16-18

[Jesus said] 16 "...I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth...18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

- JESUS PROMISED TO COME AGAIN

Matthew 24:30

30 "At that time ... They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory."

CONCLUSION

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 ... God... gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19... 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us...

1 Peter 2:9

... you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.