

A WAY IN THE STORM

Selected Scripture

Encouragement for believers who are distressed by current events

LET'S GET STARTED

2020 has become a year of stress and distress. As the coronavirus continues to take its toll upon human health and upon the economy, cities are now burning as rioters run rampant, and long-trusted institutions and societal norms are threatened with annihilation. A steady drone of bad news streams from our televisions and fills us with fear and despair. In the ancient words of King David, "When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3)

In these uncertain times, God wants to provide believers in Christ with a much-needed dose of perspective and reassurance. If you are struggling with feelings of uncertainty and hopelessness, this message is for you!

GAIN A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

- As a believer, you are an _____ in this world.

John 18:36; Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 11:13; John 14:30; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2; 1 John 5:19

- The world will get _____, not _____.

2 Timothy 3:1, 13

- The world will _____.

1 Corinthians 7:31; 2 Peter 3:7

- There's a _____ coming.

Isaiah 65:17; 2 Peter 3:13

Quotable

Most of us feel demoralized by the heart-rending tragedy of this chaotic world. Our very survival is in doubt. The ordinary citizen often feels a helpless victim of the tangled web of politics, or a faceless unit in the machine of modern society.

—John Stott

Fear and faith cannot coexist in our hearts at the same time. In our days of difficulty, we choose the road of faith. Jesus said, "Be not afraid, only believe."

—Neil L. Anderson

If you would like to know more

Christians In the Age of Outrage: How to Bring Our Best When the World Is At Its Worst, by Ed Stetzer, Tyndale House Publishers, 2018.

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RESPOND IN BIBLICAL WAYS

- **Don't overdose on** _____.

Psalm 112:7-8—⁷ He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. ⁸ His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.

- **Don't give in to** _____.

James 1:19-20—¹⁹ My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

- **Don't put your hope in** _____, **but in** _____.

Isaiah 2:22—Stop trusting in man, who has but a breath in his nostrils. Of what account is he?

Jeremiah 17:5-8—⁵ This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶ He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. ⁷ But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. ⁸ He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

- **Stay in the** _____.

Joshua 1:8—Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

- **Keep following the Lord** _____.

Romans 14:8—If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

LET'S LIVE IT

God put you in this place at this time (Acts 17:26)

God is still sovereign (Psalm 11:3-4)

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