Blessed be the name of our Savior, JESUS. Welcome, let’s study the Bible together.

It’s crucial to fight through every challenge until we reach a place where God becomes everything to us. This is the heart of the Christian faith: that God alone is sufficient for us, no matter the circumstances. The Apostle Paul writes in Philippians 4:11-13:

“Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:11-13 NKJV)

This means that, even if everyone else abandons you, isolates you, or forgets about you, GOD remains your ultimate comfort—more than a thousand people or even a thousand relatives could ever be. In fact, God’s presence is more than enough, as Psalm 73:25-26 reveals:

“Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; but God is

the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” (Psalm 73:25-26 NKJV)

When we reach this point, we will be people of joy every day, living without depending too much on motivation from others or material things. This is why Jesus could say in John 15:11:

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.” (John 15:11 NKJV)

Jesus offers a joy that doesn’t rely on circumstances or the support of others, but a joy rooted in His presence.

If we can get to a place where the joy we receive from others no longer becomes the driving force for us to move forward, we will be great in God’s eyes. In fact, we see Jesus model this perfectly. The Apostle Paul encourages us in Romans 8:15-17 that, as children of God, our strength is found in His presence:

“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and

joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” (Romans 8:15-17 NKJV)

Similarly, if we can reach a point where negative words, mockery, or discouragement from others no longer cause us to despair or hurt, we will be respected by others. This is because our identity and worth will not be defined by external approval, but by our relationship with the Father. As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18:

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” (2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NKJV)

As Christians, we often feel uplifted when people encourage us, we find strength when others support us, and we can be deeply discouraged when people break our hearts. But it wasn’t like that with our Lord JESUS CHRIST. His comfort and sorrow were found in the Father alone.

Jesus models perfect reliance on the Father in all circumstances. Even though He was fully God, He was also fully human and felt the pain of abandonment and rejection, as we see in His prayers in the garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-46). His sorrow, however, was always directed toward seeking the Father's will, not the approval of man.

So much so that even if thousands praised and encouraged Him, if that encouragement didn't come from His Father, it couldn't move Him. His strength was in the Father alone, as He said in John 6:38:

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." (John 6:38 NKJV)

Likewise, even if everyone else spoke discouraging words or abandoned Him, leaving Him alone, as long as He had His Father, His heart remained steadfast. The Scriptures say:

John 16:32: *"Behold, the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me."* (John 16:32 NKJV)

In this moment, Jesus knew that the time was coming when everyone would flee and He would be left alone. And indeed, that moment came when the soldiers of Herod came to arrest Him in the garden. The Scriptures tell us that they all fled, and one even ran away naked (Mark 14:51-52).

Yet we don’t see Jesus brokenhearted over this. Why? Because He knew for certain that His Father was with Him.

He understood that if everyone else left, it didn’t mean that His Father had forsaken Him. Jesus’ confidence in the Father was unshakable. He exemplifies for us what it means to trust in God’s presence regardless of what others do or say.

However, when the time came for the Father to temporarily turn away from Him because of the world’s sin, that’s when we see Jesus feeling distressed and sorrowful. This moment is the culmination of Christ’s sacrifice—bearing the weight of the world’s sin and enduring the temporary separation from the Father. As it is written in Matthew 27:46:

“About the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, My God, why have

You forsaken Me?’” (Matthew 27:46 NKJV)

Jesus’ cry reveals the deep anguish of His soul as He became the sin-bearer for the world, feeling the weight of spiritual separation from God the Father. This is the ultimate moment of His sacrifice for us, where He bore the punishment for sin that we deserved.

We, too, need to reach this place where God, our Father, remains our ultimate source of comfort, so that even if the whole world leaves us, we know He will always be there. He should be our beginning and our end. As the psalmist writes:

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.” (Psalm 23:1-3 NKJV)

Even if the world showers us with praise and encouragement, it is the encouragement from our Father that will truly complete our joy. As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in

any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NKJV)

May the Lord Jesus help us to grow in this deep trust in our Father’s presence and comfort.

Psalm 9:10: *“And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.”* (Psalm 9:10 NKJV)

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