



HE'S STILL* GOT
THE WHOLE WORLD
IN HIS HANDS

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Mark 14:18-20, 22-25, 27-31;
Luke 22:32; Acts 11:27-30

The Bible story is set in uncertain times lived by uncertain people.

Joseph

David

Daniel and Friends

Mary and Joseph

Paul

The times were uncertain, but God was at work through it all.

¹⁸ While they were all eating, Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will turn against me—one of you eating with me now.” Mark 14:18

¹⁹ The followers were very sad to hear this. Each one began to say to Jesus, “I am not the one, am I?” ²⁰ Jesus answered, “It is one of the twelve—the one who dips his bread into the bowl with me. Mark 14:19-20

Uncertainty creeps in and causes doubt. Fear and doubt are contagious.

The culmination of 3 years of following Jesus. This is their darkest hour. Extreme uncertainty! Jesus introduces a memorial.

²² While they were eating, Jesus took some bread and thanked God for it and broke it. Then he gave it to his followers and said, “Take it; this is my body.” Mark 14:22

²³ Then Jesus took a cup and thanked God for it and gave it to the followers, and they all drank from the cup. Mark 14:23

²⁴ Then Jesus said, “This is my blood which is the new agreement that God makes with his people. This blood is poured out for many. Mark 14:24

²⁵ I tell you the truth, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine again until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” Mark 14:25

Why would his body be broken? Why would his blood be poured out?

²⁷ Then Jesus told the followers, “You will all stumble in your faith, because it is written in the Scriptures: ‘I will kill the shepherd, and the sheep will scatter.’ Mark 14:27

²⁸ But after I rise from the dead, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” ²⁹ Peter said, “Everyone else may stumble in their faith, but I will not.” Mark 14:28-29

³⁰ Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, tonight before the rooster crows twice you will say three times you don’t know me.” Mark 14:30

³¹ But Peter insisted, “I will never say that I don’t know you! I will even die with you!” And all the other followers said the same thing. Mark 14:31

Peter wants to follow Jesus; Peter believes in Jesus. He doesn’t always believe Jesus. He doesn’t believe when he doesn’t like what he is hearing.

We all listen through our own filter. We don’t listen to understand. This makes us unprepared and creates even more uncertainty.

³² I have prayed that you will not lose your faith! Help your brothers be stronger when you come back to me.” Luke 22:32

With faith you will help. Faith is released by acting in faith. Remember what the love of God has done for you.

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²⁷ About that time some prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them, named Agabus, stood up and spoke with the help of the Holy Spirit. He said, “A very hard time is coming to the whole world. There will be no food to eat.” (This happened when Claudius ruled.) Acts 11:27–28

²⁹ The followers all decided to help the believers who lived in Judea, as much as each one could.

³⁰ They gathered the money and gave it to Barnabas and Saul, who brought it to the elders in Judea. Acts 11:29-30

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